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LINDY RAPS BRITISH AID PLANS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
LINDBERGH today, as so often before, is the hot spot in the news.
Testifying in Washington before the house foreign affairs committee (with the lease-lend bill as the occasion) he says:
"I prefer to see neither side win. I prefer a negotiated peace. A victory on either side would result in prostration of Europe of a type we've never seen. It would be one of the worst things that could happen."

CLARIFYING his views on this point, he offers the opinion that even a combination of the United States and Great Britain can't win the European war on the present basis.

Neither measures short of war nor measures beyond war, he tells the committee will (in his judgment) win the struggle unless there is COLLAPSE BEHIND THE LINES on one side or the other.

Collapse behind the lines, presumably, would bring the "prostration in Europe of a type we've never seen" to which he refers.

AS to American safety, he says: "I do not believe there is any danger of invasion of this country, either by sea or by air, as long as we maintain an army, navy and air force of reasonable size and in modern condition and provided we establish the bases essential for defense."
(He thinks a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves would insure American security regardless of the outcome of the war in Europe.)

BEFORE joining in the crucifixion of Lindbergh that will follow this latest expression of his views remember that as long as three years ago he told both Britain and America in complete and accurate detail exactly what Germany was doing in the way of preparation for air warfare on a scale never before imagined. He was hooted at for his pains.
If the information he then gave had been acted upon and Britain, France and America had moved decisively to bring their air forces up to adequate competitive standards, the course of world events in the past year and a half might have been quite different.

TOBRUK is captured, along with 24,000 Italian prisoners including four generals and an admiral. The British say their casualties in the attack were less than 500, indicating that they were intelligently led.
Summing up, the British report that since December 9 they have captured, destroyed or disintegrated eleven Italian divisions—about 132,000 men. Of this total, about 100,000 have been captured.
This is capture on a wholesale basis, comparable to what the Germans did in France.

FROM Cairo comes an interesting comment on the situation thus created. British circles there point out that:

Nothing short of German intervention on a major scale can now save the rest of Italian Libya from falling to the British. (French Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco join Libya to the west, reaching clear to Gibraltar.)

If Hitler should intervene in Libya on a major scale, the British will have achieved an important major objective by compelling the Germans to divide their forces for a two-front war—which is the particular thing German strategy has sought at all costs to avoid.

This comment helps to explain why Hitler has been so cautious about going to Italy's aid.

SAILS FOR U. S.

TOKYO, Jan. 23 (AP)—Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japan's new ambassador to Washington, sailed today for the United States aboard the liner Kama-kura Maru.

Where 18 Died and 5 Were Saved



This airview shows a coast guard boat searching around the topmasts of the fishing trawler Mary E. O'Hara after the ill-fated craft crashed into an undetermined object and sank so quickly the crew was unable to launch ice-crafted life boats. Of 23 crewmen who clung to masts 18 lost their grips and were drowned in the icy water near Boston while the others were saved by another fishing boat.

BRITISH RAIDERS ATTACK RUHR CITY

Bad Weather Inactivity Ended in Series of Continental Forays

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP)—British air raiders pounded at the Duesseldorf area in western Germany's industrial Ruhr valley during the night, the government announced today, ending several nights of inactivity caused by bad weather.

The attack, said to have been the 21st aimed at Duesseldorf's steel, oil and munitions works, was described as concentrated but of only medium scope because of the weather over the continent.

Daylight Attacks
Earlier, the air ministry reported RAF fighter planes, with six Polish fighters among their crews, launched two daylight machinegun attacks yesterday on German aircraft at landing fields and on troops and ground defenses in Nazi-occupied France from the channel coast to the Somme river.

LONDON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Nazi air raiders dropped bombs on (Continued on Page Two)

Junior College For Klamath Up In House Bill

SALEM, Jan. 23 (AP)—Junior colleges would be established in Portland, Klamath Falls, Bend, Astoria, and in Coos and Umatilla counties by a bill introduced in the house today by Reps. Babcock (R-Umatilla), Hosh (D-Deschutes), Wilson (D-Columbia), Adams (D-Multnomah), and Allen (D-Multnomah), and Sens. Mahoney (D-Multnomah) and Kenin (R-Multnomah).

