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BELGIANS SABOTAGE HUGE FACTORY

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, May 1.—The lack of enthusiasm in congressional comment on Mr. Roosevelt's new price-freezing apparatus forecasts trouble on the few features which congress was called upon to enact.

It was quite evident from what some of the prominent leaders did not say, and from what others said behind their hands, off-the-record, that all three of the president's suggested courses of legislative action will encounter difficulties.

The farm bloc will strenuously resist the suggestion that its 110 percent of parity goal be moved back. Instead the senate appropriations committee is expected to write into the agricultural appropriations bill a restriction against government dumping of surpluses.

The proposed \$25,000 limit on income found an equally unwelcome reception, although this was not quite as much of a restriction as some expected.

No doubt congress will enact some kind of additional excess profits tax, but not one as drastic as the treasury and the president have in mind.

Thus on all three points the president's purposes will be moderated.

250 KILLED AND 1,000 HURT BY TERRIFIC BLAST

Anti-German "White Brigade" Destroys Plant Turning Out Explosives.

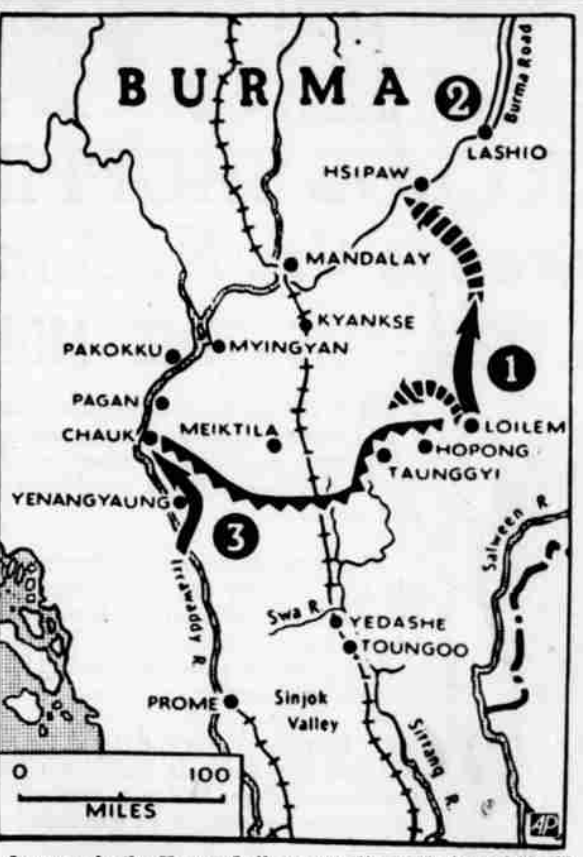
London, May 1.—(AP) A chemical factory at Tessenderloo, in the new industrial district of northern Belgium—a particular center of activity for the anti-German "white brigade"—has been destroyed in an explosion which, according to the German radio, killed 250 persons and injured about 1,000.

Berlin belatedly relayed an announcement today of the Nazi-dominated Belgian government that not only the plant but a technical school and a number of nearby houses were destroyed or severely damaged by the blast two days ago. No cause was given.

The announcement emphasized that the factory produced "artificial fertilizers of various kinds and washing preparations for the Belgian market only."

The free Belgian news agency identifying the factory as a unit of La Societe Anonyme Des Produits Chimiques, asserted, contrary to Berlin, that the factory turned out sulphuric acid, synthetic ammonia and nitric acid for explosives and gas. It was reported equipped with modern machinery at which about 1,000 persons worked when Belgium was free.

Japs Advance In Burma



Japanese in the Hopong-Loilem area (1), smashed to within 60 miles of Hsipaw, and have captured Lashio, menacing the Mandalay-Lashio link of the Burm. Road and threatening to encircle troops to the southwest. Chinese said essential supplies had been removed from Lashio (2). On the west Japs captured Chauk. Jagged line (3), was approximate front in central Burma.

Japanese Carry Burma Advance Twenty Miles South of Mandalay

PEP TALK GIVEN DUCE AT MEETING BRITISH BELIEVE

Conjecture on Salzburg Pow-wow Between Axis Dictators Takes Angles.

By Roger D. Greene
Associated Press War Editor

Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, whose meetings in the past have frequently signalled the approach of momentous events, met in a two-day conference ending yesterday at Salzburg, Austria, it was announced officially today.

