

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Mostly cloudy with showers to night and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

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BRITISH PLANES SMASH AT NAZIS IN SYRIA

ON EDGE OF WAR

How much longer can the U. S. keep out? This question is poised over latest developments in France and Asia Minor. The answer may come if and when the nazis take over the French navy. Let the NEWS-REVIEW keep you posted.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE British radio says today (Wednesday):
"Hess is talking and writing words that will make the German high command sweat."
That is an intimation that he is divulging German military secrets.

NAZI officials, evidently worried, insist that despite Hess' position as a member of Hitler's secret war council he was not "initiated into the plans of the reich's supreme military leadership."

THIS exchange of propaganda (for that is what it is) will give you some idea of what is going on today as a result of one of the strangest episodes in history.

The British are using it in every way they know how to brace the morale of their own people and shake the confidence of key neutrals such as Russia and Turkey in German invincibility.

The Germans are trying desperately to reassure their own people—who must be doing a lot of worried speculating as to what it all means.

GERMAN uneasiness today (Wednesday) is obvious. For example:

Our old friend "Berlin spokesman" asserts that Hess "was expected to fulfill his so-called peace mission in about two days, returning then to Germany with gasoline FURNISHED BY THE BRITISH."

That is clearly intended to make it appear to the Germans that "we had planned it all that way."

THE same uneasiness appears in another quarter.

DNE, the official German press service, which says whatever it is ORDERED to say, publishes today a list of seven cases in which Germans have been sentenced to prison terms of four to six years for tuning their radios in on foreign broadcasts.

That is a perfectly plain warning to the home folk not to listen in on what the wicked British are saying.

BY this time you must have learned enough about war-time propaganda and censorship not to believe implicitly what either the British or the Germans are saying for publication.

The thing to do is to listen to both and DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

THE thought that Hess may have spilled the German high (Continued on page 4)

U. S. TO ASSIST NAZI THREAT TO RED SEA COMMERCE, HINT OBTAINED FROM ROOSEVELT

Precedent In 'Piracy' Eras Cited in Quiz

Link With Petain's Govt. Nears Severance Because Of Accord With Germany

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt injected today into a discussion of Germany's declaration that the Red sea will be a danger zone for foreign ships, a pointed reminder that twice before in history the United States had used her warships to protect her commerce and obtain freedom of the seas.

He mentioned the action of the new American republic against the Barbary pirates in the Mediterranean a century ago and naval action as well against privateers in the Caribbean.

But when reporters inquired at a press conference whether he thought there were "any modern counterparts of the Barbary pirates," he told them merely to use their heads.

Freedom of the seas, he said, was an historic American policy but he did not indicate just what the United States might be prepared to do about the Red sea.

The president, in citing cases in history, said he was merely providing a lead for newsmen to follow up.

The Red sea once was closed to American shipping by designation of waters at its mouth as a combat area. Mr. Roosevelt recently removed the ban and American merchantmen are free, so far as their own government is concerned to go up to the mouth of the Suez canal.

Germany subsequently declared the waters forming the approach to the canal to be in the war zone.

Replying to a question whether he recognized this action of the German government, Mr. Roosevelt said he thought things like that represented almost entirely a question of fact.

The question of whether a blockade exists, he thus indicated, depends largely on whether a (Continued on page 6)

Infant Fractures Skull In Falling on Pencil

REDDING, Calif., May 16.—(AP)—One-year-old Lea Rae Kirk fell on a pencil yesterday, fractured her skull. The pencil punctured the skull near the nose and narrowly missed the right eye. She was in serious condition after an emergency operation.

Amateur Radio System's Efficiency Brings Marine to Ailing Parent Here

Effectiveness of the amateur radio network, now being organized as a national defense measure, was proven here this week by the arrival of Private First Class Thomas A. Herblison, Jr., of the U. S. marines.

On April 25, Herblison's father, a well known resident here, became very ill. Private Herblison was at that time with a marine detachment at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, and could not be contacted through regular channels.

Reaching Seattle May 7, he immediately telephoned to Roseburg, learned the condition of his father, who is seriously ill at Mercy hospital, and was immediately granted a leave of absence.

He has returned here with a furlough expiring June 5, after which he will rejoin his vessel at San Diego.

