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# BELLIGERENTS STAGE RACE FOR SYRIA

## THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, June 3.—There need be no mystery about Ambassador John G. Winant's mission in this country. The prime motive of Ambassador Winant's return from London is to tell the president in person, with all the persuasive force at his command, that the time is getting very short for it is Winant's view that if this country delays acting much longer, the time for useful action may have passed.

This may perhaps be denied, both by Winant and the White House, yet it is an incontestable fact all the same. Nor is it surprising that Winant should hold such a view, and should have made a special trip to the United States to press it upon the president. The truth is that the same view is held by virtually every reasonably competent presidential adviser here in Washington. The known facts of the war situation are quite sufficient to carry conviction, without first-hand experience in London.

THE facts behind Winant's view, which might just as well be called the war and navy department's view, are of two kinds. First there are the facts of the position of the British people. For ten terrible months the British people have maintained their resistance with magnificent courage, withstanding a grinding, cruel attrition without a murmur or whimper. Courage flows, however, from hope. . . in this case the hope that aid from America will some day permit Britain to take the offensive. The process of attrition continues unabated. New blows have recently been shown in the Mediterranean; and the end is not in sight.

Not competent observer, official or unofficial, who has re-

## GIRLS' DAY CAMP OPEN WEDNESDAY

Day Camp, on Bear creek, under the sponsorship of the Medford Girl Scout council, opens tomorrow for all girls in the community between the ages of seven and 10 beginning at 10 a. m. Emphasis will be placed on dramatics and costume days for the young campers.

## 12 MONTHS IN PEN FOR DRAFT DODGING CLERIC

Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, June 3.—(P)—The Rev. James K. Allen, young Fruitland minister who yesterday was convicted in federal court of violation of the selective service act by refusal to register, today was sentenced to 12 months in prison, the minimum sentence possible.

## SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

George Brown anticipating with apparent glee some of the changes he thinks the proposed army cantonment will bring.

Ward McReynolds dwelling upon the horrors of reckless driving.

C. C. Haggard relying on a pair of crutches after injuring his ankle.

## LONDON SOURCES HINT COMPETITION FOR NEW WAR SITE

War Cabinet May Soon Declare Syria 'Enemy-Occupied Territory,' Revelation

Valetta, Malta, June 3.—(P)—British fighter planes shot down a German Junkers 52 troop carrier plane into the sea off this Mediterranean island fortress today, an official communique said. The communique did not state whether the troop carrier which might have been the vanguard of an air-borne attack on this off-bombed mid-sea naval base.

(By the Associated Press) A broad hint that Great Britain may already have taken steps to beat the Germans into the French-ruled Syria—prospective site of the war's next great battlefield—was dropped by London sources late today.

Amid a flurry of activity in the French capital, pointing to a crisis in British-French relations, London quarters suggested it was significant that British officialdom was silent on the situation in Syria.

Ready For U. S. Meanwhile, the authoritative fascist editor, Virginia Gayda, often a spokesman for Premier Mussolini, declared that Germany and Italy were ready for action against the United States if the United States entered the war.

Gayda said Germany's Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler and Italy's Premier Mussolini, in their latest meeting yesterday, discussed "new plans to follow a new cycle which is opening immediately for the victorious axis powers," and he added: "This is a time of action."

Qualified London sources predicted that the British war cabinet might soon declare Syria to be "enemy-occupied territory." It was recalled that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden recently disclosed that the British Middle East command had given full authority to counter any German attempt to menace the Suez canal.

Turkey on Spot Some informants in London said the Germans might demand that Turkey permit passage of Nazi armies into the Middle East, under threat of blitzkrieg aerial attack and invasion if she should refuse.

In Vichy, Chief of State Philippe Petain called an urgent cabinet meeting late this afternoon, the second of the day, after conferring with Generalissimo Maxime Weingand, commander in chief of France's African armies.

In Paris, the populace was warned to be ready for a practice air-raid alert tomorrow—the first since Adolf Hitler's conquering legions swept into the old French capital.

Simultaneously, the French controlled Beirut radio charged the British were ready to "reply effectively."

