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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY the island of Crete is the hot spot to watch. Tomorrow, of course, it may be somewhere else. Hitler likes to keep his enemies guessing as to where he will strike next.

At any rate, there's a tale on the wires that the Germans are preparing an attack on Crete (only 75 miles from the southern tip of Greece) that will be a full-dress rehearsal for an attack on England.

The idea is that in attacking Crete over 75 miles of water they would learn things that would be of value in attacking England over 20 miles of water.

TALE No. 2 on the wires today is to the effect that the Germans may by-pass Turkey entirely by attacking French-mandated Syria.

At this point, you'll have to get out your map if you want to keep things straight. Your map will show you that Syria lies just south of Turkey and between the Mediterranean and oil-rich Iraq, which is becoming quite a hot spot in the speculations as to the future.

Away from the Mediterranean coast, Syria is largely desert. It is crossed by oil pipe lines but no railroads.

THE island of Crete lies in the sea path of such an enterprise. So does the British island of Cyprus. Before tackling Syria, the Germans would have to take both Crete and Cyprus, as they couldn't afford to leave strong British naval bases in their rear.

THERE'S another tale on the wires today—a reported battle between British and German speed boats off the southeast coast of England. The Germans claim to have come out ahead. (They usually make that claim.) There is speculation as to whether that is another rehearsal for the expected attack on Britain.

IN London there have been hints that the Balkan defeat may result in abandoning Churchill's 8-man cabinet and substituting for it a 4 or 5-man cabinet headed by Churchill and including the premiers of Canada, South Africa and Australia.

Asked whether some such move is in the offing, Churchill answers: "No sir" and calls for a vote of confidence in the house of commons next week on his conduct of the war.

In the commons, this motion will be offered: "That this house approves the policy of the government in sending help to Greece and declares its confidence that our operations in the Middle East and ALL OTHER theatres of war will be pursued by the government with the utmost vigor."

Under the English system, if this vote of confidence is defeated Churchill will automatically be out. So the house of commons will be one of next week's hot spots.

NOTE Tobruk. It is providing an interesting exception to the German blitzkrieg technique of passing strong points by and relying on taking them later.

The German armored columns rushed on past Tobruk, as they had been in the habit of doing in Poland, France and elsewhere. But they didn't rush far.

Tobruk IS SUPPLIED FROM THE SEA. So the British are able to use it as a base from which to attack the flank of the German column advancing into Egypt. So far the Germans haven't been able to take it by storm, and as long as it remains as a threat on their flank they dare not go much farther.

That's why Tobruk is so important in the news.

HITLER must be increasingly eager to shut the pestiferous British fleet out of the Mediterranean. Don't discount the talk of a land attack on Gibraltar by way of Spain.

REVERSE ACTION

PORTLAND, April 29 (P)—William Conner, 64, expected his alarm clock to awaken him yesterday. Instead it put him to sleep.

A prowler, who had inadvertently awakened Conner, crashed the clock over his head.

CITY AIRPORT, TRAFFIC LIGHT JOBS NEARING

Bid Opening In May To Clear Way For Actual Construction

With bid-opening on Klamath's major pending municipal projects—airport expansion and traffic signals—dated for the first half of May, City Engineer Edwin A. Thomas said Tuesday that at last actual construction is approaching on these jobs.

From the United States army engineers Thomas received specifications for the airport project, on which bids will be opened by the engineers May 15. He also received specifications on the traffic signal system, with the state highway commission naming May 8 as the date for opening of bids.

Plans Given While Thomas did not receive copies of plans for the airport development, the government previously had announced intention of grading and paving a northwest-southeast runway, 150 x 5100 feet, and a northeast-southwest runway, 150 x 4600 feet.

The specifications received by the city engineer show the project entails 152,000 cubic yards of excavation and grading, the use of 15,600 tons of bituminous mixture, installation of 62 boundary and range lights, 5 obstruction lights, 3 flush range lights, 1 beacon, 1 beacon tower, 1 illuminated wind cone and 1 illuminated wind tee. In addition to grading and surfacing runways and installing lights, the job calls for installation of a drainage system, moving an existing fence and constructing another, and several other details.

To Buy Property The city council at its meeting Monday night passed an ordinance providing for purchase from nine owners property

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RAF Cripples German Ships, Say British

LONDON, April 29 (P)—The RAF raided the Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest last night for the 12th time in a month and a well-informed source said the vessels still were in the French port because they were so badly damaged the Germans couldn't move them.