Roseburg Listed In Observation Defense Project

FORT GEORGE WRIGHT, Spokane, Wash., May 16.—(AP)—A civilian army of observers to watch for enemy airplanes which might ever try to fly over the Pacific northwest will be recruited by the second air force.

In a far-reaching step in regional defense preparations, Maj. Gen. John F. Curry, commander of the air force which has its headquarters here, said today 80,000 volunteers would be sought to man listening posts in western Washington and western Oregon alone. They would be the pioneers in the northwest's Aircraft Warning Service, which ultimately would be extended through the 11 states of the air force command.

"Our first task is to organize the territory along the coast," General Curry explained. "When this is done we shall devote our attention to inland areas. We plan to establish an observation post for every 40 square miles of territory along the coast of Oregon and Washington and for 150 miles inland."

"Filter centers" would be set up at Bellingham, Seattle, Olympia, Portland, Eugene and Roseburg, under the air force plan. They would receive reports direct from watching posts and relay them to the two main centers.

Because of "the deluge of calls" that would result from any enemy aerial incursion, General Curry said air force officers are working closely with telephone company executives and engineers. The problem is complicated by the absence of telephone lines in many isolated areas.

Threat to America Seen if Germans Get French Fleet

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—The threat of a Franco-German "collaboration" alliance which President Roosevelt believes can jeopardize western hemisphere "peace and security" found the United States prepared today for any action needed to safeguard American interests.

Mr. Roosevelt, it was said in informed quarters, possesses sufficient authority without going to congress to take whatever steps are necessary to counter any joint Nazi-Vichy action endangering the interests of the United States and the other 20 American republics.

The gravest threat to the American nations, it was said, is the possibility that, in "collaborating," France may be forced to turn over to Germany her fleet and the strategic naval bases at Dakar, Oran and Bizerte.

President Roosevelt, Secretary Hull, and other American officials have made it unmistakably plain in several addresses that Germany's acquisition of the French fleet—believed now to comprise 92 warships of all categories, including 60 submarines—would be considered a direct threat to the American nations.

In the western hemisphere, a Vichy-Berlin axis of "collaboration" brings into question the status of the French colonial possessions—Martinique, Guadeloupe, French Guiana, St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The United States has shown particular interest in Martinique because of its strategic position in the center of the shield of American naval and air bases guarding the entrance to the Panama canal.

Wage Boost Ends G. M. C. Labor Strife

Hudson Strike Awaiting Settlement; Trouble at Pearl Harbor Is Brief

By the Associated Press
A threatened strike against the General Motors corporation, holder of \$750,000,000 in defense contracts, was averted early today when the company accepted a national mediation board peace formula a few hours before the scheduled deadline for the walk-out.

The mediation board tentatively scratched another labor dispute off its books with word of union acceptance of terms to settle a strike at the Ex-Cell-O corporation, Detroit die and tool plant.

The General Motors settlement provided a flat wage increase of 10 cents an hour for an estimated 250,000 workers in 89 plants, and for no closed shop, union shop or maintenance-of-membership shop.

Under a new contract to run one year from April 28, 1941, the company agreed not to lock out its employees, and to give consideration to seniority in making promotions. The corporation estimated the (Continued on page 6)

Reedsport Men Badly Hurt in Barn Collapse

REEDSPORT, May 16.—(AP)—Collapse of a barn they were dismantling injured two men at the J. R. McKy ranch yesterday. Thrown to the ground and covered with debris, Ray L. Bennett suffered a fractured leg and lacerations, and Jake Parker suffered a fractured neck vertebrae.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



GLENN TAYLOR, fireman at the city hall, operating on the huge masses of ivy covering the sides of that building.

"The stuff sure grows fast!" Glenn explained, eyeing it, however, in extreme good humor. It's pretty enough there, we decided, to recompense in large measure for making so much dirt and trash.

It does cause a lot, too, particularly in the fall of the year when the berries ripen and fall on the sidewalks, spotting them a deep purple and "tracking" into buildings on the soles of people's shoes. What a feast the robins have at that time—they seem to have a remarkable fondness for this berry.

The vines grow rapidly and each year have to be trimmed

Named Dean Of Women, O. S. C.



