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News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, May 29.—A female Scotch laborer made the best speech at the trades union convention in London the other day (so the radio says) advocating nationalization of everything—mines, factories, property.

She wanted the government to own everything. To none of her audience, including the radio reporters, did it occur that what she advocated was a union form of nazi-ism.

Her speech was only an open declaration of the popular murmurings that have been welling up from the Cripps groups, assuming that "our system has broken down", that "we must provide a better one after the war."

In all their proposals they seem to want to out-Hitler Hitler by adopting national socialism in one form or another, although they do not seem to be conscious of it.

Maybe the British system is a failure. I doubt it. I know ours is not.

THE news of this trend rising in Britain comes simultaneously with official reports that our productive system has just won the greatest success in all its 166 years of trial.

After five months of war, it is producing in every phase beyond the colossal and unbelievable goals that Mr. Roosevelt set for it (that is every line except ship building). It has met the test of war and won. It has surpassed the feats of Nazi-ism, communism and every other ism.

This was done by effecting unity between industry and labor, not the way Hitler did it, with a bayonet, but by the democratic appeal to reason, with a little pressure here and there.

If this unity can be maintained the same way in a post-war peace era, what a country this

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RAILROADS AGREE TO PINCH TRAVEL

Chicago, May 29.—(AP)—The nation's major railroads announced today through President J. J. Pelley of the Association of American railroads that they had agreed on a plan tending to discourage all "non-essential" railroad travel for the duration of the war.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific War Time)
Tonight: MBS, 8 p. m., War Bond Variety, movie stars.

Memorial day programs: NBC, 11 a. m. at Arlington cemetery, speaker Undersecretary of State Wells; Blu, 11, Raymond Massey in "A Message from Lincoln"; MBS, 12, from Perrin field, Tex.; CBS, 1, from Pearl Harbor, Army-Navy memorial; Blu, 1:30, and MBS, 1:45, Washington Parade.

NBC—12, 12:45, 1:30 p. m., 4-A track meet at Randall's Island; CBS, 10:45, Roanoke, Va., College Centennial; 12:15, Northern Baptist Convention; 1:50, PGA tournament; 3:15, Calling Pan-America, Rio. MBS, 10:15, On Guard with Coast Guard; 1:30 and 3:30, horse race broadcasts (also CBS, 1:35).

SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

"Capt." Shelby Tuttle being taken out to dinner by his wife to celebrate her birthday.

Ladies of the Salvation Army Home League doing a bit of mending and button sewing for soldier boys here on Japanese evacuation detail.

Secretary Ernest Scott wreathed in smiles as he watched the huge throng of Brother Elks cavort at their annual "picnic."

George Robertson revealing that a billiards player he is an excellent golfer.

EUROPE INVASION PROMISED BY U. S. ARMY STAFF CHIEF

ARMY WILL TOTAL NEAR 4,500,000 BY END OF YEAR

General Marshall Tells West Point Graduating Class No Compromise Possible.

West Point, N. Y., May 29.—(AP)—An invasion of the European continent was promised today by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, who told the West Point graduating class that American troops "are landing in England, and they will land in France."

Marshall said the army would total nearly 4,500,000 men by the end of this year, instead of the previously announced estimate of 3,600,000. During the past four weeks alone, said the chief of staff, the army has grown by 300,000 men.

No Compromise
"Your utmost endeavor, backed by high and unselfish purpose, will be required to bring this struggle to a triumphant conclusion," he told the graduating cadets.

"No compromise is possible, and the victory of the democracies can only be complete with the utter defeat of the war machines of Germany and Japan."

Gaining significance in view of the current discussions of high ranking American army officers with British officials in London, Marshall's assertion that American forces "will land in France" was the first definite statement by any American official that a ground offensive against the continent was part of American-British strategy.

Marshall recalled that prior to December 7, members of congress, seeking his justification for expansion plans for the army, wanted to know "where American soldiers might be called upon to fight and just what was the urgent necessity for the army that we were endeavoring to organize and train."

Forces Now Scattered
"In reply I usually commented on the fact that we had previously fought in France, Italy, and Germany; in Africa, and the far east; in Siberia and northern Russia," Marshall said. "No one could tell what the future might hold for us. But one thing was clear to me, we must be prepared to fight anywhere, and on short notice."