The British officially have claimed only one hit on one of the 26,000-ton men-o-war, but his source said their continued presence in such an accessible port to the RAF was proof enough that there had been more.

The likely thing for the Germans to do, he asserted, would be to move the two powerful surface raiders the minute the British showed they knew where the ships were. He recalled that the German cruiser Hipper "disappeared" from Brest after she was bombed a second time by the RAF on March 2.

Price Legislation Eyed by White House

WASHINGTON, April 29 (P)—The administration is considering the possibility of asking for legislation to provide power for price fixing, the White House disclosed today, coincident with a conference between President Roosevelt and Leon Henderson on that topic.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said Henderson, the price stabilizing official of the defense set up, was calling on Mr. Roosevelt to go over the question of legislation. He said, however, that Henderson might not yet be ready to discuss it.

Meat Strike in London Settled

LONDON, April 29 (P)—A strike which yesterday tied up distribution of meat in Greater London has been settled, the ministry of labor announced today.

Some of the 2500 employees of wholesale establishments affected were back on the job today and the ministry said full resumption of work could be expected by tomorrow.

The workers struck in protest against dismissal of 80 of their number when one establishment was closed because of air raid damage.

Big Gun Speaks With Authority For Pacific Coast Defense



Clouds of smoke and flames pour from the muzzle of one of the Pacific coast's big defense guns at Fort Barry, on the Golden Gate at San Francisco, to make this spectacular photographic "shot." Long silent, the guns recently spoke in practice firing.

SOUTH WALES GETS BOMBING

Raiders Swoop Low While Coast Town Takes Blitz Attack

LONDON, Wednesday, April 30 (UP)—German bombers swooped low over a southwest coast town and a town in South Wales for four hours last night and early today in a blitz attack.

Many persons were trapped in the wreckage in the Welsh town, and rescue parties struggled to release them, while the raiders droned overhead.

The southwest England coast town rocked with the blast of high explosives and the roar of an anti-aircraft barrage which

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Peace Plan Proposed By Japan Paper

TOKYO, Wednesday, April 30 (UP)—The Japan Times Advertiser, organ of the foreign office, today offered an "abstract exploration" of a possible peace settlement of the present war.

It proposed: 1. Creation of continental Europe as a corporate state under Germany, with unit members maintaining only domestic autonomy.

2. A naval holiday until Germany attains parity. 3. Demilitarization of the British bases at Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Singapore and Hongkong, as well as the American bases in the Pacific.

4. Joint British-German administration of the Suez canal. 5. Equal access for Germany and Britain to the oil fields of Iran and Iraq, now dominated by the British.

6. Independence for the Netherlands East Indies and French Indo China, with an agreement that Japanese advisers be permitted to frame their economic policies.

7. Demilitarization of Siberia and Manchukuo. 8. Elimination of discriminatory legislation on immigration to Australia.

9. Self government for India. 10. Religious and political liberty throughout the world.

Russian Navy Sees U. S. Aiding Britain

MOSCOW, April 29 (P)—Red Fleet, organ of the soviet Russian navy, said today in a review of the battle of the Atlantic that the expansion of the United States patrol brought "considerable" aid to Great Britain.

The newspaper said President Roosevelt's action "is already having an effect on the position in the Atlantic."

Streamlined War Cabinet Not Favored

LONDON, April 29 (P)—With a snappy "No Sir," Prime Minister Churchill flatly rejected today a suggestion that he form a streamlined supreme war cabinet and called for a vote of confidence next week on his conduct of the war.

Churchill put the question of his conduct of the war in general and the ill-starred Balkan campaign in particular before the house in announcing that debate would be held next week on the entire issue.

He indicated that Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, whose trip to the Balkans and the middle east preceded the Greek campaign, would "take an important part" in the discussion. Churchill replied, "No Sir," to a question whether he would consider appointing a small supreme war council without departmental responsibilities.

To a supplementary question whether Churchill thought it time to "invite empire statesmen to join the war cabinet or an imperial war cabinet similar to the last war" the prime minister replied: "We had debate about all this some time ago."

