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RAF ROUTS NAZI AIR RAID ON EGYPT

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

Washington, May 31.—The key to the immediate future is to be found in one brief paragraph of the president's historic message to the nation. "If the axis powers fail to gain control of the seas," he said, "they are certainly defeated. Their dreams of world domination will then go by the board and the criminal leaders that started this war will suffer inevitable disaster."

This paragraph is the key to the future because it reveals two very important facts. First, the president has no doubts that Germany can be beaten if this country bears its part in the war. And second, the president believes that Germany will eventually be defeated because she cannot gain command of the seas. The president developed both points a little later in the speech, arguing that once they are limited to a land war, the Germans' military machine will begin to weaken and that "the wider the land effort, the greater the danger" to them.

Neither of these convictions of the president's are shared by such strategists as Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler. But the president has what Colonel Lindbergh and Senator Wheeler do not have—information on which to form a sound judgment. His two convictions are the result of mature and very cautious consideration of the strategic picture. They are agreed to by the ablest strategists of the army and navy with whom, in the past weeks, he has spent much time re-assessing all the available data. The fact that the president is positive on both these points should therefore carry ten times the weight of all the defeatist talk of all the isolationists put together.

THE implication of the president's two convictions is pretty obvious. If Germany can not win without the command of the seas, and if American aid to Britain will prevent Germany from obtaining command of the seas, then active American aid is likely to be offered very shortly. Equally obviously, the aid will take the form of supplementing Britain's strength with American air and naval power, in order to sweep from the seas and the air above the

COUNTY FARMERS BACK QUOTA PLAN

Farmers of Jackson county favored the government's wheat quota plan by an overwhelming vote of 51 for and 3 against in balloting Saturday, County Agent Robert Fowler said. Out of 80 eligible voters in the county, 65 cast ballots at Medford, Ashland, Eagle Point, Sams Valley, Applegate and Rogue River. Eleven ballots will be opened Monday morning, having been cast by those not in the program, and will be counted separately.

Corvallis, Ore., May 31.—(AP)—Oregon farmers favored the federal government's wheat quota plan in early returns tabulated here tonight.

Six counties out of 36 gave 96 votes for and 29 against.

First county to report was Multnomah where Peter Streiff Jr. was the only man qualified to vote under the 15-acre rule governing the referendum.

No Truce in Sight

Portland, May 31.—(AP)—A bakery workers' strike entered its seventh day with settlement not in sight today, but the AFL grocery clerks, representing 1000 workers, signed a contract which calls for higher pay and shorter hours.

BRITISH MUM ON CRETE SITUATION; IRAQ WAR AT END

Pro-Nazi Premier, Hitler's Airmen Flee—Germans Lose Aerial Battle.

By the Associated Press
Cairo, Egypt, May 31.—With Crete all but lost to Britain, the war rocketed toward a new phase today in a running battle between strong RAF forces and a cloud of German warplanes high above the sapphire waters of the eastern Mediterranean.

The Cretan situation was best shown in the fact that the British Middle East command did not even issue a communique up to a late hour today.

The RAF mentioned that it had bombed the airfield and beach of Malemi, Crete, Thursday night, but that was all.

The RAF devoted most of its communique to a restrained announcement that a large force of British fighter planes on patrol made "contact" with a big formation of Germans, sending two Heinkels plunging into the sea and damaging "many" others so badly they probably did not get back to their bases.

Enemy Retires

"The enemy immediately took evasive action and retired with all possible speed," the communique stated.

Indications were that the scene was between Crete and Egypt, or between Crete and the British island of Cyprus to the east.

A possible clue was contained in the RAF announcement that heavy British bombers had raided the Italian islands of Scarpanto and Rhodes, east of Crete.

(Another clue was in the German high command announcement that the Luftwaffe was attacking some of the British Cretan forces which had fled to the islet of Gavdos, 25 miles south of Crete.)

