

By Charles A. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that there are two attitudes toward Russia among Americans...

About the same time our ambassador to Russia, Admiral Standley, set the state department by the ears...

This is a preface to comment on the new Warner Bros. film, "Mission to Moscow..."

Dorothy Thompson concludes a biting criticism with the final bite: "The film ought to be cut—indefinitely."

John Dewey, radical philosopher, who presided at the Trotsky hearings here and in Mexico...

It is not irrelevant to mention here that the commission, after painstaking investigation...

"Mission to Moscow" is major defeat for the democratic cause. In putting out this picture...

A sober review without the preconceptions of Dewey and LaFollette is that given by Bosley Crowther in the New York Times.

Approximately 36 hours after he had left his residence at 350 Belmont, telling his daughter that he was going downtown...

Gregory, plainly ill, officers declared, told a coherent story of having gone to the coast and returning because it was windy there.

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Aerial Photos Show Flooding In Nazi Valleys

Junior C of C Members Paint City V-Center

Five Salem junior chamber of commerce men swung the paint brushes Tuesday night as they put the first coat on Salem's Victory center...

The Victory center will be used for the purpose originally intended—sale of war bonds and stamps...

Members of the Tuesday night painting crew were Crossland, Black, Howard Walker, A. C. Newell and Irwin Wedel.

Portland social workers held in a panel discussion how nearly 7000 youths of school age came into the city this year in war workers' families...

Other speakers urged closer supervision of children and Stanley Earl, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon industrial council...

CHUNGKING, May 18.—(AP)—The battle for China's big rice bowl continued unabated west of Lake Tungting in North Hunan province...

In another battle second only in importance to the fight for rice, Chinese claimed successes in the Itaihang mountains...

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—While many New Yorkers went potato-less, Mayor LaGuardia said Tuesday that Commissioner of Markets Daniel P. Woolley had reported...

They are supposed to go to dehydrating plants for lend-lease and army purposes, the mayor said.

MONMOUTH, May 18.—(AP) Oregon College of Education announced Tuesday that commencement exercises would be held here May 22...

Many Cities Inundated; Loss High

LONDON, May 18.—(AP)—Destructive flood waters loosed by the RAF's blasting of two of Germany's largest dams were shown by new aerial photographs...

The latest reconnaissance pictures of spreading torrents rolling beyond the broken Mohne and Eder dams were taken Tuesday as allied air units carried their non-stop pre-invasion bombardment...

A Reuters Stockholm dispatch quoted a secret German radio as saying that a state of siege had been proclaimed throughout the province of Westphalia in the Ruhr valley.

British bombers attacked an enemy airport at Abbeville in France in another daylight foray Tuesday and escorting fighters brought down a Focke-Wulf.

These operations followed a heavy night operational schedule during which the RAF hit eight main blockade runners and shot up continental rail lines and air bases.

Enemy planes struck at London during the night, killing at least ten persons in the city. A Welsh town, which the German radio identified as Cardiff, had one of its heaviest raids since 1941.

Rescuers had recovered several bodies of victims by noon and it was believed at least 20 others were in the wreckage.

The new pictures showed the All four large American networks will broadcast his speech, starting at 9:30 a.m., Pacific war time.

Previously it was thought he would speak about 20 minutes. Senate and house will meet in joint session in the house chamber to hear the prime minister.

Meanwhile, Churchill continues to confer with President Roosevelt. The latter told reporters Tuesday that the talks are going along very satisfactorily.

RICKREALL.—By a vote of 57 to 28 the proposal to suspend Rickreall high school's operations next year was defeated Tuesday night at the special school district election.

Proponents of the plan maintained that money would be saved by paying tuition and transportation for the student body of approximately 35 for whom three teachers have served this year.

It's All Wet, Brother... All Wet!

LONDON, May 18.—(AP)—A London news vendor summarized the RAF destruction of two German dams this way on his notice board: "How wet is my valley—Hitler."

Tax Measure Delegated to Conference

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP) The Ruml plan to skip an income tax year went down Tuesday for the knockout count, as the democrats won their most impressive victory of the 78th congress.

Assured that President Roosevelt would veto the full-year abatement bill, the house voted 202 to 194 against accepting the senate's modified Ruml measure.

It was the third house defeat for the Ruml plan. Nine republicans and three minor party members joined 190 democrats against the senate bill; 187 republicans and seven democrats supported it.

The action, climaxing a four month battle, left the future of pay-as-you-go taxation in doubt, but Chairman George of the senate finance committee voiced confidence a senate-house conference committee can devise a bill that Mr. Roosevelt would approve.

"The Ruml plan is dead," said Chairman Doughton of the tax-framing house ways and means committee. "We have killed it. As long as Franklin Roosevelt is president of the United States it will stay dead."

Tuesday's action came on a motion for the house to instruct its house-senate conference delegates to accept the senate ship-a-year measure.