The measure, sponsored by the Oregon Commonwealth federation, would direct the state board of higher education to establish junior colleges in cities of more than 10,000 population situated more than 50 miles from the nearest college or normal school.

The junior colleges would give courses in subjects usually covered in the first two years of college, and would emphasize courses in mechanical, semi-professional and technical education.

Crew Removed From Schooner
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 23 (AP)—The 24 men of the crew of the little lumber schooner Katherine Donovan were removed by coast guardsmen today after the disabled vessel sank so low in the sea that her main decks were awash.

The coast guard cutter Shawnee, from Eureka, had the ship in tow, and was making one knot with the derelict. The commander of the Shawnee hoped to get Donovan into San Francisco.

'Beam' Eyed In Hunt for Plane Here

Speculation mounted in Klamath Falls Thursday that the missing army bomber which is being sought over half the length of the Pacific coast might have crashed into the snow-blanketed mountains west of Upper Klamath lake while attempting to follow a radio beam into Medford.

As a heavy overcast continued to hamper efforts of army fliers to widen their search, the first week passed with still no trace of the bi-motored warplane which disappeared at 10:30 a. m. last Thursday after leaving Medford field, Tacoma, Wash.

Reports Check
Reports that a large airplane was seen flying low over Upper Klamath lake and over the Varney creek section, farther west, were pieced together by local aviation authorities to form a new theory as to the fate of the plane and its crew of seven men.

Both the Upper Klamath lake area where a man reportedly saw a giant plane flying "so low over the lake that it frightened away waterfowl on the water's surface," and the Varney creek sectors lie directly under a radio beam extending eastward from the Medford range station.

It is believed that the bomber (Continued on Page Two)

Defense Official Threatens Curb On Lumber Price

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Leon Henderson, defense commissioner, told representatives of the lumber industry today that prices were too high and that unless the situation was improved he would recommend government price fixing.

"We can get lumber," Henderson said. "The government can get all it wants by fixing a price and having the commander-in-chief of the army and navy forbid any payment of higher prices. We can then use the selective service act to draft lumber the same as we are drafting men."

"As far as I'm concerned I'm going to make that recommendation unless the situation improves."

Henderson addressed a meeting of the lumber and timber products defense committee, which is composed of 46 trade associations.

The meeting was called by the lumbermen after Henderson previously had criticized the industry.

SENATE APPROVES TOURIST REPEAL

First Bill Acted Upon in Session Would Remove Registration Rule

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Jan. 23 (AP)—The senate, on the 11th day of the legislative session, passed its first bill today, a measure by Sen. Douglas McKay (R-Morrow) to repeal the law which requires tourists to register their automobiles when they enter Oregon.

The bill now goes to the house, which has yet to pass a bill. The senate action was unanimous.

Bill Outgrown
"We are spending considerable money to persuade tourists to come to Oregon, and they spend \$25,000,000 a year here. So it seems awkward to ask them to register when they get here," Senator McKay said.

He explained the bill was passed several years ago, when Oregon had high motor vehicle license fees, to prevent Oregonians from buying their licenses in other states where the fees were lower. It also was designed to prevent stolen cars from entering Oregon, but McKay explained that the car thieves just didn't register. Repeal of the law will save the state \$20,000 a year, he said.

The senate passed 18 to 12 a joint memorial to congress asking "urgent and speedy consideration" of the administration lend-lease bill. It already has passed the house.

Sen. Coe A. McKenna (R-Multnomah) said "passage of this memorial is tantamount to an endorsement of the bill. It is a matter for congress to decide, and it's no concern of ours. We know congress is going to give (Continued on Page Two)

The Klamath county chamber of commerce was on record Thursday as opposing any congressional reapportionment plan which would join Klamath county with counties west of the Cascades.

Directors of the chamber took the action on recommendation of the legislative committee, and Klamath's delegates at Salem were informed Thursday of the chamber's attitude on the reapportionment problem.

Interests Differ
One of the current proposals for reapportionment is to unite Klamath county with Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, on the west side of the Cascades.

