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NAZIS FINISH DUNKERQUE CONQUEST



Washington, D. C., June 4.—The American people for the time being are experiencing a hysteria which is sweeping the country from coast to coast like an epidemic. This high tension of emotionalism cannot be sustained for more than a few weeks, but while the fever runs its course some remarkable developments are taking place.

It is well to direct attention to phases of the Washington scene if a reader is to understand more clearly the undercurrents swirling in this capital, the nerve center of the American Republic.

News from the battlefields abroad, the crumbling of the allies; the sudden and startling program for national defense revealed by the president; disclosure that the United States is vulnerable—these and other matters have given the country a "case of nerves".

TAKING advantage of the public state of mind several things are in motion.

(A)—Congress is working on a tax program to meet, in part, the defense plan. What the taxes will be no one knows now will know for several weeks. Any tax schemes now are merely tentative. Behind the scenes is a battle to determine whether the profiteers or John Citizen pay the bill.

(B)—With many people apprehensive of invasion there is a persistent attempt to capitalize this fear and promote the demand that the United States go to war with the allies. War mongers are holding up Hitler as a Boogy-man. The war propagandists, for the moment, are a greater menace to the country than the "fifth column".

WITH millions of Americans lashed to a near-frenzy (and they constitute public opinion), advantage is being taken of their excitement to adopt measures which last month would have met adamant opposition. A few short weeks ago this country would have denounced a defense bill of billions of dollars; would have objected to increasing the tax load; would have protested pro.

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British Withdraw From Bodo Region

London, June 4.—(P)—The British war office announced tonight that British forces in the Bodo area of northern Norway were withdrawn by sea during the night of May 30-June 1.

Klamath Population Makes Slight Growth

Klamath Falls, June 4.—(P)—Supervisor Katherine G. Nelson said yesterday Klamath Falls' preliminary census count was 16,359 compared with the 1930 total of 16,093.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Lulu Saulsbury happily stowing packages away in her car, pleasantly unaware of a pink police ticket on the windshield, warning her of over-parking.

Freda Cannon having the time of her life Sunday catching more fish than Hubby George and the largest one in the party, her angling luck up to then having been practically nil for the season.

Josephine Cline trying to explain away a black eye with a fanciful story about a goat butting her.

Navyman George Patterson regretting his approaching departure from these parts, he being fond of Medford's golfing and fishing, not to mention the girls.

40,000 PRISONERS, MUCH WAR BOOTY TAKEN, IS CLAIM

Capture Gives Complete Control of French, Belgian Coast to Somme River

By the Associated Press German capture of the allies' "escape" port of Dunkerque with 40,000 prisoners and "a vast amount of booty" ending at last the bloody battle of Flanders—was announced today by the Nazi high command.

The fall of Dunkerque, which was admitted in London, gives Hitler's conquering legions complete mastery of the entire French and Belgian coast on the English channel as far south as the Somme river.

Evacuation Completed Only a few hours earlier, London reported the evacuation of allied troops trapped in Flanders had been virtually completed against terrific odds on Monday.

The highly important French port of Le Havre was dotted with fires set by incendiary bombs in a new series of raids by Nazi bombing planes today.

Paris reported eleven girls were killed at a girls' school just outside Paris—four "literally blown to pieces" in yesterday's mass air raid on the French capital.

Swiss Down Nazis A British radio broadcast said Nazi bombers struck at Cherbourg, French port of call for trans-Atlantic liners in peace times.

The Swiss high command reported other German planes made new bombing sorties over the Rhone valley in southern France. Swiss fighters reportedly shot down "two or three" German aircraft in an air battle over the Swiss Jura mountains.

A Swiss plane was shot down and its pilot killed.

Canada may be used as a base for the British empire's fight against Germany—in the event of a Nazi conquest of England—was indicated today by Prime Minister Churchill who told the house of commons:

Never Surrender "We shall never surrender! And even if this island or even a part of it is submerged and starting, then our empire across the seas, armed and guarded by the British fleet, will carry on the struggle until in God's good name the new world in all its strength and might sets forth to the rescue and liberation of the old."

Canada would be the nearest point to the conflict among the empire's dominions and colonies.

