

# Nazi, Vichy Deal Seen as Final Break of British and French; Iraq Situation More Tense

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Evidence that France, Britain's former ally is "collaborating" with her German conquerors with at least passive military assistance in the east headlines the war news.

It places even the Hess flight mystery in second place since it may lead to Franco-British hostilities in French-mandated Syria. Indeed there is one report that the hostilities have already started, with the British bombing an air-drome.

## Sewage Plant Details Told

### City Engineer Claims Average Householder to Pay 25c per Month

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Formal notice that British forces in Iraq or elsewhere have been ordered to attack such Nazi planes wherever intercepted means that London interprets this new phase of Franco-Nazi "collaboration" as a definitely hostile act by the Vichy regime.

Chief of State Petain at Vichy made no admission of open hostility to Britain in his surprise radio broadcast calling on all Frenchmen to follow him unquestioningly in the Franco-German negotiations now going on.

There seems no doubt, however, that at the behest of Germany Vichy ordered the Syrian route opened for Nazi planes. And there was at least a hint of uncertainty in the Petain broadcast of what the reaction might be in Syria or elsewhere in colonial France to the Hitler-Darlan program of closer Franco-German collaboration.

It cannot be gainsaid, however, that the developments in Iraq, Syria and Vichy gravely complicate Britain's position in Iraq and throughout the east. Up to the appearance of Nazi planes in Iraq, it seemed that the pro-Nazi uprising there was being squelched. Early elimination of Gallani, its leader, was being predicted by British sources.

The chance of that has dwindled. Instead Britain may have a war with French Syria on her hands soon. In any event, London and Cairo can look for revival of the flagging war in Iraq and intensive German efforts to foment a "holy war" throughout desert regions.

## Salem Students Named

EUGENE, May 15—(P)—Robert Keen, Portland, was elected permanent president of the 1941 University of Oregon graduating class. Barbara Pierce and Lloyd Sullivan, both Salem, were named to the permanent executive board.

Alice Faye - Jack Oakie  
John Payne - Cesar Romero

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the project to its institutions, has been pledged by the legislature to contribute 18 per cent of the cost of the disposal plant and of the 11,000-foot intercept or sewer connecting it with the city sewerage system, with a maximum contribution of \$50,000 appropriated.

Total cost of the project, including improvements to and changes in existing sewers, is estimated in the WPA application at \$458,765, of which the city and state would be called on to contribute only \$224,923. Costs to the city and state are set up as \$14,885 for use of equipment, \$190,838 for materials and \$19,200 for other non-labor items. All labor and superintendence would be paid for by the WPA.

Principal units in the project are the interceptor sewer, beginning at Union and Church streets and running northward over a varying course to the disposal plant site which the city already owns between North River road and the Willamette river, a short distance beyond the Marion county poor farm; the disposal plant itself, with its pumping station, sludge beds, digesters and settling tanks; small pumping stations at Ferry and Front, Union and Water, and Bellevue and Church streets.