Those appointed to the conference committee declined to discuss the kind of bill that might finally emerge, but indications are that it will abate at least 75 per cent of 1943 and provide a 20 per cent withholding tax against the taxable parts of wages and salaries.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP) A threatened fist fight on the house floor between Rep. Gene Cox, fiery Georgian, and young Will Rogers, Jr., lawmaker-son of the late humorist, was averted Tuesday by peace-making colleagues.

It developed, agreed both participants, when Cox walked over to Rogers' seat, quoted him as saying in a radio address that he (Cox) had taken a "bribe" and, in the best southern tradition demanded: "You owe me an apology, suh."

At that point, however, the agreement ended. Rogers denied that he had ever said that Cox had accepted a bribe, denied that "anything more than words were exchanged," called the whole affair "just a temper in a teapot."

But representatives in ringside seats near the two democrats differed. They said they saw the 63-year-old Cox, pale with anger, stride to Rogers' seat and start to put his arms around the 31-year-old Californian's head before neighboring lawmakers rushed over and interceded.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP) Secretary Ickes told John L. Lewis Tuesday night that any contract in settlement of the coal mine dispute "must have the approval of the war labor board," whose authority Lewis has refused to recognize.

NANTY GLO, Pa., May 18.—(AP) The first break from the coal truce pledge of John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, came tonight when a mass meeting of miners employed in three mines 12 miles north of Johnstown voted to walk out.

Russians Repulse Attack

Reds Blast Enemy With Artillery At Novorossiisk

LONDON, Wednesday, May 18.—(AP)—After having thrown back and inflicted heavy losses on Germans attempting to crack the Red army's siege lines around the Caucasus Black Sea base of Novorossiisk, Russian troops blasted the enemy with artillery fire Tuesday in a day of relative quiet along the entire eastern front, Moscow announced today.

The Russian noon-day communique reported that the Red army had beaten off a series of violent counterattacks at Novorossiisk during the night. It was the second successive bulletin disclosing German attempts to break out of their narrow bridgehead.

These blows apparently ended the immediate Nazi threat, for the midnight communique this morning as recorded by the Soviet monitor here reported only an exchange of artillery fire at Novorossiisk.

The Russian gunners, the bulletin said, silenced four German artillery batteries northeast of Novorossiisk, demolished nine blockhouses and dugouts and destroyed two guns and several motor trucks with supplies. On another front, the bulletin reported, the Russian gunners, the bulletin said, silenced four German artillery batteries northeast of Novorossiisk, demolished nine blockhouses and dugouts and destroyed two guns and several motor trucks with supplies.

Middlewest Floods Cover Million Acres

Flood waters — the worst in some areas in 30 years — have burst levees, inundated sections of cities, flooded farmlands and caused at least four deaths in midwestern and southern states.

In Illinois and Indiana ram-paging waters broke three levees, washed out several bridges, drove hundreds of families from their homes and covered more than 1,000,000 acres of land. Four Indians were drowned.

The "big leak" pipe line, carrying fuel from Texas to Illinois on the first leg of the eastern seaboard, was broken by pressure from the flood swollen Arkansas river.

Although the Arkansas river was falling generally in Arkansas, from Muskogee, Okla., came warnings of floods rivaling last week's record breaking overflows in which seven were drowned, and 19 are missing. Flood damage was reported in Missouri.

North central and central Indiana experienced their worst flood in 30 years. J. H. Arrington, government meteorologist, predicted the crests would almost equal those of the disastrous 1913 inundation.

Parts of Kokomo, Marion, Long-ansport, Noblesville, Wabash, Indianapolis and other cities were submerged by the Wabash and (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

NEW DELHI, May 18.—(AP)—British troops which withdrew last week from Maungdaw in western Burma to meet a Japanese infiltration threat struck back at the port in a commando-type raid Sunday night and inflicted casualties on the enemy in hand-to-hand fighting.

Two small detachments made a landing despite strong Japanese resistance, a communique announced Tuesday, and killed all but two of a force of Japanese who charged at bayonet point.

Japs Admit Landing Of New US Forces As Attu Doom Near

Allied Bombers Blast Sardinia Airfield, Port

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AFRICA, May 18.—(AP)—From their north African springboard allied planes dealt a heavy blow Monday night to the port and airfield of Alghero in Sardinia, and elsewhere asserted their mastery of Mediterranean skies with harassing raids.

RAF Wellingtons plumped bombs upon the town and port areas of Alghero, on the western coast of Sardinia, and then pounded their targets with machinegun bullets in strafing attacks as low as 200 feet from the ground.

At least one big fire started in the center of the town, pilots reported. Bright moonlight aided this latest of many smashes at axis power in the island guarding the Italian mainland.

The British navy meanwhile reported rounding up 23 Germans who had succeeded in fleeing Cap Bon and reaching Zombretta island, near the tip of the cape. But there they ran out of food, and painted an SOS on the lighthouse.

When Britons arrived by motorboat, the Germans complained that "We've waved at Spitfires and naval boats for the past four days trying to attract attention."

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—A maritime commission representative declared Tuesday that the National Labor relations board charges against Kaiser company shipyard threatens record west coast ship production.