"The possibilities were not overdrawn, for today we find American soldiers throughout the Pacific, in Burma, China, and India. They have flown over Japan. They are landing in England, and they will land in France. We are determined that before the sun sets on this terrible struggle, our flag will be recognized throughout the world as a symbol of freedom on the one hand and of overwhelming power on the other."

The chief of staff said the confusion which existed in the minds of many Americans before Pearl Harbor was a thing of the past, and the American people, "solidly behind the army, are supporting wholeheartedly every measure for the prosecution of the war, and they are meeting with calm courage the vicissitudes inevitable in a war extending to the four corners of the earth."

"This attitude," Marshall said "is exemplified in heroic measure by the parents and wives of those men who fought to the last ditch in the Philippines. Their fortitude was magnificent during those agonizing days of tragic uncertainty regarding their sons and husbands. The letters that have come to me from the mothers or wives of men lost in that heroic struggle are my greatest reassurance that America has steeled itself for a terrible struggle, with the implacable determination to hammer out a complete victory—decisive and final."

Looks The Other Way



As John L. Lewis (right), president, opened a session of the United Mine Workers' policy committee in Washington, D. C., CIO President Philip Murray (left), who also is a vice-president of the miners and Lewis' "former friend," sat with chin cupped in hand and looked the other way. Murray was later voted out as U.M.W. vice-president.

Torpedo Survivor Leads "Life of Riley" on Raft

New York, May 29.—(AP)—They thought there was something a wee bit fishy about Harley Archie Olson's story when he was rescued—bronzed, sleek and healthy—after 29 days alone at sea on a raft.

So, when the rescue vessel arrived at Key West with the 23-year-old radio operator whose ship was torpedoed April 19, the FBI detained him while checking his tale.

But they found that his story—one of the most amazing to come out of the battle and the Atlantic—was true and Harley, stopping in New York on the way home to Portland, Ore., told it today:

"I didn't lose any weight, I was never afraid of sharks, I had plenty to eat and drink. I enjoyed sunbathing by day and slept comfortably at night," said the six-foot two-inch youth.

"I had more trouble explaining why I wasn't half-starved or half-mad from thirst or something than I did while waiting on the raft to be picked up."

"They thought I was a 'plant.' They thought I was placed on the raft by a German submarine. I was held in Miami until my fingerprints were checked in Washington and until they learned that I was an American citizen employed by the steamship line."

After the torpedoing, Harley leaped overboard, sighted a life-raft and clambered on it. Soon he spied another, then some wreckage, then part of another raft. Pooling the best of his findings, he chose the most seaworthy raft and loaded it with food, water, canvas for covering and sails and an old settee.

By day he lounged on the settee, fishing with a net made from bandages in a first-aid kit, or just drifting. By night he covered himself with canvas and curled up on the settee.

"Gentle waves rocked me to sleep," he said. "I guess I was pretty lucky, all right."

Cleveland, May 29.—(AP)—Vincenzo Piazza, trapped in a New Jersey wooded today, is wanted for two Cleveland slayings at a third at nearby Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio, police said.

Axis Tanks Hurled Back in Desert

CHEKIANG CITIES STILL CHINA'S IS DEFENDERS' CLAIM

Bloody Fighting Around Lanchi and Kihwa During Rain—Japs Annihilated.

Chungking, China, Saturday, May 30.—(AP)—The Chekiang Province cities of Kihwa and Lanchi were still in Chinese hands at 8 p. m. last night after heavy and bloody fighting around both cities in heavy rain yesterday, Chinese front-line dispatches reported early today.

Central News reported the defenders of the two cities were offering strong resistance. They also said a Japanese unit driving southward from Lung-yu, 25 miles west of Kihwa, toward Anpingkai was encircled and annihilated.

The Chinese high command reported last night that "more than 10 points" have been recaptured on the outskirts of Lihang, Japanese-held Yangtze river stronghold above Hankow, in concerted attacks which started three days earlier.

Allied headquarters, Australia, May 29.—(AP)—Allied airmen destroyed four Japanese planes and damaged several others while losing three of their own in attacks and defense over islands northeast of Australia yesterday, a communique announced today.

