

French Fire in Syria Halts at Request of Britain

Paris Refuses, However, To Recall Troops

London Invites France To Conference, With U. S. Acting as Mediator

PARIS, June 1.—(AP)—It was authoritatively learned tonight that the French have replied to the American note on Syria with a message to Washington in which the De Gaulle government stood by its original position that France should deal with the Levant country without outside interference.

LONDON, June 1.—(CAP)—France refused today to comply with Prime Minister Churchill's request that French troops in Syria retire to their barracks to avoid the possibility of a clash with the British, but in a conciliatory move ordered her troops to "cease fire."

"French troops will remain in their positions," said a French communiqué issued in Paris after a cabinet meeting.

By ordering French troops to cease fire the French thus complied with half the request of Churchill, backed by President Truman, to take steps to end the bloodshed.

In further steps to resolve the dispute that threatened to plunge the Arab world into revolt, it was disclosed that the United States had agreed to sit with other powers in the role of mediator.

Tripartite Huddle Planned

The British foreign office announced that France had been invited to participate in a London conference with Britain and the United States to settle the issues involved in the Arab-supported demands of Syria and Lebanon for full independence and allied insistence upon safeguards for their communications lines to the Pacific war areas.

Beirut dispatches said all was quiet in Syria and Lebanon after the French finally stopped their shelling and bombing of Damascus. Syrian capital, and that small-arm fire had ceased. At least 400 wounded had been killed and 500 wounded.

The British commander in the middle east, Gen. Paget, flew to Beirut this morning in an ambulance escorted by Spitfires. British destroyers swung at anchor in Beirut harbor.

British troops, tanks and vehicles moved along the main roads toward Damascus yesterday after Prime Minister Churchill's orders to intervene.

French Pride Injured

Paris newspapers used the term

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Guard Slain, Three Prisoners Hurt in Army Camp Riot

INDIANAPOLIS, June 1.—(AP)—A guard was shot and killed and three prisoners were wounded, one of them seriously, during a riot and fire last night at the U. S. army disciplinary barracks at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Major General James L. Collins, commanding officer of the Fifth service command, said in a report today to the War Department that there were indications "that the riot was a planned affair."

He reported fires broke out in a barracks and an infirmary at two widely-separated spots in the compound while the rioting was in progress. He estimated the fire damage at \$100,000. Nine barracks buildings were burned.

General Collins estimated 1,500 prisoners were involved in the rioting. All were American soldiers, many of them court-martialed while serving overseas for serious offenses, including murder and rape.

Violence Threat Besets Plan To Free Jap-Americans From Camps, Return Them to West

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Threatened violence against Japanese-Americans was described today as a "major problem" facing the War Relocation Authority in its effort to restore them to normal life.

Dillon S. Myer, WRA director, told a house appropriations subcommittee in testimony made public today that the agency expects to close its eight remaining relocation centers for Japanese-Americans by the end of the year. He said it will turn the segregation center at Tule Lake, Calif., over to the Justice department at that time.

This will require moving about 53,000 persons to communities they select and aiding them to reestablish themselves, Myer said.

About 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated from the west coast in 1942 at the start of the war with Japan. The War department lifted its mass exclusion order last Jan. 2. Since then, the WRA has been assisting the evacuees to return to normal communities. Myer said about half are returning to the west coast.

Insecurity Feeling Prevails

"Our major problem," Myer told the subcommittee, "is one we have had for some time, and that concerns the reluctance, particularly on the part of the old people in the centers, to be relocated because of a feeling of insecurity."

"They are aliens and they are not sure that they would be accepted."

"In certain areas, particularly on the (west) coast, during the last three months, we have had some occurrences such as shooting into dwellings, boycotts and other atrocities on the part of misguided anti-American patriots and small groups of people who have an economic interest in opposing the return of evacuees."

Secretary of Interior Ickes has reported that 20 shootings have

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"On to Tokyo"

Underscore the current battle cry by buying war bonds to the limit of your ability. Slackening on the home front because the nazis are "kaput" will delay the knockout of Japan. Better to over-buy than be over-confident.

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FLAMING DESTRUCTION DEALT OSAKA

Restrictions Off Building Of New Homes

FHA Order Permits 100 Units in Roseburg Area; Top Cost of Each \$7,000

Restrictions on home construction in Roseburg and immediate area were greatly relieved today with the announcement by the Federal Housing Agency of authority for construction of 100 family dwelling units under the H-2 program.

