

50,000 Planes Goal Says FR

Asks More Than Billion
Additional Defense
Funds for 1941

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\$728,000,000 army expansion bill, to authorize the acquisition of anti-aircraft equipment and ammunition, expedite the manufacture of munitions, modernize combat planes, train 15,000 new troops, and improve the defenses of the Panama canal.

The senate, seeking to speed action on the president's program, adopted unanimously a resolution calling for the return from a joint conference committee of the \$963,797,000 navy appropriation bill in order that the additional navy funds might be written into that measure. Such procedure would make it unnecessary to introduce new appropriations legislation.

"Surely," said the president, measuring his words and delivering them with marked deliberation, "the developments of the last few weeks have made it clear to all of our citizens that the possibility of attack on vital American zones ought to make it essential that we have the physical, the ready ability to meet those attacks and to prevent them from reaching their objective."

"This means military implements—not on paper—which are ready and available to meet any lightning offensive against our American interest. It means also that facilities for production must be ready to turn out munitions and equipment at top speed."

Lesson of Unready Nations Is Cited

"We have had the lesson before us over and over again—nations that were not ready and were unable to get ready found themselves overrun by the enemy. So-called impregnable fortifications no longer exist. A defense which allows an enemy to consolidate his approach without hindrance will lose. A defense which makes no effective effort to destroy the lines of supplies and communications of the enemy will lose."

"An effective defense by its very nature requires the equipment to attack an aggressor on his route before he can establish strong bases within the territory of American vital interests."

For the rest, Mr. Roosevelt proposed:

An immediate appropriation of \$896,000,000 for the army, navy and marine corps, including \$100,000,000 to be appropriated to himself to provide for emergencies affecting national defense.

Authority to enter into contract obligations which eventually will call for an additional \$286,000,000 appropriation.

Hemisphere United, President Asserts

In addition he:

(1) Asserted that all the nations of the western hemisphere stand united against any "invasion or control or domination by non-American nations."

(2) Denied with emphasis that billions spent on defense in the last few years had been "wasted," as was charged in the senate yesterday.

(3) Asserted the army and navy were at the peak of their peacetime strength, but that "no old defense is so strong that it requires no further strengthening."

(4) Emphasized his previously stated view that the speed of attack from the air has changed America's protective oceans to a point at which "no attack is so unlikely or impossible that it may be ignored."

(5) Declared that "congress and the chief executive constitute a team where the defense of the land is concerned."

(6) Asked that nothing be done to impede the sale and delivery of American-made planes to belligerents, because foreign orders were providing the increased and vital productive capacity which he thought the nation should have.

(7) Pledged himself to call congress into special session "if at any time the situation of the national defense requires it."

Pilot, two Cameramen Die as Planes Tangle



Blinded momentarily by the sun, pilots of two private planes tangled their craft in midair above the Vulture Aircraft field near Downey, Calif., May 9, resulting in the death of one pilot and two photographers in his plane. Burned beyond recognition were Cameramen M. G. McCarrall and Marshall Combs. Pilot Walter Quinton. Photo shows tangled wreckage of Quinton's craft strewn about the field—H.N. photo.

Ambulance Corps In France Okeh

Reported Returning to
Paris; Meuse-Argonne
Cemetery Bombed

By ROY P. PORTER

PARIS, May 16.—(P)—Miss Anne Morgan, 66-year-old sister of J. P. Morgan, unscathed by heavy German air attacks which forced her and her co-workers in the Friends of France committee to suspend their aid to war-stricken civilians, was reported tonight on her way back to Paris.

Miss Morgan reported to Paris by telephone that neither she nor any of her unit was hurt, despite being under fire, but that one ambulance of the American volunteers organization cooperating with her service had been captured by the Germans with its wounded occupants.

Louis Wehrley, of Berne, Indiana, the driver, escaped. Another American ambulance driver, Lawrence A. Jump, of Nantucket, Mass., who was attached to the French army, was reported missing after his vehicle had been shelled by German artillery.

Miss Morgan's committee advised its Paris headquarters that the unit had been bombed repeatedly while removing civilians from the northern French Erdennes department.

Its 10 ambulances and 20 automobiles were forced to take cover in woods to escape Nazi attacks, she said, and returned to a village in the Aisne department where the planes made it impossible for them to continue their work.

The battle monuments commission supervising American world war cemeteries in France, meanwhile, ordered its civilian personnel to leave areas threatened by German bombings.

Officials said Americans and their families who reside in the cemetery grounds as caretakers are being brought to Paris for safety. (Three lines censored here.)

French officials said the American Meuse-Argonne cemetery at Romagne was bombed yesterday. American authorities said they had no information about it.

The cemetery, the largest American world war cemetery in Europe, covers 126 acres and has nearly 15,000 graves. (In the closing weeks of the world war the American army battled northward through the Meuse-Argonne sector, near the present Sedan battlezone, and suffered its heaviest casualties.)

