

Churchill Fights Off Critics In Big Commons Battle

London, June 10.—Winston Churchill, fighting the great parliamentary battle of his life before his critics in Commons, made it plain today that as long as he was Britain's war leader he was going to strike rather than stand still, to act rather than risk inaction and surrender.

This, he said without apology, was his choice between the "barbaric alternatives" offered him on Crete and this would be his choice to the end. He rejected, with a sharp "no," suggestions for the formation of an imperial war cabinet.

He said flatly that he could not and would not explain why British defeat—because such explanations would help the axis, would be only partial and not informative as to the conduct of the war as a whole and because: "Defeat is bitter. It is no use trying to explain defeat. People do not like defeat and they do not like explanations . . . there is only one answer to defeat. The only answer to defeat is victory."

He turned sharply upon his chief accuser — Leslie Hore-Belisha, a former war secretary — and said that, while he welcomed such criticism as had been put in the house, there was other criticism "calculated to give one the feeling of a challenge to the security of the administration."

His voice rough and tight with emotion, he said his earlier statement that some German paratroopers on Crete had worn New Zealand battle dress, and this was his explanation heard in a profound silence.

"I have this report to the house, as it reached me from the commander in chief of the middle east, but he now informs me that a mistake arose from the fact that parachute troops after landing at one point drove a number of New Zealanders walking wounded with them and before them in their own and the New Zealand uniform."

The disaster of Crete, the prime minister said frankly, was "a somber and ferocious battle" which had been costly to Britain—but Germany, too. For, he said, the nazi had lost 5,000 troops drowned, 12,000 killed or wounded and 100 fighter planes and bombers and 150 troop transport aircraft against British losses of 15,000 men killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

Finally, turning from Crete as a tragic business that now has finished he offered hope for success in the greater battle—those of production and those for control of the Atlantic.

More Construction At Fort Bragg

Fort Bragg, N. C., June 10, 1941—Contracts for the construction of 64 mobilization type buildings and 20 regimental chapels at Fort Bragg have been awarded the V. P. Loftis Company, of Charlotte, who submitted a bid of \$780,000 for this lump sum construction, according to an announcement by Lt. Col. Lawrence L. Simpson, Constructing Quartermaster, this morning.

Work will begin immediately and the completion date is October 10th. To be constructed under this authorization are 14 standard 63 man barracks, a 170 man mess hall, two theaters, a service club, officers and nurses mess hall, hospital quarters, officers recreation building, one induction building, one administration building and other quarters and recreation facilities. Also included in this authorization are 18 motor repair shops, 13 gasoline stations and 6 storehouses.

The 20 chapels, each seating 362 men and each with Pipe Organ, represent Fort Bragg's share in the Army's 550 unit church construction program throughout the country. Five of these chapels will be located in the Ninth Division at Fort Bragg. Five for white troops and one for colored troops will be placed in the Field Artillery Replacement Training Center, and the others will be placed in various other areas on the Posts.

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Rockfish Creek Not Polluted

Signs notifying people not to swim in Rockfish Creek were posted by unauthorized persons, according to Mayor G. W. Brown, and are a recurrence of the usual summer rumor that the stream is polluted.

No tests have been made of the water, according to Dr. Brown, nor has there been any order for the posting of such signs. Apparently the signs were placed by unauthorized persons believing that pollution might come from the camp at the rifle range on the Fort Bragg reservation, it was stated yesterday, but it was added that there was little danger of contamination there because all sewerage from the camp was treated in septic tanks before seeping into the creek channel.

Early War On Weevils Advised For Farmers

Farmers are warned that because of the mildness of the last winter, steps should be taken at once to protect cotton crop from the threat of boll weevil damage, according to County Agent, A. S. Knowles.

Through an intensive protective campaign last year, coupled with favorable weather, during the winter and the growing season, North Carolina farmers were able to hold weevil damage to one percent, as contrasted with 23 per cent in 1939, and 26 per cent in 1938. Although the damage in 1940 was small, infestation appeared on late cotton and probably resulted in a large number of weevils going into hibernation, and it is feared that the 1941 crop will suffer heavily unless protective measures are placed in effect.