The H-2 classification permits home construction or occupancy without restrictions as to essential industry. Anyone can build or occupy such residential units, although construction may be undertaken only after authority is granted through the FHA.

Houses to be constructed under this program may not exceed \$7,000 total cost. If built for rental purposes, the maximum rental may not exceed \$55 per month.

Persons desiring priorities to construct dwellings may write Mr. Folger Johnson, State Director, FHA, 515 Platt building, Portland, Ore. The Roseburg chamber of commerce is making request for application blanks which, when received, will be placed in the hands of material dealers in the Roseburg area. The dealers will assist applicants in filling out the forms, which require esti-

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Huge Lumber Auction Scheduled at Eugene

EUGENE, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—More than 200,000,000 feet of urgently needed lumber items for use in the Pacific war will go on the auction block here June 7-8, H. J. Cox, secretary-manager of the Willamette Valley Lumbermen's association, announced.

Oregon and Washington lumbermen will attend the auction, conducted by the WPB central procurement agency.

Son of Ex-Trainmaster In Roseburg Killed

J. D. Osborn of Roseburg, has received word that Grant Moore, Jr., 18, son of Mrs. Grant H. Moore of 991 Cotton avenue, Menlo Park, Calif., was accidentally shot and killed recently in California. No further details were given.

Grant Moore, Sr., who died about a year ago, was formerly trainmaster for the Southern Pacific in Roseburg.

Poultry-Dairy Probe Set

SEATTLE, June 1.—(AP)—Hearings regarding northwest poultry and dairy programs will be held here June 14 by a special congressional committee, the chamber of commerce reported yesterday.

The committee is chaired by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson.

Sugar "Chiseling" Draws Crack-Down From OPA

Drastic Program Established to Smash "Racket"; Diversions Into Bootleg Liquor Channels Charged

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The OPA cracked down hard today on "chiseling of home canning sugar for other purposes."

"Some chiselers are stooping to falsify their applications in an effort to get sugar that they know they won't use in canning," Price Administrator Bowles said in a statement announcing a "drastic program to put an end to this sugar racket."

Bowles said the sugar supply is sufficient for home canning requirements, "but there will not be enough if the chiseling continues."

Under OPA's four-point program, everyone applying for home canning sugar must sign this pledge:

"I agree that I will use the sugar applied for for home canning purposes only. If, for any reason, I should not use it for canning, I will return the equivalent in sugar stamps to my local war price and rationing board. I further agree that I will furnish a report to my board of the number of quarts of food canned with this sugar and the amount of sugar actually used in canning this food. I understand that my report will become a part of my record and will be considered in future issuance of home canning and other sugar rations to me."

Last year, Bowles asserted, many persons who had no intention of using sugar for canning applied for this purpose and in so doing "literally robbed our country of a substantial part of our limited sugar supply."

The same thing is happening again this year, he said, adding: "The home canning sugar racket must be stopped."

3-Point Directive Issued

In addition to requiring applicant pledges, Bowles directed: 1. OPA local boards in areas where fruit and vegetable crops are not now available for home canning to suspend issuing home canning ration certificates until the canning season starts. This

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Federal Govt. Sues To Condemn Tract For Housing Site

The United States government filed suit in circuit court here today to condemn approximately eight acres in the Bellows tract, located in West Roseburg, as a site for a 60-unit barracks for which public housing project for which construction contracts are to be let June 9. The suit sets the date of June 11 for federal occupancy, the court being requested to fix the amount of compensation or damages to be paid owners.

The city of Roseburg and Douglas county are made parties to the suit in order to afford protection against delinquent taxes and liens, if any exist.

Preparations are being made to transfer 60 demountable residential units from Vancouver, Wash., to Roseburg, to be erected on the Bellows property, according to announced plans of the Federal Public Housing Agency, the buildings to replace the existing 50-unit emergency trailer camp now located in North Roseburg.

Occupancy of the Bellows tract was determined upon, it was stated, because of availability of utility connections, and sewage disposal.

Protests against the site were recently organized by adjacent property owners.

Truman Asks Rosenman To Stay on as Adviser

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—President Truman has persuaded Judge Samuel I. Rosenman of New York to remain at the White House another year as special counsel to the president.

The White House earlier had made public Rosenman's preferred resignation.

Fuel Oil Supplies Not to Be Upped Till Japs Beaten

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The Petroleum Administration for War cautioned the Pacific northwest today against expecting more civilian fuel oil supplies.