War Bulletins

London, May 29.—(AP)—The London Daily Mail quoted the Berlin radio today as saying "our Fuehrer has taken personal direction of strategic operations on the Kharkov front. We look to his genius as a strategist to bring about full victory." No other source reported hearing the broadcast.

London, May 29.—(AP)—British bombers were reported officially to have fired four ships in an axis convoy off the Dutch coast in widespread night operations, and relays of RAF planes swept high and low across the Strait of Dover to northern France today. The air ministry said several other ships probably were damaged.

Lethbridge, Alberta, May 29.—(CF)—Millions of acres of Canadian "Prairie" wheatlands are threatened seriously again this year with wheat stem sawfly infestation, Dr. C. W. Farstad of the Lethbridge entomological laboratory said today after a tour of experimental fields in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—A rising tide of congressional opposition to nation-wide gasoline rationing brought suggestions from influential house members today that congress might well consider curtailing some of Price Administrator Leon Henderson's power.

Speaker Sam Rayburn and Chairman Lea (D-Calif.), of the house interstate committee which has been investigating the gasoline and petroleum situation went on record as seeing no reason to extend the eastern rationing program to the entire nation.

At the same time, Chairman Steagall (D-Ala.), of the house banking committee, that wrote the price control law under which Henderson received much of his authority—commented that perhaps congress had "made a mistake."

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U. S. WINNING WAR AGAINST U-BOATS OFF EAST COAST

More Subchasers, Blimps, Patrol Bombers Is Need—221 Ships Lost To Date.

Washington, May 29.—(AP)—Despite heavy losses inflicted on American coastal shipping by Nazi submarines, naval experts said today that the United States was slowly winning the main campaign in the battle of the Atlantic. They emphasized, however, that only steadily increasing production of both war and merchant ships could clinch the ultimate victory.

The greatest present need, it was said, is for more defensive craft—subchasers, blimps and patrol bombers—manned by experienced personnel.

The cold statistical results of the Atlantic battle to date are: Three convoys of American troops and shiploads of equipment have arrived in the British Isles without the loss of a man.

Supply Lines Open
The supply lines to Russia, Africa, Asia and Australia—springboards for offensive action—are open, primarily, naval authorities say, because warships have not been diverted to protecting coastal waters.

On the other side of the ledger, 221 merchant ships of American and other nationalities have been sunk "on the American side of the Atlantic since mid-January. Also on the loss side is the torpedoing of two and possibly three destroyers. The Jacob Jones was sunk off New Jersey in March. The Sturtevant was destroyed by an "underwater explosion," which may have been either a mine or torpedo, in April, and early this week the Blakeley was damaged by a torpedo off Martinique in the Caribbean.

NO RURAL MAIL HERE SATURDAY

Postmaster Frank DeSouza said today there would be no rural delivery of mail Saturday, Decoration Day, but that the regular Saturday morning city delivery would be maintained. Ordinarily there is also a rural delivery on Saturdays.

The postoffice will be open as usual from 8 a. m. to noon, regular Saturday opening and closing hours, but the sub-station on North Bartlett street will be closed.

The courthouse, offices in city hall, banks and most of the stores in the city will be closed all day.

BASEBALL

American			
Washington	1	4	1
New York	16	17	1
Wilson, Cathey, Masterson and Evans; Gomez and Rosar.			
Cleveland	3	13	3
Detroit	14	16	2
Smith, Gromek, Eisenstat, Brown and Hegan, Benning; White and Tebbetts.			

PATRIOTIC PARADE ON MEMORIAL DAY STARTS AT 9:30

Medford will observe its first wartime Memorial day in 24 years Saturday with a patriotic parade starting at 9:30 a. m., an invocation at the Bear Creek bridge and a program in city park featuring Floyd K. Dover of Grants Pass as principal speaker.

With social, fraternal, civic and patriotic organizations participating, the parade will form at the city park and move east on Main street to the Bear Creek bridge, where the Rev. Carl W. Brockhaus will give the invocation and flowers will be strewn on the water in memory of those who have given their lives on oceans, rivers and lakes in the service of their country.

The sounding of taps will conclude the ceremony at the bridge, and the parade will then return on Main street to city park for the program.

