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## NAZIS THROW NEW RESERVES INTO BATTLE

### Mexican Congress Called To Declare War On Axis

#### Coast Guard Rescues Survivors



A glad sight for searching eyes was this Coast Guard surfboat as it pulled close to a lifeboat containing survivors from a torpedoed ship in the Atlantic. While the men were being picked up, a patrol vessel, which had spotted the survivors first, went on an immediate hunt for the enemy sub. (Central Press)

#### To Enact Wartime Measures

Thursday Set as Tentative Date for Session, But Public May Demand Earlier Meeting; Mexicans Furious Over Sinkings.

Mexico City, May 23.—(AP)—President Manuel Avila Camacho's office announced he would make public late today a call for a special session of congress to declare war on the axis and enact all measures necessary to put this country on a "full war footing."

Congressional approval was believed to be a certainty, with the public furious over the news that axis submarines had sunk a second Mexican ship within eight days.

A responsible government source said the wartime measures to be recommended by the president would include seizure of all German, Italian and Japanese holdings in Mexico, strict surveillance over axis nationals, control of communications, delineation of restricted military zones, and suspension of certain constitutional guarantees.

There were reliable reports that troops already were moving to strategic points to guard against sabotage.

Even while awaiting President Camacho's formal proclamation of war, the first in Mexico's history, the republic put precautionary measures against axis aliens quietly into force and took its first military steps.

A special session of the full cabinet announced after three hours' deliberation that congress would be called in a special session "to authorize the president to declare the existence of a state of war."

Congress must be convened within (Continued on Page Four)

#### Export Goods Under Control

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—The office of defense transportation today prohibited movement of all United States and Canadian export goods to port areas in this country after June 1 without approval of a special transportation control committee.

ODT said the purpose of the order, which is already in partial effect, was to prevent recurrence of port congestion and delays which handicapped overseas shipping during the first World War. The instructions provide that carriers may not bring shipments of export goods into a port until shipping space actually is available.

Shipments by government agencies as well as Canadian commercial shipments will be licensed by the ODT.

#### Only Two Contests Fought In Democratic Convention

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

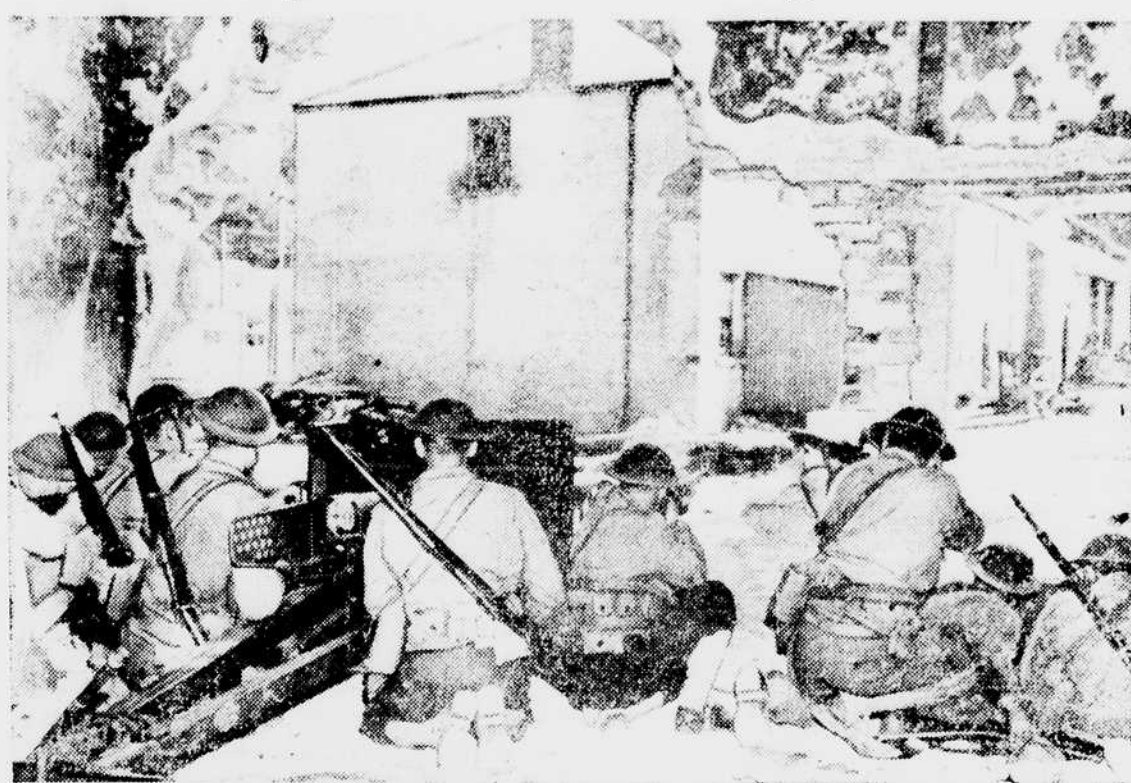
By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, May 23.—There were only two hard fought contests during the state Democratic convention here Friday and neither occurred in public.

