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THREATENING

OPM CONDEMNS COAST STRIKES

In The Day's News

FRANK JENKINS
LITTLE shooting today. But the respite is temporary. PLENTY of shooting is scheduled for this summer. The lulls in between will be short.

OLD Marshal Petain (whose face must be red with the humiliation of his position) calls on the forces of France for a "stern defense" of Syria against ANY BRITISH MOVE.

He says:
"The command is clear: Defend our possessions and defend them with our own forces."

"There is nothing in this contrary to the honor and the interests of France. You have heard me. You have understood me. I say no more. Now TO YOUR POSTS."

THE command is clear enough. Where it COMES FROM is the point. Knowing where it comes from and knowing he has to obey it must harrow the old marshal's soul.

THE East Indies Dutch deliver today a generally unfavorable reply to the Japanese demands for a large share of their exports such as rubber, tin and oil—all vital war materials and the bulk of them destined (if the Japs had got them) for Germany. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the Jap negotiator, says the Dutch reply is "disappointing and I don't think Tokyo will find it satisfactory."

JAPAN has been talking about "brinks of precipices" in connection with these negotiations. The precipice will be reached if and when Japan decides that if she can't get what she wants by negotiation she will TAKE IT BY FORCE.

BETTER keep your eye on this Dutch East Indies situation. It has explosive possibilities of widening the war to world-wide proportions. (That is a diplomat's way of saying it has possibilities of getting us into the shooting at any moment.)

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT today scouts the idea that Ambassador (to Britain) Winant came home to talk peace possibilities. Peace talk, the President says, is inspired wholly by Germany, and anybody who peddles it is playing the German game.

THIS writer (utterly without inside knowledge) thinks the President is speaking the plain facts.

The Germans would like well enough to make peace now on the basis of keeping what they have. The British are unlikely to be willing to talk peace with us about ready to go in.

THERE are reports this morning of bombing attacks by Italian planes on Gibraltar. Also on Malta, the British base in the mid-Mediterranean.

Gibraltar is less important now than a few weeks ago, but seems probable the Germans will attempt sooner or later to take it.

THERE are scattered reports of air fighting in Syria. Bombing raids on Alexandria are increasing.

And there are tales that Hitler is about ready to jump onto Russia and take the Ukraine. These tales still sound like wishful thinking.

If Hitler jumps onto Russia now it will be a sign that he is supremely confident of his own strength.

F. R. Flays Peace Talk

Organizing of USO Campaign Started Here

Organization for the United Service Organizations campaign for a quota of \$2000 in Klamath county was started at a meeting Friday, with I. B. Rhodes, state USO director, present. Mayor John Houston named Paul Landry, Fred Southwell and Sam Miller as a committee to get the organization underway, and it is expected the campaign will be started by the latter part of next week.

The USO is being set up on a nationwide scale to provide for the men in service the following: contact with the communities near their cantonments, religious services, counsel and guidance on personal problems, and club-house accommodations including entertainment.

Included are the Young Men's Christian association, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army, the Young Women's Christian association, the Jewish Welfare board and the National Travelers Aid association.

Oregon's quota is \$86,900. Thomas B. Dewey is national director and the United program is supported by President Roosevelt, Secretary Stimson, Secretary Knox and Federal Security Administrator McNutt.

COMMITTEE VOTES DRAFT AGE LIMIT

Permission to Defer Men 28 or Over Given by Bill

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—The senate military affairs committee approved an amendment to the selective service act today authorizing the president to defer the induction into the army of draftees who have reached their twenty-eighth birthday.

The committee adopted the provision by a 5 to 3 vote, over the opposition of Chairman Reynolds (D-N.C.), Senator Hill (D-Ala.), the majority whip, and Senator Kilgore (D-W.Va.). Originally the bill drafted by the selective service bureau would have given the president authority to defer service at any age he deemed wise instead of fixing an age.

Supporting the amendment were Senators Gurney (R-S.D.), who proposed it, and Johnson (D-Colo.), Holman (R-Ore.), Thomas (R-Idaho) and Bridges (R-N.H.), the latter voting by proxy.

Gurney said the effect of the legislation, as drafted, would be to permit the president to exercise his discretion to order the deferment of service of draftees (Continued on Page Two)

President Signs Bill Giving Right to Seize Foreign Ships

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation permitting the government to take over and operate the approximately 80 foreign ships now idle in American waters.

