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Washington, D. C., May 17.—Don't be surprised if the news services carry the announcement that Frank Knox, Chicago publisher and Republican candidate for vice president in 1936, has been offered and accepted a portfolio in the cabinet by President Roosevelt as secretary of the navy. The offer has been made and Knox is itching to accept and the only reason he has not snapped at the invitation is the advice he is receiving from Mr. Biggles in the Republican party.

As reported in this space at the time, Mr. Roosevelt proposed to Colonel Knox that he join the cabinet and the tender was declined. Within the past few days Mr. Roosevelt has extended the invitation for the second time and the colonel came to Washington to talk it over with members of his party.

President Roosevelt has in mind something like a coalition cabinet, but he calls it an "American" cabinet. By this he means a cabinet not confined to new dealers, but including Republicans who share his views—as Knox does in the national defense and foreign policy. If Knox again declines, Mr. Roosevelt will seek out another prominent Republican—but not Herbert Hoover.

OVERTURES to Col. Knox are interpreted by the limited few in the national capital who are aware of the invitation that Mr. Roosevelt expects to continue in the White House for the next few years of the war abroad.

Charles Edison, secretary of the navy, will resign whenever the president makes the request and thus create a vacancy for Col. Knox. But Knox has been warned (by fellow G.O.P. big shots) that President Roosevelt will run the policy of the navy, as he has during the past seven years, for Mr. Roosevelt's interest in the navy has been his first love since he was assistant secretary under the Wilson administration in the first world war.

Among other arguments used on Knox to turn down the cabinet job was the assertion that if he accepts, the Republican nominating convention may as well be cancelled out, for with Mr. Roosevelt giving top-flight Republican representation in his cabinet he would spike the guns of the opposition during the presidential campaign; his foreign policy could not be attacked for it would be approved by the important Republicans in his cabinet.

BEING a Chicago publisher, the colonel has an idea that (Continued on Page Ten.)

Cairo, May 17.—(P)—The gold coffin of King Tut-Nkh-Amen and other treasures of the Cairo museum are being removed to a safe place as a precautionary measure, it was announced today.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Postoffice Bricklaying Foreman Everett Vickers still being the talk of the town for catching a two-pound silverside on his anchor rope after fishing in legitimate fashion all day without result, friends calling him a good lasso artist.

Doc Wait Hoppe promising a friend a huge bouquet of roses and then not coming through with even a single daisy.

Bob and Betty Colvig moving lock, stock and barrel to the hills to take up permanent residence, they being tired of civilization.

Sarge Willis Estey allotting to Vern Canon an important role in a mythical army corps being formed around city hall.

FRENCH ORDERED TO 'DIE ON SPOT' BEFORE RETREAT

German Mechanized Forces Continue Rapid Advance; Situation Admitted Grave

Paris, May 17.—(P)—German mechanized columns are believed late today to be within 70 miles of Paris. They ripped through the Maginot line defenses on a broad front, protected by a vast bombing fleet of warplanes. Huge infantry forces are driving forward behind the mechanized columns.

Paris, May 17.—(P)—The French armies, under orders from Generalissimo Maurice Gustave Gamelin to "die on the spot rather than give further ground," battled a massive German tank drive into northern France tonight in a clash described by the high command as "a veritable melee."

By the Associated Press The German high command announced its troops marched into Brussels, the Belgian capital, tonight and an unconfirmed German report said the nazi drive into France had reached a point within 76 miles of Paris. While a British military spokesman said allied troops were reported to have fallen back along the 115-mile Meuse river front from Antwerp, Belgium, to Sedan, France, French General Maurice Gustave Gamelin, the allied commander-in-chief, ordered his troops to "die on the spot" rather than give up further ground.

General Gamelin's command came after the French acknowledged the Germans had blasted out a pocket 35 to 40 miles deep, extending to within 100 miles of Paris.

Extremely Grave The British public was warned that the situation in the 8-day-old war in the west is "extremely grave."

Earlier, the French high command admitted German mechanized troops had smashed forward to a point 100 miles from Paris.

Nazi sources in Berlin said the German campaign is now aimed directly at Paris.

Paris itself was placed under rigid military control.

Authorized German sources reported nazi sledge-hammer blows had pierced France's Maginot line "in a manner even German optimists believed impossible."

The Germans mean the "little Maginot" line on the Franco-Belgian frontier, rather than the great main fortress system di-

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HOOVER ENDORSES DEFENSE EFFORTS

New York, May 17.—(P)—Former President Herbert Hoover today endorsed President Roosevelt's defense program, declaring "There can be no partisanship upon the principle of national defense."