Gen. Freyberg Alive

Although the British prepared themselves for bad news from Crete's land forces, an indication that the fight continued was seen in a war office announcement from London that the imperial commander in Crete, Major General B. C. Freyberg, "is alive and with his troops."

This was in denial of German broadcasts yesterday that he had been killed while flying from Crete to Egypt—an accusation that he had deserted his hard-pressed men.

In preparation for the expected expansion of the over-water air war once Crete is lost, the RAF already has been using Hurricane fighters with extra gasoline tanks and medium bombers specially fitted out as fighters.

Campaign Collapses

London, May 31.—German airmen who went belatedly to Iraq to bolster the axis-inspired war against Britain were reported fleeing the country tonight as Iraqi resistance collapsed.

British imperial advance forces entered the disorderly capital.

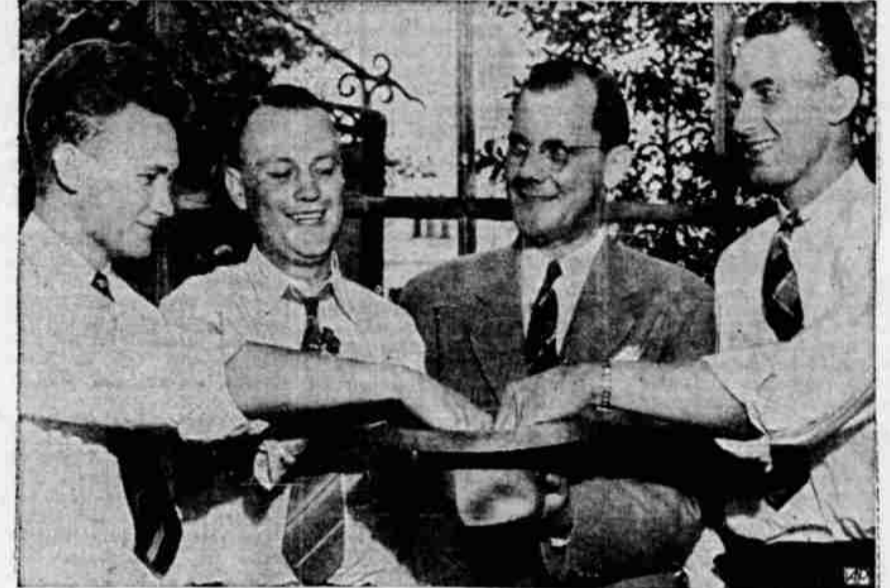
Negotiations of armistice terms for the whole country is under way with the Iraqi commander, General Mourad Mahmoud, and the mayor of Baghdad, Arshaf El Umari, British authorities said.

"As between ourselves and the rebels, the whole thing is over," they added.

The mayor with a committee of four sought to restore order in Baghdad and put down the wandering bands of looters, announcing that the people desired Regent Emir Abdul Ilah to return and restore a constitutional government for the peace and independence of Iraq. The Emir was last reported in Iraq closely following the British march on Baghdad, and may already have returned to the capital.

The pro-German Premier Rashid Ali Al Gailani, who seized power from the Emir April 4 and started fighting the British on May 2, had made good his flight to Iran (Persia).

Brothers Hold Own Draft Drawing



The three Jones boys, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones of San Diego, faced simultaneous call to the army in the selective service, but their draft board ruled one should be deferred to help their family. They couldn't decide who should stay and who go, so at the suggestion of their board chairman, Ralph B. Elm (2d from right), they held their own lottery: left to right: John, Jr., Fredrick, who drew the "stay" slip, and James.

DARLAN ASSAILS BRITISH POLICY; UPHOLDS HITLER

By the Associated Press
Vichy, Unoccupied France, May 31.—Vice-Premier Jean Darlan denounced Britain today, evidently with the approval of Chief of State Marshal Petain, for what he called piratical attacks on French shipping.

Coinciding with Darlan's statement, made before French editors in Nazi-occupied Paris, it was reported reliably that the French north African port of Sfax had been attacked by British planes for a third time and the 3,313-ton Italian freighter Florida II set afire.