He immediately thereafter ordered the maritime commission to carry out terms of the act. Thumbing through the order at a press conference, the president said it authorized the commission to:

Purchase, requisition, charter, or take over all foreign ships lying idle in waters of the United States, including those of the Philippines and Canal zone. Operate any of them in the service of the United States directly or through an agent. Charter or lease any of them for foreign or coastwise service but not to any belligerent gov-

RESTAURANT HELP VOTES STRIKE HERE

Saturday Walkout at 10 Establishments Called, 248-2

Culinary alliance members voted 248-2 Thursday night to strike against 10 Klamath restaurants after rejecting a compromise offer made by the employers. The strike is called for Saturday at 2 p. m.

The vote followed brief negotiations between the alliance and the Klamath Falls Restaurant and Caterer's association over a 50-cent-per day wage increase requested by the union for all culinary workers beginning June 1.

Houses Listed
Of the 10 establishments struck, seven are on Main street and include some of the largest restaurants in the city.

Scheduled to be closed, unless they sign the Culinary contract, are the Pelican Cafe, Molatore's restaurant, Herzhberger's, the K cafe, Newberry's, Walgreen's, Swan confectionery, Ritter's coffee shop, T-Bone steak house and Hickman's.

The association Thursday morning submitted a compromise plan accepting virtually all union demands but suggesting a 20-cent boost in waitresses' and (Continued on Page Two)

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

(First game) R. H. E.
Pittsburgh5 8 1
New York4 6 1
Butcher and Lopez; McGee; Adams (7), Bowman (9) and Hartnett.

R. H. E.
St. Louis3 9 1
Boston1 6 2
Warneke and Mancuso; Salvo, Sullivan (8) and Masi.

(Second game) R. H. E.
Pittsburgh4 11 2
New York3 5 0
Sewell and Davis, Lopez (8); Lohman, Brown (9) and Danning.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

R. H. E.
Philadelphia0 4 1
Cleveland2 8 0
Beckman and Hayes; Feller and Hemsley.

R. H. E.
Washington8 10 2
Detroit11 10 0
Chase, Zuber (6), Carrasquel (7), Masterson (8) and Early; Giebel, Rowe (2) and Tebbetts.

R. H. E.
Boston6 6 0
Chicago3 7 0
Dobson, Ryba (6) and Pytko; Rigney, Ross (5) and Tresh, Dickey (7).

Property Bill To Be Revised, Leaders Decide

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—Administration leaders reached the conclusion today that there was no chance of passing the war department's property seizure bill in its present form, and indications were that entirely new legislation would be proposed as a substitute.

The bill—which has stirred up the most opposition since the administration's aid-to-Britain program—would authorize President Roosevelt to take over temporarily or permanently any property of any kind which could be used to further the national defense program.

Senator Byrnes (D-S. C.), acting majority leader, told reporters that "cool heads" in congress could "sit down and draft a bill which would accomplish the desired objectives without making it possible to charge 'dictatorship.'" He predicted that such a measure would be worked out.

ITALIAN PLANES BOMBED IN SYRIA

Nazis Say, Confusion In French Mandate Coming to Head

CAIRO, Egypt, June 6 (AP)—RAF bombers destroyed an Italian plane on Aleppo airdrome in Syria yesterday, the RAF middle east command announced today in the first definite British disclosure that fascist aircraft were in the French-ruled state.

The presence of the Italian planes at the northern Syrian air base led informed quarters to believe these craft were being sent from the island of Rhodes in the Dodecanese. They said this theory was strengthened by the same RAF war bulletin that told of another raid yesterday on Rhodes itself.

BERLIN, June 6 (AP)—Well-informed German sources declared today the confused situation in Syria was coming to a head and predicted that some of the Luftwaffe's next actions would be directed at the Suez canal.

The Nazi bombing expedition Wednesday night against Alexandria was only a "forerunner" of coming events, they said, adding that the Suez canal is of the highest importance as a supply line to the British navy in the eastern Mediterranean as well as to British land forces operating in Egypt and North Africa.

(German bombers on Crete now are less than three hours' flying time from the canal, which was bombed at least twice last month by axis planes. The sandy ditch previously had been attacked at infrequent intervals and axis sources claimed several times that sunken ships blocked traffic through the waterway.)

