



# FDR Orders Seizure Of Mines

## President to Talk Coal Mine Strike In Radio Address

### Brief But 'Vevy Important Statement' Will Be Broadcast At 10 p.m. Sunday

Washington, May 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt will go on the radio at 10 p. m. EWT tomorrow to make a brief but "very important statement" on the work stoppage in the coal mines.

White House Secretary Stephen Early made this statement today and refused to predict whether any governmental action was contemplated before the speech, which will be carried on all radio networks.

As the 10 a. m. Presidential return to work deadline passed today with more than 165,000 miners out in a wage dispute, speculation from the President was looked for in some quarters immediately. But the White House let the hour go by only with Early's statement that:

"At 10 p. m. tomorrow night the President will make a brief but very important statement on the radio. It will be carried by all networks. "It would be safe to surmise that it will deal bluntly with the question of the need of coal to win the war. "I have nothing more."

Asked whether it could be assumed that there would be no governmental action until tomorrow evening, Early replied: "It may be safe for you but it might not be safe for me." Another question along the same line drew from Early this reply: "Tell me what's going to happen between now and tomorrow night and I'll answer your question."

The secretary had no comment on a published report that an order had been prepared directing the Army to move into the coal fields.

He did say that no formal statement was in preparation at the White House at the time he talked to reporters.

(By The Associated Press) The 10 o'clock deadline set by President Roosevelt for full scale resumption of coal mining came and passed today with the United Mine Workers following instead the advice of their union president, John L. Lewis, "not to trespass" on their pieces of work.

Instead of digging coal without resorting to a general strike which the President had said might be as crippling as a military defeat in the field, they simply stayed away from work by the tens of thousands, and the next move was up to the White House.

What that step might be went undisclosed for the moment, and Lewis, who says it is unfair to the miners to have their wage dispute left up to the war labor board, was likewise silent.

At 10 a. m., Lewis was closeted with several mine union representatives in the United Mine Workers office on the eleventh floor of the Hotel Roosevelt, New York city. When he entered the offices a half-hour earlier, he had refused all comment, but his office said he intended to attend negotiations between hard coal miners and operators scheduled today in another New York hotel.

Both bituminous and anthracite miners refused to enter the pits in the absence of a wage contract between the operators and the United Mine Workers of America.

Whole-sale walkouts began last night, shutting down an estimated 85 per cent of the soft coal mines and practically all of Pennsylvania's hard coal fields.

## UMW Leader Hits Order

Bellaire, Ohio, May 1—(AP)—Adolph Pacifico, vice president of District 6, United Mine Workers, asserted today President Roosevelt's order taking over closed coal mines would "in my opinion do more to antagonize the miners of America than any other one thing."

Pacifico, who heads the UMW in the big eastern Ohio coal belt, said in an interview several miners either called or came to him shortly after announcement of Mr. Roosevelt's order.

## Nazi Paratrooper



SEEMINGLY GLAD to be out of the fighting, this Nazi paratrooper smiles after his capture in the Sousse area in Tunisia. This is a U. S. Army Signal Corps radio telephoto. (International)

## Japs Open Sub Warfare

## MacArthur Reports Undersea Threat East of Australia

Allied Headquarters in Australia, May 1—(AP)—With allied air action limited for the moment to relatively light blows at the familiar targets northwest of Australia, General Douglas MacArthur's southwest Pacific command centered attention today on an undersea threat developing suddenly in the waters below these Japanese bases.

"The enemy has launched a submarine attack in some force in the waters east of Australia," an allied communique disclosed.

Details of the nature, effect and exact location of this new Japanese activity were withheld temporarily, lest the knowledge assist the enemy in his operations.

But there was general conjecture that Japan, intent on reducing the flow of war supplies into MacArthur's theatre of war, had enlarged its past to the scope of a coordinated campaign by a fleet of undersea craft.

## British Subs Sink Ten Ships

London, May 1—(AP)—Ten more enemy ships have been sunk in the Mediterranean by British submarines, the admiralty announced today.

Among the ships sunk, said the communique, was a large tanker torpedoed near Maritini island "while west-bound on a course for Tunis. She was escorted by an unusually large number of surface craft and aircraft."

Another tanker was sunk by gunfire off Italy's west coast and a large ammunition ship was blown up off the island of Monte Cristo, between Italy and Corsica.

Other sinkings were off the east coast of Corsica, northwest of Sicily and off the tip of northern Tunisia. The vessel apparently has been previously damaged by air attacks, the admiralty said.

