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F. R. ORDERS SHIPS FOR BRITAIN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

INFORMED military circles in London are predicting today that a grand-scale Nazi assault on Egypt and Suez by way of Syria and Palestine will break within ten days.

At the same time, they think, the German-Italian column now halted at Tobruk will move forward to catch Egypt between hammer and anvil.

The Germans are hammering Tobruk harder today.

MOVING against Suez by way of Syria and Palestine would mean by-passing Turkey (as you will note by reference to your map.) Some such deal may have been arranged in the negotiations that have been going on at Ankara.

TO use Syria and (or) Palestine as the route of an attack on Suez, the Germans will have to get there first. There are three ways for them to manage it.

They can go through Turkey—either battering their way over Turkey's often-boasted two million bayonets or by obtaining permission for passage from the Turks.

They can land troops in Syria and Palestine by airplane transport, as they have been doing in Libya.

They can use what remains of the Italian fleet to attempt a sea passage.

IN trying to guess what Hitler will do, it is well to remember that in the past he has gained his objectives by doing what the enemy LEAST EXPECTED HIM TO DO.

That is how he took the passes through the Serbian mountains.

THESE same military experts note signs today that the long-threatened invasion of England may be in the making. One of these signs is the speed boat battle in the English channel reported the other day.

Whatever may happen next, we may expect events to move swiftly this spring. The war is approaching its crisis.

RUSSIA lifts the curtain of absolute censorship for a moment today to permit brief accounts of the annual May Day parade of soviet war strength in Moscow to reach the outside world.

The correspondents are permitted to tell of truck-borne infantry and masses of motorized artillery rumbling through Red Square.

Defense Commissar Timoshenko warns (in the hearing of the correspondents): "Russia is ready to offer ANNIHILATING REBUFF to any ENCROACHMENT by imperialists."

In a special order of the day, he emphasizes steps taken by Russia during the past year AT THE BEHEST OF STALIN to reorganize her armed forces "in the light of experience and modern warfare."

WISFUL thinkers will find hope in all this. This writer's advice is to do no wishful thinking about Russia.

This is no time to do wishful thinking ABOUT ANYTHING.

THE Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in session at Washington, calls on patriotic labor and industrial leaders to call a moratorium against all strikes which would interrupt production.

To this call all patriots must add a fervent "amen." This is no time to interrupt production for any cause whatsoever.

Let's save our country FIRST.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 1, 1940 — British naval units raid German supply line through Kattegat to Norway.

May 1, 1916 — Zeppelins raid England and Scotland. Irish Easter rebellion ended.

Britain Arms Iraq

FLEET BLASTS AXIS LINE IN NORTH AFRICA

Vital Oil Fields in Near East Guarded Against Threat

By The Associated Press

Great Britain landed more troops in the rich Mediterranean oil kingdom of Iraq today, turned the big guns of her fleet on axis columns in north Africa and virtually completed the removal of 48,000 BEF soldiers from the lost campaign in Greece.

The London radio said the arrival of a second British contingent in Iraq had provoked "certain movements on the part of the Iraqi army which might be regarded as a threat to the security of the British air base at Habanya."

Troops Protested

"The Iraq administration is being pressed by his majesty's government to move these troops as soon as possible so as to avoid the risk of any incident," the radio said.

Britain has heavy investments in the Iraq oil fields, which might become the target of a Nazi attack to provide fuel for Adolf Hitler's mechanized armies.

The British admiralty announced that the fleet executed a "successful bombardment" of axis troops and supplies in the Ain El Gazala area of Libya, 30 miles west of the beleaguered British garrison at Tobruk.

80 Per Cent Saved

Official Australian reports said Hitler's conquering legions suffered "colossal losses in men and machines" in the Greek campaign, while the British war office declared more than 80 per cent of the 60,000 BEF troops who fought to defend the Aegean (Continued on Page Two)

Hugh Johnson Flays Refusal Of Army Post

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—In the opinion of Hugh S. Johnson, President Roosevelt's action in denying a renewal of his commission as a brigadier general in the reserve corps was "neither very wise nor very consistent with what at least used to be a very close and precious friendship."

