

By Charles S. Sprague

Economists who are looking ahead are no little concerned over the difficulties that confront the nations in resuming world trade after the war. Here are the factors of the problem:

First, the United States will emerge as a highly developed industrial nation, normally an export surplus nation, and as a powerful creditor nation holding about two-thirds of the world's gold supply.

Second, Great Britain will be stripped of most of its overseas investments or those retained will be largely offset by debts owed abroad. Also, its merchant fleet will be greatly reduced, and it will be the fleet which provided a large share of Britain's income.

Third, Russia will continue to conduct its foreign trade through great state-owned monopolies.

Fourth, backward countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America will need capital and must export to build themselves up economically.

Fifth, Germany will be ambitious to recapture world trade and (continued on editorial page)

Cabaret Taxes May Get Cut 20% Decrease

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—A movement developed in congress today to take some of the wartime tax load off fun with Re. Knutson (R-Minn) introducing a bill to cut the cabaret tax from 30 to 10 per cent.

Knutson declared that the stiff levy imposed April was putting thousands of entertainers out of work and closing night clubs. By the "law of diminishing returns," he added, it also is causing a reduction in revenue. Before April 1 when new wartime levies became effective, the cabaret tax was 5 percent of the patron's bill.

The tax-writing house ways and means committee, meantime, tentatively approved a shifting of burdens on individual taxpayers—some up some down—which the congressional staff of experts recommended as necessary to approach a basis for simplifying and "streamlining" the income tax statutes.

Chairman Doughton (D-NC) said that generally the increase or decrease in taxes, under the simplification plan, would not be large. The \$1,200 a year married man without children would be the hardest hit, his tax jumping from \$21 to \$61 a year. Some would have smaller increases, and others would have their burdens lightened.

One committee source said the overall effect of the simplification measure, if made law, would be to reduce the annual tax load of the 50,000,000 income taxpayers by \$60,000,000.

The committee's plan would relieve 30,000,000 taxpayers from filing any further returns, by adjusting the withholding levy so as to take the total tax liability from wages and salaries of persons earning up to \$5,000.

Reds Receive Finn Reply on Peace

STOCKHOLM, Thursday, April 20 (AP)—The Finnish government's negative reply to Moscow in the latest effort to get Finland out of the war has now been delivered to the Russian government through Stockholm, Dagens Nyheter said today.

The newspaper stated it had learned reliably that the note recapitulates the steps during the last Russian-Finnish contact, concluding with rejection of the terms and assurance, as before, that Finland still is willing to find a way to peace.

There was every indication, however, that the statement was not very forcibly presented, the newspaper said.

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6000 Allied Planes Pound Germans

British Crack Nip India Lines

Tank Troops Blast Jap Invasion Forces Northeast Of Imphal in Counter Move

By THOBURN WIANT
KANDY, Ceylon, April 19 (AP)—A British relief expedition from Dimapur has cracked the Kohima siege lines and tank-supported British and Indian troops have blasted Japanese invasion forces from three positions northeast of Imphal, 60 miles south of Kohima, it was announced today.

Breaking through a series of obstacles, British troops advancing southeastward from the railway line at Dimapur established contact with British and Indian troops who had been surrounded in the Kohima "BO" 30 miles inside India, and preparations for a final assault to relieve the garrison are almost complete, it was announced in dispatches from Calcutta.

Tanks and mountain guns man-handled into position on hills too steep for mules were used by the British.