In the usual stereotyped form, a German communiqué said the axis dictators met "in a spirit of close friendship and the indissoluble brotherhood-in-arms of their nations."

Three Points Eyed
Allied conjecture, however, centered on the possibility that these points were discussed:

1. Last-minute decisions on the heralded German grand offensive against Russia.
2. Reports of smouldering revolt and war-weariness in Italy.
3. A possible joint German-Italian "final offer" of peace, on axis terms, to the allies.

Informed British quarters declared the purpose of the Salzburg conference obviously was to keep Mussolini in line.

"Hitler must keep both ends of the axis moving in the same direction," these quarters said, "and to do this he must give Mussolini a pep talk."

It was the first meeting of the fuhrer and il duce since their countries went to war against the United States last December.

The official announcement said:

"The meeting resulted in a perfect accord of views on the situation created by the overwhelming victories of the tripartite powers and on the further conduct of the war by the two nations in both political and military spheres."

There was no mention of Japan, the third member of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo bloc, having been represented at the meeting.

War Bulletins

London, May 1.—(AP)—British night fighter pilots and anti-aircraft batteries established a record last night and early today by destroying 10 of 39 German "culture raiders" over Britain.

Moscow, May 1.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said today that a German battleship had been sunk by Russia's Baltic fleet. This was the first Russian claim of destruction of one of Germany's few capital ships, and came in a resume of operations in which the Baltic fleet was said to have sunk 447 ships, presumably in the course of the whole war. The battleship was not identified.

London, May 1.—(AP)—Wing Commander Max Aitken, son of Lord Beaverbrook, shot down a Dornier 217, one of Germany's latest type bombers, while leading his squadron against German raiders over England last night, it was announced today.

BASEBALL

American				
Score:	R.	H.	E.	
Detroit	7	16	1	
New York	2	4	0	
Trout, Newhouse and Tebbetts; Bruer, Borowy, Lindell and Dickey.				
National				
Score:	R.	H.	E.	
Chicago	5	7	1	
Philadelphia	2	6	0	
Rigney and Turner; Harris, Christopher and Wagner.				
National				
Score:	R.	H.	E.	
St. Louis	10	15	0	
Boston	6	11	4	
Niggeling and Ferrell; Dobson, Hughson, Butland, Brown and Peacock.				
Cleveland	13	16	3	
Washington	6	12	1	
Harder, and Desautels, Denning, Kennedy, Masterson, Carasquel, Cahey and Early.				
National				
Score:	R.	H.	E.	
Philadelphia	5	11	1	
Cincinnati	6	8	3	
Podgajny, Beck, Nahem and Livingston; Riddle and Lammanno.				

BRITISH DEFENSE FALLS BACK FAST BEFORE INVADERS

Chinese Claim Fall of Lashio Won't Halt Flow of Reinforcements to Burma

(By Associated Press)

Japanese troops were reported attacking only 20 miles south of bomb-wrecked Mandalay in Burma today after British troops defending the right flank of the allied line had fallen back nearly 100 miles.

On the left flank, a late bulletin from Chinese headquarters reported that fight was in progress at Hsenwi, 25 miles northeast of Lashio, the gateway to China, which the Japanese captured on Wednesday.

The two late reports indicated that the allies were rapidly losing ground in the climactic stages of the battle for Burma.

Imperilled by the Japanese thrust to Lashio, 130 miles northeast of Mandalay, the British were said today to have withdrawn to protect the overland routes to India.

While the crisis in Burma threatened with the Japanese invaders now standing at the gates of China, the fall of Lashio would halt the flow of Chinese reinforcements for the continued defense of north Burma.

Moreover, the Chinese said, alternative supply routes from India to China are already in working order.

Chinese dispatches said Lashio, captured by Japanese mechanized columns Wednesday, had been reduced from a teeming boom town to smoking rubble heaps by Japanese bombing assaults and the allies' scorched earth policy.

