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PEACE TALK IS TERMED PROPAGANDA

Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Communist Tinge Seen in Strikes
Unionists Form Counter Group
General Strike Plan for Coast

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Gradually government officials are becoming aware that many of the strikes on the Pacific coast (and Midwest and in the east) are being brought about by communists; that these strikes are for the purpose of handicapping the national defense program. Up to now Madam Perkins, secretary of labor, and Sidney Hillman, former vice president of CIO and now assistant director of OPM, convinced President Roosevelt that the strikes were of no consequence, that they were small and only a few thousand involved. The president passed this view on to his press conference without knowing or explaining that the so-called insignificant strikes were in vitally key plants.

Secretary Perkins now reports more than eight million man-days lost by strikes in April (no compilation for May yet.) At \$5 a day this means a loss to workmen of \$40,000,000 in one month; money they can never recover. Last week the army prepared a list of strikes affecting the war department program. Listed were 36 strikes and of these two were in Washington and one in Oregon. The strikes in the Pacific northwest are in the lumber industry, and lumber is important in the defense plans for cantonments, airports, shipyards and housing. Also on the west coast strikes are crippling the aircraft industry.

THERE are union men who are loyal Americans, as is the general run, and they have secretly organized a counter-espionage group in California, Oregon and Washington for the purpose of combating the communists. Government agencies have sought to discourage vigilante organizations, recognizing that enthusiasts in such groups cause trouble by unjust accusations. But the federal government's advice has been disregarded and a very live and very active association of workers is watching the communists from San Francisco.

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TEXTBOOK VOTE BELIEVED KILLED

Salem, June 6.—(P)—The referendum movement against the bill to provide free textbooks for private schools was virtually killed today when the state supreme court ordered changes made in the ballot title which had been prepared by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle.

The high court's decision which invalidates all petitions which have been or are being circulated, means that new petitions must be prepared, and that they must contain 15,886 signatures by next Friday. Election officials here considered this an impossibility.

(More on textbooks on page 9)

Portland, Ore., June 6.—(P)—Temporary suspension of Northwest Airline service to and from Yakima because of airport reconstruction was announced today by Guy W. Talbot Jr., district traffic manager. It will be resumed about July 1.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Arnel Butler and John Moffat viewing the rain clouds with laudatory eyes on account of having to forego a long-planned boat trip down the roaring Rogue.

Virginia Lindley wearing out a fortune teller so she couldn't tell Jeanne Hamilton's fortune.

Elsie Carlton Strang on her way to choir practice after the Lady Elks dinner.

ROOSEVELT DENIES WINANT BROUGHT WAR END PROFFER

Executive Accuses German Agency of Putting Out Rumors Thru Fascists Here

Bevin Confident

London, June 6.—(P)—Labor Minister Ernest Bevin, speaking tonight at Wimbledon, declared that Adolf Hitler "has acknowledged he cannot bring Britain down before 1942 and that brings to the Germans the fact that by then the whole weight of the United States will be thrown into the struggle."

Then he added: "I do not believe Britain will ever be conquered by the Nazi dictator."

Washington, June 6.—(P)—President Roosevelt declared today that Ambassador John G. Winant had brought from England not even "a tenth cousin of a peace offer," and added that German propaganda was responsible for peace talk.

The chief executive was asked at a press conference whether he cared to say that Winant had brought no peace terms and he authorized this direct quotation: "Not even a tenth cousin of a peace offer or anything like that or any discussion of peace. 'Absolutely nothing like it' provided you use this not as a denial by the president but as an accusation by the president."

Dupes Spread Rumors
Asked whom he was accusing, Mr. Roosevelt said persons being duped by Germany.

He volunteered the information that he had on his desk two orders which he had been issued by the official German propaganda agency in Berlin to what he called Nazis and fascists in this country.

The first order, Mr. Roosevelt said, told them to stress the idea that Germany had no thought of ever doing anything against any country of the entire Western Hemisphere.