In August, 1938, President Roosevelt assured a Kingston, Ont., audience that the United States "will not stand idly by" if Canada is threatened with foreign aggression, and emphasized that a strong bond of friendship existed between the dominion and the United States.

Churchill told a widely cheering commons that a fleet of 1,000 allied ships rescued 335,000 French and British soldiers in the great retreat from the bloody battle of Flanders.

The prime minister said 30,000 men in the British expeditionary force had been killed, wounded or were missing, but he added that when he first set the time for the withdrawal a week

(Continued on Page Five.) Grants Pass, June 4.—(P)—The philosophy of the Sisterhood of P.E.O.—an "inner self sufficiency"—is the best recipe for happiness in a restless and confused world, Mrs. Edith Markham Wallace, past supreme president, told the Oregon convention last night in the only open session of the three-day state convention here.

BASEBALL

Table with columns: American, R, H, E. Chicago 7 12 0, New York 3 7 2, E. Smith and Tresh; Ruffing, Hadley, Hildebrand and Dickey.

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Table with columns: National, R, H, E. New York 5 11 0, Cincinnati 4 11 0, Hubbell and Danning; Moore, Shoffner, Riddle, and Lombardi.

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ANNIHILATION OF ALLIED FORCES IS HITLER'S PLEDGE

Berlin, June 4.—(AP via Radio)—Adolf Hitler, in a special message from his western headquarters broadcast tonight on the German radio, was declared to have "sworn to carry through the war to the final and complete annihilation of all allied forces."

This message from the fuhrer's field headquarters was broadcast to the German people after many minutes of martial music over the Berlin radio.

It spoke of the great battle of Flanders as "finished" and declared allied losses in the war so far amounted to about 1,200,000 men.

MANPOWER MAIN NEED IN AMERICAN ARMY IS STAFF CHIEF'S WORD

Washington, June 4.—(P)—Congress learned from the army's chief of staff today that manpower is the army's "tragical shortage" at present and "the only thing, in a large measure, that can produce immediate results."

Despite his earlier statement that procurement of equipment should take precedence over personnel increases, General George C. Marshall told a house appropriations subcommittee, in testimony made public today, that the army's maximum peacetime enlisted strength of 280,000 men would be inadequate to meet emergencies stemming from the current international situation.

Marshall opposed suggestions that the citizens' military training camps be expanded to meet the army's personnel demands. Instead, he said, he favored a plan, already authorized under the national defense act, but never employed, under which young men could be recruited for three or four months and then allowed to go back to their civilian pursuits.

PILOT TRAINING STARTS JUNE 15

Seattle, June 4.—(P)—Wiley R. Wright, senior private flying specialist for the civil aeronautics authority, said today training of the Pacific north-west's first quota of nearly 800 students as part of the CAA's program to provide 45,000 new airplane pilots by July 1, 1941, would get under way June 15.

Preliminary instruction will be provided at more than 300 colleges in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, designated as the seventh region.

TAX BILL BOOST IS CONSIDERED BY CONGRESS HEADS

Talk Broadened Income Tax Base, Higher Rates On Incomes Below \$60,000

Washington, June 4.—(P)—The house ways and means committee voted today to raise the national debt limit from \$45,000,000,000 to \$49,000,000,000 and Chairman Doughton (D., N. C.) announced to raise "possibly" an additional \$1,000,000,000 annually in taxes.

The committee acted while President Roosevelt indicated to a press conference approval of lifting taxes to the \$1,000,000,000 level.

Washington, June 4.—(P)—Congressional tax leaders were reported authoritatively today to be considering a boost in the pending tax bill to more than \$1,000,000,000. One method proposed was broadening the income tax base and increasing the rates on incomes below \$60,000.

The pending bill, estimated to raise \$656,000,000, would increase income taxes by a flat 10 per cent and would boost most excise taxes.

An informed source said a formula discussed today by Secretary Morgenthau with Chairman Harrison (D. Miss.) and Doughton (D. N. C.) of the senate and house revenue committees would increase the present bill's total by around \$400,000,000.

Details of the formula were not disclosed.

Washington, June 4.—(P)—President Roosevelt asked congress today for funds to start 68 new naval vessels in submitting a defense request for \$1,277,741,170 for both the army and navy. The executive said last week he would ask for "over a billion."