Mrs. Buena Maris, above, appointed new dean of women at Oregon State college, succeeding Dr. Kate W. Jameson, soon to retire. She is the widow of the late W. Homer Maris, who attended both Oregon State college and the University of Oregon and who was the author of the well known O. S. C. Alma Mater song.

Students Strike Over Resignation of Coach

SALINAS, Calif., May 16.—(AP)—A partial strike of students at Salinas high school occurred yesterday over the resignation of Coach Marion (Tiny) Hall.

Hall resigned after school officials charged him with non-cooperation. He is a former University of Oregon football player. He has coached here since 1938 and last year won championships in track, football and basketball.

Russia Protests Against U. S. Detention of Cargo

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(AP)—Russia has lodged a formal protest with the United States, it was learned today, over the detention of a Soviet cargo at San Francisco while in transit from South America.

The cargo of Argentine and Uruguayan wool and hides was ordered held under a new presidential regulation subjecting certain transit shipments to the export license system.

Blitzkrieg Aims at Piercing Iraq in Drive for Suez Canal

Nazi Ports, Industrial Areas Raided

Berlin Among Targets of British Bombers; City Of Hannover Set Afire

LONDON, May 16.—(AP)—Strong forces of RAF bombers attacked Hannover last night, starting large fires in industrial quarters, and other British warplanes attacked Berlin, Hamburg, Cuxhaven, Calais, Boulogne and Dieppe, the air ministry said today.

Coastal command bombers raided docks and shipping at St. Nazaire and the big German submarine base at Lorient, in France. They also attacked docks at Ijmuiden, the Netherlands, a communiqué said.

The loss of four of the attacking planes was acknowledged.

"The Germans admitted a 'number' of explosive fire-bombs fell on the outskirts of Berlin." Air sparring continued throughout today over the channel and it was announced authoritatively that three German fighters were shot down off the southeast coast.

Many fires were said to have been started in the industrial section of Hannover, manufacturing city 80 miles south of Hamburg. Nazi aerial activity overnight was described officially as comparatively light and confined largely to coastal areas. Two raiders were reported shot down by British fighters in a pre-dawn dogfight high over the southeast coast.

A few casualties resulted in one district in England and damage was reported at several points, but no bombs fell in London and the alert there was brief. It appeared evident today that Adolf Hitler was drawing his (Continued on page 6)

Court Dedicates Hutton's Grove to Public Recreation

Dedication of Hutton's grove, popular picnic spot, to public use, was announced today by the county court. The grove located on the Umpqua river at the lower end of Garden valley, includes approximately 15 acres, recently acquired by the county through tax foreclosures, the court reported.

A court order is being prepared setting the land aside for public use as long as the privilege is not abused. The court also announces plans to eventually make improvements by repairing the road into the grove, erecting tables and benches, installing a camp stove and providing sanitary facilities.

Members of the county court indicated that additional public picnic spots may be provided in the future depending upon the nature of the public reaction to the Hutton grove improvement. If appreciation is shown by protection and use of the property, additional camp spots may later be arranged at other spots throughout the county. On the other hand, if the property and improvements are defaced and destroyed no further action will be taken.

In an effort to make available to the general public the recreational resources of the county, the court is endeavoring to keep open all avenues to fishing and picnic areas it was reported. A recent action in keeping with this policy was in connection with the sale of tax foreclosed property at Honey creek, on the North Umpqua, where the county exempted from the deed all land located between the county road and the river, thus maintaining public access to one of the most popular fishing spots.

Object of Hess' Flight Continues To Puzzle London

LONDON, May 16.—(AP)—Out of the welter of controversy and speculation about Rudolf Hess' flight to Britain came the announcement from Major Vyvyan Adams today that he would seek to learn whether the "deputy fuhrer's trip to see the Duke of Wellington" was planned with the connivance and support of the German government.

Adams, a member of parliament, gave notice he would put this question to Minister of Information Cooper at next week's commons session.

Labor Minister Bevin yesterday called Hess a calculating "murderer" and said he came with the full knowledge of Adolf Hitler.

The British intelligence service took a growing interest in the case. The government called for help in analyzing statements obtained from Adolf Hitler's former "shadow."

Sir Neville Henderson, who was British ambassador to Berlin when the war started, described Rudolf Hess today, in his first public statement on the affair, as "an absolutely fanatical supporter of the Nazi system who was honest and sincere."