The legislative committee of the chamber, in making its recommendation, emphasized that

British Capture Italians

14,000 TAKEN WHEN TOBRUK FORT SEIZED

Continued Action on All African Fronts Told in Communique

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 23 (AP)—RAF bombers attacked the air-drome at Catania, Sicily, where German dive bombers are based, last night, and heavy explosions and fires occurred near the runway and hangars, a communique said.

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 23 (AP)—British headquarters announced today that the capture of Tobruk, Italian Libyan base, was completed last night and that more than 14,000 prisoners were taken.

A communique said the prisoners included four generals, one a corps commander and another a divisional commander, and an admiral.

British casualties were said to be less than 500.

2000 Wounded
"Enemy casualties are not yet fully ascertained," said the British command's communique, "but 2000 wounded already are being evacuated."

"A number of senior army and naval staff officers" were listed among the prisoners.

Tobruk has been called the best harbor between Alexandria, and Tunis.

Actions Reported
The communique made succinct references to offensive actions against Italian East Africa, hundreds of miles from the north African or Libyan battle line.

It told of continued pressure east of Metemma, on the Ethiopian front, and in Kenya colony, facing both Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland.

British troops which pursued the Italians from Kassala, in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan near the border of Italian Eritrea, were said to have established contact within Eritrea where the fascists had taken up defensive positions dominating Viscia and Varentu.

The capture of Tobruk with a 36-hour land, air and sea assault culminated a siege that gave the British undisputed control of 80 miles of the Libyan coastline and (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Draft Quota Set at 54
Draft quotas for Oregon boards for the call of 980 men to report for military service between February 17 and March 8 were announced Thursday in Salem.

Klamath quotas, totaling 54 men for the two boards, were set as follows: Board No. 1, 23; Board No. 2 (county), 31.

Road Bill
Another legislative matter acted upon by the chamber was endorsement of a road district measure which appeared in the legislature two years ago as senate bill 477. This bill was generally approved here two years ago, and missed passage only because of its tardy introduction, it was stated.

Purpose of the bill is to permit suburban areas to create

Rumania Says Revolt Ended; Sofia Reports Bloody Civil War Raging Between Guards

By The Associated Press
Bloody civil war with hundreds slain was reported in Rumania today, amid conflicting accounts of its progress.

Rumania's legation at Budapest, capital of Hungary, acknowledged "many" deaths, but asserted that Dictator Premier Ion Antonescu was "complete master" of the situation.

Sofia Disagrees
Dispatches received in Sofia and Belgrade, however, depicted the strife as mounting in violence, with the pro-Nazi Iron guard revolutionists—as they were identified by the Rumanian government—having seized the Bucharest postoffice, radio station and military airport.

The Rumanian legation in Budapest said it had received advices from Bucharest that "no" roracious communists and very young Iron guard legionnaires were behind the rebellion.

"Yesterday, 600 legionnaires

organized by General George Petrovicescu massed in front of the premier's office and started firing at the building with machine-guns.

"Premier Antonescu decided that was sufficient. He instructed the army and police to re-establish order. They quickly cleaned out public buildings throughout the country.

30,000 Men Massed
"These communists and very young legionnaires surrendered in a body, weeping openly and expressing their disgust in themselves."

Belgrade dispatches said that the conflict raged in Bucharest and through the provinces, and that Iron guard insurgents had massed 30,000 men in the capital.

Several army commanders were said to have joined the revolt, and troops from the army corps at Brasov were reported headed for Bucharest in trucks to join the rebellion.

Strike Shuts Defense Plant At Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 23 (AP)—The hum of machines, until yesterday turning out implements of national defense, was missing today at the huge Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company plant where union production workers were on strike.

All shop departments remained closed. Apparently, no production men attempted to report for work.

No Pay Set
At each gate, a dozen members of the CIO United Automobile Workers union, which called the strike yesterday, were posted as observers. There were no picket lines.

A company spokesman said no conference between union and management representatives had been arranged.

The federal government and Governor Julius P. Heil took steps seeking a speedy settlement of the strike, which has halted work on \$26,000,000 worth of defense orders.

Governor Heil proposed to make a personal inquiry into the controversy between the company and the CIO-United Automobile Workers union and to offer his services as mediator.