"I remain decided, more than ever," Darlan said, "to force respect for France's right to free use of her ports and her routes of communication."

Ranging himself squarely on the German side in his expose of French-British relations, the No. 2 man in the Vichy regime asserted that "even in the improbable case of British victory," or in "a triumphant Anglo-Saxon world, France would be only a dominion of second order."

But, he declared, "it means little if England treats us as a continental Ireland or even as a colony, because I intend to act in such a way that France re-takes her place as a power in Europe and the world. That means she must participate in construction of the new order."

"That means also she will act to hasten the hour of peace because if British imperialism needs the war to destroy Europe, France needs peace to exist and grow as one of the essential parts of this Europe."

War Bulletins

London, Sunday, June 1.—Three Nazi warplanes were shot down over Britain last night during raids on Liverpool's Merseyside, South Wales and England, the British asserted today.

Some damage was done along the Merseyside and "there were a number of casualties, including some people killed" in that area, a communique said. The damage at other points was said to have been light and the number of casualties "very small."

London, Sunday, June 1.—(AP)—A Reuters, British news survey, dispatch from Vichy said reports from Algiers, Spain told of heavy gunfire from the direction of the Mediterranean early this morning. Algiers is just across the bay from Gibraltar.

2 MILLION LOSS IN JERSEY CITY RAIL YARD FIRE

Jersey City, N. J., May 31.—(AP)—A spectacular fire that darkened the sky with smoke for miles around raged through the Erie railroad yards tonight, destroyed two grain elevators, railroad equipment and merchandise, causing damage unofficially estimated in excess of \$2,500,000.

U. S. coast guard headquarters at New York said that the blaze was brought under control at 8:20 p. m. (PST), more than four hours after it broke out.

A high official of the Erie who declined to be quoted by name said that a \$2,000,000 estimate of damage to the elevators and grain would be "conservative" and indicated the total loss would exceed \$2,500,000. At least two men were injured.

The blaze, the second within a week in Jersey City railroad yards and the municipality's biggest fire since 1917, came amid nation-wide precautionary measures to safeguard vital defense plants and terminals after reports were received of threatened sabotage during the long Memorial day weekend.

The fire destroyed the eighty-story filled grain elevators, about 20 freight cars, many filled with general merchandise, at least four barges and 400 head of cattle in the Jersey City stockyards south of the rail terminal.

The coast guard said the fire was brought under control when it was confined to a section of the seven-story Mid-Hudson warehouse. Police and railroad officials said the warehouse was filled with \$25,000,000 worth of bone, cressote, alcohol, crude rubber and pulpwood.

SHOWDOWN NEARS FOR WASHINGTON LUMBER STRIKES

Seattle, May 31.—(AP)—Western Washington's lumber workers strike situation fast approached a climax this weekend.

At Tacoma, the AFL box factory workers accepted leaders' pleas in behalf of national defense and voted to return to work Monday with a 5-cent hourly wage increase and vacation pay, leaving the issues (which tied up three plants employing 708 persons) to a federal commission. The wage boost will establish basic wages of 57½ cents for women and 62½ cents for men. The union had asked 65 cents an hour.

The Tacoma boomers' strike, affecting 4,000 men the past fortnight, and the vastly larger three-week-old strike of 12,000 CIO-affiliated International Woodworkers of America in western Washington still were deadlocked. Boomers will meet tomorrow to discuss the matter of returning to work pending arbitration, already rejected by their leaders.

Answering a summons to meet with the national defense mediation board in Washington again Tuesday, O. M. Orton, IWA president, today informed the board the strike would end only if the IWA's original demands were met.

Washington, May 31.—(AP)—Building permits in the Portland, Ore., metropolitan district placed that city 13th in the United States for the first four months of 1941, the U. S. department of labor reported today.

GERMANS HALTED ON JAUNT SOUTH

Washington, May 31.—(AP)—The French embassy said tonight that "all foreign passengers" aboard the French ship Winnipeg, which was intercepted by a British cruiser, were emigrants to South American countries in transit through Martinique.