The presidential request sent to Speaker Bankhead and dispatched immediately to the house appropriations committee, was for \$507,233,170 cash and \$63,560,000 contractual authority for the navy, and \$432,751,239 cash and \$254,176,761 contractual authority for the army.

The vessels for which Mr. Roosevelt asked initial construction funds were three aircraft carriers, 13 cruisers, 32 submarines and 30 destroyers.

Another large item in the request included \$180,889,395 cash and \$109,259,597 contract authority for army airplanes.

HULL BACKS WARNING AGAINST POACHING ON WESTERN HEMISPHERE

Washington, June 4.—(P)—Secretary Hull announced today that "I heartily approve" a resolution declaring the United States would not recognize or acquiesce in transfer of any western hemisphere region from one non-American power to another.

The secretary of state made the statement in a letter to Chairman Bloom (D., N. Y.) of the house foreign affairs committee. Bloom made the letter public after the committee had discussed the resolution for two hours without taking any action.

"The proposed resolution," Hull's letter said, "is based squarely upon the idea of full respect for established sovereignties. It would not interfere in any way with continuance of equality of commerce and trade for all nations of the world in their relations with the countries of the American continents."

MEDFORD FLOODED WITH RUMORS OF 5TH COLUMN ACTS

Unfounded Reports of Subversive Conduct Blamed Largely on War Hysteria

The hardest thing to track down is a rumor and for a week or more Medford has been full of rumors—fanciful rumors about spying, espionage, saboteurs and fifth columnists.

The Mail Tribune office and the offices of law enforcement agencies have been flooded with rumors about fifth column activities of one sort or another in various parts of southern Oregon. Thus far, however, there has not been a single arrest in this district, and there has not been any reason for an arrest.

The Mail Tribune learned in reliable quarters. Explanation of the flood of rumors offered by law enforcement agencies is that the public has become somewhat hysterical over the war in Europe and particularly over talk of fifth column activities in this nation and other American countries.

It was felt in some quarters that the dramatic way of presenting war news over the radio was instrumental in creating hysteria.

All Reports Checked Law enforcement agencies have been checking up on every report received regarding subversive activities, the Mail Tribune learned. Spokesmen for the agencies said that the public should report any evidence of law violation pertaining to sabotage, spying or plots against the government, but it was emphasized that a distinction should be made between hearsay or idle rumors and genuine evidence.

The law enforcement agencies, it was indicated, are not overlooking anything pertaining to law violation. It was pointed out, however, that it is not a violation of any law to say "Hell, Hitler," or "Down with England," any more than it is to say "Down with Hitler," or "Hail, France." It should be remembered, it was stressed, that this country is not at war.

Mentioned in idle rumors, authorities said, have been prominent, pioneer families whose patriotism cannot be questioned. In addition to hysteria, malice might be the motivating force behind some of the rumors, authorities declared.

Calm Suggested Meantime, as part of a general plan to be prepared for contingencies, private companies and governmental agencies have adopted a policy of stricter surveillance at their properties. No specific dangers are in mind, it was declared, and the precautions taken are intended to ward off any damaging acts by moans as much as by any organized saboteurs. The safeguards, it was emphasized, are simply precautionary.

The best help that can be offered, law enforcement officers said, is for the public to remain calm and thoughtful, ever on the alert but never hysterical, always ready to spike a rumor before it spreads and injures some patriotic American family.

RESIGNATION OF EDISON ACCEPTED

Washington, June 4.—(P)—President Roosevelt accepted today the resignation of Charles Edison, secretary of the navy, effective June 24.

Edison resigned to run for the governorship of New Jersey on the Democratic ticket.

Crowded Liners Depart For U. S.

Genoa, Italy, June 4.—(P)—The United States liner President Harrison, with a capacity passenger list, sailed for home this morning.

The liner Exambion, also jammed with American refugees from war-torn Europe, sailed for the United States yesterday.

These French Soldiers Escaped Pocket



This picture, radioed from London to New York, shows French soldiers who evacuated the Flanders pocket as they marched away from a London railway terminal, according to the Flanders-censored caption accompanying the picture.