Algoma Mill, Woods Crews Cast Ballots

Woods and mill crews of the Algoma Lumber company Tuesday voted in two separate NLRB elections, the CIO favored strongly by the woods crew but failing to get a majority of votes from the mill employes, it was announced last night by Robert Davies, NLRB field representative.

Eligible for the mill crew vote were 254, of whom 236 voted. For AFL were 85; for CIO, 92; for neither union, 59. There were no blank, void or challenged ballots, and only 18 did not vote. The vote showed no majority for either union in the mill crew's poll. One or both unions will be required to petition the NLRB if a runoff election is desired, Davies said.

All 49 eligible to vote in the woods poll cast ballots. The vote was to decide whether or not the CIO union was wanted by the workers. For CIO, 37 ballots were cast; against, 12. There were no blank, void or challenged ballots. CIO has a majority in the woods crew, and according to Davies will in due course be certified by the NLRB.

TRAGIC FIND

YORK, La., April 29 (P)—En route to work, Frank Morgret stopped his car yesterday at the scene of an automobile wreck to offer aid. He found his 18-year-old son Eugene dead in a machine which had struck a pole.

SOUTH'S MINES MAY NOT OPEN

Units In North Set To Start Thursday; Lewis Regrets Delay

WASHINGTON, April 29 (UP) President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers said tonight, at conclusion of a conference with southern soft coal mine operators, that southern bituminous mines may not reopen Thursday as scheduled.

Northern mines, he said, will reopen on schedule. The UMW had announced earlier today that all mines were to reopen Thursday morning.

L. T. Putnam, spokesman for the southern operators, said they had been seeking to arrange with the UMW "details upon which the southern miners are to return to work" but that they had been unable to reach agreement.

Lewis then added: "We regret the delay and consider it unfortunate that we are unable to get the southern mines back to work as well as the north."

Unexpected The unexpected failure of negotiations was revealed at the end of a two-hour-and-a-half evening conference. The miners and operators had conferred for four hours in the afternoon but had declined to even hint at what they were discussing.

Putnam told reporters when (Continued on Page Two)

Federal Jury Gets Schonchin Case

Guy Schonchin, Klamath Indian, was bound over to the federal grand jury Tuesday after a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Schonchin was arrested after the shooting of Melvin Barkley, another Indian, on a Chiloquin street. Barkley had recovered sufficiently Tuesday to testify at the hearing.

Fred Butts, arrested at Chiloquin on a charge of selling liquor to an Indian, waived hearing and his bond has been set at \$2500.

Police to Direct Saturday Traffic

Mayor John Houston and Police Chief Hamm announced Tuesday that policemen will be posted at important downtown intersections Saturday evening to direct traffic.

The control plan will be in effect at Sixth, Seventh and Ninth streets on Main, between 4 and 7 p. m.

Serious congestion on these streets on Saturday evening led to the decision, the officials said, and asked fullest cooperation on the part of the motoring public in making the control program work.

U. S. Patrols Far Out, Says Admiral

SOVIET DECREE BANS PASSAGE OF WAR GOODS

Materials Must Not Cross Union, States Report of Officials

MOSCOW, April 29 (UP)—Shipment of war material through the soviet union was forbidden tonight by a decree promulgated by A. I. Mikoyan, foreign trade commissar.

The decree specifically listed such goods as munitions, aircraft parts and accessories, machines and tools for making munitions, explosives, and poisons.

The transit of other goods will be regulated strictly and permitted only by special authorization or under terms of trade agreements.

LONDON, Wednesday, April 30 (UP)—Leading experts today were surprised by announcement of a Moscow decree forbidding shipment of war materials through the soviet union. But they saw it as susceptible to apparently conflicting interpretations.

First, it was said, the decree may be a soviet gesture of "appeasement" towards Germany in that it could block the transit through Russia of Swedish armaments destined for Turkey. It was recalled that reliable informants heard last year that Russia might consent to that traffic.

Would Hurt Turks Although it was not believed that Swedish arms shipments to Turkey were planned on a big scale, the frustration of such shipments obviously would hurt the Turkish armed forces.

This would imply a radical departure from Russia's previous attitude of encouragement of Turkish defense measures and (Continued on Page Two)

Secretary Okays Lindy's Resignation

WASHINGTON, April 29 (P)—The war department announced today that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's resignation as a reserve air corps officer had been accepted.