"The president is right that our defense armament should be revised in the light of experience from this war," said Hoover, who was succeeded in the White House by President Roosevelt, cast aside all partisan considerations and wholeheartedly endorsed Mr. Roosevelt's billion dollar defense program.

Ralph Williams



Ralph E. Williams (above) of Oregon, veteran Republican national committee man, died Thursday evening in Philadelphia following a cerebral hemorrhage.

VETERAN G.O.P. LEADER RALPH WILLIAMS DIES OF BRAIN HEMORRHAGE

Philadelphia, May 17.—(P)—Ralph E. Williams of Portland, Ore., senior vice-chairman of the Republican national committee and head of the committee on arrangements for the party's national convention here next month, died last night.

The tall, spare, 70-year-old westerner was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage while in discussion with committee associates at a mid-city hotel. He died in a hospital two hours later.

Williams, whose continuous service as a Republican committeeman since 1908 was a record unequalled by any other member of either major party, came here April 15 to supervise preparations for the conclave, opening June 24.

A native of Polk county, Oregon, he came from a long line of southern Democrats, but parted from the traditional political affiliation in 1893 over the gold standard issue.

Portland, May 17.—(P)—Oregon and the nation lost "a far sighted and loyal leader" with the death of Ralph E. Williams, Governor Sprague commented today.

Similar tributes were expressed by other party leaders including Ralph H. Calkins, Leslie M. Scott, Wallace McCamant, Milton R. Klepper, Henry L. Corbett and Phil Metschan.

M'NUTT LAUDS F. D. R. PREPAREDNESS SPEECH

Portland, May 17.—(P)—President Roosevelt's armaments message was "a fine, statesman-like speech," Paul V. McNutt, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, said here yesterday.

"We are short on material," he told an interviewer. "We can train soldiers rapidly but it takes time to manufacture armaments. The place of airplanes in modern warfare has been shown the last few days."

BASEBALL

Table with baseball scores for National and American leagues, listing teams like Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Brooklyn, etc., and their scores.

OLD DESTROYERS MAY BE ADDED TO U. S. DEFENSE LINE

F. R. Reveals Consideration of Government Financing Defense Material Plants

Washington, May 17.—(P)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that the government was considering recommissioning all remaining World war destroyers, 35 of them, which are not yet in service.

At a press conference he said also that study was being given to the question of government financing of plants for expanded production of defense materials, perhaps with the plants privately operated but government-owned.

A short time before the president spoke congress was asked by the war department to remove completely the existing 6,000-plane limit on the army's airforce so that the military may work swiftly toward the goal of 50,000 air fighting machines set up by President Roosevelt in his defense message to congress yesterday.

Interior Factories Talked In addition to all the other defense problems which the government is considering, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed at his press conference that attention is being given to the advisability of establishing in the interior of the country factories vital to defense.

That applies primarily to new branches of existing plants, he said, rather than to picking up those plants now operating and moving them from the seaboard.

Reporters remarked that most airplane manufacturing establishments now were located along the east and west coasts.

The president discussed at length what he expected to do with the \$100,000,000 which he asked congress to place at his disposal for defense operations and the additional \$100,000,000 in contract authorizations.

Things might come up during the summer when he would not want to call congress back, he explained, which could be taken care of if he were given the funds.

It was in that connection that he spoke of recommissioning the old world war destroyers. That is under consideration now, he said, but he asked his hearers to consider what would have been the situation had the question come up later on, after congress had adjourned.

Meantime the war department asked congress today to remove the 6,000-plane top limit on the size of the air corps, in line with President Roosevelt's proposal for a fleet of 50,000 arms and navy aircraft.

The recommendation was made to the house military committee by Brig. Gen. L. D. Gasser, deputy chief of staff of the army.