The governor helped settle the 1939 strike at Allis-Chalmers—Wisconsin's largest industrial plant.

The U. S. department of labor, shortly after the strike was called yesterday, ordered Msgr. Francis J. Haas of Catholic university to proceed immediately (Continued on Page Two)

TWO KILLED WHEN AIRLINER CRASHES

Big Plane Noses Over at St. Louis Airport; Dozen Injured

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23 (AP)—A big Transcontinental & Western airliner crashed before dawn today while approaching Lambert-St. Louis Municipal airport, killing the chief pilot and a passenger and injuring 12 other persons.

Flying on instruments, Captain P. T. W. Scott passed over the field at 4:13 a. m., CST, and three minutes later he was dead in the wreckage of the ship, the "Sky-Sleeper."

Behind Schedule
J. F. Mott, a TWA employee who boarded the plane as a passenger at Kansas City, also was killed.

Far behind schedule, the airliner, en route from Los Angeles to New York, flew low across the field and then banked to the left in making a swing for a landing from the southwest.

Climbed Tree
Residents of the neighborhood heard the roar of the twin motors, apparently when the pilot "gunned" his engines in an (Continued on Page Two)

Ryan Workers Get Pay Raise

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 23 (AP)—All employees of the Ryan Aeronautical company were given pay increases today under a contract ratified unanimously by the CIO United Automobile Workers local after a deadlock in negotiations had been broken and a threatened strike averted.

As the pact providing for a top minimum wage of 62½ cents an hour went into effect, Richard T. Frankenstein, chief CIO negotiator, said the UAW planned to organize "wherever there is an aircraft plant on the west coast," and the 15,000 workers at "Consolidated Aircraft Corporation are our immediate objective."

Japan to Referee Thailand Dispute
VICHY, France, Jan. 23 (AP)—The government announced today it had accepted Japanese offers of mediation in the undeclared border warfare between French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam).

The French ambassador to Tokyo has been entrusted with the arrangement of ways and means of mediation with the Japanese government, the announcement said.

FAMOUS FLYER ASSAILS U. S. PART IN WAR

Victory Impossible Unless One Side Collapses, Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 (AP)—Hugh S. Johnson, columnist, told the house foreign affairs committee late today he was opposed to the administration's lend-lease bill because it constituted an offensive and defensive alliance with Great Britain.

The bluff, ruddy-complexioned one-time chief of NRA testified after Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh had completed more than four hours of testimony, highlighted by declarations that it was unlikely that even the United States and Britain combined could defeat Germany and that a policy of absolute neutrality on the part of this country could have prevented the European war.

U. S. Blamed
Lindbergh asserted today that the European war probably would not have developed if the United States had given advance notice to Britain and France that she would not participate in any way.

If both of those countries had known that policy would be adhered to, Lindbergh told the house foreign affairs committee, "the chances were fairly good that an adjustment would have been made in Europe and the present war would not have taken place."

War Prolonged
He claimed also that "our aid has prolonged the war" and added:

"I don't believe that a peace satisfactory to us can be worked out at present but an attempt to bring it about would be a better alternative than prolonging the war."

Lindbergh testified in opposition to the administration's lend-lease bill.

Victory Doubtful
Calling aid to Britain a "mistake" and urging a "negotiated peace," he said that even a combination of the United States and Great Britain could not win the war "on the present basis."

The combined forces of the two nations, he said, could not achieve victory by invading the European continent—unless Germany first collapsed internally—and he declared it was "very doubtful" that a blockade would force German submission.

The famous flyer told the house foreign affairs committee that he did not believe that "anything short of war or beyond war" would win the struggle unless there was a collapse behind the lines of one side or the other.

Collapse Needed
Requested later to elaborate on this point, Lindbergh said he did not believe that Germany could invade England unless there had been a "previous collapse" behind the lines, and neither did he believe England could invade the German-dominated European continent—even with the United States as an ally—unless there had been a collapse in Germany.

Entrance into any foreign war, Lindbergh said, should be avoided, for regardless of what happened abroad this country and this hemisphere are "strong enough" to protect themselves. He advocated the establishment of a (Continued on Page Two)

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