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RAF Bombers Return To Essen

\$8,300,000,000 Navy Building Bill Is Prepared

Program Is Largest Of History

Chairman Vinson to Introduce Today Measure Calling for Naval Construction to Nearly Double United States Fleet.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—An \$8,300,000,000 measure authorizing construction of approximately 500 fighting ships—a gigantic program which would come close to doubling the size of the United States fleet—was drafted today by Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the House naval committee.

Vinson said he would introduce the bill, calling for the largest naval construction program ever authorized at one time, today and said that "the two-ocean Navy probably would be finished in the next 24 months."

The bill would call for 500,000 tons of aircraft carriers, 500,000 tons of cruisers of both the light and heavy types, 900,000 tons of destroyers and destroyer escort vessels, and 800 small vessels for patrol work, mine laying and tending duty.

The new ships would be in addition to those already authorized for construction. In its last official disclosure of strength in October of last year, the Navy reported 316 fighting ships in service and 347 building.

BRITAIN TO RATION FUEL, CONTROL MINES

London, June 3.—(AP)—The government has decided to assume full control of the nation's coal mines and to inaugurate fuel rationing, it was announced today.

Labor Riots Call Windsor To Bahamas

Nassau, Bahamas, June 3.—(AP)—The duke of Windsor today faced 6000 problems growing out of riot which cost two lives and extensive property damage in this island colony of which he is royal governor.

The duke was summoned from Washington after bloodshed and looting of fashionable stores followed a demonstration by unskilled laborers on an American project against their four shillings (about 10 cents) a day wages.

Returning quickly, he found business in the colony at a standstill. Two of the rioters were killed and others wounded by gunfire, and some casualties were reported among police and British garrison troops called out to restore order.

In the outskirts, a police station ambulance and fire engine were burned. An 8 p. m. to 6 a. m. curfew was established.

Before the riot, the government had informed protesting labor leaders that the wage for unskilled workers was fixed by agreement of the British and United States and could not be changed immediately. However, negotiations still were in progress when the demonstration started.

Soviet Heroine



T. Bafavenskaya of the Tachkovo guerrilla detachment is decorated with the Order of the Red Star for exemplary execution of orders in fighting the German invaders. She operated in the Ruzsa District, which is in the region of Moscow. (Central Press)

Allotments Bill Urged

House Committee Says Men With Families May Be Called Into Armed Services.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—Asserting that "the time has now come when many men with dependents must necessarily assume the responsibility of defending their country," the House military committee pressed for passage today of legislation making financial allowances for families of fighting men.

Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, said he hoped to win House approval by midnight of a bill under which service men with dependents would allot part of their pay to dependents and the government make supplementary payments.

In urging passage of the measure, the committee emphasized it did not intend to give local draft boards the impression that established families should be "undiscriminately uprooted and torn from their mooring solely because of the fact that their financial needs have been taken care of."

Privately, some committee members said that while the War department did not contemplate the drafting of family heads unless absolutely necessary, future developments may make such action mandatory.

In that event, they pointed out, the legislation under consideration would lessen financial hardships.

British Ship Sunk By Sub

Norfolk, Va., June 3.—(AP)—A British merchant ship was sunk several hundred miles east of Bermuda May 30 by a submarine which ripped her open with two torpedoes and then surfaced to fire four shells as the crew lowered lifeboats, killing six of their number.

Details of the daylight attack were told here by 15 survivors who spent seven days on the ocean in a lifeboat before they were picked up by another cargo vessel. The navy announced the sinking of the medium sized vessel today.

A crewman told newsmen the ship was armed and carried a gun crew of sailors and soldiers. The ship listed so badly, however, that the gun crew was unable to train its deck gun on the undersea raider, he related.

Chinese Strike Back In Chekiang

Yangki Recaptured, Cutting Chunk From Flank of Japanese Lines; Other Developments in Far Pacific War Theatre.

Chungking, June 3.—(AP)—A heavy battle for possession of Chusien, big rail center and next main Japanese objective in Chekiang province, was reported underway tonight by the Chinese high command.

(By The Associated Press) Chinese dispatches reported today that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's armies had cut a triangular chunk from the flank of the Japanese lines in Chekiang province with the recapture of Yangki, 45 miles northwest of Kinhua, and said heavy rains were bogging the Japanese invasion of China's east coast.

Serious difficulties still confronted the Chinese in lower Chekiang, however, as Japanese columns halted the defenders only twelve miles northeast of the important city of Chusien, 45 miles southwest of Kinhua, the Japanese occupied provincial capital.

While Chiang's armies struggled to stem the offensive, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told parliament in London that Britain and the United States were sending China all lease-lend war materials "which it is possible to supply" amid "other urgent requirements and the difficulties of transport."

The United States yesterday signed an agreement bringing China into the lease-lend block of allies on virtually the same basis as Britain.

Other developments: Madagascar—France's Vichy government announced that British troops had started moving south on the 1,000-mile French island of Madagascar, off the coast of southern Africa, and had occupied the town of Andovorano.

No fighting was mentioned in the announcement, but an activity was said to have increased on both sides.

Australia—General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied bombers had inflicted heavy new blows on Japanese barracks and other targets on enemy-held "isolation" bases north of Australia.