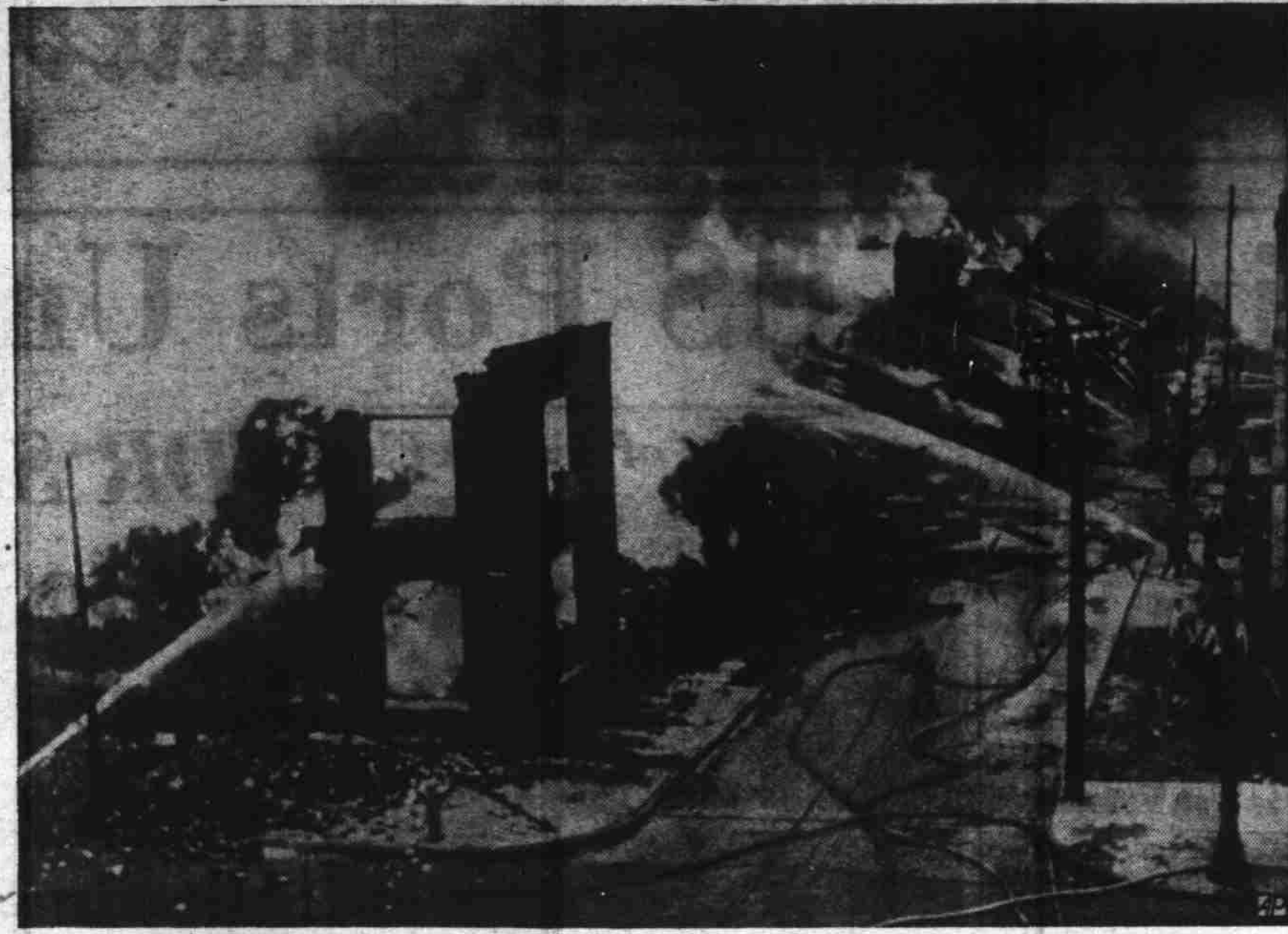
Yearly cost of the plant has been estimated by Baar & Cunningham, engineers retained by the city council to study the city's needs, at \$11,500 for interest and principal payments on a \$200,000 bond issue, \$3900 for plant labor, \$3950 for power, \$1500 for maintenance and \$1200 for billing and collecting service charges, or a total of \$22,450.

If all water service connections were billed equally, the yearly charge against each of the 7742 connections inside the city limits would, based on a \$2.85 yearly plant cost, amount to \$2.85, Davis pointed out. To be on the safe side, he arbitrarily raised the estimate to \$3 a year as his outside figure.

## Two Fall, Break Bones

Treated for broken bones at the Deaconess Hospital Thursday night were Mrs. Clara Spencer, 65, of 496 South 19th street, and Gary Pritchard, 4, of Stayton. Mrs. Spencer fell at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Mayhew, and fractured her hip. The Pritchard boy incurred a broken elbow while playing.

