

Weather Full U. S. Weather Bureau report inside
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Highest yesterday 70
Lowest this morning 47
Precipitation past 24 hours .08

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SKY TROOPS TAKE CRETAN CAPITAL

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, May 28.—These words are written just before, and will be printed just after, the President's message to the nation. At the moment, Washington is almost wholly preoccupied with speculation on what the President will say, but there is also an undercurrent of talk on another subject—as yet a mere trickle, but one that may swell to a flood—which it is well to record at this decisive moment.

The subject of the talk is the policy of the closely knit, highly organized isolationist high command. This group, for which the America First Committee serves as a front and financing agency, includes such politicians as Senators Burton K. Wheeler, Bennett Champ Clark and Gerald P. Nye, such public men as Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Herbert Hoover, and such powers from the business world as Henry Ford and General Robert E. Wood. Since the passage of the lend-lease bill, they have exhausted every resource at their disposal, including money, propaganda, and such devices as the old big-business lobbies as stimulated letter-writing campaigns, to obstruct and hamstring the President's foreign policy.

THEIR effort has culminated in a series of loudly touted public meetings. And these meetings, besides making much noise and offering conclusive evidence of the prosperous financial

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4,955 MORE YOUTHS DUE FROM OREGON IN SELECTIVE SERVICE

Salem, May 28.—(P)—Oregon, which now has 19,764 of her sons in the nation's armed forces, must supply 4,955 more under the selective service act. Lieutenant Colonel Elmer V. Wootton, state selective service director, was advised today by the war department.

The war department's new gross quota for the state is 24,719, including 17,476 men already regularly enlisted in the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard; 2,288 who have been drafted into the army, and 4,955 yet to be drafted.

The previous quota was 18,616.

No deadline was established for inducting the 4,955 draftees. New quotas for each of the state's 57 local boards will be announced soon by state headquarters.

Oil Firm Ups Wages
Seattle, May 28.—(P)—A \$9 monthly wage increase to all employees receiving less than \$250, effective May 1, was announced today for all employees of the Texas company in Washington and Oregon by A. R. Playle, assistant district manager.

Axis Partners Grimly Silent On Statement by Roosevelt

By the Associated Press
Both axis partners were grimly silent today—officially—on President Roosevelt's speech, but propaganda sources which do their bidding were allowed to hint that it may be regarded as an invitation to war.

RESISTANCE OF ALLIES BROKEN GERMANS CLAIM

Luftwaffe Thwarts Attempt to Escape by Sea—Other Setbacks for Defenders

By the Associated Press.
German "sky troops" have seized Crete, the capital of Crete, and smashed allied resistance in the nine-day-old struggle, the Nazi high command declared today, while Luftwaffe dive-bombers frustrated a British attempt to escape by sea.

British middle east headquarters acknowledged that British troops defending Crete have been "obliged to make a further withdrawal to a more favorable position in the rear."

"Severe fighting continues," the British communique said. A series of other swift-breaking developments paced the British setback on Crete. These included:

1. Capture of Halfaya ("Hell-fire") pass in Egypt by axis troops now striking with renewed fury toward the Suez canal.
2. Britain and her old ally, France, have met in open combat for the first time—a clash between RAF and French warplanes over Syria.

3. Germany and Italy granted France permission to build up a continental air force for "defense of empire"—apparently countering Britain's threat to attack unoccupied France if Chief of State Philippe Petain continues his active cooperation with the reich.

Resistance Broken.
In the critical battle of Crete, Hitler's high command asserted that allied resistance on the 160-mile-long island was crushed, with British and Greek defenders suffering heavy losses as they retreated.

In Berlin, a military spokesman formally charged that German parachute troops had been tortured in Crete, and it was recalled that the German high command said any evidence of mistreatment of German prisoners would be avenged 10-for-1 on British prisoners in German hands.

