

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

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British Open New Offensive in Libya In Attempt to Divert Axis Attention And Create Second Front for Russia; Demand for Strike Legislation Grows

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BRITISH: Second Front

British tank units armed with U. S. military supplies opened what London termed a "second front" against the Axis powers when they opened a smashing drive into Libya in North Africa.

Berlin sources denied London's claims that (1) the attack was a surprise and (2) that it really amounted to a second front. Berlin said that what Russia had been hoping for was not a drive in Africa but a campaign on the continent of Europe so that Nazi forces would have to be diverted from their efforts against Leningrad, Moscow and the southern Russian fronts.

But Britain's campaign in Libya did take most world capitals by surprise and first reports indicated that 750,000 British troops aided by the R.A.F. had started their attempt to drive all Italian and German forces from North Africa.

First objective was the relieving of the besieged British forces at Tobruk, Libya. Here a British garrison had been holding out against the Nazis and Italians since mid-April.

STRIKE: 'Unsound Premise'?

The breakdown of negotiations between President Roosevelt and John L. Lewis over the "captive coal mine" strike had been followed by the actual walkout of some 53,000 miners, an immediate loss to the involved steel companies of close to a million tons of coal.

The walkout had come to cap a previous climax reached when the house was considering the neutrality act. This found the members openly deserting the administration, feeling that the President was too lax on labor, and was letting Lewis dictate to the White House.

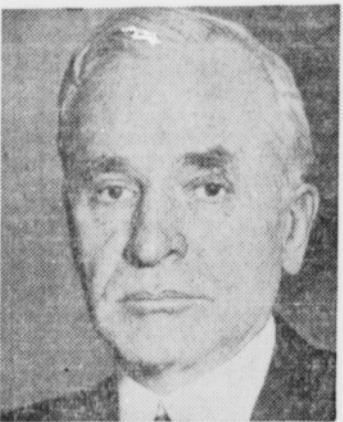
The President, who long had kept thumbs down on anti-strike legislation, had stood his ground although the pressure on him to give way to

JAPAN: Carrying the Ball?

Treading gingerly, much as a novice would attempt to walk barefooted over a Hindu fakir's bed of spikes, were Secretary Hull and Saburo Kurusu as they had started their conversations looking to a better understanding between America and Japan—or a better misunderstanding.

Kurusu, using a familiar autumnal term in the United States, had said that he was carrying the ball for Japan, and that he hoped to make a touchdown.

But neither he nor Hull were setting any speed records in their broken-field running. Early stages of



CORDELL HULL
Mr. Kurusu 'carried the ball.'

the talks were "exploratory," both said, and if there was anything sinister about the affair it came from Kurusu, who asked reporters, "Why are Americans so war-minded?" This brought a smile to the correspondents who were thinking in terms of Japan's record as opposed to that of the United States.

After the first conversation with Hull, the Japanese envoy was asked, "Still think you'll make that touchdown?" He answered gravely, "I don't know."

RUSSIA: Offensive

The Red army had taken the offensive in the northern and central sectors, but on the south was losing an important battle to preserve connection with the Caucasian oilfields, vital to her armed forces.

The Nazi invasion force in the Crimea had taken Kerch, last port on the eastern tip of the Crimean peninsula, and only a two-mile strait separated her troops from a foothold on the Caucasus itself.

Yet it was to be a difficult foothold to gain, and even more difficult to hold, military observers agreed, especially a hard point with which to establish lines of communication and supply.

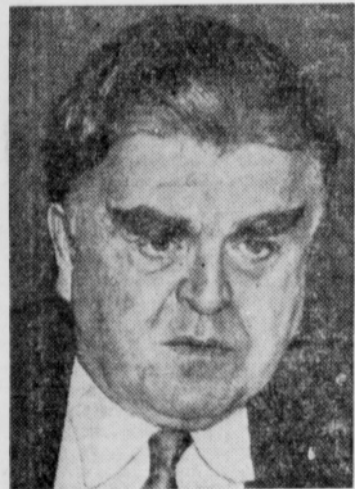
Unusual reports were coming from Moscow, once more supplanting Kuibyshev in the datelines of dispatches, including stories of Germans on the retreat in one sector so rapidly that they fled through the snow in their underwear, leaving their uniforms behind.

