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UNUSUAL IN POLITICAL ANNALS are Robert E. Peterson and his wife, Edna, seen in the midst of a domestic chore in their Albuquerque, N. M., home. Happily married, they disagree only when it comes to politics. He is seeking the Republican nomination for governor of New Mexico, while she seeks the Democratic nomination for the job. (International)

Senate To Approve Forrestal Quickly As Knox Successor

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Speedy Senate approval was predicted today for President Roosevelt's promotion of Under Secretary James V. Forrestal to be secretary of the navy.

At the Navy Department, where Forrestal had served with the late Secretary Frank Knox for four years, it was generally expected that the main line of administrative policies would continue unchanged.

Forrestal's chief task still will be that of getting production and delivery of ships, guns and supplies on time, but in this he will have to add the responsibility of being the Navy's principal spokesman to the public, especially in advocacy of such causes as that the fleet should not be scraped at the war's end.

The production task was his whole assignment as under secretary. He began work on it in August, 1936, in a little back room of the secretary's suite, at the time he was made under secretary and had neither office nor personnel to work with.

Fourth Term Lacks Only 56 Votes Now

Crop Delays To Threaten Food Supply

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Official and public optimism over the nation's food situation got a jolt today from an Agriculture Department crop report telling of serious delays in spring planting throughout much of the country.

In a report issued less than a week after the government took meat out of the ration list, the department declared flatly that high hope for 1944 averages can no longer be expected because of excessive rain, floods and unusually cold weather.

Spring planting is three and four weeks behind normal, and because of labor shortages, lack of needed repairs for farm machinery and other obstacles, farmers will be unable, the department said, to make up the lost time.

A poor crop season this year would be reflected in reduced supplies later in the summer and in the fall and winter. Crops that may be affected seriously by the delayed farm work include oats for livestock feed, corn, cotton, rice, tobacco, beans and vegetables for canning and processing.

Stock Market Trend Upward

New York, May 11.—(AP)—Irregularly higher tendencies persisted in today's stock market, although bidding remained notably selective. Occasional gainers included Chrysler, U. S. Rubber, Sears, Roebuck and Western Union A. Among losers were U. S. Steel, General Electric and Montgomery Ward.

Bonds and commodities held to an indefinite course.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair to partly cloudy and mild tonight; partly cloudy and continued warm Friday.

Deferments Limited To Necessities

Draft Authorities Complete Schedule; Older Men Favored

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey will make public late today a broad new policy on draft deferments intended to clarify for some time ahead the trend of recruitment for the armed forces.

Advance reports were that Hershey would make employment in essential industry the sole qualification for deflection of men 30 and over.

At present, deferment is limited to "necessary" workers in essential industries.

For those in the 26-29 age bracket, continuance of the present policy of deferring only necessary or key men was predicted.

While Selective Service officials have declined for the most part to prophecy dates for deadlines, it was believed such a policy largely would hold calls of men over 29 in essential occupations for all of 1944, and if the European invasion goes well, perhaps for the duration.

Hershey, moreover, has predicted that necessary men in the 26-29 group probably would not be called until early fall at the soonest.

Plan Set On Discharges

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson announced today the Army has adopted a simplified "separation procedure" to speed the process of discharging men from the military service and help their readjustment to civilian life.

A separation center has been established at Fort Dix, where the procedures were tested. This will be the model for others to be established as they are needed in other parts of the country.

"Under streamlined procedure now in force at Fort Dix," said Stimson, "only 48 hours is required from the time a man arrives to the time he boards a train for home, in contrast to three weeks, or more often required under former methods."

The soldier bears as "orientation" talk about his imminent return to civilian life, his new responsibilities and his rights and privileges as a veteran. He gets a complete medical examination, his final pay, travel pay to his point of induction, the first installment of his mustering out pay and advice to pay for his train home immediately. Banking facilities and a travel office adjourn the pay window.

Counselors are available to tell the soldier about job opportunities, to prepare records showing the soldier's military and civilian experience and qualifications, to give him job aptitude tests, to give him advice on life insurance, war bond allotments and other personal problems—but they advise him only, don't tell him what to do.

U. S. Casualties On All Areas Put At 201,454 Total

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—American casualties in the war on all fronts now total 201,454, of which 15,778 are naval casualties and 156,676 are Army.

