

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Squire

There is a report from the state department to the effect that it has concluded that a separate and distinct international police force to preserve future peace is not practical.

First, there is the matter of loyalties. Men fight for causes; internationalism is not yet sufficiently instilled to command full loyalties of masses of people.

The department favors relying on the military establishments of member nations, which seems a reasonable decision at the beginning of any cooperative endeavor to preserve peace.

Armed Forces Renew Labor Draft Demand

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) - Warning the nation that it faces a manpower crisis which may imperil the mightiest military undertaking in history, heads of the armed forces renewed their demand for labor draft legislation tonight.

"False public interpretations of what are only local victories on the perimeter of the enemies' strongholds may indeed imperil victory when we thrust at the foe's heart."

In a joint statement Navy Secretary Knox and War Secretary Stimson and Maritime Chairman Emory S. Land declared 1,400,000 more men will be taken by the armed forces this year—most of them "drawn from vital industries."

"Someone must step up to the bench, the lathe and desk of every war worker who leaves to fight for his country," they said.

Shortly before their statement came out the house military committee recommended that 4-F's who refuse to take essential war jobs be drafted for non-combat duty in the army and navy.

The committee plan was aimed (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Grigg Urges Stronger Ties With Russia

LONDON, April 20 (AP) - Sir Edward Grigg, former undersecretary of state for war proposed today a stronger alliance with Russia, with definite postwar military commitments, as the only means of preventing some future "Pearl Harbor" assault on this island from the continent.

Britain already has a 20-year alliance with the soviet union, drawn in May, 1942, providing for military and all other mutual aid in the war against Germany and her satellites and for common action to preserve peace after the war.

He declared, "If any power were to acquire domination of the European continent, nothing could prevent this island from being 'Pearl Harbor' in a night."

"We must think of some organization which would act promptly enough to prevent it."

Princess Beth Is 18 Today

LONDON, April 20 (AP) - From the far corners of the empire she expects one day to ride, greetings poured in tonight for blonde, blue-eyed Princess Elizabeth on the eve of her coming of age.

This girl of destiny will have a normal celebration—a family luncheon party. A birthday cake will be turned out in the royal kitchen.

At 18 Elizabeth, still legally a minor for three years, automatically becomes a councillor of state empowered with others to act for the king in his absence.

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Maximum temperature Thursday 57 degrees; minimum 39; traces of precipitation; wind mostly from south and cloudy; river 4.7 feet.

Partly cloudy Friday and Saturday, with occasional light rain west portion Saturday. Warmer Friday.

Bombing Attacks Continue

Yanks Deliver Heaviest Day Blow on France

By W. W. HERCHER LONDON, Friday, April 21 (AP) - American warplanes delivered the heaviest daylight aerial blow ever launched against targets in France yesterday and early today the British announced that their bombers had kept the offensive rolling through the night with new attacks on Germany and occupied territory.

A preliminary announcement failed to identify the objectives of the overnight assaults, but they apparently were carried out in great strength.

The American attack was climaxed by a surprise sunset raid on objectives in France by "very strong forces" of Fortresses and Liberators, probably numbering nearly 1000.

It came at the waning of a long day for the axis, which had been jarred in the early morning hours by a heavy RAF raid from Italy on the Bulgarian railway center of Plovdiv.

But even as the Americans were returning from the evening effort a huge RAF fleet was heard winning across the eastern coast and as late as 3:30 a. m., (6:30 p. m. Pacific war time) German radios still were broadcasting warnings that allied planes were over western and southwestern Germany.

The supertanker attacks, accompanied by between 500 and 750 Thunderbolt, Lightning and Mustang fighters, dumped approximately 2500 tons of explosives on their objectives. In addition Mustang fighters - bombers (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

Stassen Found Adrift in Boat By Navy Ship

MADISON, Wis., April 20 (AP) - The rescue at sea of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and republican presidential possibility, was revealed tonight by the letters of a Wisconsin sailor aboard the rescue craft.

