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'FREE FRENCH' OPEN NEW FRONT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MORGENTHAU bluntly tells the senate foreign relations committee today that Britain, Greece and China can't continue to fight unless congress passes the lease-lend bill.

Why?

Because, he says, they are out of dollars with which to pay for the American supplies they MUST HAVE to go on fighting.

SENATOR VANDENBURG asks Morgenthau:

"In your field of responsibility (money), what can the President do under this bill (lease-lend) that he can't do today?"

Morgenthau replies:

"His chief power would be to make available to the countries he decided on MUNITIONS and other war supplies ON CREDIT."

WE'RE committed to the policy already. If the President doesn't make the decisions, somebody else will have to. The President can make QUICKER decisions.

War requires speed in deciding. Delay is often FATAL. That is the story in a nutshell.

WAR demands concentrated authority—always has and always will. We're at war in all but name.

If we are to WIN, we must make the sacrifices of individual liberty that efficiency in war requires, reserving until AFTER THE WAR our ideas on democratic government.

AMID the thunders of war, the government is filing monopoly suits and announces that it is going clear through with them.

If it does go clear through and succeeds in eliminating ALL monopolistic practices, from top to bottom, in industry and labor, the American system will be in a better way to continue as a system of FREE ENTERPRISE. Monopolistic practices and a system of free enterprise just simply don't go together.

IN Cairo (British headquarters in the Mediterranean) the RAF reports that "burned-out wreckage of seven seaplanes and twisted girders of two destroyed workshops are all that remain of the Italian seaplane base at Bomba (a few miles southeast of Derna) once a constant threat to British shipping. There is scarcely a square yard that has not been torn by aerial bombardment."

That's what happens when one side gets control of the air. It will happen in Britain if the Germans get control.

SUPPLYING the British with planes enough to GAIN CONTROL OF THE AIR over Britain is the VITAL part of the job we have taken on as the arsenal of the democracies.

Bangkok Declares Armistice Broken

BANGKOK, Thailand, Jan. 28 (P)—The Bangkok radio charged today that French forces opened fire against Thailand despite an order for cessation, at 10 a. m. today, of hostilities between French Indo-China and Thailand.

It asserted the French opened fire at various sectors along the Mekong river as well as the eastern and northeastern fronts. The gunfire continued an hour after the armistice order became effective, it said.

It was said Thai forces did not retaliate.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 28, 1916—Allies bombard Lens. Heavy fighting between Italians and Austrians along Carnia front.

General Sees Nazi Loss

U. S. AID WILL SAVE BRITAIN'S CAUSE, CLAIM

Marshall Predicts Invasion Attempt in Talk on Lease-Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (P)—General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, expressed belief today that Great Britain could defeat Germany with the aid which the United States would give under the British-aid bill now before congress.

He gave this view at a press conference a short time after Secretary Morgenthau, appearing before the senate foreign relations committee, had stated bluntly that Britain, Greece and China "can't continue to fight" unless congress enacts the bill.

No Men Needed
Marshall, who had appeared before the house foreign affairs committee earlier today also told reporters that all indications were that Hitler would probably make an all out attempt to invade England this spring.

"Do you believe that Great Britain with the aid of the United States could whip Germany?" Marshall was asked.

"Yes," the lean chief of staff replied. "Do you think she could defeat Germany with all aid except manpower?"

"I think so," Marshall replied. "That certainly is our hope." The general then was asked specifically whether he believed that Britain could defeat Germany with the aid contemplated under the bill. He replied "yes," but declined to elaborate his views.

Lack of Cash
Testifying that the British had exhausted their dollar exchange for buying war supplies, the treasury secretary said that British orders for 2000 fighting planes now were being held up for lack of cash.

He asserted too, during questioning, that "mentally" he had charged off "some time ago" Britain's multi-billion dollar war debt to the United States.

Loans Needed
Morgenthau said Britain had placed before the treasury the "cold hard facts" that they were running out of money to pay for additional orders. He said it was up to congress to decide quickly what should be done.

"If this bill doesn't pass congress," he added solemnly, "they can't continue to fight. The decision rests with congress whether Great Britain, China and Greece are to continue to fight."

Starvation Looms For Belgians, Hoover Declares

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (P)—Belgians, living on a food ration little more than one-third that of Germans and Britons, are facing imminent starvation, says former President Hoover.

Hoover, chairman of the national committee on food for the five small democracies, said in a statement yesterday "major food supplies to maintain any Belgian ration will be non-existent in a month."

Basing his statement on a report from Brussels by three American experts sent to investigate food conditions in Belgium, Hoover said the present "theoretical" daily ration for each Belgian was one-half pound of bread, two ounces of sugar, about one and one-tenth pounds of potatoes and half an ounce of beans and peas.

"This ration, however, is no longer effective," he added, "since only 60 per cent of meats and fats and 20 per cent of potatoes are distributed. Beans and peas are practically exhausted. Consequently today's actual ration is not much more than one-third of that in Britain and Germany."