Also the unpreparedness of the Nazis for winter warfare was described as most desperate, and it was recounted that prisoners had been taken wearing women's fur coats.

A Daniel Brigham dispatch to the Times from Bern stated that one Red outfit finally had been equipped entirely with automatic rifles (whether Garands or not could not be learned) and that in the Kalinin district this organization had dealt a crushing blow to the Nazis.

London had reported an effort on the part of the Germans with heavy mechanized forces to cut the railway line between Rostov and Moscow, and that the air force also was heavily involved.

The Red air force, on the other hand, was reportedly filling itself out with British and American planes, and was rapidly meeting the numerical superiority of the Germans.



JOHN L. LEWIS
Was his premise unsound?

the popular congressional demand for such a law became terrific.

He made strong statements on the issue, charging Lewis with an unsound premise in demanding a closed shop for the miners in captive pits simply because the Appalachian agreement in the coal industry had given the closed shop in commercial mines.

There had been evidence that the strike which began in the steel-owned mines would spread to commercial mines as well, on a "sympathy" basis.

The expected stories of violence and disorder appeared, but still there had been no immediate move to call out the troops, the only such maneuver being the mobilization of two companies of the Alabama home guard.

There also had been threats of sympathy strikes in steel plants, but one of these was called off on the plea of members of the United Mine Workers themselves, who urged the steel employees to stay on their jobs until the mine strike was settled.

REPERCUSSIONS: From Walkout

The expected aftermath of the actual strike, particularly in view of what had gone before in the way of pleas from the President and refusals from Lewis, was widespread excitement concerning the labor situation, particularly as strikes were threatening which would involve thousands of other workers in vital industries.

A railroad strike, which would call out 1,200,000 workers, for instance, was impending and mediation was having tough going.

Also there was a threat of a strike of the long distance telephone employees, and it required little imagination to conceive of how disastrous that would be to defense work.

To it all the President said, in his message to the C.I.O. convention which backed up his foreign policy:

"We need guns, tanks, planes and ships and we must produce guns, tanks, planes and ships without delay and without interruption . . ."

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NAZI INTRUDER

There is a German smuggler operating in the Caribbean off the coast of Mexico.

This was the inside reason for the President's sudden transfer of the entire coast guard to the navy—the coast guard's ships and planes are needed to track down the Nazi intruder.

Sensational feature about the smuggler is that she is a former U. S. vessel—the 800-ton Diesel-engine yacht that once belonged to A. Atwater Kent, Philadelphia radio magnate.

The one-time pleasure ship now is being operated under the Panamanian flag out of Vera Cruz, Mexico, by Nazi agents in that city, and is being used to transport high test gasoline and mercury to small Caribbean islands where Japanese ships collect the smuggled strategic supplies.

The yacht recently unloaded 1,000 flasks of mercury at an island which for military reasons must be nameless.

The former luxury craft came into possession of the Nazis by a circuitous route which intelligence experts uncovered only a few weeks ago. The purchase was made by a shipping company whose main office is in Vera Cruz and has a branch office in New Orleans, where transfer of title took place. The price was \$18,000.

Fortunately for intelligence the payment was made in U. S. bills of \$1,000 denomination. From the serial numbers, the bills were traced back to a Vera Cruz bank. There it was learned the money had been withdrawn from the account of the leading Nazi business house in Mexico, and turned over to the shipping company that bought the yacht.

Subsequent investigation revealed that all the stockholders of this company were Germans; also that the two top officers were Spaniards, one a naturalized Mexican and the other a naturalized American citizen.

Now, every movement of the yacht is watched, but there is nothing the United States can do about the ship unless she enters American waters. So far the vessel has been very careful to stay within Mexican territorial waters.

LEND-LEASE MILK EXPERT

The most novel type of lend-lease operation thus far was the lending of a man named Adolph Eichhorn went over to help the British against Adolf Hitler.

