

British Sea Strength Remains Best Guarantee Against Any Disaster at Home or Abroad

War Analyst Sees Inevitable Test of German Air and English Sea Power Determining Final War Outcome

Special to The Statesman

Half a million empire troops garrisoning far flung British defenses in the middle east afforded Prime Minister Churchill solid ground for pledging to parliament that there would be no further retreat there, but it is at sea that Britain still has her best guarantee against disaster at home or abroad.

Draft Group Ages Revealed

Majority Inducted in Army Under 25; Men Over 30 "Headache"

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Youths 18, 19 and 20 years old, permitted by law to volunteer for military training under the selective service act, form 3.02 per cent of the total. The lowest compulsory service age, 21, yielded 9.47 per cent; 22 yielded the largest group, 15.55 per cent; 23 was 14.18 per cent; 24 was 11.45 per cent and 25 was 9.315 per cent.

At the rate of about 1 per cent per year of age, the proportions of men then inducted dropped to the point where the total included only 2.73 per cent of men 31 years old, 2.35 who were 32; 2.04 who were 33; 1.69 who were 34; 1.49 who were 35 and 0.75 who were 36.

One authority commented that the figures proved that "about 10 per cent of our men and 90 per cent of our headaches" come from those over 30 years old.

Strike Faced By Auto Firm

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tracts, employers said, in 11 bay area plants.

In Washington, DC, Chairman Truman (D-Mo) said the special senate committee investigating national defense had requested all information on strikes delaying defense production. He mentioned the machinists strike here, "There is no time in this emergency for employers and employees to engage in interminable bickering," he declared.

The unions demanded \$1.15 an hour; the employers offered \$1.12. The present scale is \$1. Currently the plants are paying double for overtime, but want to cut this to time and a half, a reduction the unions are resisting.

Sprague Tells Review Jaunt

Troops of the 41st division, Oregon national guard, on review at Fort Lewis, Wash., Friday, received the plaudits and admiration of many thousands of persons representing all sections of the northwest, Governor Charles A. Sprague declared here Saturday.

The governor occupied a seat in the reviewing stand along with many high army officials. Major General George A. White is in command.

Interim Group Senators Will Be Announced

Names of state senators who will serve as members of the 1941 legislative interim committees will be announced probably not later than next Wednesday, Dean Walker, Folk county, president of the state senate, announced here Saturday.

Governor Charles A. Sprague, at the same time, will announce eight members of the industrial committee. The latter committee will be composed of 18 members, five of whom already have been appointed by Robert S. Farrell, jr., Portland, speaker of the house of representatives. President Walker also will appoint five members of this committee.

The industrial committee will conduct a study of the tax structures of the several northwest states, including Oregon, and methods for attracting new industries to this state.

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Congress Stays Asserts McNary

Anti-Convoy Bill Is Doomed; Recess Said out Because of War

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be navy or coast guardsmen—would be sent into the war zone.

The testimony made public by the senate committee did not elaborate on the possible use of ships under their regular crews.

It was understood, however, that some Danish seamen had volunteered to sail in American trade. The American guards presumably would be aboard such ships to assure that they were not sailed to axis ports.

Land's testimony was given in asking the committee not to restrict use of the ships but to grant authority for their employment "where we think best in the interests of national defense."

Some senators have talked of writing into the bill a restriction against transfer of any seized ships to Great Britain.

The split among opponents of convoys over whether an attempt should be made to attach the Tobey resolution to the ships bill was widespread.

Meanwhile, it became increasingly apparent that administration leaders desired to put off any test on the issue until after President Roosevelt speaks Wednesday night.

Many administration supporters thought the president would make his views on the convoy question much clearer in that speech to be delivered before the heads of Latin-American missions.

WASHINGTON, May 10-(AP)—President Roosevelt's designation of 60 emergency ships being built here for England as "ugly ducklings" drew a protest Saturday from Admiral E. S. Land, maritime commission chairman.

"We call them 'dimpled darlings,'" the admiral told the senate commerce committee but conceded that congress might call them "emergency ships."

Sprague Says "No Session"

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was backed for the position by a group of Albany attorneys Saturday. And from Marshfield came State Sen. William Walsh, urging the appointment of Circuit Judge James T. Brand, "to give southern Oregon representation."