# YANKS TAKE STRATEGIC HILL

## Guns Turned Upon Mateur

## Heaviest Artillery Dueling of Campaign Results from Gain; Other War News

With the U. S. Army Southwest of Mateur, May 1—(AP)—United States troops captured Hill No. 609 in bitter fighting 16 miles southwest of Mateur and turned their long range artillery upon Mateur for the first time in this campaign today.

The bombardment of Mateur, an important road junction 18 miles from Bizerte, brought an immediate counter battery fire and the heaviest artillery dueling since the American attack began April 23.

The Germans dispatched 15 or 20 Focke-Wulf 190s in a vain attempt to locate and silence the U. S. guns.

Allied headquarters in North Africa, May 1—(AP)—The second U. S. Army corps captured three more important localities and took 200 prisoners in northern Tunisia yesterday, but the British first army was forced to make a slight withdrawal in the Medjez-el-Bab sector during "exceptionally heavy fighting," a communique from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters announced today.

"The day was marked by a continuation of exceptionally heavy fighting on the first army front, especially in the sector east and northeast of Medjez-el-Bab, where the enemy launched repeated counter attacks against our recently gained positions," the communique said.

"In one area our forward troops were forced to make a slight withdrawal, but elsewhere all our positions were firmly held. All these counter attacks resulted in heavy losses to the enemy, both in men and tanks."

The Americans' advances were matched by the eighth army of General Montgomery on the southern front where "slight local gains were made," the communique said.

In continued furious air activity, allied medium bombers sank a destroyer and scored several direct hits on a second destroyer and a merchantman, the communique said. The second destroyer was left afloat, as the allied airmen swarmed over "enemy shipping of all types," the announcement added.

Desert air force squadrons also "put out their full effort against enemy shipping and its heavy air cover," the communique continued.

Eight enemy planes were destroyed in the desert air force's battles, it was stated, and a merchant ship was hit, and another merchant ship, a motor torpedo boat, a motor ferry and a number of other small vessels were attacked.

In another assault on the enemy's sea-air communications, an RAF plane encountered five more Junkers transports and shot down all of them.

Allied aircraft were very active over the battle front, the official report said, but only seven allied planes were lost.

## ACL LINE CLEARED OF TRAIN WRECKAGE

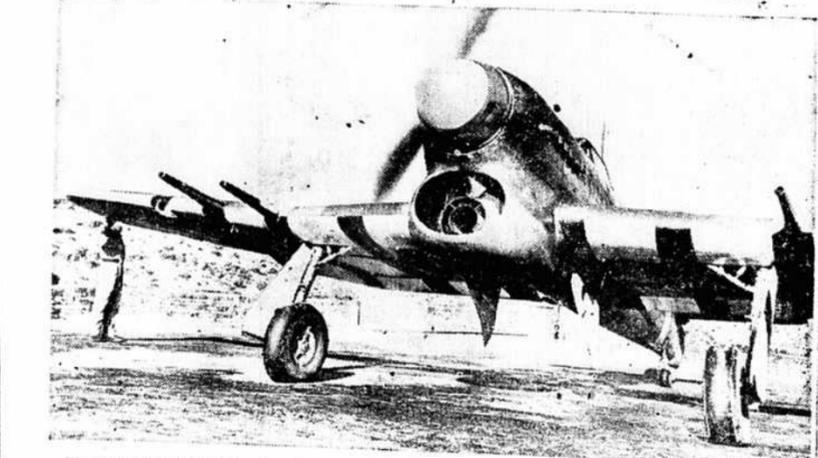
Rocky Mount, May 1—(AP)—Atlantic Coast Line officials here reported today that the northbound track out of Enfield was reopened this morning after 17 cars of a southbound freight were derailed there yesterday afternoon.

The cars, which included two cars of feed, three cars of meat and several coal cars, were piled up across the track for several hundred feet after one car jumped the track and dragged the rest of the train with it. Two wreckers were at work this morning removing the debris.

TRAIN RIDE — Durham, May 1—(AP)—A young boy climbed into the cab of a railroad engine, pulled the throttle and caused it to crash into two other engines standing in the yard yesterday. The lad jumped from the engine just before the smashup, and police are still looking for him.

BROWN HONORED — Wilmington, May 1—(AP)—The North Carolina Shipbuilding Co. honored the late Joseph A. Brown, legislator, agriculturist and founder of the Chadbourn strawberry market, by christening their 91st liberty ship for him. The vessel was launched yesterday.