The 58-year-old newspaper columnist yesterday made public a letter he wrote the president to that effect. Johnson declared the White House had given "misleading, so-called reasons" for the non-renewal.

Rep. Bender (R-Ohio) took a hand in the controversy by telling the house yesterday that if Harry Hopkins was "qualified to be the No. 1 defense production man" then Johnson "surely has some qualifications to warrant his continuing in his capacity as a reserve general."

Johnson's commission expired April 10. He applied for reappointment, the war department approved, but President Roosevelt turned him down.

Col. E. M. Watson, the president's military aide, wrote Johnson that Mr. Roosevelt felt that reappointment of general officers should be restricted to those whom the army expects to call to active service, and then only after army doctors have determined the officer's physical fitness.

Johnson, who has criticized many administration policies, told a press conference it was his duty to "correct" any implications that he was physically unfit. He said he was "younger than most of the general officers in the army, including the commander-in-chief" and would serve "in any grade—from corporal, up or down."

Canal Search For Missing Men Continues

The search for bodies of two Indian men, Ted Walker and Thomas Smith, continued throughout Thursday when officers of the Indian service directed dragging of the government canal for a distance of more than six miles from the scene of Wednesday morning's tragedy which took the lives of five persons.

A hat, thought to have belonged to one of the two men, was found at the south branch station of the Enterprise power gate near the spot where bodies of Gertrude Barkley Duffy, driver of the car, and baby Mavis George, daughter of Mrs. Dean George, another victim, were found several hours after the tragedy.

Sheriff Lloyd Low asked the cooperation of government ditch-riders and farmers. It is quite possible, the sheriff stated, that bodies of the men could be washed from the main canal into the smaller ditches.

WARD'S TO CLOSE PORTLAND STORE

Refusal of Delivery Service Given As Reason

PORTLAND, Ore., May 1 (AP)—Montgomery-Ward and Company announced in an advertisement today it would close its large mail order and retail plant in Portland on May 3, affecting 1375 employees.

Since last December 7 pickets of the AFL Warehousemen, Retail Clerks and Office Workers' union has maintained a picket line around the plant. The union seeks wage increases and a union shop.

The statement issued by the management said:

"Ward's Portland plant has been picketed since December 7, 1940. This was the result of Ward's refusal to agree to a closed shop. No dispute existed as to wages or hours."

Service Blocked, Claim

"Ward's Portland plant has been denied service by the truck lines and the Railway Express agency since December 7, 1940, and by the railroads since December 22, 1940."

"Ward's Portland plant has been denied delivery by the United States postoffice department since Tuesday, April 29, 1941, of all but a small part of the parcel post shipments addressed to it."

"Ward's Portland plant cannot serve its customers adequately in view of this denial of the (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. CHAMBER ASKS STRIKE MORATORIUM

Businessmen Call for Two Billion Slash In Expenses

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The United States chamber of commerce called on the nation's "patriotic labor and industrial leaders" today to declare a moratorium against all strikes which would interrupt defense production.

Approving a resolution proposed by its resolutions committee, the chamber declared it to be "intolerable" that anyone should threaten to interrupt defense production "for purposes of coercion" and added that "such acts are offenses against the public safety, and offenders should be subjected to the penalties of the laws they violate."

Expense Cut Asked

This and other policy statements were adopted without discussion as the chamber acted on the proposals of its committee.

Another resolution, on "federal finance," called for a \$2,000,000,000 reduction in non-defense expenditures and for tax increases in unspecified amounts which should be "limited in duration to the period of the emergency." (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Privates Big Success in New Role at Camp

ASTORIA, Ore., May 1 (AP)—There being times in the lives of soldiers when they hunger to view a hula dance, the entertainment committees at Fort Stevens found themselves behind the eight-ball the other day.