AFL Named at Two Basin Mills

Lumber workers in two Klamath basin mills showed preference for the American Federation of Labor Thursday in NLRB elections. According to figures released by Joe Boyd, AFL organizer, workers gave AFL 58 "yes" votes, 12 "no" votes, and one blank ballot in a consent election at the Long-Bell Lumber company mill at Dorris. The vote was to decide whether no union or AFL will serve as bargaining agent at the mill.

In an NLRB runoff election at the Algoma Lumber company mill at Algoma, AFL polled 120 votes while CIO received 104. One ballot was blank. A majority only was necessary to name AFL bargaining agent. The election at Algoma Thursday was not connected with Algoma woods crews, which designated CIO their agent in a poll several weeks ago.

RUMOR SPREAD BY NAZIS FOR SCARE, CLAIM

Winant Home Only to Exchange Reports, Says President

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that Ambassador John G. Winant had brought from England not even "a tenth cousin of a peace offer," and added that German propaganda was responsible for peace talk.

The chief executive was asked at a press conference whether he cared to say that Winant had brought no peace terms and he authorized this direct quotation:

"Not even a tenth cousin of a peace offer or anything like that or any discussion of peace. 'Absolutely nothing like it, provided you use this not as a denial by the president but as an accusation by the president.'"

Asked whom he was accusing, Mr. Roosevelt said persons being duped by Germany.

He volunteered the information that he had on his desk two orders which he said had been issued by the official German propaganda agency in Berlin to what he called nazis and fascists in this country.

The first order, Mr. Roosevelt said, told them to stress the idea that Germany had no designs against any country of the entire western hemisphere.

The second, he said, ordered nazis and fascist sympathizers, as soon as Winant arrived back in the United States, to spread the story that he was bringing a scare-head story that Britain was about all in and was talking peace.

Mr. Roosevelt asserted furthermore that it was an amazing coincidence that stories of (Continued on Page Two)

Wilson, High To Run for School Posts

Two present Klamath county school board members have filed for election to the board at the annual polls to be held in the county June 16. Harry Wilson, Malin, present board chairman representing the southern zone, and Rex High, Poe Valley, who was appointed by the board to serve for the eastern zone in place of the late C. B. Brown, are the only applicants for the jobs thus far, according to the school office.

Each member of the school board is elected for a five-year term, but if elected, Rex High will serve only until the end of the school year in June, 1943, when Brown's term would have ended, it was learned. Other members of the five-man board who are not up for reelection are Fred Hagelstein, Algoma, northern zone; Percy Dixon, Henley, central zone, and Lewis Botens, West Klamath, western zone.

Hagelstein will be chairman of the board for the next school year which begins June 16, the third Monday of June. The member who has served longest automatically becomes chairman. Although Wilson is present chairman, if elected he will begin a new five-year term and will not head the group.

At a board meeting Wednesday most of the time was devoted to consideration of bids for two new trucks for use as school buses. No contract was decided upon. The board purchased bodies for the trucks some time ago.

Bonanza Girl Wins Oratory Honors



Picture shows Marilee Givan, Bonanza, receiving her first prize check as winner of the southern Oregon Elks oratorical contest held here Thursday evening. Presenting the check is Ted Medford, chairman of the contest committee. Miss Givan will compete at the state convention contest in Astoria.

Bonanza Girl Wins Oratory Contest Here

Marilee Givan of Bonanza high school won first place in southern Oregon district competition of the Elks oratorical contest last night at the Elks lodge. Miss Givan was among four young speakers representing lodges of Klamath Falls, Medford, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Charles Pixley of Grants Pass, representing the Grants Pass lodge, won second place; Lucille Brown, Yreka, representing Ashland, was judged third winner, and Ned Liedman, Medford, took fourth, representing the Medford Elks.

First prize winner received \$15; second, \$10, and third and fourth each received \$7.50.

Miss Givan won the right to compete in August at Astoria at the state convention of Elks. Winner of the state contest will represent Oregon in a national contest to be held in the east.

Judges for last night's contest were David R. Vandenberg, Mrs. Victor O'Neill and Mrs. W. H. Hibbard.