Early mopping of cotton with the 1-1-1 sweetened poison mixture offers protection against the weevil menace. The mixture can be made by mixing one pound calcium arsenate dust, one gallon molasses, and one gallon of water. Only enough of the mixture should be prepared to be used in one day as the mixture will sour and cause injury to the plants.

The usual custom after a good cotton year is to let up in the "weevil fight." It may be more important to apply control methods this year than ever before. The weather conditions during July and August will determine to a large extent the damage that may be expected. Since there is no way to determine the conditions at that time, it is advisable to start control measures early, Knowles said.

Farmers Cooperating In Maneuver Sign - Up

Mr. Lester says that as a whole, good cooperation has been had by the land owners in signing up their land for the use of maneuvers in the fall. However, there are still a few who have not signed up. Some of the cards have been returned because the address of the person was not correct, and perhaps by neglect of the land owners who do not realize the importance of signing up their land. June 14th has been set as the deadline for official signing up of land. After that date Col. Harrison will no longer have anything to do with the civilian part of the maneuvers in the fall. Those who have not returned their cards, regardless of the reason, will be reported to the government as refusing to give the government permission to use their land for army training.

Mr. Lester says though, that a land owner may sign up after the 15th if he so desires, but it is much better to have your card in by the 15th of June, therefore he urges all land owners who have not yet returned their cards to do so immediately so that Hoke County may report one hundred per cent.

Nitrates Short Due To Shortage Of Ships

There is a shortage of nitrate of soda developing in this section, it was stated yesterday by Cecil Dew, on account of the diversion of ships from the Chilean trade, and the demand of munition plants for the nitrates for munition manufacture.

Domestic producers have not been able to supply the demand of the farming industry, apparently, and many ships which formerly hauled the materials from Chile are being diverted to other channels of commerce for transporting defense supplies.

Mrs. Roger Dixon is ill at her home.



LUCILLE'S NEW COIFFURE: A colorful personality, both on and off the screen, Lucille Ball displays this new hair arrangement marked by its note of sophisticated informality. Miss Ball's stock as a comedienne has skyrocketed as the effect of her work in RKO Radio's "A Girl, a Guy and a Gob."

Buy Coal Now Or Be Cold This Winter

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Anticipating "very grave danger of a shortage" of coal next winter, the government urged householders throughout the country tonight to buy winter coal now.

At the same time Secretary Ickes removed the qualification "probably" from forecasts of an oil shortage and said definitely that easterners "will have to get along with less gasoline for their cars and probably less oil to heat their homes." No indication was given, however, as to when restriction would be imposed.

Both coal and oil shortages are threatened not by lack of supplies but by the demands the defense program is making on transportation facilities. The coal shortage may be avoided, officials said if the campaign for summer buying succeeds.

Ickes, as defense petroleum coordinator, proposed in a formal statement that "all of us" reduce gasoline consumption:

- 1. By reducing our driving speeds;
- 2. By refraining from non-essential driving;
- 3. By less hasty getaways in city traffic, and
- 4. By adjusting our cars for maximum fuel efficiency so that no gasoline will be belched through the exhaust pipe.

"All of us can give up some pleasure driving," he added. "We will be glad to make such a small sacrifice. I also suggest that all of us see that his oil burner is in good condition. It will be healthier too, and more economical if we keep our homes a little cooler next winter."

The appeal to "buy winter coal now" was issued by the consumer council, with endorsement of the office of production management, administration and the consumer adviser.

Paul Sifton, acting director of the consumers' council, a government agency established to protect bituminous coal users, said that "it is extremely important to get this coal moved this summer. If consumers do not buy now they may be in trouble later."

"Purchasing and storing of substantial tonnages during the summer will lighten the peak that movement of crops and national defense production will throw upon the transport system beginning next September," the council said.

"Summer buying and storage of coal is advocated as a direct and substantial aid to national defense." The council, however, warned against "panic buying at high prices."