An overwhelming demand for a hula dance developed. Privates Floyd Owens and Elmer Luesing of Klamath Falls listened, looked about, discovered there wasn't a hula dancer within miles of the place and even if there had been, there wasn't a hula skirt. But Privates Owens and Luesing, being resourceful soldiers, tried an experimental wiggle, nodded approvingly to each other and repaired to the storeroom where a new shipment of mops had just arrived.

That night the soldiers at Fort Stevens enjoyed a hula dance which laid them in the aisles and promises to launch Privates Owens and Luesing on new careers they aren't certain they want.

Boys' Club to Have Open House Tonight



A picture in the new boys' clubroom on Klamath avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets, in the Pelican theatre building. Here the recreation center features tables for ping pong, pool and other games, and a reading room. Open house will be held at the clubrooms tonight (Thursday) and City Recreation Officer David Bridge invited the public to call and see the attractive new quarters.

First Defense Stamp Sold Here



The first defense savings stamp sold at the postoffice here went to Jack Fox, shown at left with Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins. Hawkins is handing Fox his album, in which he will paste stamps as he buys them. When he has purchased \$18.75 in stamps, he can trade the album for a baby bond which will be worth \$25 in 10 years. Stamps and bonds are for sale at the postoffice, U. S. National bank, First National bank and First Federal Savings and Loan association. Sales were reported going big here Thursday.

JCC CONVENTION TO OPEN FRIDAY

Opening Session Set At Willard Hotel In 2-Day Meet

Registration for the state junior chamber of commerce convention will open Friday at 2 p. m. at the Willard hotel. The local chamber members said they had completed plans for entertaining a large group of delegates from all cities in the state boasting junior chambers. A stag party will be held Friday evening at the Willard. Saturday will be major business day for the convention, and Saturday evening the state chamber banquet will be held at the Willard hotel. Principal speaker will be Walter E. Holman, Portland, past national president of the U. S. junior chamber of commerce.

National President Mark Matthews, New York City, national president of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce, will arrive Saturday morning and on Sunday at 10 a. m. will speak at a breakfast to which the public is invited. This also will be held at the Willard hotel.

Russia Parades Might in May Day Observance

MOSCOW, May 1 (AP)—The red army showed mammoth new motorized mechanized forces in its traditional May day parade today, with truck-borne infantry and masses of motorized artillery filling Red square.

Two mortars mounted on trucks were among the new machines adapted to modern lightning war.

"Rebuff" Ready

A warning by Defense Commissar S. K. Timoshenko that soviet Russia is ready "to offer an annihilating rebuff to any encroachment by imperialists" ushered in a great display of the red army's might today as the communist party celebrated May day in traditional fashion.

Timoshenko's warning was issued in a special order of the day acclaiming Russia's achievements during the past year and emphasizing steps taken to reorganize her armed forces "in the light of experience and modern warfare" at the behest of Joseph Stalin.

He declared that it is the soviet government's intention to adhere to a peaceful policy, but asserted soberly that "the present international situation is pregnant with all kinds of surprises."

"In these conditions," Timoshenko said, "the red army must keep its powder dry and be in constant mobilization and preparedness so that no 'accident' and no tricks of our foreign enemies can catch us unawares."

London Debate Raps Lindbergh On War Stand

LONDON, May 1 (AP)—R. A. Butler, undersecretary of foreign affairs, answered "yes" in the house of commons today to a member who asked him whether Charles A. Lindbergh had not "consistently, always used his influence to prevent effective action against Germany."

His questioner was Conservative Member S. V. T. Adams.

The brief discussion involving Lindbergh brought a statement from Butler that the American flier's views on the strength of the soviet union about the time of the Munich pact in September, 1938, were considered of "no undue significance" by the British government.