A Million Dollars Too Much



Andrew Paanen and his wife look at the \$1,000,015.25 check sent to him, by error, by the federal government for compliance with a soil conservation program. It was \$1,000,000 too much. Paanen, owner of a cranberry bog at Duxbury, Mass., sent it right back.

WILLKIE ATTENDS COMMONS SESSION

Private Envoy Refuses to Use Helmet, Gas Mask for Raids

LONDON, Jan. 28 (P)—Wendell L. Willkie visited the house of commons today and sat in the distinguished visitor's gallery during an opposition attack on the government's suppression of the Daily Worker, communist party organ.

Caught earlier in the first air raid of his London visit without the steel helmet he brought from the United States, Willkie also got into the house without a gas mask—ordinarily required equipment for all entering there.

Hears Debate
Attendees explained that he was allowed to enter without his mask because he is "only a temporary resident of London." Foreign press representatives and others in the same galleries always are required to carry masks.

While Willkie sat in a front row of the almost empty gallery for half an hour, Laborite Aneurin Bevan told the house that the suppression of the Daily Worker was driving the opposition.

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Local Search For Missing Plane Fails

A search by air of the Varney creek section west of Upper Klamath lake and reports of a wisp of smoke which might be a clue to the fate of the missing United States army bomber were highlights of local efforts to find the big plane Tuesday.

Sheriff Lloyd Low received a call from a Southern Pacific brakeman that while working at Kirk, high in the Cascades, he saw a rising column of smoke which appeared to originate in a deep canyon near Yamsay Butte. Although the smoke might have come from a permanent habitation, officers said there is a remote possibility that survivors of a plane crash could have built a fire there.

No Trace
A light training ship, piloted by a local private pilot, took off from the Klamath airport early Tuesday and made a 45-minute search of Varney creek canyon, reporting no trace of the ill-fated ship. The pilot said that deep snowdrifts, heavy timber and rugged terrain made the search difficult.

He also reported another plane, believed to have come from Medford, was searching the area.

Plans for concentrating the search.

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COUNCIL GETS AIRPORT PLAN OFF TO START

Ordinances for Condemnation of Land, Levy Election Asked

The first steps toward obtaining for Klamath Falls a proposed \$254,000 government airport expansion project were taken by the city council in session Monday night.

The council, acting on Mayor John Houston's admonition that time is short, instructed City Attorney D. E. Van Vactor to draw up the necessary ordinances to appoint a board to determine the value of land needed for expansion of the airport, to start condemnation proceedings to fix the purchase price of the land, and to call a special election to authorize a special levy for the project.

Taxi Problem Solved
Other action of the council saw the taxi ordinance troubles ironed out for this year; a proposal for improvement of muddy streets; further action on the "black rain" problem, and a plan for enforcement of a revised curfew law.

The taxi problem, which involved the city's right to allow a taxi stand on Main street in violation of the city ordinance, was laid to rest when the council decided to open Main street to taxi stands by amending the ordinance but to reserve the right to refuse all applications except that of the one company now operating before the Eagle poolhall.

Many were the side arguments that developed on the taxi question, and the city ordinance book was consulted at length while the city fathers and other officials debated the meaning of terms and considered whether other violations of the code now exist. The only major problem solved was to instruct two stands on Seventh street to move one car space from the corner to eliminate protests of property owners in that district.

Benner Present
E. E. Benner, county commissioner, was present at the meeting to give the county's side of a proposal for joint action to improve muddy streets, both in (Continued on Page Two)

200 Escaped Injury in This Wreck



Nearly 200 passengers escaped injury or death when 11 Pullman cars of a Western Pacific train miraculously stayed on the rails after the locomotive and baggage car plunged down an embankment into the Feather river. The train, bound for San Francisco from Chicago, smashed into a huge mud slide between Quincy and Oroville. One crew member, J. H. Curry, was drowned.

All Safe As U. S. Vessel Runs Aground

KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Jan. 28 (P)—The coast guard cutter Nemah radioed today the army transport Kivchak was hard aground with water over the main decks and bulwarks, on Sisters rocks on the northern British Columbia coast, but that all of the 60 passengers and members of the crew are safe.

The cutter arrived at the wreck scene, about 150 miles south of Prince Rupert, B. C., at 11:15 a. m. The U. S. Charleston, navy gunboat, arrived at 12:30 p. m.

The Kivchak was listing slightly, the Nemah said. The Charleston will bring all the passengers here and the Nemah will remain at the scene until salvage operations begin.

The coast guard at Ketchikan said the Kivchak went aground at 10:33 p. m. last night on Sisters rock, Finlayson channel in northern Queen Charlotte sound. The Kivchak was carrying supplies north to defense bases. A crew of 37 was aboard.

Supreme Court Bans Pickets From Theatre

SALEM, Jan. 28 (P)—In a far-reaching decision involving the rights of labor unions to picket, the state supreme court ruled today that a Motion Picture Operators union could not picket a Portland theatre because there was no labor dispute.