"Robin Moor" Reported Sunk By German Torpedo

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 10.—Survivors of the sunken Robin Moor declared she was "torpedoed by a German submarine" in the South Atlantic, Capt. Waldemar Lucio Pereira, skipper of the rescuing Brazilian steamer Ozorio, radioed the Associated Press tonight.

Forty-six persons, including three women and one child, were aboard the "Robin Moor" when she went down May 21. The Ozorio picked up 11 of them.

No trace of the 35 others who took to lifeboats has been found aside from a few pieces of floating luggage and a child's toys, the Ozorio captain said.

The radiogram from Capt. Waldemar Lucio Pereira said: "Survivors said the Robin Moor was torpedoed by a German submarine. Osorio due Recife Wednesday at 11 p. m. (9 p. m., E. S. T.) tomorrow night. Further details of the Robin Moor's fate are expected then."

The 11 survivors were described as being in fairly good physical condition despite their exhaustion after spending 18 days in an open boat without adequate water supplies under the broiling equatorial sun.

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Last Chance For Signing Application Cotton Stamps

June 14th is the closing date for signing applications for cotton stamps. Those cotton farmers who have not filed application and desire to participate in the program should not let this opportunity pass, advises A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Cotton stamps will begin to be issued to eligible producers in July. They can purchase cotton goods made wholly of American cotton and processed by American manufacturers. Hoke county merchants have indicated their desire to cooperate by accepting cotton stamps, for cotton merchandise. By the time stamps are issued, merchants who plan to cooperate will have notices in their store windows indicating they will "accept cotton stamps."

Farmers receiving stamps are urged to plan their "buying" so as to make the stamps go as far as possible. It is expected that "home made" cotton dresses and other cotton suits will feature the buying.

Edgar Winecoff, of Kannapolis, linotype operator and printer, has joined the staff of the News-Journal. Mr. Winecoff is a capable craftsman with a wide range of experience in several of the leading daily, weekly paper and job printing shops of the South.

Ten Face Judge McQueen Tuesday In County Court

County court Tuesday provided an unexciting group of cases in which all defendants pleaded guilty to charges preferred except William McPhatter who was convicted of assault with deadly weapon and given a 60 day sentence on the roads. The sentence was suspended upon payment of \$10 and costs.

Eddie Jordan, driving drunk, lost his license for a year and drew a 60 day sentence suspended on payment of \$50 and cost; John Oliver Evans, violation of road laws, costs; Helen Parks, driving without license, 30 days, suspended on payment of costs; Jesse M. Josey, drunk and damage to property, cost; Clarence W. Smart, violation of road law, costs; John B. Jones and Eliza Jane Purcell, pleaded guilty to fornication and adultery and were each given 30 days; Jones was found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and got an additional 30 day sentence, suspended upon payment of costs; Neill McLean, drunk and disorderly, 30 days; and Ollie Brown, assault with deadly weapon and damage, 3 months suspended on payment of damages and costs.

Hoke Merchants To Meet Friday Night, June 13th

A mass meeting of Hoke County Merchants and Cotton farmers will be held Friday night, June 13 at 8 o'clock in the courthouse for a discussion of the cotton stamp plan, which is expected to be put into operation on July 1.

Plans for the meeting were announced by county agent, A. S. Knowles. All retailers and their clerks and wholesalers of manufactured cotton merchandise are expected.

P. A. Wilson of Raeford, who was named county chairman at the organization meeting, will preside. Speakers will include Bernard H. Byrnie, of Lumberton, representative of surplus marketing administration, and Mr. Knowles.

Preliminary estimate based on the number of cotton farmer in Hoke county who have filed notice of participating in the program indicates that county merchants may expect to enjoy at least \$10,000 of new cotton business during 1941. Complete details concerning the program will be explained at this meeting.

Members of the cotton industry committee are P. A. Wilson, Chairman, H. L. Gatlin, Sr., I. Mann, George Weaver, Katie Lee Culbreth, M. D. Yates, N. F. Sinclair, A. W. Wood and J. A. Hodgkin.