(The counter actions came as Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, commander in chief of the southeast Asia command, and Maj. Gen. George E. Stratemeyer of the eastern air command settled in new headquarters far closer to the Burma front than their former establishments in New Delhi. Stratemeyer and US army air force headquarters were established in Calcutta, 800 miles nearer than New Delhi to the fighting zones. Calcutta is separated from Burma by the sprawling Ganges delta. Both these moves were part of a long-standing plan for setting up an allied land, sea and air offensive to clear China's lower flank.)
Dispatches from two army observers, one inside Kohima and the other with the relieving force, reported the Kohima garrison had held on against a (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

4-H Club Show Larger Than Last Year's

"A larger spring show than 1943" was the report of Amos Bierly, Marion county 4H club leader, when all exhibits were in the exhibit building at the Oregon state fairgrounds last night. The healthiest boy and girl in Marion county will be selected at 9 o'clock this morning and announced Friday morning when all club members will parade through Salem streets.

Four judges started work on the exhibits late Wednesday afternoon and this will be continued this morning and all ribbons should be in place this afternoon. The judges include Helen Cowgill, state girls' club leader; John Hansen, Linn county club leader; Frances Clinton, Marion county home demonstration agent, and Agnes Booth, school superintendent, and Lynn Cronemiller, assistant state forester.
Exhibits include all work of the clubs for the first half of the year, cookery, sewing, woodworking and other home projects. The canning, livestock and gardening exhibits are shown at the fall fair. The present count of clubs in the county is 270 clubs with 2500 members.

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Germans Lash Out At Reds

Nazis Try Hard To Save Lwow Base in Poland

LONDON, Thursday, April 20 (AP)—The Germans, lashing out fiercely to save their big base at Lwow, have launched a large-scale attack in the southeastern corner of old Poland, and some towns have changed hands south and east of Stanislawow, the Russians announced last night, but declared the enemy was repulsed.

The Soviet communique, which for the first time in weeks did not record some notable red army advance, said that in the Crimea the Germans launched several vain counter-attacks on the Sevastopol-Simferopol highway, but the Russians gained several (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

US Troop Loss From Our Guns Is Revealed

WASHINGTON, April 19 (AP)—A second instance of American troop transport planes coming under fire from allied as well as enemy anti-aircraft with 10 planes shot down and 44 officers and men missing—was reported tonight by the war department.

Reporting on the incident which occurred at Catania, Sicily, last July 13-14, the department said it was estimated that 50 per cent of the loss was due to "friendly" anti-aircraft fire.

The department did not say who manned the allied guns, but a navy spokesman emphasized that the fire did not come from United States naval vessels.

Recently, the department has acknowledged that 23 transport planes were shot down with the loss of 410 men on July 11 off Gela, on the southern Sicilian coast, when allied anti-aircraft gunners opened fire on them.

"While the war department normally does not discuss operations in a British area, it may be said in this instance the United States loss in the Catania operation on the night of July 13-14, as taken from official records, was 10 transport planes and 44 officers and men missing, of which 50 per cent were estimated as having been caused by friendly anti-aircraft fire."

Today's announcement, as did the first, followed previous publication of unofficial reports of such losses.

Drew Pearson said in his Washington column today that after the Gela incident "we lost a second wave of 21 planes with almost 400 three days later—also shot down by allied naval gunners."

The court issued the ruling after directing immediate arraignment of Edward James Smythe, the 30th defendant who was arrested yesterday at Au Sable Forks, New York, and boosting Smythe's bond to \$10,000. Smythe's counsel, John J. Laughlin, had sought to delay the arraignment so he could confer with his client before Smythe entered a plea. He said he had not seen the defendant since he was retained as counsel. He also wanted Smythe's bond of \$1000, forfeited when the defendant failed to appear Monday, restored. The court's answer to that was the ten-fold boost.

On advice of counsel, Smythe, who testified he had not known the trial was to start this week, stood mute at arraignment and the court ordered a plea of innocent entered for him.

Mrs. Aitchison Rites Will Be Held Sunday

PORTLAND, April 19 (AP)—Memorial services for Mrs. Clyde B. Aitchison, wife of the former chairman of the Oregon Public Utilities commission, will be held here next Sunday. Aitchison, now interstate commerce commission chairman, arrived here to attend the services. Mrs. Aitchison died in Washington, DC, January 5.