Prime Minister Churchill last week accused the Nazis of disguising their parachute troops in uniforms of New Zealand soldiers.

Nazi mountain troops, supported by waves of machine-gunning and bombing attack planes, were said to be pursuing the British across the island.

Escape Thwarted.
The communique said dive-bombing Stukas had thwarted a British attempt to retreat by sea, with the destruction of four ships totaling 5,400 tons and the damaging of two others in Suda Bay, site of a big British naval base.

In the middle east, French warplanes were reported to have attacked British planes for the first time over Syria—where the RAF has been bombing airports assertedly used by German bombers en route to Iraq.

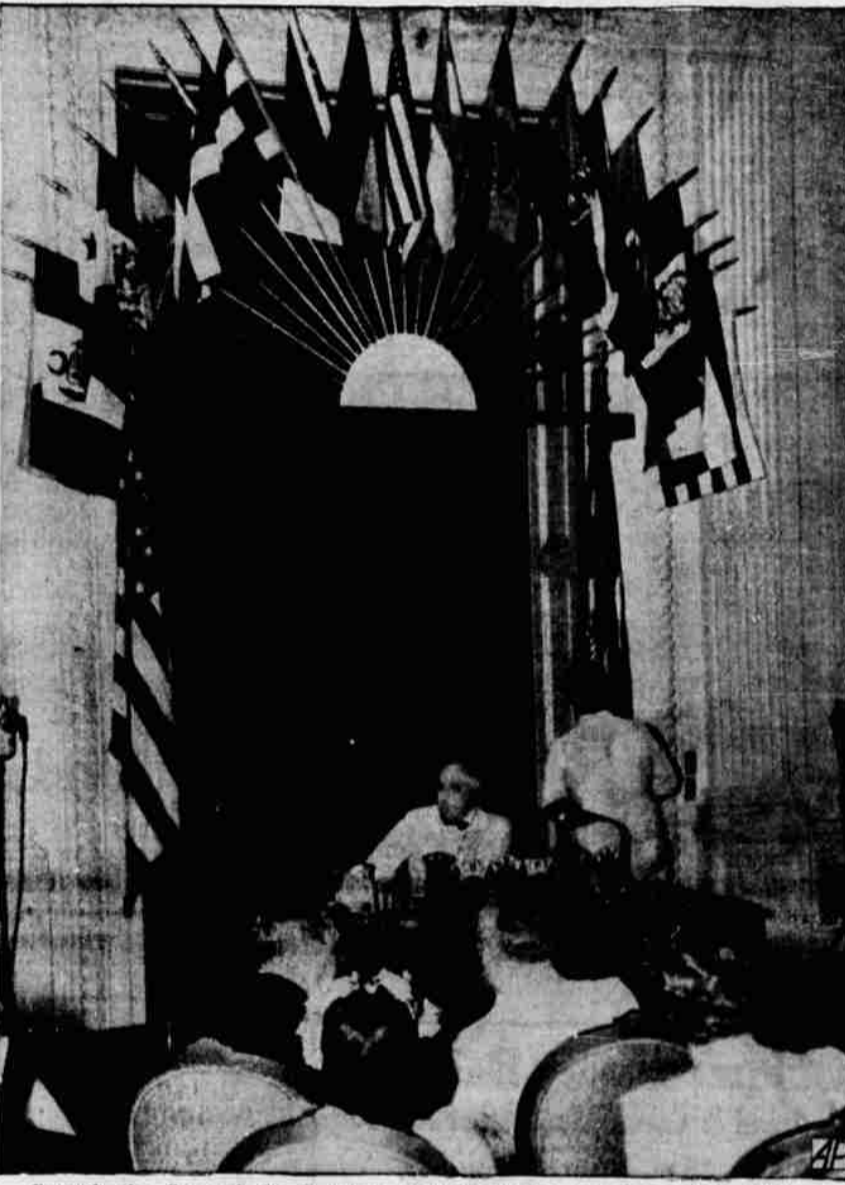
French dispatches from Beirut said British and French air squadrons clashed when the British started attacking the airfield at Neirab, and an RAF Glenn Martin bomber was shot down with all members of its three-man crew killed.