D. S. Ring, director of the shipyard labor relations division of the maritime commission, told a house merchant marine subcommittee it was his "personal opinion" that a breakdown of existing closed shop agreements between the AFL and the shipyards would "seriously hamper production."

He continued "It is also our fear that the same result will follow if the NLRB forces the issue."

The NLRB is conducting a hearing at Portland on CIO charges that the closed shop agreements with the AFL were signed when only a small number of employees were on hand.

Census Slates Travel Survey SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—(AP) The office of defense transportation Tuesday asked train and bus passengers in eight western cities to cooperate in a travel survey to be conducted by the bureau of census from May 21 through May 27.

Census representatives will interview passengers at terminals in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma, along with 93 other cities in various parts of the country.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. May 18.—(AP)—Incorporation of the General Douglas MacArthur for president club, a non-profit corporation, was reported Tuesday by the office of secretary of state Edward J. Hughes.

Yanks Seize Key Heights Commanding Holtz Bay; Bombardment Continues

NEW YORK, May 18.—(AP)—A Japanese broadcast declared Tuesday that the Americans were "continually landing fresh forces" on Attu in the Aleutians "under (protecting) gunfire from naval units and with the help of air forces."

The broadcast, recorded by the federal communications commission, followed an earlier one for home consumption claiming that United States losses had been heavy.

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WASHINGTON, May 18.—(AP)—The bayonet-spiked jaws of an American army trap were closing on the main Japanese force on Attu island Tuesday night. The enemy's plight appeared hopeless.

Provided the Aleutians' bad weather does not interfere too greatly with our coordinated land, sea and air blows, the conquest of the embattled island may be completed in a few days, according to the best estimates of the campaign available here.

As the second week of the fight opened, the navy disclosed: Jap Defense Smashed 1. The main Japanese defense positions along a rocky ridge south of their camp on Holtz bay were smashed in violent combat Monday, and United States troops took possession of the heights last night.

2. American warships which supported the initial landings a week ago are continuing to bombard the Japanese positions. Planes, probably from the American base of Amchitka island 233 nautical miles to the southeast, are bombing the enemy whenever weather permits.

3. Despite stiff Japanese resistance and the hazards of operations among the uncharted snow-capped mountains of Attu, the casualties among our troops have been light. Great significance was attached here to American seizure of the heights south of Holtz bay. From positions there our troops are believed able to pour heavy fire into the Japanese camp on the coastal lowlands rimming Holtz bay.

Wake Island Raid The story of the battle thus far was told in two naval communiques and by Secretary Knox at a press conference. The second of the communiques also reported new air blows against the Japanese in the Central and South Pacific.

Army Liberator bombers, on a round trip flight of more than 2,000 miles from their base at Midway, raided enemy-held Wake island, and shot down two of 22 Japanese Zero fighters which attempted to intercept them. One other fighter was listed as probably destroyed. Bad weather prevented observation of bombing results.

In the South Pacific, navy and marine corps dive bombers with army, navy and marine fighter protection struck at the Japanese seaplane base at Rekata bay on Santa Isabel island in the Solomons. Results of this action were not reported.

Landings Made Secretly Secretary Knox said the initial landings on Attu a week ago Tuesday were accomplished in the greatest secrecy. No enemy resistance developed until our forces were on the beaches.

The initial landings were effected at two points. The northern force landed on the western arm of Holtz bay where they established a beachhead from which to drive south around the bay toward the enemy camp. The southern force landed at Massacre bay on the side of the island opposite Holtz bay and struck northward across the lava-carpeted passes of the mountains.

The enemy troops meanwhile held positions in a rocky ridge immediately south of Holtz bay, blocking the access of American troops to the Japanese camp.

Tuesday's first communique said the Japanese had entrenched themselves along this ridge and that our soldiers were encountering "stubborn resistance from numerous machine gun nests." About an hour later Knox announced that the ridge had been taken. He said its possession "would bring our troops into direct contact with the main enemy positions around Holtz bay."

At the same time, he added, the northern and southern American forces were approaching each other to join strength and close in with the Japanese over the high ground.

Massacre Bay Chief Aim Knox said the main American force was landed at Massacre bay, indicating the northern group was a force of lesser strength. The bulk of all the troops, he said were infantrymen, the others probably including some light artillery and engineers.

The opposing directions of the two American advances apparently were designed to cut off the entire eastern end of Attu and bottle up the enemy in that area. The bulk of the island lies west of the American line, but Knox said he knew of no Japanese forces in that part of the island.

The secretary was asked about the ability of the warships and planes to support the American land drive. He agreed with (Turn to Page 2—Story A)



Here's the strategic situation in the Pacific, apparently one of the topics of discussion among allied leaders in Washington. Japanese holdings are shown in black. Flags indicate major bases along the axis that bound Jap conquests. Presence of allied Christians from the India-Burma theatre in Washington has led to speculation that the allies may be developing India as a base for operations (arrows) to clear a path through Burma to China where US air force (plane symbol) is aiding China.—Associated Press Teletext.