Board Selected To Select Tankers Camp Sites

Fort Bragg, N. C. June 10, 1941—Post authorities announced today that a board of officers has been appointed to recommend the selection of specific campsites for the 1st Armored Corps when the tankers arrive at Fort Bragg in November to participate in First Army Maneuvers. The 1st Armored Corps consists of the 1st Armored Division from Fort Knox, Ky., and the 2nd Armored Division from Fort Benning, Georgia. The board members whose appointment was announced are: Lt. Col. Wm. B. Yancey, 39th Infantry, Major F. B. Porter, 36th Field Artillery, Major Walter N. Perry, Post S-3, Captain J. W. R. Norton, Post Medical Inspector and 1st Lt. Thos. H. Garrett, of the 41st Engineers.

Time For Enrolling In Food Program Ends Saturday

An active campaign has been going forward for several weeks trying to get every family in Hoke county to agree to grow as near 100 per cent of their food and feed requirements as possible, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. Letters, including information on proper food and feed requirements, were mailed to farm families several weeks ago. Enclosed also was a card for the heads of families to sign agreeing to cooperate in the program. Only about 700 out of the 2700 families receiving cards have returned them.

Every family receiving a card and have not signed should do so and return by next mail.

Hoke USO Drive Committee Plan Canvas Friday

To place Hoke County on the roster of honor counties of the United Service Organization we hope to exceed our quota in the drive for funds which will be conducted Friday, stated Cecil Dew, county chairman, yesterday in announcing the complete plans for the USO drive.

This is one of the greatest defense services to which every citizen, business house and industry can and should contribute, and be assured that every dollar will be spent judiciously and to the very best advantage. The members organization of the USO are thoroughly conversant with the conditions about the training centers and are best able to carry on the welfare and recreational activities for the soldiers, stated Mr. Dew.

The USO is composed of the YM-CA, YWCA, National Catholic Community service, the Jewish Welfare Board and the National Travelers Aid association. These organizations have pooled their facilities and are cooperating closely through the coordinating body to render the best service to the men in the services.

In discussing the work of the USO it was pointed out by General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. Army, in a recent statement that "No matter how abundant, if you don't have morale you had better save your money. The chief danger this nation faces today is that our spiritual development has not quite kept pace with our physical development." The duties of the USO will be to provide care, entertainment, and other services for the soldiers while off duty and away from the camp reservations, the service of such kinds are to keep up the spirit and strengthen the morale of the men in the uniform.

The work is carried out entirely with funds received from private contributions. The drive in progress in every section of the United States this week has a national goal of \$10,765,000.

On the committee for Hoke County in addition to Mr. Dew, are: Arch. K. Stevens, Rev. E. C. Crawford, Rev. J. E. Reamy and Rev. H. K. Holland.

The committee will endeavor to raise the funds asked of Hoke County during Friday, though moneys may be given to one of the committee at any time within the next ten days if they do not happen to call on you personally Friday. Otherwise contributions may be mailed to Cecil Dew, Chairman, Hoke County Unit United Service Organization Raeford. Every one is urged to contribute to aid in this vital part of the nation's great national defense effort.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A Vacation Bible School will begin at the Baptist church in Raeford Monday morning, June 10th at 8:30. This will be conducted each day from 11:00 Monday through Friday 8:30 until 11:00. All the children from four through sixteen years of age, are cordially invited regardless of denomination. As you read this, won't you please insist on the children you know to come all five days next week? Beautiful certificates will be given each child who comes every day.

Thank you for doing your very best to attend every day June 16-20.

Notice To Truckers

Interested truckers who desire to contract hauling limestone to Hoke county farmers should meet Mr. H. D. Godfrey at the county agent's office, Friday, June 13, at 4:30 p. m., says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

RISE

Business men expect the general run of manufactured grocery products to begin reflecting the higher raw materials and labor costs in early fall when this year's crops have been processed and moved.

INCOME

Cash income from American farm marketings and Government payments in April amounted to \$708,000, 000, as compared with \$627,000,000 in the same month a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallie Gatlin, Jr. and Lynn left yesterday for Mayport, Florida where they will visit Mrs. Gatlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Marchbourne. Mr. Gatlin will return after a few days but Mrs. Gatlin and Lynn will remain for a month.

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