Suggested also, it is understood, are at least two eastern Oregon circuit judges, Carl Hendricks, of Fossil, and Arthur D. Hay, of Lakeview. Appointment of a new justice from eastern Oregon would be no surprise, since Judge Bean came to the high bench from that side of the Cascades—Pendleton.

Enlarging on his declaration against a special legislative session, Gov. Sprague added: "If the legislature met just to pass a law suitable to Multnomah county, what would it do to the other 35 counties?"

The cry for a special session, voiced by Speaker Robert S. Farrell, jr., of the house of representatives, and others, arises as a result of a recent state tax commission announcement that county assessors would be expected to comply with the provision of the statutes that says property assessments shall be made "in equal and ratable proportion."

In the case of Multnomah county, it has been a long-standing practice of the assessor to vary assessment rates as between business and residential property. It is now claimed in Portland that strict compliance with the law, as asked by the commission, would necessitate increasing assessed valuations on residences.

The governor did not say there would be no special session before 1943 but, rather, that if one were called, it would be one required by an emergency such as national defense needs for the new legislation.

Uclans, Bevos In Close Race

CORVALLIS, Ore., May 10-(AP)—A fast stretch spurt gave the University of California at Los Angeles crew a half-length victory over Oregon State college here today.

Oregon State led by several lengths at the halfway point, but UCLA stepped up the stroke to 36 while the Staters continued at 32. It was the Staters' second defeat in six races this year.

An Oregon State Jayvee crew won by several lengths.