Captured Nazi Canine



Astor, a German police dog captured in Tunisia and believed to be the first canine captive brought back to this country, with his new master, Capt. Martin H. Carlson, at Brookline, Mass. A former member of a combat patrol of the crack Hermann Goering division, Astor was vicious at first, but now responds to Capt. Carlson's commands when given in German. Capt. Carlson came home to recuperate from leg wounds received in Tunisia and brought his pet back with him from North Africa by plane. (AP Wirephoto)

Hitler to Celebrate 55th Birthday Today

LONDON, April 19 (AP)—Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels addressed an unusual appeal to the German people tonight to rally behind Adolf Hitler, who celebrates his 55th birthday tomorrow, reminding them that "even the greatest leaders of history will be faced with occasional setbacks and defeats."

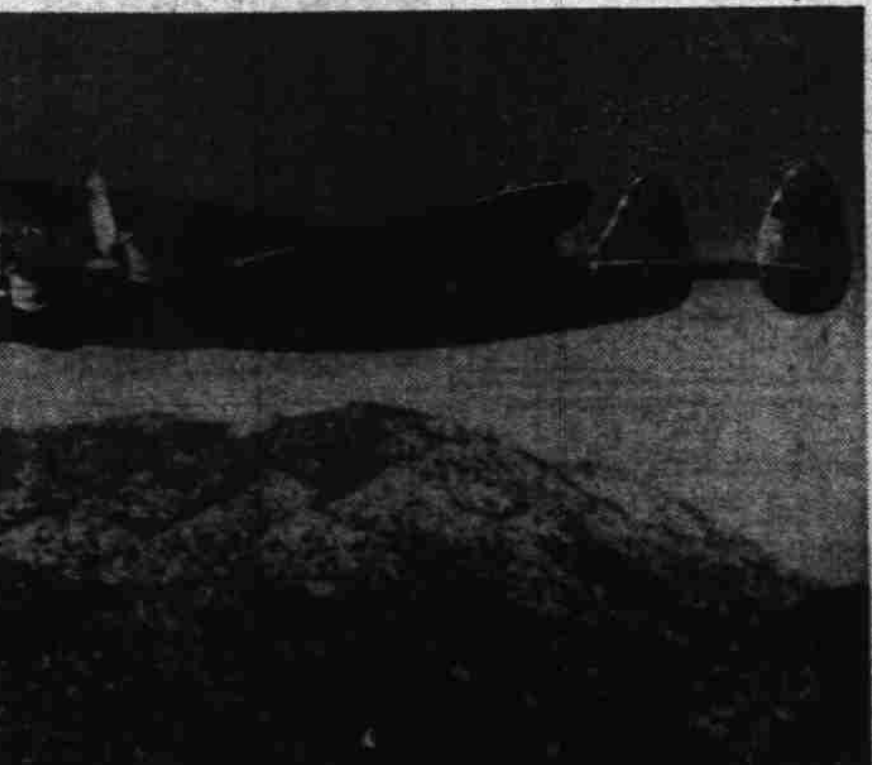
In a similar but more restrained order of the day to the German army on the occasion of the Hitler birthday, Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering called for steady loyalty to Hitler even though "a thousand dangers may lie ahead."

The Goebbels message seemed significant in its implications. The Berlin radio broadcast more than 1,000 words of an address it said the propaganda chief delivered on the eve of Hitler's birthday at the German state opera house in Berlin, dwelling throughout on the difficulty of the German position, the righteousness of Nazi war aims and the necessity for sticking together in the hour of trial.

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Big Plane Crosses U. S. In 6 Hrs., 58 Min.