The court, upholding Circuit Judge John P. Winter of Multnomah county, ruled that E. L. Schwab, owner of the Third Avenue theatre, was entitled to an injunction prohibiting the Moving Picture Machine Operators local 159 from picketing his theatre.

The decision, by Justice Hall S. Lusk, said that Schwab's employees did not want to join the union, and that the union placards that the theatre was unfair to unorganized labor were untrue.

The injunction was granted in the lower court because the picketing harmed the theatre's business.

"Since the defendants' (the union's) activities were directed to the accomplishment of an unlawful purpose and threatened, if continued, to cause irreparable damage to the plaintiff's business, he is entitled, under settled principles of equity, to injunctive relief," the decision said.

SENATE APPROVES OWN PAY INCREASE

Off-Defeated Measure to Be Advocated for 1942 Ballot

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.
SALEM, Jan. 28 (P)—With two dissenting votes, the senate passed and sent to the house today a proposed constitutional amendment to increase legislators' pay from \$3 a day for 40 days to \$8 a day for 50 days.

The measure, the same as that defeated by a narrow margin at the November election, would be on the ballot form in November, 1942.

"Labor" Plan
Pay increase proposals have been defeated seven times. Those voting against the bill were Sens. Lew Wallace (D-Multnomah) and Rex Ellis (R-Umatilla), both explaining they would abide by the decision of the people.

"Why shouldn't we go about this from a labor point of view, so the people might better understand what we want?" Sen. L. W. Wiperman (R-Josephine) asked. "If we would approve a WPA scale of 50 cents an hour for a six-hour day, with double pay for overtime, then the people would give the measure more consideration." That would be something sensible and just.

Ellis, asserting that the newspapers have charged legislators with "chiseling" by putting their wives on the payroll, said that the people of Marion county are the "real chisellers" because they charge more money for lodging than the legislators receive.

Military Staff

The senate also passed and sent to the house today a retired military general staff of retired national guard officers, and to restore voting rights to convicts who have completed their sentences. Such convicts do not now gain their civil rights unless the governor gives them a full pardon.

The Oregon economic council.

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Rehearing of Tim Brown Case Denied

SALEM, Jan. 28 (P)—The Oregon supreme court today denied a petition for rehearing in the case of the will of Tim Brown, Klamath Indian, whose will was broken.

Brown had left his estate to his attorney and a friend, but the court gave the estate to his sister.

FORCE SEIZES SOUTH LIBYAN FEZZAN OASIS

Camel Corps Takes Roman Garrison by Surprise in Sudden Stab

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 28 (P)—An Italian garrison has been driven from the important Fezzan oasis in southwestern Libya by "free French" forces from the Chad region in equatorial Africa, General Georges Catroux reported by radio tonight.

This means a new drive against the Italians, in the interior of Libya, in conjunction with the British offensives along the Mediterranean coast in northern Libya and in east Africa.

Sudden Stab
General Catroux, an aide of "Free French" General Charles de Gaulle, said a French camel corps detachment made the sudden stab deep into the Libyan interior and caught the Italians unaware.

The detachment, he said, was assembled in the Chad region, on the Libyan frontier with equatorial Africa, early this month.

Hid by Day
Crossing the desert by night and hiding by day, he said, it reached Fezzan, 300 miles from its base, in mid-January and raided the region capital, Marzouk, in a sudden, daring assault which caught its fascist defenders by surprise.

(This drive, in effect, opens a new fighting front between Britain's two major offensives—in north Africa and east Africa.)

(Although Britain's imperial and allied forces still are widely separated over about 2000 miles of Africa, their offensives now are in an arc south and east from the Mediterranean coast through Libya, the heart of the "dark continent" in the Chad area and the bordering Anglo-Egyptian Sudan almost to the Red sea in Italian Eritrea.)

An Italian general was reported today to have surrendered personally to a British cavalry officer when British forces, charging with fixed bayonets down a hillside, pushed beyond Keru toward Agordat in Italian Eritrea.

700 Captured
Neither the identity of the general nor the size of his command were disclosed in the reports from the 1100 fascist captives so far reported in the east African offensive, 700 were said to have been taken in this one charge.

British reports Sunday said that Keru had been passed in the drive, under intensive air support, today Agordat. Keru is about 18 miles inside Eritrea from the frontier with the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and Agordat, an important rail center on which the British are now reported closing in, is about 22 miles farther east.

The British forces making this thrust are identified as a noted Scottish regiment and Indian troops.

Hurried Retreat

What started as an orderly withdrawal by the Italians from the Sudanese frontier region, British reports say, has now become a hurried retreat. The Italians blocked the narrow road toward Keru with mines, these sources said, but Indian sappers forced their way through in one-fourth the time estimated necessary.

Italian prisoners are quoted as speaking of a severe gasoline shortage in Eritrea.

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