Henderson said he considered it out of the question that Hess had come to Britain on a secret mission because of the impression the flight had created in Germany. "In my opinion," Sir Neville said, "he has become convinced in the past two years that nazism as it was developed, is on the wrong track and that it is being used to serve the ends of thoroughgoing second-class of Germany, such as Himmler, Ribbentrop, Ley and the general party bosses who act solely for themselves."

His reference was to Heinrich Himmler, head of all German police forces; Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop and Robert Ley, head of the Nazi labor front.

Henderson, who knew Hess well while he was in Germany, continued: "I regarded Hess as the adopted son of Hitler, a man to whom Hitler was devoted and was devoted to Hitler."

Sprague Will Broadcast Tonight on Defense

SALEM, Ore., May 16.—(AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague, who completed his tour this week of Oregon defense industries and military establishments, will speak from his office at 9 p. m. tonight over four radio stations on "Oregon and the National Defense."

The talk, to last a half hour, will be broadcast by stations KOIN and KGW, Portland; KOAC, Corvallis, and KSLM, Salem.

FLASHES of OREGON EVENTS

Elks Lodge Out of Red

PORTLAND, May 6.—(AP)—Loss of its heavily encumbered \$1,250,000 temple in 1933 will be forgotten Saturday when the Portland lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, burns the mortgage on its present building.

Selectee Hangs Himself

MONTEREY, Calif., May 16.—(AP)—Private Robert J. Maas, Medford, Ore., army selectee, was found hanging in a barracks at Fort Ord today. Officers pronounced his death a suicide.

Cricket Blitz Battled

PORTLAND, May 16.—(AP)—The devastating march of Mormon crickets on the Warm Springs Indian reservation is being opposed by an autogiro plane dropping poison mixed with saw-

Iraqis Claim Assistance Of Soviet Group

Strategic Salum, Africa, Retaken by British After Weeks of Battling

LONDON, May 16.—(AP)—The admiralty gave notice tonight that all areas of the eastern Mediterranean, except Turkish territorial waters have been declared dangerous to shipping, which was interpreted to mean they had been mined against passage of German sea-borne troops and supplies to Syria.

LONDON, May 16.—(AP)—British air power is smashing at the Germans in French-ruled Syria where Nazi planes and panzer forces are reported making a swift infiltration further along the nazis' route to the Suez and nearer Britain's middle east oil fields.

An official British announcement in Cairo today disclosed that the first British blows had been delivered on this potentially crucial battlefield yesterday when German warplanes were attacked by the RAF at Damascus, Rayak and Palmyra, all in French-mandated Syria.

Additional advices from Cairo said three German planes were damaged for sure by machine-gun strafing of the airport at Palmyra.

German airdromes in occupied Greece were reported raided by other British air forces.

Britz Forces Move In.

This followed upon a report by Reuters, British news agency, that German tanks and other light mechanized forces were oc-

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Selectees for Next Call In Douglas Announced

The Douglas county selective service board today is notifying 11 selectees to report in Roseburg June 2 for induction into the U. S. army. The men will leave for the Portland induction station June 3.

Included in the call are Edgar Craig, Roseburg; Frank Ward, Tenmile; Leonard Joslin, Riddle; John Sylva, Days Creek; Earl Preschern, Roseburg; Edward Moore, Reedsport; Boyd Bradley, Cushman; Robert Grimes, Reedsport; Lester Frost, Whitehouse, Calif.; Laurence Raynes, Reedsport, and Robert Miller, Sutherlin. The group also will include Lionel VanHorn, Libby, Mont., and Milford Malone, Brookhaven, Miss., transferred to the local board in addition to the Douglas county quota. George Dawson of Roseburg has been selected as an alternate.

Ex-Mayor Gravely Ill

PORTLAND, May 16.—(AP)—Friends said yesterday that Geo. L. Baker, 72, Portland mayor from 1917 to 1933, was seriously ill at his Seaside home. He has suffered from a heart ailment for several years.

Haircuts Upped to 65c

KLAMATH FALLS, May 16.—(AP)—Haircuts will cost 65 cents here, beginning June 16, but the boost—a compromise settlement with master barbers—ended a strike threat of journeymen barbers. The compromise was in delaying the effective date of the increase from 50 cents for a month.