The German press had not disclosed to its public even that the president had spoken.

But the Dienst Aus Deutschland news commentary, which has close foreign office connections and is not for home consumption, said his address undoubtedly would receive a "decisive rejection" from the nazis.

F. D. R. PLANS NO IMMEDIATE ACTION TO BACK EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

As President Gave Momentous Address



Beneath the flags of the American republics in the east room of the White House, President Roosevelt in a radio address to the world proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency." In right foreground, back to camera, is Mrs. Roosevelt. Adjusting the flag is the president's bodyguard, Tom Qualters. (A. P. photo to Mail Tribune by telephoto and air mail.)

BRIDGES AGAINST SABOTAGE, HE SAYS

San Francisco, May 28.—(P)—Harry Bridges testified flatly today he did not believe in sabotage and the unlawful destruction of property, and that he never had attended a Communist party convention "anywhere at any time."

The CIO labor leader, testifying at his second deportation hearing, also contradicted the testimony of several government witnesses who had identified him as a Communist, or placed him at Communist meetings.

SPECIAL JURY PANEL FOR CIRCUIT COURT

A special jury panel of seven names, to fill the jury list depleted by excuses from service, and the grand jury selection, was drawn yesterday as follows: Archie C. Pierce, Medford, and Dom Provost, Earl Leever, George B. Icenhower, Noel W. Heard and Dewey F. Sackett, all of Ashland.

Shipways Ready.
Portland, May 28.—(P)—Eleven shipways will be ready to cradle ship hulls within two weeks at the Oregon Shipbuilding corporation plant here, O. A. Mechlin, resident engineer for the maritime commission, said today. Eight are finished now and three more are almost ready.

Demos and Interventionists Praise F. R. Pronouncement

Washington, May 28.—(P)—Democrats and proponents of all-out aid to the democracies praised President Roosevelt's pronouncement on American foreign policy today but Republicans and non-interventionists generally were critical.

Speaker Rayburn of the house termed the speech "very forceful and clear" and added it would be "very satisfying and encouraging not only to the people of the Western Hemisphere but to the democratic peoples throughout the earth."

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont), foe of the administration's foreign policy, described the president's speech as a "virtual declaration of war."

"The president talks about cold, hard facts and fear," Wheeler said while in Indianapolis for an address, "yet no man in America has tried more to create fear in the minds of the people than has the president since 1933. We are not prepared to fight on foreign soil. We cannot land an expeditionary force in Europe."

BASEBALL

National	R.	H.	E.
Pittsburgh	7	8	1
Cincinnati	4	12	0
Butcher and Lopez; Moore, Riddle, Hutchings, Beggs and Lombardi, West.			

American	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	9	2
Detroit	8	11	4
Harder, Eisenstat, Heving and Hemsley; Trout, Benton and Tebbets.			

(16 innings)	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	8	16	2
Boston	6	15	2
Beckman, Ferrick and Hayes; Fleming, Ryba, Wilson and Pylak.			

ROOSEVELT TALK NOT CONCRETE IS SPRAGUE'S VIEW

Salem, May 28.—(P)—Governor Charles A. Sprague, asserting he would continue to support President Roosevelt's foreign policy, said today that the President's speech last night was more of an oratorical barrage than it was a concrete step in his policy of aid to Britain.

"The speech," the governor said, "won't satisfy the interventionists because he didn't pull any triggers. It won't satisfy the isolationists because it is another step toward war."

"All we have to wait for now is for somebody to commit an overt act. Then we'll be in the war."

The governor, who made his remarks to a reporter informally, made it plain that he still is supporting the President's foreign policy as vigorously as ever.