Norwegians Given Orders to Enlist

LONDON, May 17.—(Friday)—(P)—All Norwegians abroad between the ages of 21 and 45 have been ordered by official proclamation to register for military service, Reuters.

British news agency, was informed today by the Norwegian telegraph agency, Stockholm.

Men in Norway between the ages of 21 and 25 were instructed to proceed to northern districts for immediate service.

In One Ear ...

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one of the seven emergency exits of the theatre.

POPULAR SONG
(Revised version.)
In an old Dutch mill
By an old Dutch mill
The shrapnel bursts
And the shell shrieks shrill.

We feel pretty sad about Shirley Temple retiring. We imagine Darryl Zanuck in a little and too, Shirley, we suppose, is sad, but then she'll have her memories and when she's an old lady of seventeen she can look back through her tears and recall the days when she was the toast of a nation and the gold mine of Twentieth Century-Fox.

That gaudy hoyden, Commercial street, has lately been decked out by the highway department in a new and more attractive manner, especially fashionable this year. State street, conservative and modest, sticks to its plain old grey and finds stripes an abomination.

Happy Election Day, Candidates.

Revision of WPA Policy Demanded

Present Setup Is Ruinous
Says Woodrum; Would
Seek Efficiency

WASHINGTON, May 16.—(P)—Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.), a leader of the bogged-down congressional economy drive, told the house today that the present federal relief program would lead to "national economic disaster" and should be replaced by a system he outlined.

The Virginian spoke in debate on the president's request for a \$975,650,000 WPA appropriation, to be spent in the first eight months of the next fiscal year if the chief executive deems necessary.

Earlier, Rep. Cannon (D-Mo), floor manager of the bill to provide the appropriation, declared world and domestic conditions were so unsettled that the government must abandon previous plans to slash relief appropriations.

Policy Criticized

"Under our present schedule of \$1,500,000,000 (a year)," Cannon said, "we are employing 2,000,000 men. If we curtail the program, we can employ only 1,300,000 men. In other words, we should have to drop 700,000 workers in America."

Woodrum and Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.) ripped into the administration plan. The latter said it provided "the worst kind of a dole."

As a substitute, Woodrum proposed "drastic revamping" of WPA, withdrawal of WPA from heavy construction, use of half of the relief appropriation for public works to be built under contracts at prevailing wage rates, enlistment of employers in a movement to find jobs for the unemployed, and adoption by the government of a "more conciliatory" attitude toward business.

The relief bill is expected to reach a vote in the house next week.

Oregon Dictators Will Speak Today

Polls Will Be Open From
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in
State Primaries

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own Senator Charles L. McNary alone on the republican ticket.

Neither party has a ballot candidate for vice-president. A write-in contest has been waged in democratic ranks, however, on behalf of Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin and Louis F. Johnson, assistant secretary of war.

A new angle was injected late yesterday into the four-way battle for election as republican national committeeman when Ralph E. Williams, who has held that post for many years, died suddenly. His successor, to be named today from among Ralph H. Calk, Arthur M. Geary, Milton R. Klepper and Turlow McNary Wood, probably will present his credentials for acceptance by the national committee at once.

Fights have been waged for national committeeman and committeewoman positions in both major parties.

Republicans Have Only Congress Race

Republicans alone will mark a choice for congressman in the first Oregon district, with Representative James W. Mott of Salem and Kenneth Brown of Gervais the candidates. Colonel C. A. Robertson of West Salem, is unopposed for the democratic nomination.

The spirited state treasury race will be the only contest on either democratic or republican ballots for a state office. Each party has but one candidate for attorney general and the two supreme court judges whose terms expire this year have no opposition.

With no judiciary contests before local voters, there will be but the party ballot, the non-partisan ballot for county school superintendent and, in cities where local officials are being elected, the municipal ballot, to mark Agnes C. Booth, present county superintendent in Marion county, and H. F. Durham, retired Parrish junior high school principal, are the only candidates for Mrs. Booth's office.

Seeking Preferment

Any unexpected turnout of voters to the polls in Marion county will doubtless be attributed to the warm competition which has developed for most of the republican nominations and for the single democratic contest, for county judge. The republicans have 10 candidates for the four legislative seats, five for county judge, seven for commissioner, four for sheriff, three for clerk, three for treasurer and two each for surveyor, recorder and coroner. Kenneth Bayne and E. G. Neal are waging the lone democratic judgeship contest.

The Salem vote today, representing a possible 17,077 of the county registration total, will also reflect interest in the races for five city-wide offices and nine council seats.

Plan Relief Work

SILVERTON—Rev. J. M. Jensen, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran church, has called a committee meeting for Friday night at the church social rooms, to work out some plans to contribute to Norwegian relief. Serving on the committee with Rev. Jensen are Edwin Overlund, H. B. Jorgenson and Elmer Johnson.