William Bormett, a sound man on a subchaser, wrote: "Just a few weeks ago we were patrolling in front of an island when somebody saw a small boat ahead. We took the passengers aboard and one of them was Stassen."

Stassen, who resigned as governor of Minnesota to enter the navy, has been serving as a flag officer in Adm. William D. Hall's south Pacific fleet.

His political career received a boost in the recent Wisconsin primary, which gave him four delegates to the republican national convention in the same vote which smashed the hopes of Wendell L. Willkie.

In a letter to his father, John R. Bormett of Madison, the sailor told of sighting a small boat flying distress signals and of taking aboard three officers who were in it.

"I've read where he's wanted as a candidate for president," the former University of Wisconsin athlete wrote. "Maybe we had the good luck to save the next one."

Dewey Gains Convention Support From Michigan

By D. HAROLD OLIVER Associated Press Staff Writer Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's convention support for the republican presidential nomination was increased yesterday to 209 delegates, 175 more than his nearest opponent, when Michigan republicans in state convention praised their native son and put 41 more delegates into his claimed column.

It will require 530 convention votes to nominate a candidate. The state convention did not bind the delegates, but commended the New Yorker to them as the "overwhelming favorite" of the state's votes as party standard bearer.

Shortly before, Gov. Dwight Griswold of Nebraska told reporters in Lincoln "it is evident now" that Dewey can have the nomination on any ballot his forces choose. He said the Dewey committee "may allow a ballot or two for favorite sons, but Dewey could go on in the first, second or third ballot, whichever they choose."

Warren Made GOP Keynoter



Gov. Earl Warren of California (left) has been selected as temporary chairman for the upcoming national republican presidential nominating convention in Chicago as well as the keynote speaker. Here he walks with Ohio's Gov. John W. Bricker who is seeking the republican nomination.

Committee Asks US Seek Ownership of Ship Bases

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) - A congressional committee recommended today that the United States seek permanent ownership of a bridling ring of western hemisphere defense bases leased from Britain in a wartime swap for 50 destroyers.

A \$130,000,000 American investment has converted the bases into towers of armament which should become permanent structures to defend this hemisphere from attack, the committee said.

Chairman Hebert (D-La.) of the naval subcommittee suggested something be worked out, perhaps in exchange for Britain's lend-lease obligations, to give the United States full title to the bases which now are held on a 99-year lease.

"Under no circumstances would the advantages enjoyed by the United States through the acquisition of these facilities be relinquished," the report said.

"It would be a mistake for the United States to ever abandon the bases. We feel that steps should be immediately taken by our government to have the bases changed to in perpetuity."

The report, signed also by Representatives Cole (R-NY) and Hess (R-Ohio) found: 1—That there is room for naval cutbacks in the Caribbean area, no longer a U-boat hotbed.

2—Friendly South American nations should have access to surplus US vessels after the war on a lease agreement without American giving up the titles, rather than allow the ships to deteriorate or be scrapped.

3—Uniformed personnel be taken out of Brazil as soon as possible and replaced by civilians, where practicable.

The committee found fault with facilities in Puerto Rico, saying the navy built "one of the world's largest graving docks," at Roosevelt Roads but there is "no work to justify its construction."

A further study of the entire Caribbean area because of substantially altered requirements should be made, the report said.

Lamb Point Values Will Be Cut 50%

WASHINGTON, April 20 (AP) - An average 50 per cent slash in the ration point value of lamb will go into effect Sunday, April 30, the office of price administration said tonight as informed sources predicted that the agency will announce next week a 4-point cut in the ration cost of butter to 12 points a pound.

Also forecast were further reductions in the values on a number of pork cuts, with some items being made point-free.

Sufficient supplies of butter are now available, it was stated, to permit a point value reduction without causing a scarcity in areas remote from producing centers. The lamb reduction is prompted, a spokesman said, by drought conditions in many parts of the country which threaten a large part of the spring lamb flock.