Secretary Stimson reporting

this army total today as complete through April 28, said it included 37,291 killed, 61,231 wounded, 33,715 missing and 31,313 officially reported by enemy governments to be prisoners of war. Of the wounded, he said, 37,000 have recovered and returned to duty.

The latest navy casualty report, which includes Marines and Coast Guard personnel, showed 19,221 killed, 12,090 wounded, 9,934 missing and 4,153 prisoners of war.

The last previous casualty report a week ago listed a total of 197,841, divided 153,302 in the Army and 14,539 in the Navy.

House Bans Advertising

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—The House Rules Committee refused today to approve legislation providing for paid newspaper advertising of government war bond sales.

Chairman Sabath, Illinois Democrat, said the committee voted the bill down, but he did not disclose the reason.

The measure would provide for an annual outlay of \$15,000,000 to be spent in all weeklies and in dailies published in cities of less than 25,000 population.

Critics of the bill have contended that newspapers now grant much

Commandos Raid



ALLIED COMMANDOS have been raiding the Ligurian coast in the area indicated on this map, according to Swiss-Italian advisers, and in such numbers that the Fascist press believes an attack on this section of the Mediterranean may be part of general Allied invasion plan. Forts in the Gulf of Genoa were wrecked by the commandos. (International)

Allies Tell French To Avoid Roads

Invasion Advice Spoken by London; Nazis Seize Rail

London, May 11.—(AP)—The importance of France's transport system in the impending invasion of western Europe was emphasized by both the Allies and Germans today as the London radio urged the French to keep off the highways after the attack starts, and Vichy repeated that passenger train service would be cut Monday to facilitate troop movements.

The Allied request to French citizens was made in a B. B. C. broadcast to invasion instructions. It stressed that troop movements must have right of way.

The announcement by the German-controlled Vichy radio, made originally three days ago, and reiterated today, caused many in London to wonder whether the Nazis were seizing the remnants of the bomb-shattered railway system to what it was worth in helping to maintain the Atlantic wall.

On the British side of the channel, meanwhile, it was disclosed that emergency units are poised and ready to go into action on "D" day to evacuate and provide shelter and food for thousands of English coastal towns that are used as invasion spearheads. Details about the units were kept secret.

Preparations for re-establishing civil administration in the Netherlands and Belgium after they are liberated were said to be nearly complete.

It was learned last night that the governments of these two countries soon will sign agreements with Britain and the United States providing for civil officials to take over from the military.

more space definitely to war bond production than the government ever could pay for.

The committee action kills the bill, at least temporarily, because the rules group decides which measure get to the floor.

Broughton's Support For Vice President Growing

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Raleigh, May 11.—North Carolina, which has been in Washington this week, repeat considerable interest there in the proposed sponsorship of Governor Broughton for the Democratic vice presidential nomination.

A good many people in the State, including some astute political observers, and newspaper men still cannot see anything to the movement except a little complimentary home-state boasting for a popular governor. Evidence accumulates that there is a good deal more than that.

Before the Tar Heel State convention endorsed the candidacy the Oklahoma Young Democrats had taken similar action. Also Chairman Monroe Redden had heard from several other State chairman offering to back Broughton. Since the convention here last Thursday the governor has received many telephone

calls, telegrams and letters of friend-

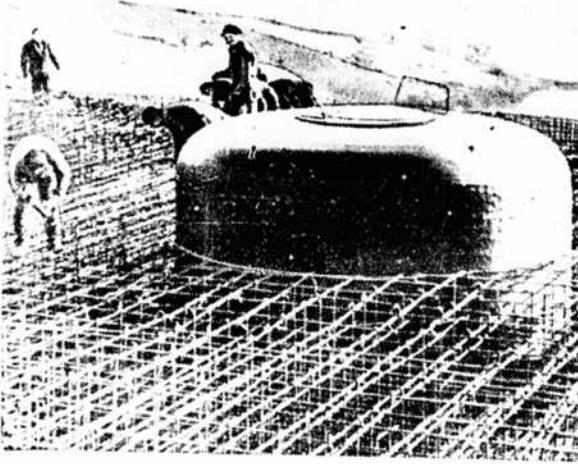
ship active support from other state.