Witch Hunt Seen Probable In Fifth Column Hysteria

Chicago, June 4.—(P)—A college psychologist asserted today that anti-fifth column activities in the United States might result in the establishment of concentration camps.

The psychologist, Dr. Robert N. McMurry of the Chicago Central Y.M.C.A. college, said in an interview that such activities could assume the proportions of "national hysteria."

"I venture the prediction," he said, "that before this hysteria runs its course you are likely to see the worst witch hunt in American history—and possibly the establishment of concentration camps."

"It is not a matter of intelligence. It is a matter of people letting their emotions get so much control they can't do anything about it. In a hysteria the veneer of civilization is stripped off and when this happens all of the public's sadistic tendencies come to the fore."

"Reason is stopped. Logic goes down the rat hole," Dr. McMurry said fifth columnists should be curbed but that it should be done by the federal bureau of investigation or "other constituted authorities," and not by "self-constituted groups or individuals."

"The probability," he said, "is that the hysteria is going to run wild. Everybody is going to see a fifth columnist under every bed."

NAZIS CLAIM ALLIES SENDING AGENTS TO SO. AMERICAN POINTS

Washington, June 4.—(P)—Germany has informed the United States that it has information that the British and French governments have sent agents to South American countries and the Panama Canal zone to give the impression that a great many German agents were operating there.

The notice is in the form of a memorandum presented to the state department by Hans Thomson, charge d'affaires at the German embassy.

The memorandum, officials said, merely gave a general indication that the German government was in possession of the information.

Also today, the American embassy in Berlin telegraphed the state department it had been handed a copy of a press announcement by the German official news organization, DNB, that Britain and France intended to sink the American liners Washington, Manhattan and President Roosevelt, which are now engaged in removing Americans from Europe.

MAY IS BANNER MONTH FOR JACKSON CO. CUPID

Thirty marriage licenses were issued in Jackson county in May, the largest number in any single month since the Oregon medical-examination law went into effect in December, 1938.

CORONER'S JURY CONCLUDES PROBE IN LAW MURDER

Aberdeen, Wash., June 4.—(P)—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Mrs. Dick Law, wife of a CIO union leader, "was murdered by an assailant or assailants unknown to us."

The verdict, reached after half an hour of deliberation, closed one chapter in the mysterious case which opened last January 5 when Mrs. Law, a leader among labor women of Grays Harbor, was found bludgeoned to death and stabbed seven times with a stiletto-type instrument in her Aberdeen home.

Closing testimony, however, brought to light another new lead when the final witness revealed an ice pick and three pieces of work clothing had been found "about a month ago" hidden in an Aberdeen hotel.

Ends First Chapter The verdict closed the twice-recessed, four-month-old inquest. It brought from Law's attorneys a signed statement that "The verdict... is at least a partial answer to public indignation against efforts... to frame Dick Law. However, the verdict reveals the necessity for intensified public demand both to apprehend the murders and restore law and order."

How the ice pick was found hidden behind a radiator in an Aberdeen hotel a few weeks ago was detailed by the final inquest witness, Schelle Mathews, chief sheriff's deputy. Mathews also revealed he had in his possession a shirt, coat and pair of pants found hidden in a bathroom at the same hotel.

As the jury began deliberating its verdict, Special Prosecutor Paul Manley said he would "begin working on this new, possible evidence immediately."

More than 1,225,000 federal duck stamps, which hunters must buy, were sold in 1939.

Guy Kibbe Finds Boyhood Friend At Trail Resort

Trail, June 4.—(Spl.)—Screen Actor Guy Kibbe of Hollywood and Publisher Fred Wagner of San Francisco, Cal., boyhood friends, saw each other for the first time in many years last weekend when they met at California-On-The-Rogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Kibbe had gone to the Rogue river resort to enjoy a few days' fishing, and to Mr. Kibbe's surprise and delight he learned that Mr. Wagner was staying there for the same reason.

Mr. Kibbe wasted no time in looking up his old friend, and the two spent many hours together, fishing and recalling the days gone by.

LEISURE ART CLASSES AT JUNIOR HIGH SHOP

The junior high school leisure arts shop opened yesterday for summer classes until July 12. Classes begin at 8 a. m. and continue until noon. All students in the city from fourth to ninth grades are eligible to join the classes.