Red Army Beats Off Nazi Blow

Germans Attack In Estonia but Lose Thousands

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Friday, April 21 (AP) - Vicious, large-scale German counter-attacks on the long-quiet Baltic front near Narva in Estonia, and in the southeast corner of old Poland near Stanislawow were beaten off by the red army yesterday, with a total of 5000 or more Germans killed and many captured, Moscow announced early today.

The red air force contributed to resumption of bitter warfare in the Baltic area by heavily bombing German troop trains concentrated at Rezekne and Gulbene in Latvia and a shale-oil plant at Kiwili in Estonia, the Soviet mid-night communique said, while in the far south Russian bombers and torpedo planes sank four large transports and a destroyer trying to escape from the besieged port of Sevastopol.

Besides the transports sunk, numerous others were wrecked or set afire, it was announced.

In attacking on the Baltic front, which has been quiet for six weeks, the Germans sought to wipe out a Soviet bridgehead on the west bank of the Narova river southwest of Narva, using massed infantry, tanks and self-propelled guns after powerful artillery preparation.

"The Hitlerites appeared to hope to smash our defenses in one blow," said a supplement to the communique, "but they miscalculated." German dead left on the field numbered more than 2000, but the enemy continued repeated vain counter-attacks that cost them more and more men, the Russians declared.

South and east of Stanislawow the Germans attacked with similar results, the Russians reporting that in one sector alone 1500 Germans were killed, and in another a full battalion (probably 800 men) broke into the Russians' positions only to be encircled and "wiped out to a man."

The Germans continued, however, to exert "relentless pressure on our positions from two sides, and "violent engagements went on throughout the day," the official account stated.

West of Tarnopol, on the central front, the Russians themselves thrust forward a short distance, capturing several villages, taking prisoners and destroying about a battalion of German infantry, it was added.

Germans Make Gains Against Tito's Forces

LONDON, April 20 (AP) - The Yugoslav partisans announced tonight that a German counter-offensive in Montenegro, employing tanks and planes, had recaptured Saboviet, and that in eastern Bosnia the Germans had advanced to the town of Drezinica.

In the Zlobin sector, however, the Germans have been thrown back to Susak, said the communique broadcast by headquarters of the Partisan Marshal Josip Broz (Tito), and Bulgarians and puppet Serbian forces have lost 150 dead and 20 prisoners in the Ibar sector of Serbia.

Elsewhere in Serbia, violent fights went in favor of the partisans, the communique said, with German dead including a general. An earlier partisan broadcast said the partisans had routed more than 4,000 of the Yugoslav Chetniks of Gen. Draja Mihailovic in a battle in western Siberia. Mihailovic, in a communique issued in Cairo through the Yugoslav government in exile, said his Chetniks had captured three sections of eastern Bosnia from the Germans in four days of heavy fighting.

Big Explosion Kills 43 in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, April 20 (AP) - A heavy explosion from an unknown cause at Skollergrunn quay today killed 43 persons and injured several times that number, the Scandinavian Telegraph bureau reported tonight in a dispatch from Oslo.

AWOL to Hero



William B. Murphree, 26, of Old Hickory, Tenn., who army officers said went AWOL from the army before Pearl Harbor, joined the marines under another name after the war started and became a hero, winning the navy cross. Marine corps authorities have taken his case under advisement. (AP Wirephoto)

Oregon Flag To Take Hall Spot at Last

Eighty-five years after statehood was granted Oregon, its state flag is to take its place in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, along with the flags of 44 other states.

Funds for the flag were provided by the Oregon societies, Sons of the American Revolution and Daughters of the American Revolution, after Governor Earl Snell announced that state money was not available for the purchase.

The presentation ceremony will be held in Independence Hall on Flag Day, June 14, with representatives of Oregon patriotic societies playing an important part.