The first was in a dirty basement room of the convention hall where 80-year-old Josephus Daniels outmaneuvered some of the smartest politicians in the party and forced through the platform plank which makes the "sacred pledge" that the party will support a statewide, State-supported nine-months school term.

The second fight finally ended in a hotel room where Governor Broughton, though he was not present, at last succeeded in pushing F. E. "Lee" Wallace out of the race for speaker

#### U. S. Troops in Ireland Training for Invasion



Grouped around a 37 mm. anti-tank gun are a group of American soldiers based in northern Ireland. The bombed building with its shattered walls is one of the structures that are believed to be a prelude to a large scale invasion of the continent. In view of the recent statement made by Sir Stafford Cripps, English statesman, this invasion may come sooner than is expected. (C. P. Phonephoto)

#### Nipponese Advancing

Survivors of Force Landed in Fukien Province Reported to Have Fled to Ships; City of K i n h w a Threatened.

(By The Associated Press) Chinese headquarters reported today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies had slaughtered more than half of the sea-borne Japanese invasion force at one point on China's east coast and repulsed 25,000 other enemy troops attempting to land under the guns of ten warships near Foochow, capital of Fukien province.

Survivors of the first Japanese force, who gained a foothold Wednesday on Chuanhsin island at the mouth of the Min river in Fukien province, were said to have fled to their ships, abandoning huge quantities of equipment.

While the threat to Foochow appeared to have been diminished, other Japanese columns drove

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#### BRITISH CADETS DIE IN CRASHES

Montgomery, Ala., May 23.—(AP)—Gunter Field announced that at least six British cadets were killed when their planes crashed during a storm Wednesday night, and that a seventh plane and its pilot were missing.

#### Congressmen Split On Junket Abroad

Broadcaster Radios Threat To Cubans

Havana, May 23.—(AP)—A mysterious broadcaster, who identified himself as the commander of a German submarine lying only a mile and one-half off the Havana waterfront, promised the Cuban people last night they were in for "a surprise."

"This is the second time we have visited Havana and very soon will give you a surprise," the broadcaster was quoted as saying in perfect Spanish after giving his identity and the location of his vessel.

"It isn't fair," he added, "that while the German people are suffering the consequences of the British blockade with the support of the United States, American girls should be enjoying themselves on the beaches."

"Our submarines will take care of that."

The broadcaster was said to have gone off the air after making this threat.

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#### Nazis Shoot 10 Hostages

Equal Number to be Executed if Attacker of German Soldier is Not Found.

Vichy, May 23.—(AP)—The Germans announced today that ten hostages had been executed in occupied France in reprisal for ten British soldiers killed in a battle for the town of Arras.

The hostages were shot by the German army on May 19 and that ten others would be shot if the attackers were not found within eight days.

The Nazi notice, signed by "the German" commander for greater Paris, and dated today, said:

"An attack was committed May 9 in Paris against a member of the German army. The young man responsible for the attack escaped. As reprisal, ten persons, communists and Jews and persons closely linked with criminal circles, were immediately shot."

"In case the authors of the attack

Britain Invites Delegation of Ten Senators and Representatives to Visit England for Tanks on War and Peace.

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Congressional leaders were reported today on whether to send ten senators and representatives of both parties to England for talks with parliament on war problems and peace aims.

A tentative invitation for the visit and House leaders by British spokesmen at a secret conference at the Capitol yesterday.

Democrats were said to have given the idea general approval. However, Senate Republican Leader McNary and House Republican Leader Martin were reported somewhat skeptical about the wisdom of sending such a large delegation to Great Britain at this time.

A reported suggestion at the conference that the leaders of both houses be included among the five Republicans and five Democrats who would make the trip, probably in July, brought questions as to the effect of their absence on the progress of important legislation, particularly the tax bill pending before the

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#### RAF Renews Bombing Raids

London, May 23.—(AP)—Violent explosions on the French coast rocked towns on the British side of the English channel today as vast squadrons of the RAF swept to the offensive once more after a night attack on the Nazi submarine nest at St. Nazaire.

People watching shells bursting some distance off the French shore line expressed belief the Germans were testing coastal defense artillery from a distance inland. The coast between Boulogne and Calais was clearly visible yet the watchers could not see gun flashes before the shell explosions.

The cannonade, lasting several hours, rattled windows on the waterfront in Folkestone.

One unidentified plane was shot down after an air battle over the channel.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Little change in temperature except slightly cooler in extreme northern parts.

#### Reds Admit Reverses In Ukraine

German Losses in 3 Days at Kharkov Set at 15,000 Men; DNB Reports Powerful French Fleet In Mediterranean.

(By The Associated Press)

German Field Marshal Feder von Bock was reported throwing masses of air-borne troops into the bloody twelve-day battle of Kharkov today, and for the first time the Russians acknowledged reverses on the southern flank despite a toll of 15,000 Germans killed there in three days.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters made the familiar claim that the Russian mass attack on Kharkov, the Soviet "Pittsburgh," had collapsed completely.