R. E. Williams Dies Suddenly

Tribute Paid to Veteran
by Republican Heads
of State, Nation

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Washington Hamilton said: "Mr. Williams' death distressed every member of the republican national committee. To me his passing is a very real and personal loss. . . . His passing at this time is a substantial loss to our committee and our party."

The selection of Ralph E. Williams as national committeeman from Oregon in 1938 provided the republican party with an enduring balance wheel.

Thirty years later he boasted a record of continuous service unparalleled in the history of either the republican or democratic organization.

He returned as committeeman regularly every four years. After 1934 the office was placed on the primary election ballot in his state. He adhered religiously to party policies and principles, and claimed never to have supported a candidate for the presidential nomination prior to the party convention.

Williams was born September 14, 1869, in Polk county, Oregon, where his grandfather had settled after crossing the plains with his wife and 10 children from Tennessee in 1845. His parents were J. J. and Alice Eckersley Williams.

Was President of Dallas City Bank

He attended school in Polk county, graduating from LaCrosse college of Dallas, Ore. As a young man he was employed in the Dallas City bank, of which he later became president. He moved to Portland in 1911 where he continued to look after his banking and ranching interests.

He married Grace Noyes December 3, 1911. Two children were born to them, Ralph E. and Harriet E. Williams.

Williams sprang from a long line of southern democrats, parting from his family's traditional political affiliation in 1893 over the gold standard issue.

He became vice-chairman of republican national committee in 1921, and was on the executive committee from 1912 onward. He was in charge of arrangements for the national conventions of 1924 and 1936, and was mentioned as successor to Dr. Hubert Work as national chairman in 1930.

Commenting upon the unexpected death of Ralph E. Williams, republican national committeeman for Oregon, Governor Charles A. Sprague said Thursday night:

"The republican party of the state and nation has lost a far-sighted and loyal leader and the state of Oregon has lost one of its distinguished native sons. I am shocked and grieved to learn of his passing."

Blitz-Troops May Dash for Rumania

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government would consider the possibility of sending a vessel to the west coast of Ireland for use of Americans desiring to return to the United States. There were 700 Americans in the United Kingdom on January 1, the latest date for which the state department has statistics.

NEW YORK, May 17.—(P)—A British news broadcast said today that Rumania had decided to cancel all army leaves was heard this morning by NBC.

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Situation Said Under Control

Premier Quits Alarmed
Nation; Says Gap
Being Closed

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ing 98 allied aircraft Wednesday while losing only 18.

Premier Mussolini received a personal message from President Roosevelt in an apparent new effort to keep Italy out of the war. Washington said it was "in the interests of peace" but Rome said nothing.

Britain precipitately placed some 3000 enemy aliens in "protective custody" in a drive to stifle any "fifth column" threat. Male Germans between 16 and 60, heretofore under surveillance but not detained, were included.

The British ministry of home security warned of the risk that "enemy parachutists may attempt to land in this country" and urged motorists to keep their cars out of German hands.

Switzerland and Germany closed their border frontier from Basel to Lake Constance. Swiss anti-aircraft guns hit a German bomber over Swiss territory.

Contact Camp Is Set for Weekend

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structor, includes adjutant, Captain E. R. Austin, 352nd Infantry, assisted by Lieutenant G. S. McKenzie, 10th Field artillery, and Lieutenant G. W. Bagnall, 32nd Field artillery; public relations, Major Van Svarverud, 62nd Coast artillery, assisted by Lieutenant Dwight Lear, 421st Quartermaster corps, and Lieutenant V. Thomas, 32nd Field artillery; operations officer, Major G. Spaur, 29th engineers, assisted by Lieutenant H. E. Allen, 352nd Infantry, Lieutenant H. L. Collet, 352nd Infantry, and Lieutenant H. A. Thomas, 32nd Field artillery; supply officer, Captain R. B. Taylor, 352nd Infantry, assisted by Lieutenant J. H. Bagley, 29th engineers, and Lieutenant L. R. Shields, 421st Quartermaster corps.

Fourteen of City Posts Contested

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member of the council, faces opposition of Charles Claggett in ward four, and in ward five, Ross Goodman, another council veteran, faces Robert A. Forkner, Hollywood real estate dealer.

Three men, D. O. Lear, incumbent, Tom Armstrong and Dr. C. Ward Davis, are after the council job for ward six.

Ward seven also has two posts open, C. F. French, incumbent, seeking the four-year spot against Dr. Armin E. Berger, and Bert T. Ford, appointed to the council this year, running against Mike Panek for the two-year job.

War Crisis Near On French Front

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gian village of Ligny. Somewhere near Ligny, French and British lines in Belgium meet. Guns roaring in that section are waking long ago echoes on the nearby battle fields of Waterloo and Quatre Bras.

The junction point of allied armies is the weak link in any such front. Despite Franco-British agreements to fight it out with Germany under unified supreme command, differences in equipment, staff and supply systems of the two armies still exist. They enhance immeasurably the hazards of faulty staff work, of confusion and misunderstandings at the junction point.

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