Increased military requirements, plus transportation difficulties, make it necessary to continue present restrictions until Japan's defeat, PAW said.

Cancel War No. 1 Debts, U. S. Asked By Business Heads

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—A committee of business leaders proposed today that United States cancel all World War One debts, and World War Two lend-lease obligations if necessary to clear postwar trade channels.

The Committee for Economic Development advanced this idea in a statement to the senate finance committee, urging approval of the administration's request for authority to lower tariffs and continue reciprocal trade agreements. The senate committee is conducting hearings on the proposal, already approved by the house.

William Benton, vice chairman of CED, filed the statement in behalf of the research committee which includes such leaders as Ralph E. Flanders, president of Federal Reserve bank of Boston; Chester C. Davis, who holds the same post in St. Louis; William C. Foster, vice president of the Welded Steel Products, New York; Paul G. Hoffman, president of the Studebaker corporation; Eric Johnston, president of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and Beardsley Ruml, New York banker.

Senator Johnson (D-Colo.) has suggested cancellation of World War One debts and Assistant Secretary of State Clayton has told the committee that the \$10,000,000,000 defaulted from that war never will be collected.

Another protest was directed against importing Mexican laborers for farm and industrial work. The group also opposed a \$97,000,000 congressional appropriation for vocational education, charging improper balance in aid given to academic or cultural education compared with vocational training.

The labor leaders, who began the second of three days' meetings today, endorsed both the state building fund on the June 22 special ballot and the referendum on restriction of commercial fishing in coastal streams.

J. T. Marr, board secretary, was authorized to draw up a bill repealing the cigarette sales tax for the November ballot if a light June 22 vote indicates approval "is not representative of public sentiment."

Truman Urges Speed in Roundup of Tax Dodgers

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Asserting we are not fighting this war "to make millionaires" or to allow black market operators to profit, President Truman today directed full speed in the treasury's tax evasion drive.

The president said Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau had told him about "the truly shocking cases of tax evasion" his men had discovered and that he was "thoroughly in sympathy" with Morgenthau's plan to enlarge his forces by 10,000 men to run down tax evaders.

Rent Examiner For Douglas Is Appointed

Clyde S. Henninger is the man who will administer federal rent regulation in Douglas county. An announcement of his appointment as examiner for this area was announced today by Daniel D. Gage, district rent executive. Mr. Henninger began his new duties today.

Mr. Henninger's work will include the application of the OPA rent regulation to all housing rentals in Douglas county. He will assist with registration of housing which began yesterday in Room 104, Junior High building. After the registration period, he will be responsible for the permanent office to be opened in the same room with the ration board, where problems of both landlords and tenants in connection with rent control will be considered.

Well Qualified for Job

Coming to Douglas county in 1909 with his family from Nebraska, Mr. Henninger has been a resident here since, with the exception of service in the navy during World War I, from which he was discharged while in attendance at officers' training school, at the end of the war.

Two years at the University of Oregon followed grade and high school at Oakland, Mr. Henninger has been a retail merchant, stockman, farmer, and property owner in Oakland, Wilbur, Glendale and Roseburg and still owns a stock ranch near Oakland. Other properties have been sold. He now lives on one of the ranches.

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Douglas County Given \$1,540 for Fair Purposes

The state department today apportioned \$1,540 to Douglas county for county fair purposes, according to an announcement from Salem. The apportionment was made from a total of \$52,439, divided among the counties of the state. Counties not conducting fairs this year will be permitted to save the money for use after the war.

Roseburg Man Gets Half Of \$1 Million Estate

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—A million dollar estate was divided between Charles E. Miller, Roseburg, Ore., and Danforth Miller, Roxbury, Conn.

Both are sons of Mrs. Jessie D. Miller, who died Jan. 8, 1944, leaving an estate of \$1,114,021. The value of the estate was estimated in a state tax appraisal filed yesterday.

The date of Monday, June 4, was announced today as Seventh War Loan Drive day, by Archie Fries, Douglas county chairman for the Seventh War Loan. The date, the chairman reports will mark the start of a week of intensive bond selling. He is particularly urging all community and neighborhood leaders, city and town chairmen, solicitors, merchants, fraternal and patriotic organizations, and all other groups participating in the war loan campaign to intensify efforts during the week from June 4 to 11.

The state of Oregon is lagging far behind its usual pace and is lower in standings, as compared with other states, than at any comparable time in previous war bond campaigns.

