

Martinique Commandant Asks Change

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and shortly after that Hull announced that the US navy was keeping a close watch over the island.

On April 16 Robert addressed a letter to Joseph E. Dyanan, Associated Press correspondent at San Juan, Puerto Rico, in which he stated the terms under which his insular possession would join the allies.

After the withdrawal of the American consul-general from the island's capital city of Fort-de-France, Robert wrote another letter to the Associated Press protesting the action.

The terms for joining the United Nations as stated in his letter to Dyanan were:

(1) That such a change of allegiance would not mean the necessity of rebellion against the French government.

(2) "That the allies permit the French who are fighting—instead of constituting two factions, one dominated by Britain and the other by the American government—to form a unity under one single authority vested with sovereign rights."

At the outset of his letter, in answer to Dyanan's question as to why Robert remained aloof "from what might be a concerted drive to liberate metropolitan France from her German invaders," Robert declared:

"Because his participation in that action under present circumstances risks placing the interests of the French Antilles in danger without, by that step, advancing for one day the liberation of France."

Dyanan then asked why he could remain aloof when the rest of the French empire had joined the fight. Robert replied: "The manner in which the French, who believed the moment had come to join the United Nations, have been treated by the allies only confirms me each day in my prudence."

French Guiana, a member of the French Antilles over which Robert governed, broke away from Vichy in March and now is headed by a commissioner appointed by Giraud. The other member of the Antilles group is the island of Guadeloupe.

British Sub Sinks Italian Sub in Port

LONDON, Wednesday, June 30 (AP)—A British submarine went into the harbor of Porto Torres, Sardinia, recently and hit a medium supply ship with a torpedo which was fired through an opening in the breakwater, the admiralty disclosed today.

The supply ship, half loaded, was cut in two by the explosion. The commander of the submarine was Lt. R. B. Lakin. Previously, while commanding the submarine Ursula he had sailed in the Mediterranean after the periscope of his craft was smashed by an enemy destroyer. Later he shelled an installation of olive oil storage tanks from within 150 yards of an Italian pier, and also a freight train on the Italian coast. CONGRESS 32 pg 2

Battle Fleet At Gibraltar

LONDON, June 30.—(AP)—The British battleships Nelson and Rodney and the Aircraft Carrier Formidable as well as 12 British and two French destroyers were reported at Gibraltar Wednesday in a German overseas broadcast recorded by Reuters.

Victor and the Vanquished



Francis 'Fanchin' (left) talks it over with Tom Brown, Jr. (right) after their match for the NCAA tennis title recently.

Badger Ace



Lt. Richard I. Boug (above) of Poplar, Wis., member of the army air force stationed in New Guinea, had shot down 16 Japanese planes up to June 1. Associated Press Telemat.

Wallace-Jones Feud Renewed

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public purchase so that BEW may be completely independent of RFC. Mr. Jones did not object to this policy decision.

"I advanced Mr. Jones that in my statement to the press I had no intention to reflect upon his patriotism or his interest in the war effort. I intended to assert that the delays in RFC in acting upon projects had delayed the war effort. I did not state or intend to create the impression that his personal motive was deliberately or intentionally to delay the war effort.

"Our difficulties have had to do with strong differences of opinion with regard to the quantities of various products to be obtained at a given time and place. That there should be these differences of opinion may reflect upon the judgement of the individuals involved but such differences do not reflect upon the desire of the individuals to serve their country."

Jones' statement: "Mr. Wallace in his statement tonight repeats that delays of the reconstruction finance corporation have retarded the war effort. This dastardly charge is as untrue as when he first made it. As for the rest of his statement Mr. Wallace was not authorized to speak for me. I will continue to speak for myself and as previously stated, I shall insist upon a congressional investigation."

Informed sources, unwilling to be quoted by name, described the conference in Byrnes' office as fairly friendly with Jones and Wallace talking with each other quite peaceably, though very frankly.

London Free For 5 Days

LONDON, June 30.—(AP)—Not a single German plane has been seen over Britain for five days. There was an alert in London Sunday, but it was a mistake, and the last nuisance raid of any size was on June 6 when 14 German planes attacked a coast town and one was shot down.