In addition to the address by Mr. Dover, past commander of the Department of Oregon, Disabled American Veterans of the World war, there will be the reading of General John A. Logan's first Memorial day general order by Miss Ora Cox, repetition of Lincoln's Gettysburg address by David Dawson, decoration of vacant chairs by representatives of veteran and patriotic organizations in honor of the memory of departed comrades, musical numbers, the singing of "America" by the audience and the benediction by the Rev. Brockhaus.

In case of unfavorable weather the program will be held in the First Presbyterian church.

Memorial ceremonies will be conducted in Siskiyou Memorial park at 2:30 p. m. by the Women's Relief corps and Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil war.

SHERIFF SEEKS MEN FOR DUTY AS GUARDS

Sheriff Syd I. Brown reported today he was desirous of getting in touch with 15 or 20 men for about three weeks special guard duty, consisting of both night and day shifts.

Contact should be made with Sheriff Brown at his office in the courthouse either Saturday, or early Monday morning.

Growing Opposition To Gas Ration May Bring OPA Power Reduction

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Although members of the senate small business committee held out new hope for motorists by unanimously endorsing a proposal to allocate 3,000 tons of crude rubber for the fabrication of 30,000,000 retreads made principally from reclaimed casings. Rubber Co-ordinator Arthur B. Newhall said he remained convinced that nation-wide gasoline rationing was the only feasible method of conserving tires.

"I don't see any other way to do it," the rubber chief told reporters, adding that he did not believe "any voluntary tire conservation program would be effective enough and quick enough to save the rubber."

Senator Ellender (D-La.), told reporters the retread plan, which he intends to introduce Monday, was designed to keep 20,000,000 cars rolling which otherwise would be forced off the roads when their present tires wear out.

VIOLENT BATTLES REPORTED RAGING IN 50-MILE AREA

British Admit Enemy Within 15 Miles of Tobruk—Many Tanks Destroyed.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)

On the sands of North Africa, British desert fighters heavily supported by American-built Kittyhawks and Boston bombers were reported taking a costly toll of axis Panzer forces, throwing back a German tank column after it had knifed 50 miles inside the British defense system around Tobruk.

A British communique said the axis column was repulsed after it had advanced as far as Sidi Rezegh, only 50 miles from the Egyptian border.

Front-line dispatches said violent tank battles raged in a 50-mile-wide belt between Sidi Rezegh and Ain El Gazala.

Near Tobruk
A British communique acknowledged that axis forces had driven within 15 miles of historic Tobruk as German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel flung massive tank forces into the struggle—as many as 250 in a single column—and hacked at Tobruk's immediate defenses at many points.

The British declared, however, that no fixed British land positions had been captured yet in the three-day-old battle.

Free French troops, fighting with the British, were credited with destroying 35 Italian tanks in a single engagement.

American-made tanks manned by the British were reported inflicting heavy losses on axis armored forces attempting to knock out Tobruk as a prelude to a drive into Egypt.

A British army photographer, who escaped after being a Nazi prisoner for 13 hours, quoted a German lieutenant as boasting: "We'll be in Tobruk by tonight. We've got Churchill by the throat this time."

RAF IN Command

But an RAF communique indicated that British warplanes had already won preliminary superiority in the air, declaring that axis air activity was on a reduced scale while RAF planes constantly roared over the battlefield.

A single formation of American-built Kittyhawks was credited with destroying more than 65 axis supply trucks, while American Boston (Douglas) bombers showered explosives among a concentration of 700 trucks.

London military quarters said Rommel's onslaught apparently signaled the start of Adolf Hitler's long-heralded grand offensive of 1942, and declared they expected the African drive to be followed by a German offensive in southern Russia, striking toward the oil-rich Caucasus from positions now held along the Sea of Azov.

Conjecture also centered on a possible Nazi air-borne attack on Syria and Iraq.

On the Soviet front, the bitter 18-day-old battle for Kharkov continued inconclusively amid unconfirmed reports, broadcast by the Vichy radio, that Russian artillery was shelling the German-held "Pittsburgh" of the Ukraine.

On the southern flank, 80 miles below Kharkov, Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's red armies reported they crushed incessant German tank and infantry attacks in fierce all-night fighting and indicated no major setback despite Hitler's claims of an "outstanding victory" for the axis.