Authorized Nazi quarters in Berlin, with apparent significance, said Germany would give France a "free hand" to reply any British attempts against her sovereignty.

Move To Syria Planned Dispatches from Ankara Turkey, reported that a dozen freighters flying swastika flags had been assigned to transport German troops and heavy military equipment from Rumanian ports to Syria, following up the asserted landing of 500 Nazi soldiers on the Syrian coast last Thursday.

Ankara observers reported seeing as many as 200 German war planes near the Syrian-Turkish frontier.

Vichy reports said the French cabinet, in the first meeting called by Marshal Petain, discussed the mounting tension in relations between France and Britain.

Oregon Portland, Ore., June 3.—(P)—A second-place trophy in a 1940 nationwide pedestrian safety contest was awarded Oregon last night by the American Automobile association. Governor Sprague, in accepting, said that the state's record so far this year is even better.

# Cite 41 California Canneries in Price Fixing

## Chief Justice Hughes Plans Retirement Effective July 1

Washington, June 3.—(P)—Charles Evans Hughes, the eleventh man in history to serve as chief justice of the United States, will relinquish his high office on July 1 and retire to private life because of "considerations of health and age."

The decision of the 79-year-old jurist to retire marks the end of supreme court service that has covered 19 years—first as associate and later as chief justice. It also closes a career in public life that has been un-



Charles Evans Hughes

cessor. Informed sources freely and almost unanimously predicted that Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, a leading administration figure, would be President Roosevelt's choice to succeed Hughes in the nation's highest judicial position.

By filling this vacancy an earlier one that has existed since the retirement of Justice James C. McReynolds last Feb. 1, President Roosevelt will have named seven of the nine members of the tribunal. Senator Byrnes (D-SC), upon whom the administration relies heavily in pushing legislation through congress, is expected to be the other appointee.

Chief Justice Hughes sent his retirement letter to the White House yesterday before mounting the bench to preside over the court for its last session until next October 6.

MIRACLE OUTPUT IN WARSHIPS IS ASKED BY KNOX Washington, June 3.—(P)—Secretary Knox demanded a production "miracle" of the nation's warship building industry today in order to assure the United States and Britain command of the seas.

"There can no longer be any doubt," Knox said, "that this war will be determined by two things—no, one thing—a successful combination of sea and air power."

Speaking to a conference of shipbuilders he told them it was up to them to see that America and Britain were equipped with the warship half of the combination necessary for victory.

Must Do More Knox suggested that the production "miracle" be accomplished in increasing immediately the efficiency of labor in shipbuilding yards since virtually all are now scheduled to do all the work they are capable of undertaking.

There is no criticism of what has been done to date," Knox said. "It has been well done. But it is not enough. We've got to do more. We must have something more than an honest day's work. We must have the kind of spirit and the kind of zeal that animates men when they go into battle."

To make a start toward such a high morale level, Knox proposed that a system of government financed competitions be worked out between ship yards and that government bonuses be offered to "leading men" in each yard who would take on the task of stimulating competitive spirit. The conference was called especially for presentation of the plan.

A 30 days suspended sentence of the Dark Hollow district, on a charge of possessing no driver's license. He is the father of a large family.

Ralph E. Evans was assessed \$10 and costs for possessing no PUC weight receipt.

Winter Lingers In European Russia Moscow, June 3.—(P)—Snow fell on central European Russia today, prolonging this section's coldest spring in more than a century.

Snowfall was reported at Archangel and Leningrad as well as Moscow, where a temperature of 42.8 degrees was recorded.

This was the first June snow recalled by residents of Moscow.

Radio Highlights A sparkling show of the air will be presented tonight at 7:30 (PST) to open the United Service Organizations campaign for funds to bolster the morale of America's defenders. Every network in the country will carry a half-hour program.

## BRITISH KINDLE FIRES IN BERLIN WITH NIGHT RAID

Duesseldorf and Other Industrial Centers Also Hit — Germans Return Call

London, June 3.—(P)—Large fires were started in Berlin last night by a small force of British air raiders, the air ministry declared today.