Other developments in the far Pacific theater included:

1. Japanese warships and troop transports were reported massing among the Marshall Islands in the south central Pacific, stirring speculation that the mikado's sea-borne invaders might be preparing a major thrust against the American supply line to Australia.
2. The Marshall Islands are within 1,500 miles of New Caledonia, where American troops are bolstering Free French defense of the island; about the same distance from American Samoa, and 2,100 miles from Hawaii.
3. In Australia, Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, allied land commander under Gen. Douglas MacArthur, warned that the Japanese were preparing to strike anew in the Anzac zone.
4. "Increased enemy activity means he has some further plan," Gen. Blamey said.
5. In the Philippines, Japanese dive-bombers renewed their assault on Corregidor island fortress, attack 12 times yesterday, but American gunners shot three raiders from the sky and damaged two others. Corregidor's big guns again pounded the enemy, scoring hits on Japanese shore batteries, truck columns and supply dumps. No change was reported on Mindanao or Panay islands, in the southern and central Philippines.
6. In the battle for the approaches to Australia, allied warplanes bombed and machine-gunned 30 Japanese planes lined up on an airdrome at Lae, New Guinea, and shot down three Japanese fighter planes which attempted to intercept an attack on Salamaua, 20 miles south of Lae.
7. "Our losses were slight," Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced, "terminating the operation 'a brilliant attack.'"

Supreme Effort of Germany's Workers Urged for Victory

Berlin, (From German Broadcasts), May 1.—(AP)—Robert Ley, Adolf Hitler's lieutenant for labor affairs, appealed to the workers of Germany in a May Day message today to make "a last supreme effort for victory."

Speaking of hardships of the past winter, he asserted, "the high qualities of the German soldiers and their allies have preserved our continent from being overrun by a second wave of vandals, which would have meant the end of millions of people."

"It is the duty of all to help lighten the burden of the men at the front and avoid bloodshed as much as possible, for in this war it is not capital, nor the dollar or the pound, which will be victorious, but the most industrious and the bravest people."

YEAR IN PRISON FOR FILM MAKER

New York, May 1.—(AP)—Joseph M. Schenck, former chairman of the board of 20th Century Fox Film Corp., was sentenced today to a year and a day in prison on a plea of guilty to perjury immediately after federal court suspended a previous three-year sentence for income tax evasion.

The court accepted the lesser plea and ordered the suspension of the three-year sentence after the government said that Schenck had aided the prosecution of Willie Bloff, west coast labor leader, and George F. Browne, former president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, who were convicted of extortion from a major movie producer.

Schenck also was placed on probation for three years.

Federal Judge Grover M. Moscovitz gave Schenck until tomorrow to surrender to begin his new sentence.

As a condition of the probation, Schenck placed in escrow 60,000 shares of stock of the 20th Century-Fox Film Corp., as a guarantee that his tax liabilities, estimated at \$400,000, will be paid.

MAJOR PRAISES MEN WHO STAYED

Although rain partially delayed the work at Camp White, the construction program is progressing on schedule according to Major T. W. Bean, area engineer, Medford Klamath Falls Area.

The major strongly praised the men who stayed on the job yesterday and worked through the rain, saying "this is the same spirit shown by the boys who are fighting in all kinds of weather overseas. The determination of construction men to work for something more than their pay checks will help make victory possible. Unfortunately some workers went home because of the rain. Men who can't take it come to light in a hurry at a time like this."

SHERIFF BRINGS BACK BAD CHECK SUSPECT

William J. Drbousek, wanted here for alleged uttering of spurious checks was returned late yesterday from Vancouver, Wash., by sheriff Syd I. Brown. He was lodged in the county jail pending hearing.

On the trip, the sheriff delivered two local boys, sentenced to the state industrial school for juvenile delinquency.

MARTIAL LAW FOR FOREST FIRE AREA

Boston, May 1.—(AP)—Three Rhode Island towns were placed under martial law today as the most serious of several New England forest fires continued to blaze after burning over 50 square miles of timber and brush land and destroying 250,000 feet of government stored lumber.

While the flames, confined to the towns of Coventry, West Greenwich and Scituate, appeared to be under control, Governor J. Howard McGrath of Rhode Island ordered the communities placed under martial law after visiting the scene.

Other fires in Maine and Massachusetts appeared to be checked after the loss of one life.

Miss Burk High Among Essay Contestants

Portland, May 1.—(AP)—Yvonne Zeek of Bend high school won first place in Oregon in a national essay contest initiated by the writers' war committee, it was disclosed today.

Doris Fountain of Springfield high tied for eighth place.

Those winning honorable mention included Johanne Burke, Medford.