The second, he said, ordered Nazi and fascist sympathizers, as soon as Winant arrived back in the United States, to spread the story that he was bringing a scarehead story that Britain was about all in and was talking peace.

Mr. Roosevelt asserted furthermore that it was an amazing coincidence that stories of the types recommended by Germany had appeared in a certain type of newspaper in the United States.

Not From London

Told by a reporter that there was an impression being spread that Britain had said she could not last more than a few months without increased American help, the chief executive declared that this never had been said unless it was by Berlin. It did not come, he added, from a responsible source.

Asked about published reports that the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, had been discussing the possibility of a non-aggression pact with Secretary Hull, the president said he knew nothing about it.

Ambassador Winant was in conference with Secretary Hull while the White House conference was in progress.

Apparatus Rapped

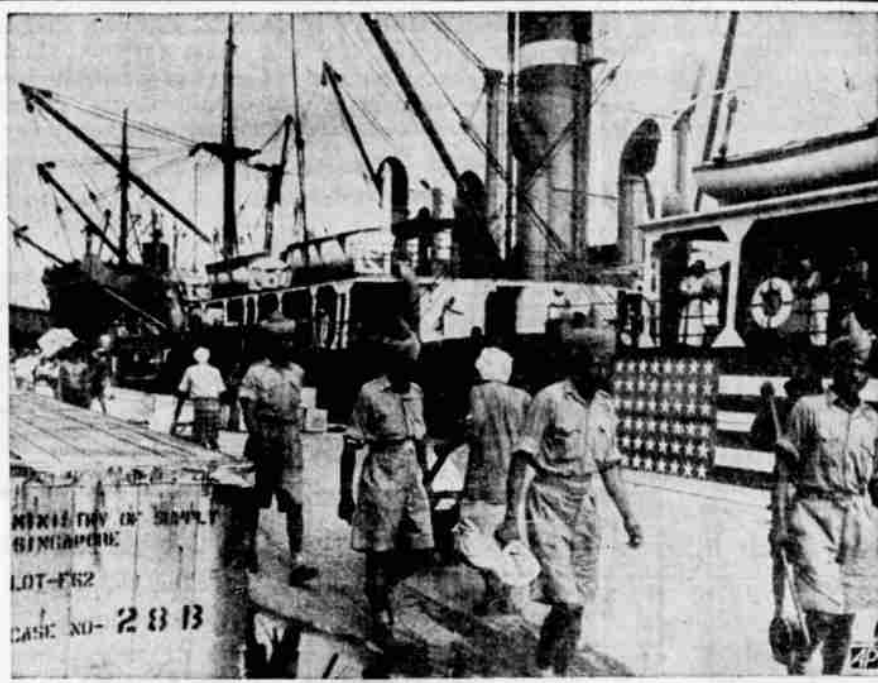
The chief executive launched into a criticism of what he called a portion of the press. He said he was not talking about all of it but of certain types of papers in whose columns there appeared what he termed a most amazing coincidence. He said he characterized it only as coincidence and hoped that was the correct term.

The president went on to say that just before Winant came back he had been given the two memos on orders issued in Berlin to sympathizers in this country and to what he termed various grades of people in favor of appeasement.

The president said he could not reveal how he did it, but that he got a pretty darned good

OPM Condemns, Denounces Pacific Coast Walkouts

Lease-Lend Supplies for Singapore



American "lease-lend" material for the British far eastern stronghold of Singapore is arriving there on American freighters. Recently arrived Indian soldiers pass along a dock between a freighter and cases of American material consigned to "Ministry of Supply, Singapore."

idea of what orders were coming from Germany to sympathizers in the United States.

In referring to an order to stress the idea Germany had no thought of doing anything against a western hemisphere nation, Mr. Roosevelt said this was carried along this morning by some newspapers.

The New York Times, for example, he said, printed an article by John Cudahy, former ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg, relating an interview he had had with Adolf Hitler.