A communiqué said United Nations armies set huge fires at Fulaga, deep in the Solomon islands off Australia's northeast coast, and also attacked Rabaul, in New Britain, and Atambua, Timor island.

Burma—American "Flying Tiger" volunteers were officially credited with destroying 26 to 32 Japanese planes and making twelve major attacks with a loss of only six planes during May.

Governor And Gill On Spot As Result Of Appointment

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, June 3.—When Governor Broughton yesterday told Edwin Gill that he would make him commissioner of revenue to succeed A. J. Maxwell, he put both Gill and himself on the spot.

Nazi Prisoners After Capture in Libyan Battle



A British officer questions a group of German prisoners after their capture in the furious tank battle in the Libyan desert. Among the prisoners was Gen. Ludwig Cruewell, chief of the Afrika Korps, second in command to Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. This photo, first to come from the new battle in Africa, was radioed from Cairo to London and then cabled from London to New York. C. P. Cablephoto

CCC Goes Into Discard

House Committee Eliminates Fund for CCC in Approving Appropriation Bill.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—The House appropriations committee approved today a \$1,058,451,660 bill for the Labor department, the social security board and related agencies after eliminating a \$75,818,000 fund for the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Chairman Cannon, Democrat, Missouri, of the committee said the members voted 15 to 12 to end the CCC program on a motion by Representative Engel, Republican, Michigan.

Representative Haro, Democrat, South Carolina, chairman of the subcommittee, which prepared the bill, said the committee members "apparently believed that the CCC was no longer necessary."

The \$75,818,000 which has been in the bill for the CCC itself was a breakdown of \$171,142,000 from the 1942 allotment. There were 1,200 camps at the beginning of the present fiscal year and the reduced appropriation was to have trimmed this number to 350.

Elimination of funds for the CCC, drastic curtailment of the National Youth Administration allotment and other economies were offset in part by increases in amounts listed as essential to the war effort. The net saving over last year figured out at \$202,587,330.

Badoglio Complains Of Nazi Rule

London, June 3.—(AP)—A Tass dispatch from Geneva reported today that a letter complaining against the "undignified" subordination of the Italian general staff to the German command has been written to King Vittorio Emanuele by Italian Field Marshal Pietro Badoglio and is being widely circulated among high Italian officers.

Marshal Badoglio was chief of the Italian general staff for 15 years before his resignation was announced December 6, 1940, during the Italian-Greek war.

Little has been heard of the war since his resignation but a report in Bern, Switzerland to the New York Times, last April said Badoglio was known in Rome as the "official opponent" of Premier Mussolini.

Tass' report quoted Badoglio's letter as expressing regret at the present situation of the Italian general staff.

House Votes War On Axis Satellites

No Discussion as Resolutions are Passed Unanimously; Miss Rankin Not Present at Roll Call; Senate Action Tomorrow.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—The House of Representatives voted today, without a voice being raised in opposition, to add Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania to the list of countries with which the United States is at war.

The resolutions declaring war will be acted on tomorrow by the Senate, which was in recess today.

There was no debate or discussion as the resolutions were rapidly disposed of in a routine manner as if they had been minor bills.

In sharp contrast to the somber atmosphere that reigned when three previous declarations were voted against Japan, Germany and Italy—the House was almost gay as it went about the work of officially labeling the three axis satellites as Uncle Sam's enemies.

Speaker Rayburn announced the vote on the Bulgarian resolution as 357 to a Miss Jeanette Rankin, Republican, Montana, who cast the only vote against the declaration against Japan last December and who later voted "present" on declarations against Germany and Italy, was not on the floor when the first roll was called today.

U. S. SHIPS REACH RUSSIA IN CONVOY

London, June 3.—(AP)—United States ships were included in the large convoy which fought its way to Murmansk last week through five days and nights of heavy attack by German U-boats, dive bombers and torpedo planes, official circles reported today.

Russian and British ships also were in the convoy, which bore tanks and aircraft to Soviet armies.

Steel Program To Be Reduced 91 Escape Two Sinkings

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—The previously planned 10,000,000-ton steel expansion program will be cut to 35 per cent, two top war production officials announced today, because of material shortages.

British Take Offensive In Africa

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ANNENBERG LEAVES LEWISBURG PRISON

Lewisburg, Pa., June 3.—(AP)—M. L. Annenberg, Philadelphia publisher, was released from the northeastern federal penitentiary on parole today because of his health after serving 23 months of a three-year sentence in the largest individual sentence in case on record.

U. S. Ship, Carrying Eight Passengers and a Crew of 30, Went Down Off a Large West Indian Island, May 6. The British Vessel, with a Crew of 45, Was Sunk in Another Part of the Caribbean May 9. The Navy Announced the Attacks Today.

Miami, June 3.—(AP)—All 83 crewmen and eight passengers, including three women and a four-year old boy, escaped death when torpedoes sank a United States merchant vessel and a British merchant ship in the Caribbean sea early last month.

The U. S. ship, carrying the eight passengers and a crew of 30, went down off a large West Indian island, May 6. The British vessel, with a crew of 45, was sunk in another part of the Caribbean May 9. The Navy announced the attacks today.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Little change in temperature tonight, with scattered thunderstorms in mountains late this afternoon or early tonight.