Observers suggested that Germany was mustering every available plane for defense against the mounting allied air offensive.

PTC Traffic Up

About 70,000,000 more passengers will ride in Portland Traction Company vehicles this year than last, officials estimated today.

Tire Allotment

Portland will get 12,062 first grade, 4,567 third grade tires and 9,961 new tubes during July, the OPA announced.

Yank Forces On Offensive In Pacific

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isting allied bases and Rabaul, anchor point of Japan's offensive-defensive chains in the Southwest Pacific.

It was the first offensive operation since American occupation of islands in the southern Solomon last year and was carried out by perfectly-timed and coordinated thrusts.

The beachheads established on the New Georgia group are within artillery range of the Japanese air base of Munda.

The latest reports from the wide-spread front said the allied force which landed at Nassau bay south of Salamaua moved inland and now was in contact with the enemy force.

Only meager reports were received from Trobriand and Woodlark but all indicated that the speed and secrecy of the allied move took the enemy by surprise.

Supporting the landing operations, Flying Fortresses and Liberators of Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney's fifth air force pounded the Japanese airfields at Rabaul, New Britain, in five separate sorties through the night of June 29 and the morning of the 30th while strong units of Mitchell medium bombers blasted enemy installations around Salamaua.

The only Japanese reply reported to allied forward moves was the 57th raid on Darwin early Wednesday morning. Twenty seven bombers and from 15 to 21 Zeros gave the northern Australian base one of the heaviest poundings in many months.

Six of the bombers and two fighters were shot down. Seven other enemy planes were damaged. Six of the allies intercepting Spitfires were lost.

In the big raid on Rabaul, which now has been pounded with approximately 200 tons of bombs since June 10, nearly 23 tons were dumped on Vunakanau and Lakunai airfields. One resulting fire could be seen for 100 miles.

On the opposite end of New Britain, three 1,000-ton Japanese cargo ships were caught in Dampier strait by a single four-engine allied bomber which left one sinking. Another was so heavily damaged that she appeared to have been deserted. The communication also reported without specifying the time, that a medium United States cargo ship had been sunk and a smaller vessel damaged by torpedo attacks, presumably Japanese submarines, off the east coast of Australia.

Youth Jailed For Stabbing

McMINNVILLE, Ore., June 30.—(AP)—Ralph Nickell, 17, was in the Yamhill county jail Tuesday night, charged with stabbing his stepfather, James R. Richards, 48, tavern owner, with a scissors.

Richards is in a critical condition in the McMinnville hospital with a punctured lung and shoulder and back wounds. State police Sgt. Ralph Grenfell said the stabbing occurred when the youth went to the aid of his 15-year-old stepbrother who was scuffling with the older man.

New Log Road Set

A new logging road from the Ostrander operations near Molalla to the Willamette river log dump near Canby will be started early in July; it will eliminate 11 of 13 stops trucks now must make.

ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

When Charles R. Smith, AFL organizer, says he wants no cessation of war work on the home front he has pretty fair personal reasons for his attitude.

Smith, frequent visitor in Salem, knows, of course, that the canned goods Salem workers put out will not go to feed his own son—unless by chance they go across the sea in a Red Cross shipment to men in Japanese prisons or prison camps. For his boy, who enlisted at the age of 17 and is now 20 if he is still living, has not been heard from since the family received official war department notification that the Philippines were lost and their son was consequently "missing in action."

But Mrs. Smith may depend for her vitamins upon the beans and spinach, fruit and other food products packed here. For she is in the WAC, stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Ky.

Too Late to Classify

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Knox Says US Fleet Now World's Most Powerful

HOLLYWOOD, June 30.—(AP)—Secretary Knox told a crowd in Hollywood bowl tonight that America in the short space of time since Pearl Harbor had wrought a miracle and now has the most powerful fleet in the world in actual commission.

By the end of 1943, the navy secretary declared, the American fleet will have been increased 50 per cent in tonnage and 100 per cent in number over that of 1942.

The sweep of Japanese arms, said Knox, has been halted, and the Nips have been on the defensive for months and are digging in, in a frantic effort to preserve and hold the fruits of early victories.