The British are suffering from insufficient production of milk, because of diseased cattle, and Eichhorn is the man who knows all the cow cures. He is director of the animal disease station under the department of agriculture.

Three principal diseases afflict British cattle: tuberculosis, which makes the cattle lean; Bang's disease, which results in the loss of the calf; and mastitis.

Eichhorn was obliged to tell the British that tuberculosis, which afflicts 35 per cent of British cattle, cannot be cured during the course of the war, unless the war lasts for another generation. It took the United States 22 years to get the disease under control.

Bang's disease is more readily cured. By vaccination, a calf can be immunized so that its adult life will not be afflicted with the disease.

Meantime, the British are importing great quantities of dry and powdered milk from the United States. Fresh milk is worth a king's ransom.

RETURNED FAVOR

When Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts was elected Democratic floor leader of the house, one of his strongest and most unexpected supporters was Georgia's fiery New Deal-hating Gene Cox.

Though the two men were poles apart on economic views, Cox nevertheless backed McCormack and did yeoman work for him.

Recently McCormack returned the favor. Before leaving on a trip to Massachusetts, McCormack named Cox floor leader during his absence.

"There's one condition, however, Gene," he grinned. "You'll have to refrain from those hot one-minute speeches on the floor. I don't want my stand-in taking swings at the administration. It would look bad."

McCormack wished the Georgian luck and left the chamber. Hardly had he departed when Cox jumped up and asked permission to address the house for one minute. New Dealers held their breath, expecting him to uncork one of his scorching blasts.

But they relaxed with a sigh of relief when Cox launched into a terrific tirade against John L. Lewis.

CAPITAL CHAFF

Capt. Jules James, commandant of the U. S. naval base at Bermuda, is a nephew of Secretary of War Stimson.

White House has received a barrage of letters and telegrams urging Maury Maverick as ambassador to Mexico.

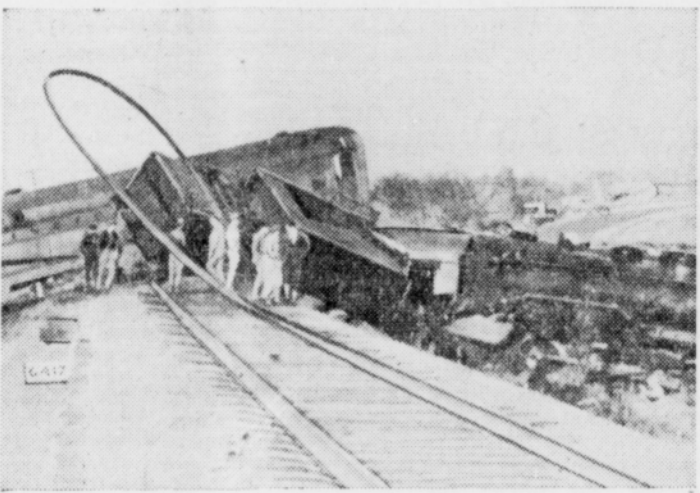
Madame Maxim Litvinov was born Ivy Low, daughter of British historian Sidney Low, and niece of Sir A. Maurice Low, who was Washington correspondent of London's Morning Post.

Scene of Violence in Coal Strike



Pickets at the Red Lion mine, one of the "rebellious" spots in western Pennsylvania's captive coal strike are routed by state motor police after the pickets had earlier stoned cars and blocked a public highway for two hours. Above photo shows a picket arguing vainly with a trooper. This particular incident was closed without personal injury.