BRITISH CHILDREN MUST MOVE AGAIN

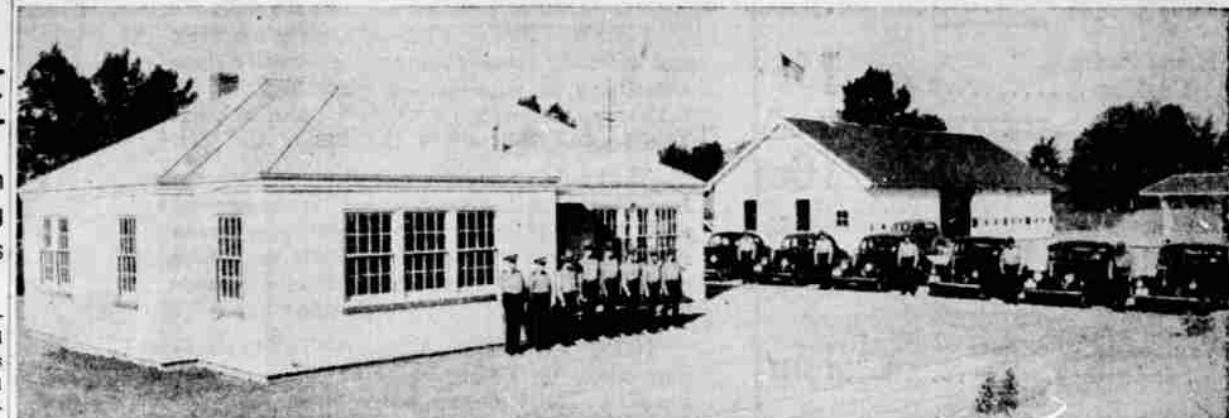
London, May 17.—(P)—British authorities today announced that children who had been removed from London to Suffolk county, on the east coast, would be moved again Sunday to Wales, in western Britain.

The order affects thousands who were taken first out of London at the start of the war to save them from air raids.

Little Girl Asks Cops To Stop War

Kansas City, May 17.—(P)—An 8-year-old girl handed L. B. Reed, police chief, a difficult assignment today. In a letter to the chief she asked: "Dear policemen: The war is getting on my nerves. I would like for you to stop it." (Signed) Betty Ruth Morris, grade 3-A, Jefferson school.

State Police Take Over New Home on North Highway



New state police headquarters (above), located on the Pacific highway two miles north of Medford in a building erected by the state highway department, were occupied Sunday. The new building replaces police quarters formerly located in the city hall. The building in the right background is the highway department maintenance structure, while the radio tower is a part of the short-wave system used by police, highway department and other law enforcement agencies. Standing in front of their new home, left to right, are Capt. Lee M. Bown, Lieut. B. J. Stasis, Sgt. O. A. MacKinnon, Privates H. W. Dawson, Al Stoehr, Jack Beers, Clark Johnson, and George W. Albright. Standing by their patrol cars, left to right, are Private Phil Lowd, Corp. Lyle Harrell, Privates Frank Beers, Jay Williams and Phil Stansbury.—(Photo by Shangle.)

EARLY VOTE SLOW IN CITY, COUNTRY; PICKUP EXPECTED

Voting was slow this morning in both city and country precincts, according to reports to the sheriff's office, who estimated less than seven per cent of the vote had been cast up to noon. It was expected that the afternoon and evening would bring out more citizens.

In Kenwood precinct of Medford, with a registration of 333, only 40 votes had been cast at noon. Oakdale with 261 registrants counted 38. In North Main precincts with 327 registered 72 votes had been cast at 1 o'clock.

Reports from the Table Rock districts said the morning vote was light. The same condition prevailed in the Sams Valley section, and Eagle Point. They expected a large vote however between 4 o'clock and closing time.

Ashland reported after a slow start, the voting picked up about 10 o'clock and was quite brisk.

Portland, Ore., May 17.—(P)—Oregon voters, unimpressed by perfect weather, stayed away from the state's primary election polls in droves today.

The light vote was attributed to dull contests, highlighted by Bonneville power and third term issues.

Scarcely a community estimated the total vote would be more than 50 percent of those registered—at the most about 275,000 persons. In a few places, election officials said the turnout would drop to approximately 25 percent although Portland expected 65 percent to vote.

Huge New Tanks Used By Germans

London, May 17.—(P)—Huge new tanks, larger and more heavily armed than those which rolled through Poland last September, were used by the Germans to break through the French extension of the Maginot line in the Sedan area, a British military source said today. He estimated that the nazis used three armored divisions each having about 400 tanks.

In advance of the land column were waves of dive bombers raking everything before them. Then came heavy tanks and the infantry. Some parachute troops also floated to earth behind the French lines.

Don't Forget to Vote

Registered voters of Jackson county are reminded that the polls will not close until 3 o'clock tonight—there is still plenty of time to vote, and it is an obligation of good citizenship to do so.

Bombing of Civilians 'Horrible'

Says American Ambulance Head

Paris, May 17.—(P)—Miss Anne Morgan, sister of J. P. Morgan, said today German bombardments of civilian refugees in northern France are "utterly horrible."