Miss Burk, a senior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd F. Burk, 53 Rose avenue. She wrote on the topic, "I choose the American Way." The contest in this state was sponsored by the Oregon Journal.

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Central Point Recorder Guy Tex announcing with much elation the city's first day tax receipts on game devices.

"Doc" Goldberry locking himself out of house and car and having to hitch a ride to town.

A group of Washington school girls jumping mud puddles en route to school, outfitted in white shoes and dresses to wind the May Pole.

WILLAMETTE SAWMILLS AGREE TO ARBITRATION

Washington, May 1.—(AP)—Twenty-five of 37 Willamette valley lumber companies involved in a dispute over wages have agreed to accept the award of an arbitrator, the war labor board reported yesterday.

The remaining 12 will be asked to show cause why they, too, should not be subject to the award.

Rio De Janeiro, May 1.—(AP)—President Getulio Vargas of Brazil was injured today in an automobile accident.

Rattlesnake Murder Paid For on Gibbet

San Quentin, Calif., May 1.—(AP)—The wife-slaying that came to be known as "the rattlesnake murder case" was avenged today as the hangman's rope killed Robert S. James, 48. He was convicted of slitting his sixth wife with reptiles and of drowning her in a bathtub.

The paunchy, beady-eyed man smiled as they slipped the noose about his neck. There was no word—not even the customary "good-bye"—to the warden.

"I realize I've lived a bad life," James told the prison chaplain a moment before the execution. "But I've asked the Lord's forgiveness and I think he has forgiven me."

Stalin Says War on Germany On Surrender-or-Death Basis

Moscow, May 1.—(AP)—Joseph Stalin declared in a May Day order of the day today that Soviet Russia, receiving more and more military aid from Britain and the United States, must smash Adolf Hitler's troops on a surrender-or-death basis to make 1942 "a year of final defeat of the German fascist armies."

"We are able to do this and we must do this, whatever happens," the premier-defense commissar told soviet armed forces, guerrillas, workers and peasants on this international labor holiday, which was observed within Russia at work instead of at play.

He said Russia was fighting simply "a war of liberation, a just war."

Stalin declared "we have no such aims as the capture of other countries or enslaving of other peoples," but added that the only way to win the war was to smash the invaders to the last man if they did not surrender.

"We must do this at any cost," he stated.

Bong of Wong In War on Japanese

New Delhi, India, May 1.—(AP)—The Bong of Wong, chieftain of one of the biggest tribes of Nagaland in the northeast of British India province, has declared war on Japan, it was announced today.

His message was carried to all Russian billboards, newspapers, radio and a nationwide network of loudspeakers that drowned out the hum of machinery in flag-draped factories.

Stalin blamed imperialist agents of "German bankers and plutocrats" for the struggle against Hitler, Reichsmarshal Herman Wilhelm Goering, Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, Heinrich Himmler and other rulers of present-day Germany as "the watchdogs of the German bankers."

The premier-defense commissar, who directed the successful defense of Moscow and ordered the Soviet winter counter-offensive launched five months ago, asserted that Germany had weakened while "our country has become stronger" since the invasion June 22, 1941.

"War has brought to the German people great disappointment, millions of human lives sacrificed, hunger and impoverishment," Stalin said. "Human reserves are running out. Oil is running out. Raw materials are running out."

26 MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED DURING APRIL

Marriage licenses issued by the county clerk's office during April totaled 26, two more than were issued during March. Several of the April licenses were secured by California couples.

Dog licenses issued by the same office up to May 1 totaled 2,996, which is close to a record for the county. A dog tax collector has been busy for several weeks checking up on dogs in both town and rural districts.

Our aim is clear and noble

We want to liberate our brothers, the Ukrainians, Moldavians, White Russians, Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians, Karelians, from the shame and humiliation inflicted upon them by the German fascist blackguards."

(In this passage the Russian premier indicated an intention to restore the Soviet Union's western borders as of before the German invasion. He might also have been hinting that he is satisfied with the status quo on the eastern frontier where the U. S. S. R. abuts the Japanese empire.)

(Before the German invasion of June, 1941, Soviet territory in the west, mostly by cession or occupation in 1939 and 1940, included about half of Poland, incorporated into the Ukrainian and White Russian Republics, a section of Karelia ceded by Finland, Bessarabia and northern Bucovina ceded by Rumania and incorporated into the Ukrainian and Moldavian republics, and the three Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.)