But he said the Times also had carried an editorial today, which he thought was good enough for the press of the country to repeat, evaluating past German assurances and expressing the hope that there would not be a large number of persons duped in this country.

The Times editorial concluded with a line saying, "He (Hitler) is always the best friend of the next nation on his list for plunder."

GOLFERS HIT BY HEAVY DOWNPOUR

Fort Worth, Tex., June 6.—(P)—With Paul Runyan in the shelter of the club house holding the temporary 36-hole lead in the U. S. open golf championship with a score of 145, a veritable cloudburst broke over the Colonial club course at 2:45 p. m. (CST) today and threatened to wash out the entire round in spite of the U. S. Golf association's efforts to keep it going through two hours of morning rain.

Mott Says F. R. Attempting To Scuttle Road Program

Washington, June 6.—(P)—President Roosevelt "is attempting to scuttle the federal-aid road program by fostering legislation to give him blanket authority to use highway appropriations as he sees fit," Rep. Mott (R-Ore.) said today.

Mott asserted that the president's message of Monday to Congress ignored defense highway recommendations of Thomas H. MacDonald, head of the public roads administration, and the advice of the national association of state highway officials. Mott added that he would oppose passage of two bills which, he said, were intended to carry out the president's wishes "to curtail congressional jurisdiction over the federal-aid program initiated by congress."

U. S. O. CAMPAIGN OVER TOP WITH SOME TO SPARE

Medford's three-day drive to reach its United Service Organizations' campaign quota of \$1000 has gone over the top and when all solicitors have reported may reach \$1,100, according to Ralph Sweeney, treasurer of the local U. S. O. committee.

Mr. Sweeney said this afternoon that he had \$970 cash on hand, the sum having been turned in by solicitors in the city, and that when all the workers in the outlying districts reported, the total amount raised was certain to be \$1,000 or more.

Frank Hull, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, said he had been informed that the \$500 Ashland quota also had been reached, thereby winding up the county's campaign to raise its \$1,500 quota.

Mr. Sweeney said that he would contact Oregon state headquarters of the U. S. O. in Portland for information as to the disposition of the money which will go into a national fund of \$10,765,000 to be used by the U. S. O. to staff and operate clubhouses which will be constructed by the government adjacent to training camps and naval bases.

Portland, June 6.—(P)—A few sales during the week ending June 5 reduced supplies of 1940 hops sharply in Oregon, the agriculture department announced today. Prices ranged from 23 to 24 cents per pound net to growers.

NEEDS OF FRANCE MISUNDERSTOOD IN AMERICA, IS CLAIM

Vichy, Unoccupied France, June 6.—(P)—An official French note issued by the foreign office spokesman tonight in answer to U. S. Secretary of State Hull's declaration against French cooperation with Germany said Washington misunderstood France's needs in a difficult situation.

"The French government for its part wants to preserve friendly relations with the United States, but the federal government cannot understand that the first task of the French government in the particularly difficult situation in which it finds itself, is to safeguard the vital interests of France," the statement said.

"It is surprising to see the American secretary of state describe as a policy of aggression and oppression one which is directed against nobody and harms the interests of no other power."

This answer to Hull's statement of yesterday that French cooperation with Germany would be "utterly inimical to the just rights of other countries" came at a time the government of Marshal Petain was calling on its forces for a stern defense of Syria against any British move.

GRANGE HEAD SUICIDES BY HANGING SELF WITH LOOPED CHAIN IN BARN

Pullman, June 6.—(P)—Ill and overworked, Ervin E. King, master of the Washington State Grange, was found hanging from a looped chain in a barn near here last night.

Sheriff C. J. Walker said he had jumped from a ladder to take his own life. King, 48, who had headed the Grange since 1933 and was also a director of the federal land bank of Spokane, had been released earlier yesterday from a Colfax sanitarium, to which he had gone for treatment two months ago.

Carl King, his brother, said early today: "Ervin had been working over hard on grange and bank work during the last year, and the family prevailed upon him two months ago to accept treatment for a condition bordering on a nervous breakdown."