Miss Morgan, organizer of the Friends of France committee, was forced out of the north yesterday by German bombardments while her unit, accompanied by cars of the American Volunteers ambulance corps was trying to rescue civilians.

She delegated Miss Ophelia Tiley of Essex, Conn., to report on the work of the rescue unit since May 10.

One of the most startling things that the women drivers discovered, said Miss Tiley, was a German pilot who had been shot down while wearing a British air force uniform.

His back was broken and he was dying in a French shelter when the women arrived in a little northern French town.

"How can you justify the bombing and machine-gunning of women and children?" one of the women asked him.

Miss Tiley said the pilot replied: "This is war. Heil Hitler!"

Many casualties among civilian population were caused by bombardments of railways and stations, considered to be military objectives, said Miss Tiley.

Outside one town, in a courtyard, she said she saw the bodies of two women "cut into pieces" by machine-gun bullets.

Rep. Celler (D-NY) announced that he would be willing to support an amendment which would bar "communists, fascists, nazis or anyone owning allegiance to any foreign prince or potentate."

Every congressman, Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference, naturally would want something for his district and the associated general contractors, he added would try to get as much as they could for contractors.

BUSSES CONTINUE DESPITE STRIKE HIGH SCHOOL BOY FALLS OUT WINDOW

The Pacific Greyhound bus drivers' strike remained quiet here today, several of the strikers with placards sitting in cars near the stage depot.

The company's local management said all bus schedules were being operated normally with only the customary delays occurring here and there.

San Francisco, May 17.—(P)—Railroad union pickets marched monotonously in front of Pacific Greyhound terminals and shops today, as the bus lines company strove to meet its regular schedules in seven states despite a strike of bus drivers.

Union spokesmen claimed at least 450 drivers were on strike and schedules were noticeably below normal. Company officials insisted only about 175 men were striking, and asserted operations were "99 per cent normal."

Roosevelt Gives Up Continental Swing

Washington, May 17.—(P)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that problems raised by war abroad and the necessity of increasing American defenses had resulted in virtual cancellation of his plans for a swing around the country starting next month.

Furthermore, he told his press conference, he would not carry out plans to visit his Hyde Park, N. Y., home this week-end.

ECONOMISTS SEE GOOD TIMES WITH DEFENSE EFFORT

Washington, May 17.—(P)—Administration economists predicted today that President Roosevelt's billion-dollar defense program would have a substantial stimulating effect on American industry by mid-summer.

At the same time, they prophesied that it would make little change in WPA rolls, because millions of unemployed men outside relief ranks may get first call on the new private jobs.

Employment for billions of dollars of idle money lying in banks also was envisioned, as officials indicated that treasury borrowing probably would be the principal method of financing the new program, even though it might involve increasing the \$45,000,000,000 debt limit.

One economist, who is a frequent consultant of the president, said his colleagues believed that business already was recovering from the slump which set in after Christmas and were optimistic about the year's outlook, even before the new defense expenditures were requested.

PILOT TRAINING CAMPS FOR 10,000 PROPOSED; PLAN JULY 1 OPENING

Chicago, May 17.—(P)—Col. Frank Knox said today he had been authorized by President Roosevelt to announce a project by a group of patriotic Americans for the establishment of camps for the "advanced training of pilots in military flying."

The publisher of the Chicago Daily News, returning from Washington where he conferred with the president, said the plan had been approved by Mr. Roosevelt, the army chief of staff, army air corps authorities and the civil aeronautics authority.

Tentative plans, Colonel Knox said, provided for the opening of the camps by July 1 in the nine army corps areas with the hope of enrolling a maximum of 10,000 young men between the ages of 18 and 35.

PERSHING, ROOSEVELT IN LUNCHEON CONFAB

Washington, May 17.—(P)—General John J. Pershing, who commanded American armies in France in the last world war, had lunch with President Roosevelt today.

Washington, May 17.—(P)—President Roosevelt has invited former Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas, Republican presidential nominee in 1936, to luncheon at the White House next Wednesday.

Election News

The public is invited to get local and state election returns tonight in front of the Mail Tribune office on North Fir street.

The returns will be given over the Mail Tribune's public address system. This extra, free public service will start at 8:30 tonight. Returns will be announced as they are received from experienced Mail Tribune reporters and the Associated Press and the United Press. An augmented staff will gather the local returns as fast as election boards can count the ballots.