"The speech," Governor Sprague said, "won't scare Hitler. In other words, the entire situation is just the same as it was before the speech was made. The President, under today's unlimited emergency, has no more power than he had under limited emergency."

Seattle Times (Ind.)—After much fumbling the die is cast! We are at war! The president made this all clear last night. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the most popular man in American history, has told us what we must do. Never before in American history has the safety, the very life of the nation lain so completely in one man's hands. Once again we pledge loyalty. But from the president of the United States we demand what our loyalty earns—ruthless abolition of fifth columnists. Removal from their posts of responsibility those who have proved their incapacity.

Salt Lake (Utah) Tribune (Ind.-Rep.)—Will Americans respond to these calls (of the president as commander in chief of the army and navy) or will they listen to the lullabies of wandering Aryan minstrels, the snarls of our own Lavalis and Quislings, the dire forebodings of denationalized defeatists and the tinkle of Hitler's bell by which he expects to start a civil war in the United States? (The question was left unanswered.)

Philadelphia Evening Ledger (Ind.-Rep.)—The hour of decision found American public opinion thoroughly prepared. There was no appreciable sense of shock from anything the

Thinks Freedom of Seas Can Be Maintained and Neutrality Act Retained

Washington, May 28.—(P)—President Roosevelt told reporters today he had no intention of asking for repeal of the neutrality act and was considering no revision of it.

The chief executive said also that he had in mind at present no executive orders to implement last night's proclamation of an unlimited national emergency.

Without such orders, he told a special press conference, there can be no action under the powers conferred on him through the declaration of a state of full emergency.

Mr. Roosevelt had been expected to clarify the convoy issue at the conference, but he gave no specific statement of his views on it.

But he did say that he thought freedom of the seas could be maintained in compatibility with the neutrality act. The act forbids American vessels to enter combat zones.

The president said it would be a violation of the act for American ships to engage in trade in such zones and that this step was not contemplated.

"Then how can we have freedom of the seas?" a reporter inquired.

Mr. Roosevelt replied that ships can be forbidden to put into ports where under the doctrine of chance they might be destroyed.

Washington, May 28.—(P)—President Roosevelt will hold a special press conference late this afternoon at which he is expected to clear up the question of convoys.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, was advised by re-

ing and that all necessary additional steps would be taken to guarantee the arrival of American-made war supplies in England.

Early later had explained that he thought Mr. Roosevelt meant that the patrol would be made better and more efficient and more ships would be added to it.

Probably, he indicated, Mr. Roosevelt will feel inclined to dispel doubt about what may be done, if anything, about revision of the neutrality law.

To a question whether the president's plea that all citizens

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Wake up America!

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QUINTS 7 YEARS OLD; HAVE PARTY AND CAKE TO CELEBRATE EVENT

Callander, Ont., May 28.—(P) Canada's five little sweethearts, the vivacious Dionne quintuplets, celebrated today their seventh birthday anniversary.

Yvonne, Annette, Cecile, Emille and Marie had a mammoth cake to share with members of their immediate family at a party at noon.

Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo, who brought the five girls into the world at a little farmhouse near this northern Ontario town, was recovering at a Toronto hospital from an operation.

The girls' program for the day included a broadcast before retiring in the evening.

Whether the girls will speak in French or English was not known. Their last broadcast on May 11 caused a minor stir in Canada. They had been rehearsed carefully by their government sponsors to speak in English, but stepped up to the microphone and used French.

Judge J. A. Vallin, chairman of the board of guardians, said he understood Mr. and Mrs. Olivia Dionne, intervened at the last minute and caused the switch to French.

Fred Wahl cooling his heels for the better part of an hour in Heinie Fluhrer's office, only to finally learn that the latter had absent-mindedly dashed off for Portland after telling him to "wait just a minute; I'll be right back."

Jean Hamilton unaware of spectators as she made a quick clothes change on Fir street.

SIDE GLANCES

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