# Philadelphia Lumber Yard Fire Rages Hours After First Alarm



Dawn finds these Philadelphia firemen still pouring water into the men at \$1,000,000, raged through six nearby houses and into flaming ruins of the Wilson H. Lear Lumber yard, hours after the one building of the newly rehabilitated Cramp's shipyard. FBI agents blaze was first discovered. The fire destroyed the block-square yard, investigating the cause of the fire said there was a possibility of sabotage, including 22,000,000 feet of lumber, causing a loss estimated by fire-escape.

## Monkey Moves Up River to Banana Spot

PORTLAND, May 15—(P)—The Oceanic terminal's monkey has moved up the river to the McCormick terminal and he likes it better there possibly because of a recent discharge of bananas.

The simian is one of several that broke out of pens aboard the British motorship Silverguava a year ago last March. The other either were captured or died of pneumonia. This one became acclimated in time and is getting along as well as he ever did in the jungles of Borneo.

True, there aren't coconuts on every tree but on the other hand there aren't 10 monkeys for every coconut. The boys around Oceanic terminal saw to it that he got some kind of a handout every day and whenever bananas or coconuts or pineapples arrived they pinched a few for him.

He got fat and his fur thickened up against the frosty mornings. The boys at Oceanic hope the boys at McCormick do right by their pet, and especially watch out that he doesn't get his tail caught in a winch drum.

## War News Briefs

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the German-occupied French coast rolled across Dover strait for several hours before dawn today, indicating to observers on the British shore that the RAF was carrying out a heavy attack.

TOKYO, May 15—(Friday)—Koh Ishii, spokesman for the cabinet bureau of information, said today that Kametaro Honda, Japanese ambassador to Nanking, and Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka undoubtedly had reached agreement that mediation in China by a third power was impossible.

BERLIN, May 15—(Friday)—Germany's foreign office mouthpiece, Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz, today praised the resistance to the British of Premier Ali Gallani's government in Iraq, but the British assertion that there were German planes in Syria brought no comment at all.

BERLIN, May 15—(Friday)—Berlin had an air-raid alarm Thursday night but no bombs were dropped within the city, a communique said today.

NEW YORK, May 15—(P)—General Georges Catroux, leader of the Free French forces in the middle east, has demanded the surrender of French authorities in Syria, the British radio declared Thursday night in a broadcast heard by CBS. The British radio, quoting advice just received from Cairo, Egypt, said General Catroux had sent an embassy to the French authorities in Syria with his demands.

## Hess Captor Plowing Again



David McLean, the Scottish farmer who armed himself with a pitchfork and took charge of Rudolf Hess, the No. 3 Nazi, when the latter parachuted to earth near Glasgow, man's his plow again, in this photo cabled from London.

## World War News Today

By The Associated Press  
US coast guard takes five or more French ships in American ports into protective custody as President Roosevelt appeals to France not to deliver herself up to Germany.

German warplanes are arriving in French Syria and Iraq, British send RAF and fleet air arm to the attack, air fighting reported already in progress; Petain salutes French-German "collaboration" negotiations and intimates France will hold an empire by helping the Nazis; Eden denounces Vichy before commons; attack on Suez may follow the Hess affair.

British cabinet officer calls Hess "a murderer," says he came to England with Hitler's knowledge seeking peace not in "sympathy" for Britons but in grave concern over Reich's condition. Germans again say he was deluded and sought to appeal to Briton's "sportsmanship" for their own good.

## GMC Accedes to Union Demands

### Strike Averted With Two Hours to Go Before Deadline

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yards. Contracts on 60 vessels for the defense program are held up, and 15,000 workers idle.

The new contract offered a pay raise from \$1 to \$1.12 an hour instead of the \$1.15 demanded.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 15—(P)—A wage increase of 7 1/2 cents an hour, placing the minimum at 75 cents has been ratified by a committee representing CIO plywood workers and employers in Oregon and Washington.