Referring to reports that 210 Germans were among the passengers, the embassy statement protested "false interpretations implying that these Germans had been authorized to settle down" in Martinique.

"This insinuating presentation of the facts," the statement said, "can only serve to increase the difficulties that the French government has to solve in order to facilitate the departure from France of political refugees."

CHAMBERS NAMED OSC ALUMNI HEAD

Corvallis, May 31.—(AP)—The Oregon State College Alumni association elected George F. Chambers, Salem, president today. Ralph Reynolds, Portland, became vice-president; John Gallagher, Corvallis, treasurer, and Warren Reid, Corvallis, secretary manager.

The meeting, held in connection with annual commencement exercises, also saw the board of directors increased to 16 to permit representation from California and Washington.

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JACKSON COUNTY DRIVE FOR \$1500 STARTS TUESDAY

John Moffat Named Head Of Committee To Select Fund For U.S.O.

Support Urged

Calling for whole-hearted public support in the drive of the Medford committee of the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., to raise its quota in the nation-wide campaign for funds, Mayor H. S. Deuel Saturday issued the following proclamation:

"Whereas, for the sake of national defense thousands of our American young men are being called for training in all branches of the military service, and

"Whereas, these potential defenders of our liberty and democracy must be provided with facilities for clean and wholesome recreation, religious worship and counsel and guidance during their leisure hours while off duty; and

"Whereas, this community has always rallied splendidly to any cause of such patriotic nature,

"Now, therefore, I, H. S. Deuel, mayor of the city of Medford, do hereby urge that all citizens give their full support to the campaign of the Medford Committee of the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., to raise its quota between June 3 and 5, inclusive.

"H. S. DEUEL."

Jackson county's drive to raise its quota of \$1,500 as part of the nation-wide campaign of the United Service Organizations for National Defense, Inc., which plans to raise \$10,785,000 between June 3 and 5, inclusive, to staff and operate 339 clubhouses the government will build adjacent to army training camps, will be launched simultaneously in Medford and Ashland Tuesday morning.

With the naming of a solicitation committee headed by John P. Moffat, machinery was set in motion that will send over 100 local workers of the community chest into action to reach Medford's \$1,000 quota in the three-day drive. The Medford committee met in the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning to complete final plans for the local campaign.

Ashland's quota is \$500 and the committee there has requested that donations be left at either the First National Bank of Portland, Ashland branch, or the Daily Tidings. J. E. Thornton is chairman of the Ashland committee.

FRIEND OF HESS TAKES OWN LIFE

London, May 31.—(AP)—Norwegian sources in London said tonight a German Admiral Bohn, described as Nazi naval commander-in-chief in Norway and a friend of Rudolf Hess, recently committed suicide in Oslo after a visit from Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler.

These circles said reliable information from Norway was to the effect that Bohn's friendship with Adolf Hitler's deputy fuchrer, who flew to Scotland May 10, figured in the admiral's talks with Himmler.

The suicide was said to have occurred in the Grand hotel in Oslo, capital of German-occupied Norway.

Ex-Kaiser Better

Berlin, May 31.—(AP)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm II has rallied so well against an obscure intestinal disorder, administrators of the Hohenzollern estate here said today, that momentarily there is no fear of his life. He is 82.

Seeks Unity



John W. Davis speaks via radio from Albany, N. Y., joining two other former Democratic presidential candidates in appeals to the nation for unity during a national emergency. Alfred E. Smith spoke from New York and James M. Cox from Dayton.

WINANT'S RETURN MISSION PUZZLE; ICKES OIL CZAR

Hyde Park, N. Y., May 31.—(AP)—Ambassador John G. Winant gave a tentative telephone report from New York to President Roosevelt today on what he had learned, in three months, of a Britain at war.

The fact that Winant flew back to America so soon after going to London produced an impression at the temporary White House that he had to discuss personally with the president matters of great moment.