Attacks also were made, a communique said, on the cities of Duesseldorf, Duisburg-Ruhrport and other targets in the industrial Ruhr, and on docks at Ostend and St. Nazaire.

Four aircraft were lost in these raids, and three in daylight attacks on German objectives yesterday, the British acknowledged.

The air ministry news service said British bombers covered the whole length of Germany's enemy Kiel canal "in search for vital shipping" yesterday.

One bomber was said to have dropped a half load on a 1,200-ton ship in the canal and then dived from 1,500 feet on a 3,500-ton ship, "firing his front guns all the time," and unloaded the rest of his bombs.

The British planes found ships of various tonnages up to 10,000 spaced along the canal, the news service said. After each attack the planes went back into the protection of the clouds before their crews could see the effect of their bombs.

The raid on Berlin was the 46th since the war began.

Nazis Return Call German nocturnal aerial activity over England was described officially as on a small scale although the government acknowledged there had been a number of casualties.

Bombs fell at points in north and northeast England and the midlands.

British fighters shot down one German plane over the channel last night and another off the northeast coast, a communique said.

British bombers during daylight yesterday attacked Kiel canal shipping and land objectives in Schleswig-Holstein.

## CONNER AWARDED \$600 IN VERDICT

A verdict awarding John N. Conner, \$200 actual damages and \$400 punitive damages in his suit against J. B. Henry, was returned by a circuit court jury today. Conner, a minor, who sued through his mother as guardian ad litem, sought \$400 actual and \$500 punitive damages.

The complaint charged that Henry shot and killed a gelding and a mare belonging to Conner last September. The defendant admitted shots were fired in the air to frighten the horses away from the Henry property at Lincoln, on the Greensprings road, but denied any "were aimed at the animals.

The plaintiff introduced witnesses to prove they saw bullets extracted from the animals.

The plaintiff was represented by Attorney W. M. McAllister and the defendant by Attorney Gus Newbury.

## STUMP BLAST KILLS CAMAS VALLEY MAN

Roseburg, Ore., June 3.—(P)—Injuries suffered in stump blasting work resulted in the death here last night of James Nicholas Brinn, 74, Camas valley farmer. A large root section torn loose by a blast set to loosen a stump was reported to have struck Brinn on the back.

London, June 3.—(P)—The government announced today the appointment of Sir Gerald Campbell, minister to Washington, as director-general of all British information services in the United States.

## SEIZURE MEASURE NEEDED TO ASSURE DEFENSE ARTICLES

Roosevelt Explains Aim of War Department Bills — Allis-Chalmers Co. Cited

Washington, June 3.—(P)—President Roosevelt said today that the war department bill authorizing the government to take over private property useful for defense was designed to assure deliveries of defense articles.

He told a press conference the bill grew out of a problem arising in the Allis-Chalmers strike of a few weeks ago when it was difficult to interpret the language of the provision of the selective service law of 1940 permitting the government to take over private plants which refused to fill defense orders.

"His Stumbling Blocks" The president said the strikers reported they were willing to go back "if"—and the company was willing to deliver "if"—

The president did not continue with the qualifications but indicated the situation did not amount to a refusal under the act.

Earlier Mr. Roosevelt talked over the bill with congressional leaders.

It was understood that the provision permitting seizure of property "temporarily or permanently" came in for some consideration because opposition had been expressed to "permanent" confiscation.

Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, said in a press conference discussion of the measure that "the president should have the authority to throw the whole industrial power of this country into equipping the army."

"The military and naval requirements come first," Patterson added in saying why the bill had been offered.

## VACATIONIST DIES AT K. F. FILLING STATION

Klamath Falls, Ore., June 3.—(P)—W. C. Trestrail of Long Beach, Calif., collapsed as he stepped from his car at a local filling station yesterday and died a few minutes later.

Trestrail, accompanied by his wife, was on a vacation trip north from Long Beach where he was in charge of teletype machines for the Associated Press and the Long Beach Press-Telegram.