Douglas county, which has consistently been one of the leading counties in the state, has sold only 27.7 per cent of its quota of series E bonds to individuals and has made only 23.2 per cent of total sales, these standings being as of May 25, Chairman Fries reports.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—Treasury officials put the spotlight on rocket projectiles today as another reason for buying extra bonds in the 7th war loan.

They said they have been told by the navy that rockets:

1. Will be produced at the rate of more than a billion dollars a year.

2. Can be fired by a single naval vessel at the rate of \$20,000 a minute.

Meantime Ted R. Gamble, war finance director, reminded large investors that today is the issue date of the four marketable issues of the war loan:

Two and one-half per cent treasury bonds of 1967-72; 21 per cent bonds of 1950-62; 14 per cent bonds of 1950; and one-year 73 per cent certificates of indebtedness.

The 14-billion dollar bond drive started May 14 and ends June 30.

Okinawa Japs Nearing End Of Resistance

GUAM, June 1.—(AP)—Organized Japanese resistance on Okinawa appeared to be ended today.

Tenth army Yanks pursued crippled, disorganized remnants of the Rising Sun's once-powerful island garrison and closed a trap on Shuri town while radio Tokyo admitted Japanese losses were "gradually increasing."

"With marines on the west and infantry on the east, the Americans cut through both flanks to isolate the Shuri key point of Japanese defenses and to drive spears on both flanks southward so swiftly the retreating Nipponese were unable to set up new defenses."

Sixth division marines completed the mop-up in Naha, former capital city of the island with a population of 66,000, smashing furiously from all directions into remaining pockets.

Only Fourth of Japs Left

Three-quarters of the original Nipponese garrison on the important Ryukyu island have been killed or captured. It appeared certain the remaining 25,000 or fewer Japanese, their line crumbling, will be unable to make a prolonged stand.

Adm. Nimitz reported today that of the original Okinawa garrison of 85,000 troops, 61,519 have been killed and 1,333 captured in

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Beheading of Baptists By Japanese Disclosed

NEW YORK, June 1.—(AP)—The American Baptist Foreign Mission society reported today that 11 Baptist missionaries and a nine-year-old boy were beheaded by the Japanese in 1943 on Panay Island in the Philippines.

The executions occurred Dec. 19 or 20, 1943, but the society said it had not received permission from the War and State department until now to make the information public.

Those put to death had fled to a mountain refuge which they named Hopewell, in order to carry on their "preaching, teaching and healing mission" after the Japanese invasion, the society said.

Stork Wins in Race With Taxicab to Hospital

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Louise Mooers, woman cab driver, was still a little shaky today after her passenger lost a harrowing race with the stork right at the hospital curb.

The doctor's car pulled up behind the taxi yesterday. He stepped inside, and shortly afterward Mrs. Mooers heard a lusty squall.

"There was nothing the matter with that baby except that it yelled like everything," she chuckled.

"It's a girl—I think," the cabbie added.

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U. S. Army Will Be Doubled for Task Of Beating Japan

Foe's Strength Exceeds That Used by Nazis on West Front, Congress Advised by Truman

WASHINGTON, June 1.—(AP)—The U. S. army in the Pacific, President Truman declared today, ultimately will be twice its present size and "bigger than our army was in Europe at its height."

In a special message to congress, reviewing the war and reiterating this country's determination to fight the Japanese conflict "to complete finish," Mr. Truman called for workers in ship repair yards to meet the suicide attacks of the Japanese and asked civilians to abstain from travel during the mass movement of troops to the Pacific.

The message said the joint chiefs of staff have decided "that our army can deliver its heaviest blows in the Pacific and win final victory most quickly with a strength which a year from now will be about 7,000,000."

Replacement Plan Stated

"By maintaining our army at this size," the president said, "we shall be able to more than double the force we now have in the Pacific and hurl against the Japanese an overseas force larger than the 3,500,000 men who united with our allies to crush the

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Chinese Prepare To Battle Fresh Japanese Drive

CHUNGKING, June 1.—(AP)—The Chinese high command announced today that Japanese troops were pushing southward along the East China sea coast in Chekiang province in a possible attempt to establish a new anti-invasion line even as they gave ground in three other sectors.

The enemy columns reached Pingyang Sunday in a 10-mile advance from Julian, the high command said.

Pingyang is 30 miles south of the port of Wenchow. It is 245 miles south of Shanghai and 125 miles northeast of recently-liberated Foochow, from which Chinese divisions are striking up the coast through Fukien province.