Meanwhile, DNB official German news agency, reported that a powerful French naval formation was roving the western Mediterranean.

DNB said a British destroyer which left Gibraltar yesterday afternoon sighted the formation—a battleship, two cruisers and six destroyers—and put back into port.

Such a force might have come from the French Mediterranean port of Houlon.

Conflicting claims marked the battle of Kharkov, with the Russians insisting they still held the initiative.

The Nazi command said the Russian offensive started May 12 with 20 infantry divisions (perhaps 300,000 troops), three cavalry divisions and 15 armored brigades.

Berlin military quarters said the battle now "was assuming gigantic proportions" and declared that von Bock's armies had shifted from the defensive.

"New extensive German operations are in progress," these quarters said.

Without confirmation elsewhere, a Vichy broadcast said a powerful German counter attack had thrown Russian troops back to their original positions on

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#### JEWS IN FRANCE MUST WEAR STARS

Berlin (From German Broadcasts) May 23.—(AP)—The Laval government at Vichy was reported today to have ordered all Jews in France to wear the identifying yellow star of David on a basis of race and not religion alone.

The Jews, it was said, would be required to give up one ticket on their clothing ration cards to obtain the stars.

#### Non-Essential Construction Is Halted

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Construction of amusement parks, race tracks, theatres, baseball parks and similar projects costing more than \$5,000 must be stopped before June 6, regardless of how much of the work has been completed, the war production board ordered today.

The only exceptions permitted under the drastic order, which marks an extension of the already strict government control over construction, covers children's playgrounds.

Last month's order barring virtually all new construction exempted work substantially underway.

Today's ban covers all projects "primarily for the amusement of the public," underway or not, without specific WPB authorization. Simultaneously, WPB warned that "other kinds of non-essential construction, not covered by today's order, may be halted by subsequent orders" to free additional material and equipment for war production.

#### Six Persons Are Missing In Pennsylvania Floods

Hundreds Homeless as Flash Floods Inundate Towns and Paralyze Traffic Over Wide Areas; Property Damage Is Heavy.

Honesdale, Pa., May 23.—(AP)—Six persons were reported missing and believed drowned today in one of a series of flash floods that swept through eastern Pennsylvania, making hundreds homeless and paralyzing transportation over wide areas.

The Lackawanna river, fed by recent rains, burst through the Secleyville dam three miles above this northeastern Pennsylvania community and sent a six-foot wall of water roaring through the streets just before daylight.

Telephone company officials reported several houses were toppled over by the flood and it was believed three missing were trapped in their sleep. Communications with the town was difficult.

Reports from the anthracite counties, particularly hard hit, indicated the property damage would run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

An unidentified woman died of a heart attack at Mountserville, after rain and a climatic cloud burst also hit the town.

A dispatch from Albany, N. Y., said rain and streams fed by rain overflowed in southern New York, washing away three houses and two small industrial plants, blocking highways and destroying bridges. State police reported no loss of life, however.

#### Air Warfare Intensified In Africa

Cairo, May 23.—(AP)—British bomber attacks on axis landing fields at Derna and Martuba, on the Libyan front, and air battles between British and axis fighter planes were reported today by the RAF headquarters.

A communiqué said the landing grounds at Martuba were effectively bombed Thursday night while enemy aeroplanes at Martuba and Derna were raided in daylight yesterday.

The RAF said its planes shot up ten enemy transport vehicles in the Martuba vicinity Thursday night.

British fighters shot down three Messerschmitts, the RAF said.

A Junkers dive bomber which at-

#### Withholding Tax Proposal Vote Monday

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—Treasury and congressional tax experts sought today to pave the way for the House ways and means committee to vote quickly Monday on a pay-as-you-go income tax collection program by excluding casual and domestic labor.

The Treasury has recommended that 10 per cent of a person's taxable income and of dividends and interest be withheld at the source to facilitate individual income tax collections and to help curb inflation.

The income of a single man above \$11 a week would be subject to the 10 per cent withholding tax. A married man with one dependent would be subject to the same rate on income above \$146 a month. All deductions would be used as an offset to the normal tax bill due each March 15.

#### Soldier Pay Rates Fixed

Senate-House Conference Committee Sets Pay Increase to \$42 Monthly Minimum.

Washington, May 23.—(AP)—A Senate-House conference committee agreed today on a general pay increase measure for men in the lower ranks of the armed services to a minimum of \$42 monthly.

This tentatively rejected House attempt to raise the minimum pay of buck privates and sailors to \$50 monthly, from present minimum of \$21 and \$30.

Senator Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, one of the Senate conferees, said the pay raise as agreed to in conference would cost the government about \$285,000,000 additional each year based upon the number of men in the Army, Navy, Marine and other armed forces on January 1.

Johnson said elimination of the House attempt to boost this mini-

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