German Air Corps Leaves Sicily Base

ROME, June 6 (AP)—The German air corps has left the island of Sicily, the newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia announced today.

No reason was given for the transfer, but the Nazi air force was most useful on Sicily for the protection of axis men and supplies moved across the Mediterranean to western Libya which have pushed the British all the way back to Egypt.

Indies Gives Unfavorable Reply To Jap Demands for War Goods

By RELMAN MORIN
BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, June 6 (AP)—The Dutch delivered a generally unfavorable reply today to Japanese demands for a large share of the Indies exports of such war materials as rubber, oil and tin, but the chief of the Japanese delegation indicated he was not prepared to break off negotiations summarily, as he had intimated beforehand he would do.

After receiving the 10-page Dutch memorandum in a 90-minute conference, Kenkichi Yoshizawa, chief of the Japanese delegation, said it was "disappointing" and he did not think Tokyo would find it satisfactory. "Leaves Room"

Although he had said previously that the negotiations were teetering on a "precipice," with implications of danger to friendly relations unless the Dutch substantially bowed to Japan's wishes, he said today he would have to study the Dutch reply more closely.

VICHY REPLIES TO ATTACK BY HULL

General Calls Upon Syrian Troops to Hold Defenses

VICHY, Unoccupied France, June 6 (AP)—An official French note issued by the foreign office spokesman tonight in answer to U. S. Secretary of State Hull's declaration against French cooperation with Germany said Washington misunderstood France's needs in a difficult situation.

"The French government for its part wants to preserve friendly relations with the United States, but the federal government cannot understand that the first task of the French government, in the particularly difficult situation in which it finds itself, is to safeguard the vital interests of France," the statement said.

This answer to Hull's statement of yesterday that French cooperation with Germany would be "utterly inimical to the just rights of other countries" came at a time the government of Marshal Petain was calling on its forces for a stern defense of Syria against any British move.

General Henri Dentz, commander-in-chief of the French forces in the Levant-Syria, calling on his men for an unbudging defense, denied anew in a broadcast last night that France was surrendering rule of Syria and that German forces were (Continued on Page Two)

F. R. PLANNING STEPS TO CUT WORK LOSSES

President Waits for Mediation Before Taking Action

WASHINGTON, June 6 (AP)—The office of production management, through its labor policy advisory committee, today "condemned and denounced" three strikes on the west coast which it said were hindering the defense program.

The strikes were: In the shipyards in the San Francisco bay area, at the North American Aviation company plant at Inglewood, Calif., and of lumberworkers in the Puget sound area of Washington.

Sidney Hillman, associated director of the OPM, made public the text of a resolution adopted by the committee. The group is composed of representatives of the CIO, the AFL, and the Railway Labor Executives association, and has 16 members. Hillman's aides said that a majority of the committee signed the resolution although they did not disclose which members were present.

The resolution termed the strike of the International Association of Machinists (IAM) and of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) in the San Francisco bay area as "seriously retarding" the construction of ships "crucial to national defense."

President Roosevelt said today he was considering new steps to reduce labor stoppages in defense industries but was not prepared to do anything now while the defense mediation board was working on the matter.

The OPM resolution said that the aviation company strike had been "instigated" by the officers of local union 683 of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) "in complete and irresponsible disregard of proper trade union practice."

Further, the resolution said that officers of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) had been "unjustifiably" continued a strike of lumbermen and loggers in the Puget sound region and had "issued violently false and inflammatory attacks upon the national government and its agencies."

"All legitimate union groups in the country" were invited in the resolution "to join with us in this condemnation and urge strongly upon public-spirited officers and members of the unions affected by these above-named strikes that they themselves take action to terminate these stoppages and return immediately to their jobs in these national defense industries."

Asked at a press conference flatly whether he was planning to do something about the North American aviation strike and the controversial International Woodworkers union walkout, the chief executive said there was no statement today.

Suspected Egyptian Plotters Located

CAIRO, Egypt, June 6 (AP)—General Aziz El Masri Pasha, former chief of staff of the Egyptian army, and two companions, missing since May 18 when they attempted to flee from Egypt—allegedly headed for Syria with important secret documents—were found today.

They had been charged with plotting to endanger the security of the state and had been the objects of a nationwide search. Their hideout was a house in the Cairo suburb of Embabeh, beside the river, near the Kit-Kat Night club.

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