Crash of Streamliner in Texas



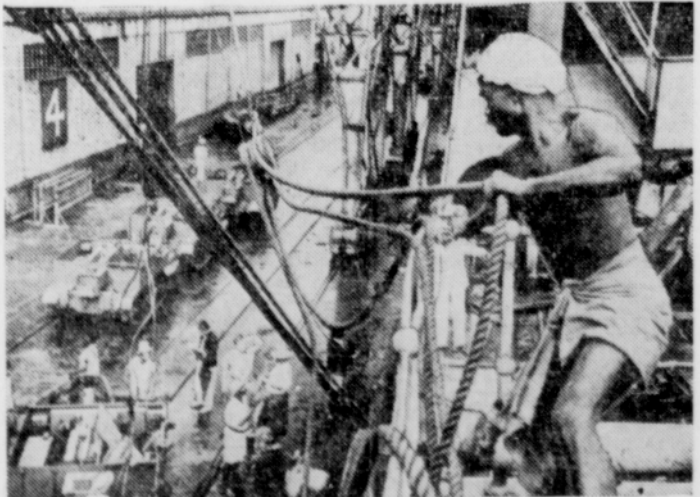
This photo shows the wrecked locomotive, tender and car of the streamlined railroad train that struck a truck near Dallas, Texas. Note the rail twisted and uprooted 30 feet in the air by the impact. Two were killed as a result of the accident.

As Neutrality Act Was Revised



Revision of the neutrality act in the house was one of the hardest fought battles to come before that body in years. These photos, taken on the day the bill was repealed, show (top), left to right, Speaker Sam Rayburn and Majority Leader John McCormack, examining letter from President Roosevelt declaring that a vote by the house against repeal would "cause rejoicing in the Axis countries." Below: left to right, Rep. James P. Richards (S. C.) floor leader for the Democratic opposition, congratulates Rep. Sol Bloom (N. Y.), leader of fight for passage.

Strengthening Burma's Defenses



A Burmese longshoreman, clad only in breechcloth, aids in unloading Bren gun carriers from a British freighter at Rangoon. Burma is very much in the spotlight as the gateway through which passes British and American supplies to keep the Chinese fighting. One of Japan's threats was that she would cut the Burma road.

British Chief



Gen. Sir Alan Brooke (above), has been named chief of the British imperial staff. An expert on mechanical warfare, he earned fame as head of Britain's "anti-invasion" home forces, which he brought to a high level of efficiency.

Time Out



Attending C.I.O. convention in Detroit, Philip Murray, C.I.O. president, (right) found time to tour Ford Motor company plant and lunch with Harry Bennett, Ford official.

Enrolls in Red Cross



Miss Adelaide Whitehouse, of Washington, D. C., enrolls the President in the American Red Cross as its annual membership drive begins. Miss Whitehouse wears the new volunteer uniform. She is assistant director of volunteer services of the national organization. Photo shows the President receiving his membership button.

Chilean Resigns



President Pedro Aguirre Cerda, popular front head of the Chilean government for three years, who resigned in favor of Geronimo Mendez, head of the radical party.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Often a coat of paint is saved by first washing the walls before repainting them. This removes the soil and stains and assures a better job and takes less paint.

When pressing men's suits always press over a damp cloth.

It takes less sugar for stewed apples if sugar is added after cooking.

Crocheted bedspreads can be washed, but they should be carefully spread out on a clean sheet to dry and not hung on a line.

Keep in mind that rubber darkens silverware, so never let anything with rubber on it remain in the silver drawers. Use cord or ribbon to hold silver together in its case—never fasten with rubber bands.

Leftover mashed potatoes can be fashioned into small cakes and used for holding creamed foods, shaped into flat cakes and browned, or then can be used for covering meat, fish or vegetable "pies."

If food burns in a pan, shake a generous amount of soda into it, fill with cold water and let stand on back of stove until pan can be easily cleaned.

A teaspoon of baking powder in the water in which meat and vegetables are cooked will help make them tender.

What to give the men in Uncle Sam's services for Christmas is already solved for you by surveys made in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard. Cigarettes and smoking tobacco head the list of gifts the men want most. This naturally places Camel Cigarettes and Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco in the forefront, since actual sales records from the service men's stores, afloat and ashore, show the favorite cigarette is Camel, and the big favorite among smoking tobaccos is Prince Albert, the National Joy Smoke. Dealers are already featuring "Send him a carton of Camels" or a "Pound tin of Prince Albert" for Christmas.—Adv.

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