The raise came after tentative action taken at Tacoma May 1. It will be retroactive to May 1 "because of changes in the wage situation in the northwest wood-working industry," the committee's statement said. About 5000 workers are affected.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 15—(P)—Behind defense industry strikes lurks national tragedy, Walter D. Fuller, Philadelphia, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, warned Thursday night. The Oregon conference on preparedness heard him assail the administration for belittling the effect of strikes. He said time lost already was "enough to equip 1,402,480 American boys with the latest Garand rifles or to provide more than five million rounds of ammunition."

"At Dunkerque or Thermopylae that would have been much," he added. SAN FRANCISCO, May 15—(P)—Early returns of striking cannery workers Thursday night were heavily in favor of returning to work under a federal conciliation plan, but the lead of the "yes" voters dropped sharply as returns from four Sacramento canneries were reported. At 10 p. m. the vote stood: Yes 1417, no 1251.

# Rudolf Hess Riddle Bewilders British; Churchill Is Silent

LONDON, Friday, May 16—(P)—The Rudolf Hess riddle still bewildered the British today with the suspense unbroken by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who deliberately reserved judgment as to whether Hess came as a peace-maker, a friend or a Hitlerian "murderer" as claimed by a war cabinet officer.

Hess' sports friend, the duke of Hamilton, near whose Scottish home the beetle-browed Nazi party leader parachuted last Saturday night, and Ivone Kirkpatrick, foreign office adviser, flew to Lon-

don early today after again talking with Hess.

These men who knew Hess long before the war went into an immediate hour's conference with Alfred Duff-Cooper, minister of information, possibly foreshadowing new developments in the bizarre case.

After his talk with Hess early this week the duke saw Prime Minister Churchill. The duke has been given a leave from his duties with the royal air force to aid in unravelling the case.

It was Ernest Bevin, socialist minister of labor, who declared yesterday that Hess was a calculating "murderer" bent on seeking peace with Britain—not out of a "mad sympathy" for the Britons but with "a very sane concern for the German people."

Moreover, Hess made the flight with the full knowledge of Adolf Hitler, in Bevin's opinion—an opinion which the minister emphasized was his personal one.

When the unarmed and unresisting Hess was taken into custody near Glasgow after bailing out of his Messerschmitt fighting plane, he was quoted as telling two home guardsmen:

"I have come here with a special message for the Duke of Hamilton."

He also was quoted as saying: "I am a Jew and I am not pro-Nazi. In fact, I am on Britain's side."

Since he was taken to a hospital not a single line of consequential speech by the duke Nazi has been authorized by the government. There have been monosyllabic pleasantries by Hess with his carefully-chosen attendants, but no vital hint as to what he had told foreign office representatives, the Duke of Hamilton, or intelligence officers.

Nor can Hess listen to certain radio broadcasts, it is said.

Another report from the hospital said X-rays were taken to relieve him of his anxiety that he was suffering a digestive ailment.

Berlin's version that Hess is a mental case who resorted to astrologers and mesmerizers was called a "stunt" deception and blind by Labor Minister Bevin.

## Petaun Tells Pact Reasons

### French Believed to Be Stalling Time on German Demands

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reached, although a large system of collaboration is being established between conquering Germany and vanquished France.

Petaun said only that he approved the idea of the recent conference between Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan and Adolf Hitler.

Reports circulating in Vichy that Darlan's next meeting will be in Paris with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop were not confirmed, but some circles said this sounded logical, since detailed negotiations now were in order.

Frenchmen pointed out, particularly for the benefit of Americans, that such negotiations naturally would last a considerable length of time.

Diplomatic circles considered that the French already have gained a great deal of time but now are approaching the crossroads of a definite choice.

## British Bomb Greek Capital

NEW YORK, May 15—(P)—The Columbia Broadcasting system Thursday night picked up on the regular wave length of the Athens radio a report from its Athens correspondent that suburbs of the German occupied Greek capital have been bombed twice by the royal air force.

The correspondent, Miss Betty Wason, who remained in Athens after the German occupation, said the British carried out a long raid Wednesday night over a large radius, including the Athens suburbs, and repeated the raid Thursday night.

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