Two important speeches are on Governor Broughton's program this month. Next Monday he will deliver the keynote address at the Oklahoma State Democratic Convention, and on May 30 he will represent the South to the Governor Salt Lake City of Massachusetts peaks for the North at the Memorial Day exercises on Gettysburg battleground. These invitations cannot be construed as "just home-state pride" and added to the numerous other out-of-state appearances made by Governor Broughton this year give him prestige enjoyed by few governors.

And whether anything develops at the national convention in the way of serious consideration for the vice presidency, the nationwide popularity of the governor has already put the North Carolina governor in position as the recognized spokesman for the southeast in political and economic matters.

New Bomb Assault On Europe Might Be Greatest Yet Made In Pre-Invasion Poundings

NAZIS STRENGTHEN ATLANTIC WALL



MEMBERS OF A NAZI engineering corps construct a steel network around a heavily armored gun emplacement along the Atlantic Wall in Europe in preparation for the expected Allied invasion. Concrete was then poured on the rods. Photo from a neutral source. (International)

Allies Hit Continent On 27th Day

Rail Yards Struck In Northern France; Budapest Attacked

London, May 11.—(AP)—American bomber formations whose ground-shaking roar was the loudest Londoners ever heard struck out toward Europe today in the 27th day of the round-the-clock pre-invasion offensive against Hitler's fortress.

Quickly following up last night's four assaults on Budapest by bombers striking from Italy bases, Matador and Halifax bombers of the American Ninth air force got in the first hit, or what appeared to be another day-long assault from Britain bases, morning attacks on air fields at Beaumont-Les-Roger and Cormeilles-Eau-Veze in France.

Last night's heavy and medium bomber attack on the Hungarian capital came close on the heels of daylight raids yesterday in which more than 3,000 Allied aircraft, winging in from both Italy and Britain, poured some 1,500 tons of bombs into Europe.

Both heavy and medium bombers of the Mediterranean Allied air force attacked the Hungarian capital in a nocturnal follow-up to daylight raids against an aircraft factory and an airfield at Weimer Neustadt, Austria and the Yugoslav rail center of Knin.

The air ministry announced that Britain-based RAF heavy bombers in strength last night attacked railway yards at Lens and Lille, France, and at Ghent and Courtrai, Belgium, while other bomber formations struck at military objectives on the French invasion coast.

Speedy Mosquitos, carrying 4,000-pound bombs, also raided Ludwigshafen, Germany. In all aerial operations, the communiqué said, British planes had mines in enemy waters.

From all of the overnight operations, the ministry announced, 15 planes were reported missing.

It was the second straight night that the RAF sent heavy bombers against mysterious emplacements the Germans have thrown up to attempt to block Allied invasion land forces.

The air ministry said the big night flying bombers concentrated on one coastal objective this time, whereas on the previous night seven were hit by as many task forces, suggesting that whatever the objective might have been it was considered of prime importance to get such a sizable dose of explosives.

Allies Free 707 Persons Held By Japs

Advanced Headquarters, New Guinea, May 11.—(AP)—Liberation of 707 Japanese-held prisoners of war by the American conquest of north-central New Guinea was announced today as fresh accounts of the enemy's retreat toward captives came to light.

General Douglas MacArthur announced that 462 of the Liberated Allies were Sikhs, Indian soldiers captured in Malaya by the Japanese early in the war. Japanese numbered 366, and the rest were Americans, Australians, Chinese, Dutch, Filipinos, Poles and Czechs. Many were missionaries and others civilians.

This was by far the largest number released from the enemy in any phase of the Pacific war, and the only sizable group yet liberated except for a detachment of Sikhs found in the Admiralty Islands in March.

The prisoners were forced to build roads, repair aerodromes and dig trenches for the Japanese.

Associated Press Correspondent Olen Clements said in a story from Manus air field in the Admiralty Islands that Punjab and Sikh troops told from their hospital beds of cruelties at the hands of the Japanese.

Of the original 9,500 prisoners in the group 4,200 died from lack of medical attention and malnutrition, he said, and 300 others were down with malaria. For almost three years, they said, they lived on nothing but two spoonfuls of rice and salt a day.