Tacoma, Wash., June 3.—(P)—Logs began arriving at five Tacoma mills today as members of the Boommen and Rafter's union (CIO) returned to work under an agreement signed yesterday.

A strike of the 87 boommen two weeks ago resulted in closing of the mills and enforced idleness for 4,000 men.

## Britain's Days in Mediterranean Numbered, Says Hitler Newspaper

Berlin, June 3.—(P)—Britain's days in the Mediterranean are numbered, Adolf Hitler's newspaper, Voelkischer Beobachter, declared today, focusing attention sharply on the island of Cyprus as the next likely objective of Germany's armed forces.

Cyprus, the last British island stronghold in the eastern Mediterranean, serves as an advance base for naval and air units guarding approaches to Palestine and Suez.

So long as it remains under the union jack, observers pointed out, it constitutes a potential threat to any axis ambitions for domination of the Mediterranean or the Middle East.

These sources attached added significance to the Voelkischer Beobachter's prediction because it followed so closely on Hitler's unheralded meeting with Premier Mussolini yesterday in the Brenner pass.

Dienst Aus Deutschland, news commentary which frequently reflects the views of the foreign office, emphasized that the meeting took place on the day the German high command announced the victorious conclusion of the battle of Crete.

The greater part of the Nazi aerial forces which participated in this struggle now presumably is free for new tasks. Cyprus is only 335 miles by air from Crete and therefore within easy range of German bombers based there. It is less than 100 miles from the coast of Syria (where reports from Turkey say Nazi mechanized units already had landed) and only 230 miles airline from Port Said, at the Mediterranean end of the Suez canal.

## U. S. GRAND JURY SEES MONOPOLIES IN FOOD INDUSTRY

Fruit and Vegetable Canners, Dried Fruit Packers Among 5 Groups Accused

San Francisco, June 3.—(P)—Nearly 200 organizations and persons in six industries were accused today of fixing prices and other monopolistic practices, in the greatest mass of indictments ever returned by a special federal grand jury here.

Five food industry groups and one so-called national defense industry were indicted. Those charged included 14 industrial associations, 89 corporations and partnerships, and 91 officers and directors. Bail of the individuals was set at \$1,000 each.

Many Branches Hit In the food industry indictments were returned against fruit and vegetable canners, dried fruit packers, evaporated milk companies, the rice industry, and the sardines industry.

The defense group involved the manufacture and sale of battery separators, wooden partitions between battery cells used in automobiles, airplanes, tanks and submarines. M. S. Huberman, in charge of anti-trust prosecution here, said this monopoly was nationwide.

Names of nationally known corporations dotted the line of 194 defendants. The same special jury previously accused nine other industries of monopolistic practices.

Elaborate System Biggest group indicted today was the Canners League of California, including 41 canners and 22 officers and directors. They were charged with fixing prices of fruits and vegetables grown and canned in California and shipped in interstate commerce.

"The canning companies named as defendants fixed the prices of canned goods by the adoption of an elaborate method of price reporting which was designed to maintain and stabilize market levels and by eliminating competition in the purchase of fruits and vegetables from growers and in the work of canning and processing fruits and vegetables," said Tom C. Clark, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of west coast anti-trust division offices.

The Dried Fruit association of California, 18 member packing companies and 31 officers and directors, were accused of conspiracy to depress the price paid growers for fruit, arbitrarily raising the price to consumers, and monopolizing processing and distribution.

The Evaporated Milk association, 16 manufacturers, eight associations, and 20 officers and directors, were accused of conspiring to fix the price of evaporated milk made and sold in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

STEVE DAVIS RITES WEDNESDAY AT 3 P. M. Funeral services for Steve Davis, who passed away Friday morning while working his placer mine in the Applegate district, will be held at the graveside in the Log p. cemetery Wednesday at 3 p. m. Arrangements are in charge of the Conger Funeral Parlors.

Andrew B. Carter Called By Death Andrew B. Carter, a resident of Medford for the past three years, the family home being 219 North Central, passed away Monday evening, after a prolonged illness. A complete obituary will be published later. Per funeral home is in charge.