JAPANESE GIVEN DUTCH REFUSAL TO BOOST QUOTA

Polite But Firm Reply Says War Essentials Not to Be Increased From Indies

By Associated Press
Dutch-Japanese negotiations, officially described by the Japanese previously as teetering on a "precipice," reached an impasse when the Dutch returned a reply which the chief of the Japanese delegation said was "disappointing."

It was understood that the Dutch said politely but firmly that Japan's annual quota of imports from The Netherlands East Indies would not be enlarged, and that none would go to Germany. Rubber, oil and tin are the Indies' chief war products.

On the fighting front, British middle east headquarters reported that RAF bombers attacked Italian planes yesterday at Aleppo airbase, in Syria—the first official British disclosure that fascist aircraft were in the French middle east colony. One plane was destroyed.

The Turkish government-controlled radio said Germany was moving troops into Syria "by land, sea and air almost daily."

Italian bombers were reported today to have attacked British great rock citadel of Gibraltar, guarding the western entrance of the Mediterranean sea, while the Germans forecast aerial blows at the Suez canal in the east.

Linked with Wednesday night's heavy assault on the main British naval base at Alexandria these reports indicated that an axis campaign to bottle up the British Mediterranean fleet may already be in motion.

RUSH TO BUY AUTOS, ELECTRICAL GADGETS BEATS ALL RECORDS

New York, June 6.—(P)—Retail trade this week continued at a volume close to the record levels of previous weeks. The Dun & Bradstreet weekly business survey reported today.

"In many centers," said the review, "the rush to buy automobiles, electrical appliances and other home furnishings was at a pace unequalled in history."

"Sales comparisons with dollar trade volume in 1940 held to a margin of 16 to 20 percent, although the sales curve at this time a year ago was beginning to point upward after spot-tiness during day."

"Gains widened somewhat in the southern area where the increase over last year was estimated at 18 to 24 percent for the south and 14 to 25 for the southwest. New England again scored one of the best comparisons, with an average increase of 20 to 23 percent."

"East and middle west were above the year-ago level by 15 to 20 percent, northwest by 12 to 16 percent and Pacific coast by 17 to 23 percent."

Deer and Salmon In Columbia Net

Astoria, Ore., June 6.—(P)—A buck deer and three salmon were netted yesterday by fishermen in the middle of the Columbia river between Fort Stevens, Ore., and McGowan, Wash.

Aldrick Forstman said the exhausted deer was roped and hauled aboard, but promptly leaped overboard again. It was hauled back and was turned over to state police for liberation in the Clatsop woods.

BASEBALL

National
(1st game)
Pittsburgh 5 8 1
New York 4 6 1
Butcher and Lopez; McGee, Adams, Bowman and Hartnett.

St. Louis R. H. E.
Boston 3 0 1
Warneke and Mancuso; Salvo, Sullivan and Masl.

POTTENGER BLDG. ON WEST MAIN ST. SOLD TO THOMAS

W. E. Thomas, manager of the Oregon Finance company, today confirmed a report that he had bought, subject to title investigation, the Pottenger building at 123-125 West Main street. The price was not divulged.

"I bought the building for investment purposes," Mr. Thomas said. He added that he considered the purchase a good investment under present conditions regardless of whether the proposed army cantonment here is ever erected. If the cantonment is built or economic conditions improve because of other factors, the investment will be so much the better, he said.

Mr. Thomas related that the transaction, subject to delivery of a clear title, was completed yesterday with T. E. Pottenger as agent for Mrs. Elmira May Cox, owner of the building. Both Mrs. Cox and Mr. Pottenger reside in San Leandro, Cal. The building was once owned by L. A. Banks, who is serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for murdering George Prescott, a peace officer, during the county's turbulent political period eight or nine years ago.