The house cheered this declaration. Butler refused to answer Laborite Ellis Smith's query whether Lindbergh had used his influence "along with a well (Continued on Page Two)

PATROLS SUGGESTED FOR INDIAN OCEAN

Shipping of Supplies To Egypt Seen Probable

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The rapidly developing axis threat to Britain's position astride the strategic Suez canal caused speculation today in diplomatic quarters on the likelihood of US navy patrol operations in the Indian ocean along the lanes traveled by shipments of lease-lend supplies that may be bound for Egypt via the Gulf of Aden-Red sea route.

The belief was expressed that such shipments were highly probable in view of the known British needs in the middle east, particularly after the admitted heavy losses of equipment suffered by the expeditionary force in the battle of Greece.

Zone Opened

Since the elimination three weeks ago of the combat zone which closed the Gulf of Aden and the Red sea to American shipping, there has been no official ruling as to whether US merchantmen would be permitted to carry strictly military cargoes over that route.

At the time, however, President Roosevelt indicated that he saw no reason such shipments could not be delivered to Egypt, a technical neutral. He made it plain that the administration would not be over-sensitive on the point if war materials de- (Continued on Page Two)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Washington R. H. E.
Chicago 7 8 0
Leonard and Ferrell; Deitrich, Appleton (8) and Tresh.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Pittsburgh R. H. E.
Philadelphia 15 23 1
Bauers and Lopez; Johnson, Pearson (3), Bruner (4) and Warren.

St. Louis R. H. E.
New York 5 8 1
Warneke and Mancuso; Hubbell, W. Brown (8) and Dan-ning.

Cincinnati R. H. E.
Brooklyn 2 7 0
(11 innings).
Walters and Lombardi; Davis and Owen.

U. S. TO EASE PRESSURE ON TRADE LINES

Pooling of 2 Million Tons Planned for Vital Goods

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—In quick response to President Roosevelt's request for ships for this country's "all-out aid to the democracies," the maritime commission made plans today to place 50 American tankers in the service of the British within the next few days.

All operators of American tankers of over 5000 gross tons are being called on for aid in the program.

The tentative plan does not call for a transfer of registry of tankers to the British, but for their use outside the war zone for the direct benefit of the British.

Under the proposal the tankers would be operated from oil-producing countries along the north coast of South America to United States north Atlantic ports.

At the north Atlantic ports the oil would be transferred to British tankers for the remainder of the trip.

The commission was asked by the president last night to begin rounding up 2,000,000 tons of shipping to carry abroad "vital war materials."

President Roosevelt, himself, was reported ready to order the prompt requisitioning of refugee vessels in United States ports as one of the first steps toward the objective.

Requisitioning of 69 axis and Danish vessels aggregating 300,000 tons would provide—as a starter—approximately 15 per cent of the 2,000,000 tons the president called for "at the earliest possible moment" to transport the raw materials required by American defense industries and the war supplies needed by nations resisting aggression.

"Vital war materials are piling up at the ports or delayed at the factories," Mr. Roosevelt declared. "We must supply those ships and at once."

The president emphasized the urgent need for increased shipping facilities last night in instructions to Admiral Emory S. Land, chairman of the maritime commission.

Land was directed to "secure the service of at least 2,000,000 tons of merchant shipping" and to plan operations so as to "make their cargo space immediately effective in accomplishing our objective of all-out aid to the democracies."

Admiral Land's task, as outlined by the president:

1. To arrange for foreign ships (Continued on Page Two)

Congress Completes Bill to Expedite Naval Construction

WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP)—The senate sent to the White House today a \$3,415,521,750 naval appropriations bill containing \$1,515,000,000 to speed the construction of 729 vessels of all types under way in the two-ocean fleet program.

Adopting a conference report previously approved by the house, the senate provided for an expenditure of \$434,550,000 on naval aviation, of which \$350,372,000 would be available for payments on 7129 planes now on order.

Included in the measure were funds to provide an increase in enlisted personnel from 232,000 to 258,000, with 26,120 officers, as well as raising the enlisted strength of the marine corps to 50,568.

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