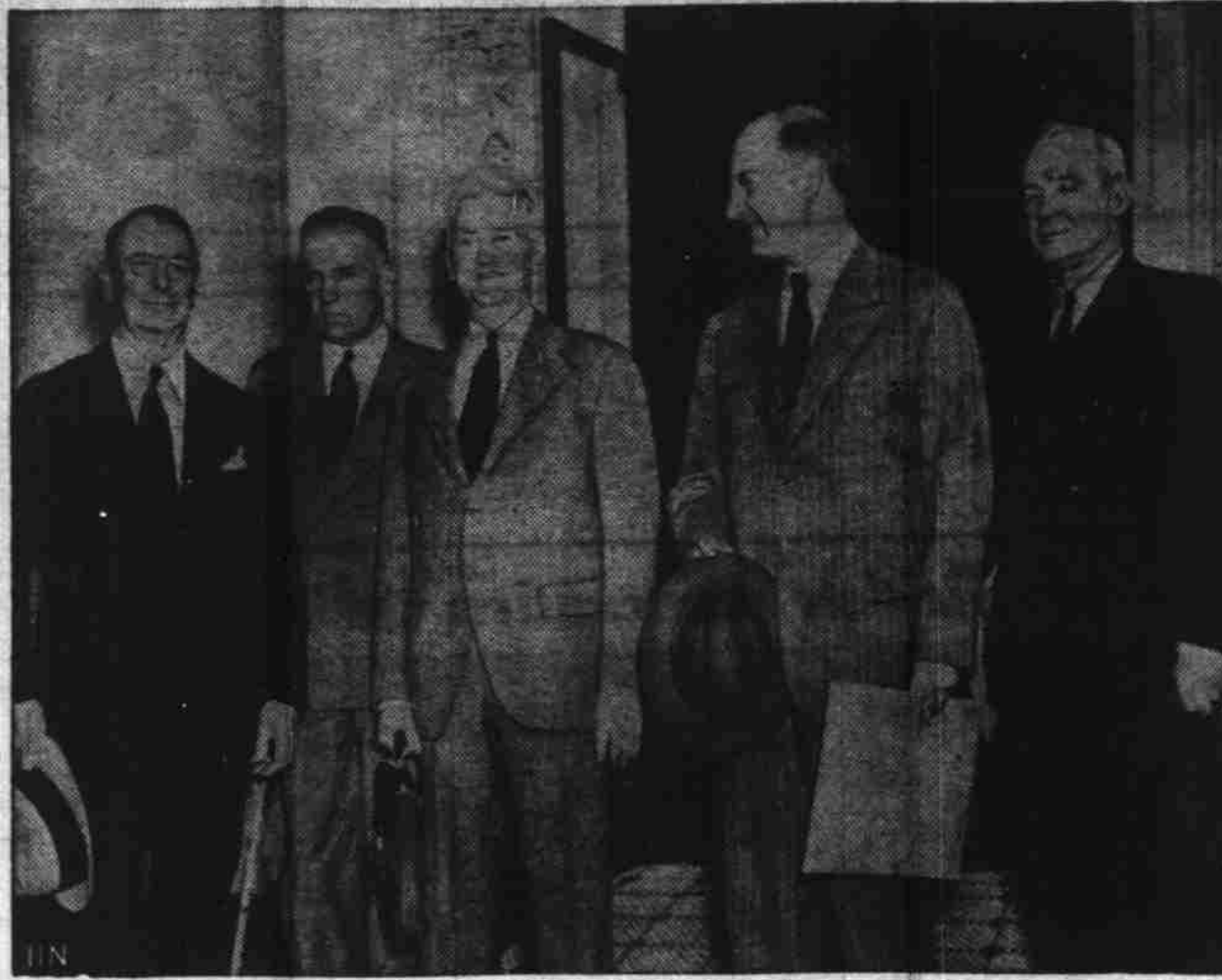
To Report Land Probe

Results of investigations of state lands completed recently by State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott and Lewis Griffith, secretary of the state land board, will be made known at a meeting of the board here Wednesday. Scott and Griffith recently returned to Salem after an inspection trip in southeastern Oregon.

State Librarian Better

Condition of Miss Harriett Long, state librarian, was reported as improved Saturday night at the Salem General hospital, where she is ill.

Supreme Defense Council Meets With Roosevelt



President Roosevelt's "supreme defense council" which confers with him regularly on the defense program and on aid to Britain is shown outside the White House after discussing the increase in huge bombers for shipment to Britain. Left to right are Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of the bureau of aeronautics; Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations; Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and General H. H. Arnold, chief of the United States army air corps.

Japan Refuses US Meditation

Official Says Peace With China Unwanted Through Third Nation

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power national" that if Japan wants peace she will have to propose the terms through the United States.

Chiang was said to have declared he would not even entertain peace overtures which came directly from Japan.

The strongly nationalistic Honda at once threw down the possibility of a United States role, declaring there could be no peace concluded "through the mediation of a third nation."

Chiang is "being infused by the United States with the idea that he is fighting for the sake of democracy and is being told by President Roosevelt to depend on the United States through and through," said Honda.

The "holding power" of Britain and the United States, the latter especially, is "strong and deep-rooted" in China, he said.

Honda's mention of a "certain third power national" recalled to observers that Captain James Roosevelt, son of the president, and Laughlin Currie, administrative assistant to the president, have been in Chungking at separate times recently.

Nichi Nichi reported for the third time that a secret military and naval agreement has been reached among the United States, Britain, China, Australia, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies to secure a southern defense line running from the Mediterranean to America.

Germans Scan Moves in US

BERLIN, May 10-(AP)—German leaders gave the deepest attention Saturday night to American developments as the impression grew in Berlin that "war agitators" were gaining ground in the United States.

Portions of the German press took a serious view of matters, and the words of American speakers were studied as the possibility of United States entry into war became the subject of increasingly intense conjecture.

Among the reactions was the repetition of a suggestion that all Europe must become a unit in opposition to the Anglo-Saxon world. Germans argued that the blockade and other mechanisms of war made the continent the victim of attacks aimed at the axis.

K of C to Aid Service Men

Continued efforts by the Knights of Columbus to be of service to Salem conscripts and guardsmen was announced as the organization's plan, and for which it seeks public approval, by A. L. Elvin, grand knight, Saturday.

Elvin said his organization began its work at Christmas time, sending cards to the boys in camps, and intended to continue its work on a larger scale. It has formed a service role of Catholic boys in the services and would like to have friends or relatives of boys register their names on the role.

The Knights of Columbus intend to continue their work independently of the recently formed United Service organization, Elvin said.

Berry Harvest Starts

PORTLAND, May 10-(AP)—Harvesting of the Oregon strawberry crop will start Monday with 150 auto loads of California pickers entering the state this weekend, L. C. Stoll, state employment service director, said today.

Farmers to Vote, Wheat Control In National Referendum May 31

WASHINGTON, May 10-(AP)—In the first nation-wide referendum of its kind, farmers will vote May 31 on a proposal to give the agriculture department authority to control sales of this year's wheat crop.