From the temporary White House came an announcement also that the president had named Secretary Ickes "petroleum coordinator for national defense" and ordered him to chart a course of "action which is necessary or desirable" to insure a ready and adequate supply of oil and oil products for both civilian and defense needs.

Washington, May 31.—(AP)—Informed Washington opinion is that Ambassador John G. Winant's hurried visit to this country is not so much for the purpose of bringing information to President Roosevelt, as of carrying highly important and secret information back to London.

The timing of his visit would suggest that such was the case. It followed immediately upon Mr. Roosevelt's Tuesday night speech, an address which stated American policy toward England and the war in positive terms and spoke vigorously but mysteriously of new measures to be attempted upon the Atlantic.

BARBER'S FRIENDS HAUL AWAY JAIL

Chanute, Kas., May 31.—(AP)—There's a vacant spot on Chanute's main street today—somebody hauled away the jail.

The "jail" was a wired enclosure used to incarcerate clean-shaven men who disregarded rules requiring facial foliage for a current frontier celebration.

Carl Hughes, theater employe, told police he saw the jail west bound on a flatbed truck with seven or eight men.

Novelist Better

London, May 31.—(AP)—Hugh Walpole, English novelist, was reported "slightly improved" today after suffering a severe heart attack at his home.

ROOSEVELT EDGES NATION INTO WAR JOHNSON CLAIMS

California Senator Flouts Trend And Tuesday's Speech In Broadcast.

Washington, May 31.—(AP)—Declaring "dictatorship and war" had been the trend of the Roosevelt administration, Senator Johnson (R-Cal.) asserted tonight that "dismayed, betrayed, we reel and stagger, as we realize that the subtle plan is about to flower."

Johnson challenged those who favor intervention in Europe to present a resolution declaring war. In a prepared radio speech (NBC), he said that President Roosevelt "speaks with the confidence of a Hitler or a Mussolini." And, he added, the President's statement would put "to blush even these two braggarts."

"Does he feel so confident of the congress that he can utterly disregard it?" the senator asked. Challenge Issued.

"How better and braver it will be for those who are demanding war to present their resolution," he said, "and let it be tested instead of waiting in the dark and sulking in the hope that some incident will arise . . . We'll meet as best we can such a resolution and pray God he'll keep war from this country."

The 74-year-old Johnson, one of the senate group which blocked America's entry into the League of Nations after the last World War, said this country's entry into the war now "could be nothing more than disastrous."

Referring to Mr. Roosevelt's address on Tuesday night, Johnson asserted:

"It is pretty to hear the head of the government boast about what we have done in terms we do not understand and about our readiness to repel attack from any quarter.

"It makes us all proud to hear him tell about our two-ocean navy now and it would, as we all know, give a good account of itself in case of war; but it is terrible to realize that the fact that we have not as yet a two-ocean navy, and that it could not do what is claimed for it."

"Froches Fear."

Saying that Mr. Roosevelt had talked of possible German bombing of middle western cities, Johnson contended that the chief executive has "artificially preached fear, while declaring it. He has said there is nothing to fear but fear, and then, in bold lines, he has drawn the picture of fear so that our people will feel it."

Norman Thomas, Socialist party leader, in an address prepared for the "Keep America Out of War Congress," contended that:

"We have permitted one man, our President, under the lenient law and innumerable emergency acts whose limits no man fully understands, to have almost as absolute power over the issue of war as the Germans have given Hitler himself."

"But we can still speak out, as the Germans cannot," Thomas said, demanding that "the President remember his promises and keep us out of war" and that congress "recover its power over peace and war."

NAMING ICKES TO OIL POST STUNS

Tulsa, Okla., May 31.—(AP)—News of the appointment of Secretary Ickes as petroleum coordinator for national defense was received with expressions of disappointment today in the "oil capital of the world."

Leaders expressed belief that the appointment means the establishment of a virtual federal dictatorship over the \$10,000,000,000 United States oil industry.

"Ickes now is captain of our souls and master of our destiny," said one oil man. "My day is ruined absolutely. I am speechless."