A collision of these forces with the fresh enemy elements appeared likely. The Chinese were pursuing withdrawing Japanese garrison units and a Chinese army spokesman said the pursuit action had reached a position 19 miles west of Slatu, near the coast 75 miles northeast of Foochow.

Inland, the Chinese announced gains in both Hunan and Kwangsi provinces.

The army spokesman said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces were intensifying their preparations for a grand general offensive and predicted that this would be launched "earlier than originally planned."

An eyewitness account by American-Chinese combat command teams in the field said that desperate Japanese ravages in the city of Yungning, the former U. S. airfield these had been retaken surprisingly intact.

TVA Authority Plan Backed by Grange Chief

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Most "anti-Columbia Valley authority propaganda" is planned by private power companies, "attempting to fool the people," Oregon Grange Master Morton Tompkins asserted here.

He declared no "genuine farm organization" has gone on record against a CVA. "The grange is supporting a CVA, knowing it will react to the development of the northwest area and will promote local autonomy," Tompkins told interviewers.

A bill by Sen. Hugh Mitchell (D-Wash.) setting up a CVA has been studied by the grange and contains "many good things which we endorse," he said.

Storage Plant Damaged By Explosion and Fire

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Fire Investigator Norman Howard placed damage at \$50,000 to a Northwestern Ice & Cold Storage company plant here, which started with an explosion yesterday in the refrigeration unit.

Although produce was saved, damaged machinery will delay ice manufacture, said the company secretary.

Jap Industrial Center Target Of Superforts

Raiders Encounter Only Light Resistance; Tokyo Admits Heavy Fire Toll

GUAM, June 1.—(AP)—Great waves of Superforts lighted fires in the manufacturing center of Osaka today that sent smoke billowing 27,000 feet above Japan's most highly industrialized city, and simultaneously the 21st bomber command announced a similar raid Tuesday burned out 6.9 square miles of Yokohama.

"The principal portion of Yokohama is virtually destroyed," B-29 headquarters announced, as returning crews indicated they had left Osaka in the same condition today.

Eighty six square miles of urban industrial areas of Japanese cities are now known to have been destroyed or heavily damaged by Superfort incendiary attacks.

Today's 600-plane raid matched previous top strength fire strikes with more than 450 fighter-escorted Superforts unleashing 3,200 tons of incendiaries in their second flaming attack on Osaka.

Semi-official Japanese broadcasts admitted flames started throughout the manufacturing center of Osaka were only "gradually being brought under control."

Smoke over Osaka was so dense that many returning aircraft reported they couldn't see the flames.

Jap Opposition Weak

Only light fighter opposition was reported, including antiquated planes, probably because an escort of about 150 Mustangs from Iwo Jima swept in ahead of the first wave of B-29s. The few interceptors were so unaggressive that one American gunner described the raid—the second mass

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Snell Blames Blunders For Shortage of Meat

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—The current meat shortage was caused by the mishandling of livestock production and marketing regulations, Governor Snell said today in a radio address.

"It is unfortunate indeed that livestock production and marketing regulations have been so badly mishandled with the resultant meat shortage," he said.

"Protests have been made but without results."

Governor Snell said Oregon's "food production has been both magnified and unusual."

"Regulations have not always been wise. Some have seemed to be discriminatory, and some seem to have been made without knowledge or understanding of agricultural industry problems. Yet certain wartime regulations seemed timely and in order."

Closing Decision Left To Individual Markets

PORTLAND, June 1.—(AP)—Individual merchants will decide whether to close their doors one or more days weekly because of meat scarcity, the Independent Retail Meat Dealers' association voted last night.

Some speakers said shops should stay open because of an obligation to customers. Association President M. H. Wolf said about one-fourth of the area's shops now close one day.

The meat dealers endorsed a request to the War Food administration and OPA for a "point holiday" on lamb during heavy marketing.

Rep. Earl Hill Renamed To State Fish Board

SALEM, Ore., June 1.—(AP)—State Rep. Earl Hill, Cushman, Lane county, was reappointed by Governor Snell today to the state fish commission for a four-year term, beginning today.

Hill originally was appointed last January to succeed the late L. A. Cutlip, North Bend.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. P. Hulse

It appears that the big powers favor the fullest protection for smaller nations, like Syria, Lebanon and Iran, for example,—if they do not contain oil.