## NEW R.A.F. FIGHTER REVEALED BY FIRST PHOTO



CONSIDERED THE FASTEST and most powerfully armed of all single-engine fighter planes, this new R. A. F. Typhoon, now pictured (above) for the first time, is said to be capable of blasting any enemy fighter from the air. Its speed is surmised to be faster than 400 miles an hour and its cannon larger than 20 mm. Great diving power and maneuverability add to the fighting qualities of the new plane. (International)

## Stalin Hails Aerial Blows

## Russian Front Air Battles Continue

Moscow, May 1—(AP)—Major air battles continued up and down the long Russian front today with the sharpest fights above the narrow Kuban bridgehead the Germans hold in the western Caucasus, while on the Donets river front a company of Nazi automatic riflemen who crossed the river were exterminated or forced to swim back to safety through the icy waters.

The Donets action was south of Izium in the sector 70 miles southeast of Kharkov. The noon communique said the greater part of the Germans who crossed were wiped out and "only a few managed to swim back to the right bank." A company nominally numbers 250 men.

The latest communique and dispatches told of renewed land activity in the Kuban, but there was no reason to believe the Red army was not still driving against the foe deployed between Novorossisk and the Taman peninsula leading to the Crimea.

## ALL PENNSYLVANIA MINES ARE CLOSED

New York, May 1—(AP)—Every anthracite mine in the Pennsylvania fields was closed today in a walkout of the industry's 74,000 workers while operators and United Mine Workers representatives continued to negotiate their wage dispute despite its certification to the war labor board.

## PRIME MINISTER

Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 1—(AP)—Sir Basil Brooke, deputy prime minister and minister of commerce, was named prime minister of Northern Ireland today to succeed John Miller Andrews, who resigned yesterday. It was announced officially today.

Brooke, a nephew of Britain's army chief, General Sir Alan Brooke, was expected to announce the composition of his cabinet before the Northern Ireland parliament meets Tuesday.

## TAX BATTLE

Washington, May 1—(AP)—In formal reports, the House ways and means committee's Democratic majority called upon Congress today to support its compromise pay-as-you-go tax plan while the Republican minority pressed anew for passage of the Rood skip-a-year alternative.

## NINTH MONTH

Raleigh, May 1—(AP)—One hundred and 57 of the 167 administrative school units in North Carolina have already requested the ninth month. Comptroller Nathan Yelton of the State school board said today.

## JAP BASES RAIDED

Washington, May 1—(AP)—The Navy announced today that American bombers and fighters had attacked five Japanese bases in the Solomon Islands Thursday and Friday, starting large fires among installations at Kieta and Kahili.

## RAF Makes Heavy Attack

London, May 1—(AP)—The RAF made a "heavy attack" last night on Essen and other Ruhr valley targets in western Germany, and today several squadrons of heavy bombers, believed to be American Liberators or Fortresses or both, flew across the channel to continue the assault on the Nazi continent.

The air ministry announced that 13 bombers were lost last night during the fourth attack on the Ruhr valley, concentration point of heavy German coal and steel industry.

The German communique, recorded from Berlin broadcasts, said considerable damage was caused at Essen and other places in western Germany.

## Stark Says U-Boats Fight Losing Battle

London, May 1—(AP)—Admiral Harold R. Stark, commander of U. S. naval forces in European waters, said today that "slowly but surely" we are winning the battle of the Atlantic.

"Far be it from me to belittle what the U-boat has done and is doing," Admiral Stark said, "I know it only too well—but I also know that the U-boat is fighting a losing battle."

## Joy Ride Ends In Tragedy

Madison, May 1—(AP)—A joy ride ended in tragedy yesterday for nine teen-aged school children of nearby Mayodon when their car overturned on the highway near here, killing one and injuring the others.

Ramona Watkins, 12, died en route to a hospital. The injured were listed as Christine Tuggle, 13, said by State Highway Patrolman J. H. Jackson to be the driver of the car; Tommy Vernon, 15; Mildred Atkins, 13; Helen Murray, 15; Jane Carter, 15; Charles Griffin, 13; Roy Atkins, 15; and Margaret Mitchell, 12. None of the injured was regarded as seriously hurt.

Seven of the youngsters, including the Watkins girl, were to have participated in eighth grade graduation exercises at Mayodon school last night, but the program was postponed as a result of the accident. Patrolman Jackson said the accident occurred at 1:30 p. m. on an open stretch of highway.

## Second Front Foreshadowed, He Declares

Moscow, May 1—(AP)—Premier Josef Stalin hailed the British-American aerial blows at Europe today as foreshadowing a second front when all the allied armies "will break the backbone of the fascist beast" with joint smashes from east and west and called for the "utter routing" and "unconditional surrender" of Hitler's Germany.