Romania Gets Peace Terms

LONDON, Friday, April 21 (AP) - Romania was believed faced today by the choice of withdrawing from the war upon peace terms proffered by soviet Russia or meeting the full weight of the red army which already has crossed her eastern frontier.

At her rear was the threat of allied bombers based in Italy. Premier Marshal Ion Antonescu's government was reported to have received from Moscow the conditions upon which it might withdraw from the conflict, but it was believed that swift action would be necessary to prevent the Germans from taking over the country as they did in Hungary.

The United States and Britain likely were consulted on details of the terms, as was the case with Finland. Finland was reported in Stockholm to have delivered a negative reply Tuesday to the latest soviet communication through Mme. Alexandra Kollontay, Russian envoy to Sweden.

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Allied Aircraft Attack Japanese Sumatra Bases

Carrier Borne Planes Blast Nip Air Fields, Destroy 22 Airships, Leave Boats Afire

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, April 20 (AP) - Allied forces in southeast Asia have landed two stiff jolts on the Japanese with bombers and fighters flying from carriers somewhere in the Indian ocean attacking enemy targets in northern Sumatra, and Chinese troops encircling a Japanese division in northern Burma, it was disclosed today.

A communique from Lord Louis Mountbatten's southeast Asia headquarters said allied planes, taking off from powerfully escorted carrier, blasted Japanese airfields, shipping and other installations early yesterday at Sabang and Longha in northern Sumatra, destroying at least 22 enemy planes a ground.

Chinese troops fighting under Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell in the Mamsam area near the Jade mines of northern Burma were reported to have encircled a Japanese division and to be inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

A strong force of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines prowled about the Allied (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Carolines Hit Hard

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Friday, April 21 (AP) - American Liberator heavy bombers from south and southwest Pacific bases, paying daily visits to Japanese airfields in the western and central Caroline islands, destroyed six enemy planes and probably three more, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

The planes were destroyed in Tuesday and Wednesday raids on Woleai island, in the western Carolines. Three were knocked out of the air and three smashed on the ground. The three probables also were hit on the ground.

Another flight of Liberators hit Woleai Thursday, but details of this raid have not been received. Other Liberators struck at Satawan island in the Nomol islands, 150 miles southeast of the big Japanese base at Truk, Tuesday for the third consecutive day of raids there. The attackers smashed the airfield and dispersal areas with 34 tons of explosives.

(These raids coordinated with attacks by American bombers from central Pacific bases on Truk and Ponape island, in the eastern part of the Carolines, Wednesday and Thursday. The raids were announced by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.) (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

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Oregon Tax Delinquency Reduced More Than 50%

Property tax delinquency in Oregon's 31 counties has been reduced from \$46,510,000, the peak on December 31, 1935, to \$20,222,219.22 on August 15, 1943, according to a report completed here Thursday by Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission.

The tempo of reduction continued, Galloway declared, and on June 30, 1943, the total for the state was reduced to \$20,222,219.22, showing a cut of \$5,998,000 within a period of 18 months. In other words, Galloway said, the accumulation of property tax delinquency was reduced by \$13,391,000 or 33 per cent, over the six and one-half year period from January 1, 1936, to June 30, 1942.

With the tax delinquency further reduced to \$20,222,219.22 on August 15, 1943, Galloway predicted that there would be another substantial reduction before the expiration of the current year. (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Turkey Halts Alloy Exports

LONDON, April 20 (AP) - Foreign Minister Numan Menemencoglu announced in the Turkish assembly today Turkey's decision to halt all chrome exports to Germany effective tomorrow, giving the allies a diplomatic victory expected to be felt in the war foundries.

The Turkish announcement was the first fruit of an allied campaign to plug leakages of neutral aid to Germany, and it followed strong allied representations over recent increases of Turkish chrome shipments to the Nazis.

London estimated the Turkish embargo would deprive Germany of at least half of her supplies of this alloy essential for hardening certain special steels for armorplate and other war goods.