Secretary Wickard issued a call for such an election Saturday after the federal crop reporting board forecast another bumper wheat crop with the market already carrying a huge surplus.

If the farmers approve, the department will control sales by imposing market quotas designed to divide a limited market among all growers and to keep a part of the surplus off the market until needed. Institution of the control program requires the approval of two-thirds of the farmers voting.

Officials said they expected between 750,000 and 1,000,000 farmers to cast ballots in the referendum. Polling places will be established in every wheat producing community.

The wheat referendum was ordered under provisions of the 1938 agriculture adjustment act. This law requires such a vote when the estimated wheat supply exceeds a normal year's domestic needs and exports by more than 35 per cent. The supply for the coming season was estimated by Wickard at 1,236,000,000 bushels while domestic consumption and exports have been averaging only 755,000,000 bushels.

Under quotas, each farm's marketing share would be the actual or normal production, whichever is greater, of the farm's government planting allotment, plus wheat from any previous crop. Wheat grown on excess acreages would be subject to a penalty tax of 15 cents a bushel if sold or used as feed.

However, farmers could hold such grain until quotas were lifted. Whether the government will continue to offer price-stabilizing loans on wheat will be determined by the outcome of the referendum. The farm law requires that such loans be withheld when marketing quotas are rejected.

Sawmill Men Accept Offer

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PORTLAND, May 10-(AP)—Two AFL union sawmill locals voted Saturday to accept employer offers of a 7 1/2 cent an hour increase to a 75-cent minimum while the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) and Columbia basin employers recessed their negotiations until Monday.

The Portland Lumber mill and Jones Lumber company workers were those approving the 7 1/2-cent wage increase, bringing to four the number of locals that have accepted. One more remains to ballot.

In One Ear . . .

—Paul Hauser's Column

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boosers and the telegraph companies do make a profit. And it's not a gag the advertising agencies and the florists and the hostess thought up. They just tagged along. They're just camp followers.

And maybe you think of Mother's day and you think of Whistler's mother, sitting there in her chair, white haired and resigned. Well, "Whistler's Mother" got a big play out of Mother's day, but it doesn't mean a thing. Not to you.

Your mother isn't sitting there in a chair, rocking all day, and she's maybe not white haired and probably not resigned.

Maybe she's more like the mother in the Mountain Boys cartoon where the two boys look on apathetically at their mother lying prone on the floor and one says, "Ma looks plumb tuckered, don't she?"

If she is, that's your fault, maybe. Maybe she's full of vitality and looks younger than your daughter.

If she is that's her fault, maybe. Probably she was a good mother. Most mothers are. Maybe she was a bad mother. Some mothers are.

But anyway it was a tough fight and she won. So it's Mother's day.

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London Ablaze In Air Raids

Heavy Attack Sprays Capital With Fire; 33 Nazis Downed

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inent of Europe, including prostrate France, into a solid block of opposition to the British-American world.

But in London, too, perturbation was expressed by certain sections of the press and public over the British admiralty's admission that more than 6,000,000 tons of British, allied and neutral shipping had been sunk since the war began. There were vigorous demands for "the whole truth" henceforth and without delay.

LONDON, May 10-(AP)—Exemplars of the continuing fight for Dutch and Belgian independence, airmen of the Royal Dutch navy in American-made planes raided German-held airdromes in Europe for the first time today in a grim observance of the first anniversary of the Nazi invasion which overran the low countries.

Heartened by the news, exiled Dutchmen and Belgians in London participated in ceremonies of consecration to the struggle.

The Dutch fliers, outfitted with Hudson (Lockheed) planes presented by the Dutch people overseas, attacked the German air bases and wharves at Kristiansand and Mandal on Norway's south coast, raining explosives and incendiary bombs throughout most of last night and this morning.

Previously they had served as shipping guards while perfecting their training. Whether the raiders flew over their German-occupied homeland was not disclosed, but one of the squadron leaders declared with feeling:

"We've been waiting for a chance like this. It was fine to take part in striking a real blow at the enemy."

Backed up by the British coast air command, the Dutch bombers smashed at the airdrome runways and set large hangar fires, the air ministry news service reported.