"In this war we have now seized the initiative," Knox told the crowd participating in a campaign to add the cruiser Los Angeles to the fleet. "But possession of the initiative does not mean that the war has been won and that victory is just around the corner. There is nothing that would warrant any such optimism. The enemy, both east and west, is still in possession of the bulk of his strength."

The road ahead is long and hard, Knox warned, but he promised that from now on we can pick the time and place where the battle is to be waged, and he said that in military affairs this means much.

Knox said that in close cooperation with the British fleet, American seafarers and American fliers are successfully challenging Hitler's underwater fleet.

"Victory is not yet won," he said, "but instead of mounting this summer, ship losses have decreased swiftly. June shows a score so good that it seems incredible. Incredible not only in the insignificant size of our losses—equally incredible in the mounting scale of enemy submarines sunk. And no submarine is counted as sunk, by either the British or ourselves, if there lacks absolute proof of the kill."

The secretary said that fighting the sub in the Atlantic would continue as long as the war lasts but that the situation there warrants the hope that we have "our worst enemy now where he is, at least, as worried over our next move as we are of his."

OWI Domestic Branch Funds Are Returned

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Chief Prentiss M. Brown said he couldn't operate under the drastically reduced budget.

The senate also voted \$36,150,000 administrative fund for the board of economic warfare.

In doing so, the senators added a stipulation that after next August 15, BEW must file with the secretary of state a statement, signed by a majority of its members, outlining its program plans before procuring supplies, equipment or services outside the United States.

The catch-all war agency bill was only one financial front on which congress hammered away Wednesday night.

Still in conference at dusk were three other important measures, including the \$875,000,000 farm bill. In that bill, only one item was in dispute—senate insistence on continuance of federal insurance on cotton and wheat crops. Compromises had been reached on 133 senate amendments to the bill as it originally passed the house.

Conferees worked with little hope of a decision tonight on a \$1,200,000,000 labor - security bill in which was included a senate amendment providing \$48,000,000 in funds for the national youth administration, which the house had voted to liquidate.

Another stumbling block was the interior department appropriations bill which left the senate some days ago with allowances \$55,027,825 above those provided by the house, mostly for western irrigation projects to provide more food.

Silverton Man War Casualty

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)

The navy announced Wednesday 13 casualties, including 5 dead and 8 missing.

The casualties announced Wednesday included (those listed are navy and non-commissioned personnel unless otherwise specified): Conrad, Alley Burton. Dead, 419, Meritt Franklin Conrad, 419 High street, Silverton.

Driver Recovering

Eldred Taylor, truck driver at Albany, is recovering from fractured vertebrae, suffered Monday when struck by a rolling log.

HOLLYWOOD Last Show Today

THUNDER POWER! POW-FURY! GENE TERRY

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WOLFE KIDDER ALICE WARREN

Ickes Appeals For Miners To Return

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)

Secretary Ickes appealed to miners still on strike in some coal fields Wednesday night to return to their jobs for the sake of the nation, declaring that coal must be mined for the war effort regardless of what is done about wages.

"The man who tonight or tomorrow or the next day does not carry his full share in this country's fight either does not understand the immediate crisis that we face or he deliberately sabotages in that fight in the hope that our enemies will win," the government coal boss declared.

During the day conditions brightened slightly in the strike-hit coal fields with the return of 2000 miners to work, but 130,000 of the nation's 521,000 still were ignoring the June 21 order of the United Mine Workers policy committee to go back to the pits. About 100,000 of these hit are in Pennsylvania.

In a radio speech (blue network) directed principally at the miners still off their jobs following the third coal strike, Ickes promised fair treatment—but no favors—either to the miners or the owners of the pits seized by the government to avert further work stoppages.

"I can assure the men who mine coal, and all others, that their government does not sell the citizens of this country down the river at any time," he said, but he also declared that:

"I favor the mining of coal whether there is or is not a contract between the coal-mines owners and the miners... whether miners do or do not get a raise in wages... whether miners are paid for partial-to-partial time."

And, speaking on what he called "the eve of the greatest military campaign of history," he insisted: "Every muscle, every sinew, every ounce of blood and guts that we have must be pledged to a single purpose—the complaints of no man or group of men can be placed above our military goal."