Six hours and fifty eight minutes after leaving Burbank, Calif., on its maiden long distance flight, the massive new Lockheed "Constellation" 87-passenger transport plane, arrived over Washington, DC, national airport at 1:54 p.m. (EWT), April 17. Fastest time on record for a transport plane, by three hours and 24 minutes, the great plane was piloted by Howard Hughes and Jack Frye. Frye is president of Transcontinental and Western Air, Inc., to whom Lockheed Aircraft delivered the plane the previous day. The four-motored super-transport plane is pictured on its delivery flight, en route to Las Vegas, Tex. On arrival at the capital the big ship was turned over to the army air transport command. (International Soundphoto)

RAF, AAF Drop 9000 Ton Load In Thirty Hours

British Bombers Mine 300 Miles of Danube Lifeline In Daring, Spectacular Blow

By W. W. HERCHER
LONDON, April 19 (AP)—American and British warplanes developed the greatest sustained aerial assault of the war today, rounding out a 30-hour offensive against Germany and Nazi-occupied territories during which bombs were dropped almost continuously at the average rate of 300 tons an hour, or five tons a minute.

The allies in more than 6000 flights between noon Tuesday and 6 p. m. today poured 9000 tons of bombs on selected German targets, the Americans capping the period with a blow by 2000 heavy bombers and fighters against plane factories and parking fields near Kassel and Hamm in Germany and installations near Calais in France.

Warren Keynoter GOP's Pick Bear State Head In Bid for West

CHICAGO, April 19 (AP)—The republicans called on tall, handsome Gov. Earl Warren of California today to sound the keynote for their June nominating convention in an apparent bid for west coast support in the November election.

Warren, 53-year-old veteran leader of the California republican organization, was the unanimous choice of the party's 24-member arrangements committee for the temporary chairman and keynoter.

House Minority Leader Joseph Martin of Massachusetts was recommended as permanent chairman, a post the convention itself officially fills. Backed by National Chairman Harrie E. Spangler and Walter Hallahan, chairman of the arrangements group, Warren was chosen after the names of a dozen other candidates had been brought before the committee's closed session.

These included several governors and senators as well as Representative Clare Booth Luce of Connecticut, for whom J. Kenneth Bradley, Connecticut national committeeman, made a personal campaign. Although leaders opposed the selection of a woman as keynoter, it was reported that Mrs. Luce would be invited to make an important speech at the convention.

Warren's choice appeared to be satisfactory to all elements, with Bradley telling reporters he had "no quarrel" with the committee's decision. He said geographical considerations played an important part, since Martin is from New England and the group wished to have the west represented in its convention organization.

Warren, who has the "favorite son" support of California's 50 convention delegates, has been considered a potential vice-presidential nominee, despite his insistence that he is not running for national office.

W.C. Leth, Polk County Agent, to Make Trip East

DALLAS, April 19 — W. C. Leth, Polk county agent and western director of the American Jersey Cattle club, is leaving Saturday of this week to visit a number of cities in the middle west to assist in picking a city to recommend for the main office of the club. There is a proposal that the main office of this organization be moved from New York City to a more rural area where the office can give more direct service and be contacted by more Jersey breeders. Approximately 45 cities have been proposed and through the process of elimination there are now four under consideration, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Lexington, Kentucky. The committee, composed of Herman Heep, Buda, Texas; W. H. Kenan Jr., Lockport N.Y.; Dr. H. D. Allen Jr., Milledgeville, Geo.; M. S. Hughes, Bristow, Okla. and Leth together with Junius G. Adams, president of the American Jersey Cattle club, will visit these four cities between April 26 and May 2, and the meeting of the board of directors in New York City on May 4 the final selection will be made. It will then be necessary to submit the matter of moving the office to vote of the entire membership of the American Jersey Cattle club. Leth states that this will be his first visit to the middle west covered by these various cities, and he, therefore, anticipates an interesting trip. The committee is to meet with chamber of commerce (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Weather
Maximum temperature Wednesday 50 degrees; minimum 41 degrees; precipitation .33; river 4.5 ft. Light rain tonight and showers Thursday; snow over mountains; continued cool.