LONDON, May 10-(AP)—Britain's Mediterranean squadrons, on the loose again, have delivered another powerful blow against Italian north Africa and escaped unscathed from a mass assault by axis bombing and torpedo planes, the admiralty announced tonight.

All this resurgent action took place last Thursday, the admiralty said, beginning in the early morning hours when units of the fleet stole up to the Libyan coast and banged away at the important axis port of Benghazi, in an action similar to the April 22 naval and air assault upon Tripoli.

There, the announcement asserted, two axis supply ships approaching the harbor were intercepted. One a 3000-ton merchantman was sunk and the other, an ammunition ship of between 5000 and 6000 tons, was blown to bits. Additional hits were reported on ships in the harbor.

Whitman Takes Eastern Title

CALDWELL, Idaho, May 10-(AP)—Whitman college, winning the second game of a baseball double bill by a 9-0 score today after College of Idaho had taken the opener, 9-6, earned the right to represent the eastern division of the Northwest conference in the annual playoffs.

Whitman won the six-game series, four games to two, after winning on its home lot.

First Game

Whitman 6 11 8
Idaho 9 9 2

Broadhead and Gross; Bennett and Iverson.

Second Game

Whitman 9 14 2
Idaho 0 2 2

Sloan and Odell; Batt, Rogers and Greeley, Iverson.

Aumsville Takes League Gonfalon

AUMSVILLE—A 5 to 1 Marion county B league baseball verdict was scored by the Aumsville high Rangers over Stayton here Friday, clinching the title for the Rangers. Wilkinson held Stayton to two hits, while his mates put together one big inning to annex the victory.

Stayton 1 2 3
Aumsville 5 5 2

Shietze and Mielke; Wilkinson and Butler.

World War News Today

By The Associated Press
London shudders under impact of high explosives dropped by low-flying flights of concentrated German bombers striking British capital in obvious reprisal for RAF Friday night Berlin raid.

German commentators say "war agitators" gain ground in US; intimate attempt to unite Europe in block of oppression to British-American world.

British air raids on German cities increase; nazis acknowledge damage and casualties in Berlin and fires in Mannheim and Ludwigshafen.

British admiralty admits more than 6,000,000 tons of allied shipping sunk since beginning of war and announces naval attacks on Bengasi, Libya.

Small actions in Africa, British claim advances in Ethiopia; war in Iraq quiet, British say, as patrols pursue Iraqis in desert.

Japanese say Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek determined to talk peace only through United States, but indicate no peace with China through a third nation. Chungking heavily bombed second successive day.

Drunk Alien Found With Navy Secrets

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10-(AP)—Three US navy blueprints used in defense work at the 48th-levee shipyard here were found Saturday in the possession of an alien German arrested for drunkenness.

Federal agents started an immediate investigation into the possibility the plans had been stolen in connection with espionage activities.

The man, Frederick Reis, 43, of Oakland, an iron worker at the Bethlehem plant, was sentenced to 30 days in jail on the drunk charge. When he was searched at the police station, officers found one blueprint in his pocket and later discovered two more in his automobile.

Police Arrest Auto Prowler

Police believed Saturday night that they had cleared a series of car prowls in which groceries were the chief items taken with the arrest of Eugene Lovelace, 2219 Hyde street, on charges of petty larceny.

Lovelace was arrested by Roy Morris, police radio operator, and Dean Seiple, a member of the Salem police reserve, shortly after he allegedly took a box of groceries from Seiple's car parked in the 200 block on Chemeketa street.

Morris and Seiple reported that Lovelace parked his car behind Seiple's, walked up and down the block, and then lifted the box of groceries from Seiple's car.

Mt. Angel Preps Slate Columbia

MT. ANGEL—The Mt. Angel Preps meet the Columbia Preps from Portland here at 2 p. m. On Friday the Portlanders came out on the long end of a 4-1 score when the two schools met in Portland.

Lefty Kehoe is likely to get the call to pitch before the home town crowd on Sunday and Cyril Walker is slated to be his battery mate.

The Prep infield will probably lineup with: Holland on first base, Leo Groasjacques on the keystone bag, Bob Mickel at the short patch and Frank Groasjacques at the hot corner.

In the outfield Bob Diehl, Del Lulay, Bill Walton and Bob Harrah will probably see action.

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