The building is a two-story brick structure with a frontage of 50 feet on West Main street. The ground floor, occupied by the Baldwin Piano Shoppe and the Carl Y. Tengwald real estate agency, is 140 feet deep. The second floor, composed mainly of a lodge hall now vacant, is not so deep as the first floor. The building was erected about 1905.

The Thomas estate owns the corner building at 135 West Main street at Grape street which is separated from the Pottenger building only by the Flynn Electric Service building, owned by Thomas K. Flynn, at 131 West Main street.

The corner building was the first brick structure erected on West Main street and is believed to be the only piece of property on Main street still owned by the original family. It was built in 1903 by I. W. Thomas, grandfather of W. E. Thomas.

The grandfather bought the two corner lots for the building from the Oregon and Transcontinental company for \$140 in 1888. It is shown in the original papers in possession of W. E. Thomas. There has not been a title transfer in the 53 years that have since passed. Purchase of the lots was effected October 7, 1888, the papers being signed by Paul Schultze, second vice president, and T. H. Tyndale, secretary of the Oregon and Transcontinental company which had laid out the Medford townsite. The lots were number 15 and 16, block 45 in the original townsite of Medford. The deal was recorded in the county clerk's office November 17, 1888, the paper bearing the name of Dave Miller as county clerk.

DEATH WATCH POSTED AT WILHELM'S BIER

Doorn, the Netherlands, June 6.—(P)—Princes of the house of Hohenzollern kept the death watch today beside the coffin of the later Kaiser Wilhelm II. Over the casket was the old imperial standard.

Among the recent arrivals were the Princes August Wilhelm and Adalbert.

DEFENSE EFFORT BEING RETARDED SAYS RESOLUTION

Roosevelt Not Planning Interference While Media-tion Board Considers Case

As Seen in Italy

Rome, June 6.—(P)—American strikes were held up today by Virginio Gayda, fascism's No. 1 editorial commentator, as the first phase of civil war which, he said, would break national unity and threaten "the fortune and prosperity of the United States."

Gayda cited the new strike of the North American Aviation corporation, saying it "retards execution of orders made by the governments of the United States and Britain to the value of \$106,000,000."

He said 2,253,216 man working days had been lost in defense industries since January 1 as a result of strikes, adding:

"Thus the North American war plan enters history with the advance guard of national civil war which divides the American people from the government and workers from the capitalists and loses national unity in a fatal clash of feelings and interests, not without danger to the fortune and prosperity of the United States."

Washington, June 6.—(P)—The office of production management, through its labor policy advisory committee, today "condemned and denounced" three strikes on the west coast which it said were hindering the defense program.

The strikes were: In the ship yards in the San Francisco bay area, at the North American Aviation company plant at Inglewood, Calif., and of lumber workers in the Puget sound area of Washington.

Sidney Hillman, associate director of OPM, made public the text of a resolution adopted by the committee. The group is composed of representatives of the CIO, the AFL, and the Railway Executives Association, and has 16 members. Hillman's aides said that a majority of the committee signed the resolution, although they did not disclose which members were present.

The resolution termed the strike of the International Association of Machinists (AFL) and of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) in the San Francisco bay area as one "seriously retarding" the construction of ships "crucial to national defense."

President Roosevelt said today he was considering new steps to reduce labor stoppages in defense industries but was not prepared to do anything now while the defense mediation board was working on the matter.

The OPM resolution said that the aviation company strike had been "instigated" by the officers of local union 683 of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) "in complete and irresponsible disregard of proper trade union practice."

Seattle, June 6.—(P)—A union business agent, denouncing what he called attempts by a "minority faction" of the AFL Machinists' union to cause a shipyard tieup here, commented stinging today on union leaders "responsible" for disrupting national defense work.

Dave Basor, Machinist-Welders' union (also AFL) business agent, said the machinists' union executive board proposal that double pay be demanded for a sixth day's work violated the coast wise master agreement covering new ship construction. The contract calls for time and a half and has been signed by the machinists' local and 12 other unions here, he said.