In a May Day order of the day to his nation and its army, Stalin echoed the "unconditional surrender" keynote struck by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt at their Casablanca conference.

The Russian leader signed the order both as supreme commander and as marshal.

He praised the allied campaign on the north Africa front which, together with the air war, the Russian successes and the failure of the German counter-offensive in the Kharkov region, Stalin said, had caused a great axis crisis which resulted in a German "babble about peace."

Decriing German propaganda attempts to split the Russian-British-American coalition, he threw off German peace talk with the statement: "But of what kind of peace can one talk with the imperialist hordes from the German fascist camp who have drowned Europe in blood and studded it with gallows?"

"It is now clear that only the utter routing of the Hitlerite armies and the unconditional surrender of Hitlerite Germany can bring peace to Europe. The German-Italian fascist camp is experiencing a great crisis and facing catastrophe. This does not mean, of course, that the catastrophe of Hitlerite Germany has already come. Another two or three powerful blows from the west and east are needed, such as that dealt to the Hitlerite army in the last five or six months, for the catastrophe of Hitlerite Germany to become an accomplished fact. For this reason the people of the Soviet Union and their Red army as well as our allies and their armies still face a stern and hard struggle for complete victory over the Hitlerite hordes."

## Stock Market Holds Balance

New York, May 1—(AP)—The national coal labor crisis failed to unsettle the stock market today. Trends were uneven after a good start.

Shares in the new first division included American Telephone, International Telephone, Douglas Aircraft, Standard Oil of N. J. Radio Corporation, Paramount Pictures and United Aircraft.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cooler this afternoon and tonight.

## Ickes Takes Full Charge Under Order

## Interior Secretary Directed to Take Possession of Mines Closed by Strike

Washington, May 1—(AP)—Solid Fuels Administrator Ickes today sent telegrams to 2,400 coal mining companies instructing them to operate their mines in the name of the United States government and to apply for troop protection if they need it.

The companies were urged to continue operations with existing personnel so far as possible and "to encourage miners to return to work under present wages and working conditions with the understanding that any eventual wage adjustment will be retroactive."

Washington, May 1—(AP)—President Roosevelt today directed Secretary of the Interior Ickes to take immediate possession of all coal mines in which a strike or work stoppage has occurred, or is threatened.

At the same time he directed War Secretary Stimson to take such action, if any, as he may deem necessary or desirable, "to provide protection to all such persons and mines."

The President signed the orders soon after the White House announced he would take the coal strike issue—250,000 already are idle—to the people in a radio address at 10 p. m. tomorrow night in which he will deal "bluntly" with the need for continuing coal production for the war effort.

Shortly after the President's order was issued, an Associated Press dispatch telling of it was handed to Lewis at the closed anthracite conference at New York. He crumpled it up and declared, shortly: "I won't say anything."

The anthracite conference then was adjourned abruptly until 2 p. m. and started at 10:35 a. m.

After declaring he had ordered government seizure and operation of the mines, the President said: "I now call upon all miners who may have abandoned their work to return immediately to the mines and work for their government. Their country needs their services as much as those of the members of the armed forces. I am confident that they do not wish to retard the war effort; that they are as patriotic as any other Americans; and that they will promptly answer this call to perform this essential war service."

"If any adjustment of wages is made it will be made retroactive," he added.

The order to Ickes, who is troop coordinator, said he shall take immediate possession of the mines "to the far as may be necessary or desirable," together with any and all real and personal property, franchises, rights, facilities, funds and other assets used in connection with the operation of such mines. Ickes was directed to operate the mines or arrange for their operation in such manner as he deems necessary "for the successful prosecution of the war."

He also was authorized to do all the things necessary for, or incidental to, the production, sale and distribution of coal.

In carrying out the order, the Interior secretary was directed to act through or with the aid of such private or public instrumentalities or persons as he may designate.

He was directed also to provide protection to all employees resuming work and to all persons seeking employment so far as it may be needed. The secretary of War would enter the picture with provision for protection only upon the request of the secretary of the Interior, the order provided.

## Loan Drive Goes Over

Washington, May 1—(AP)—The \$13,000,000,000 war loan drive, biggest in history, is officially expected to top \$16,000,000,000 but its sponsors don't want it to stop there.

Undersecretary Daniel W. Bell of the Treasury, reporting approximately \$15,500,000,000 received up until last night, said that intensive bond buying its urged right up until the closing minutes of the campaign at midnight tonight.