Twilight Plan In Operation

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equal to the "ladder work" involved.

The suggestion advanced in Wednesday's Statesman, that the community turn out practically en masse for cherry picking over the Fourth of July weekend, was reported to be taking hold. For example the Hollywood Cleaners reported that a company truck would transport a dozen or more employees to orchards either Sunday or Monday.

CLOVERDALE, June 30.—"Help wanted for cherry picking" is a familiar cry in this community at present. Many farmers have already begun the harvesting of their cherries with neighbors helping one another as much as possible. Due to the rain of a week ago, harvest is somewhat delayed and fruit cracked in some cases though not as much damage has resulted as was at first anticipated.

OPA Subsidizes Ethyl Alcohol

WASHINGTON, June 29.—(AP) The office of price administration Tuesday announced an \$8,000,000 subsidy program to hold the price of Ethyl alcohol, a war necessity, at present levels despite a squeeze on distillers caused by rising grain prices.

Although the overall costs of alcohol bought by defense supplies corporation will go up an estimated \$8,000,000 annually, OPA estimated the plan would save all types of users of alcohol about \$15,000,000 a year.

CAPITOL TODAY & FRIDAY 'I married a Witch' MARCH LAKE

King George Inspects US Tanks



Riding in an American staff truck (right, front seat), King George VI of Britain inspects a line of US tanks during his recent visit to North Africa. He returned to London June 25.—Associated Press Telemat.

Congress Ends Subsidy Plan For Foods

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)

Congress, handing the Roosevelt administration another legislative setback, Wednesday forbade use of subsidies to push down retail food prices and ordered the meat-butter price rollback ended August 1.

The action was taken in the face of repeated declarations from high government officials from President Roosevelt down, that without subsidies it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to hold the line against inflation.

Some legislators thought the president may veto the ban which was incorporated in legislation extending the life of the Commodity Credit corporation for two more years from midnight tonight and adding \$750,000,000 to its present \$2,650,000,000 lending powers.

However, the measure was approved in both senate and house by far more than the two-thirds majority which would be necessary to override a veto. The house vote was 100 to 22, and the senate vote 62 to 13.

Other legislators suggested that Mr. Roosevelt might be reluctant to disapprove the measure since it would halt the agency's lending programs to farmers and, for the time being, put it out of business.

Planning Board Sings Swan Song As Monies End

WASHINGTON, June 30.—(AP)—The members of the national resources planning board, which drafted a cradle-to-the-grave social security and they failed to get another appropriation from congress, sang their swan song to President Roosevelt Wednesday.

The life of the agency expires at midnight when the fiscal year closes. Frederic A. Delano, chairman of the board and uncle of the president, told reporters:

"Our swan song has been sung for us by congress. "I don't feel badly about this, personally, because if an institution stays around for ten years they've probably done all they can do, and let someone else try."

Luce Address Slated

Rep. Clare Booth Luce (R-Conn.) will speak at Portland October 7 under sponsorship of the national republican committee.

Commander Named

Cmdr. John E. Beck has taken over command of the Tongue Point US navy air station, succeeding Cmdr. George H. Hasselman.

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Senators to Visit Fronts

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House committee, with some senators suggesting privately that his position would be that of empire between the other groups. Other members are Senators Chandler (D-Ky) and Lodge (R-Mass), representing the military group, and Senators Mead (D-NY) and Brewster (R-Me), for the Truman committee. Brewster and Russell also are members of the naval affairs committee.

Railroader Retires

Engineer Harvey Carpenter ended 45 years of railroading Wednesday evening when he brought the Southern Pacific's Oregonian into Portland from Eugene; he will retire to his home in Dallas.

Teapot Dome, Elk Hills Deal Said Similar

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a question about the west boundary was this revealed," he continued, "at which time, on request, the navy furnished a correct map."

He said it was "unfortunate" the committee, which is investigating the contract, was not informed of the error earlier by navy representatives.

Comments made by the comptroller general were based on a study made last month by E. L. Fisher, assistant general counsel for the general accounting office, which also concluded the contract was "more extensive" in its provisions than the Teapot Dome agreements, but said that there was no evidence of fraud or collusion.

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