The famous flier had written President Roosevelt he was tendering his resignation because the president's comments on him at a press conference last Friday left "no honorable alternative."

While it has been the war department's policy not to accept resignations from reserve officers during the emergency period, Secretary Stimson possessed discretionary power to act favorably or unfavorably on it.

Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, commented that Lindbergh's resignation "leads me to wonder if he is returning his decoration to Mr. Hitler."

Early's reference was to an honorary award for service to aviation given Lindbergh on a visit to Germany before the present war.

In the senate, Senator Tobey (R-N.H.) commented on the flier's case with an assertion that President Roosevelt was using his "great office" to interfere with "freedom of speech."

Here For Help



Li Yu-yang, personal aide to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, arrives on Dixie Clipper in New York. He is conferring with U. S. officials on aid to China.

DOVER HIT BY GIANT SHELLS

British Guns Shoot Back Over Channel; Little Damage Done

DOVER, April 29 (P)—For nearly seven hours today German guns on the French coast shelled the Dover area—the heaviest such cross-channel action of the war and the sort to be expected with any invasion attempt.

Berlin reported a speedboat attack on that section of the English coast, apparently timed to coincide with the shelling.

British Reply British guns replied, making it a mammoth duel across some 20 miles of water, and the RAF dropped out to blast at the Nazi emplacements.

The British Press association reported at 3:59 p. m. (9:59 a. m. EST.) that the shelling had stopped and added that damage to the southeastern corner of England—long known as "hell's corner"—was negligible, confined to cottages.

BERLIN, April 29 (P)—Several British speedboats were damaged early this morning in a battle with similar German craft which undertook an attack along the southeast coast of England, DNB, official German news agency, reported.

President to Speak On Security Sale

WASHINGTON, April 29 (P)—President Roosevelt will speak to the nation by radio tomorrow night when he participates in a program inaugurating the sale of defense securities to the public. He is expected to discuss both the defense program and taxes to help finance it.

Mr. Roosevelt probably will speak for five to eight minutes sometime between 6:30 and 7 p. m. PST.

TOKYO, April 29 (P)—The newspaper Kokumin declared today the United States decision for extended patrol of Atlantic waters of the western hemisphere "means the United States is but a step from entering the war."

F. R. DECLARES WARSHIPS NOT HELD BY ZONE

Only Merchant Ships Barred; Craft Stay 2000 Miles At Sea

By ARTHUR F. DEGREVE, United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 29 (UP) President Roosevelt today reaffirmed his determination to extend operations of the naval neutrality patrol as far as necessary to safeguard the western hemisphere. He said United States fighting ships may legally enter the combat zones fixed under the neutrality act.

The president said only merchant ships are barred from combat areas, and emphatically stated his explanation did not mean naval craft were to be sent into these danger zones.

He refused to say how far into the seven seas—the all inclusive area into which he had declared the patrol would be sent, if necessary—units of the patrol now are operating to create a safe lane for war shipments to Great Britain.

Transfers Hinted Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, said in an address to the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, units of the patrol already are operating 2000 miles in the Atlantic. In informal remarks preceding his prepared address, he said the patrols are operating 3000 miles out. He later told reporters he meant 2000 miles.

Stark also hinted more American fighting ships soon might be transferred to Britain—a report which also was published in the "U. S. Coast Guard Magazine," an unofficial but accurate journal on activities relating to this service.

The president said he knew nothing of imminent transfer of additional naval or coast guard ships to Britain. He parried questions about Stark's statement on patrol operations. He said it makes a difference whether the 2000-mile off-shore area is predicated on the distance from South American or North American coasts.

Two More Moves Cautioning correspondents against trying to fix a definite area of patrol activities, the president said this was impossible because it changes from day to day. He explained, he was unable to say how far into the Atlantic the patrol units are now.

He disclosed two additional potential moves to aid Britain. Partially confirming that some (Continued on Page Two)

Government Rests Deportation Case Against Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29 (P)—The government rested its deportation case against Harry Bridges today after introducing all of "the alien's admissions and testimony" at his 1939 hearing regarding affiliation with the Industrial Workers of the World, Marine Workers Industrial union, waterfront worker and purchase of communist literature.

That testimony was introduced instead of calling Bridges to the stand as a witness against himself. If his statements were not accepted by the court, the prosecution said it would call Bridges.

An hour before it provisionally rested its case shortly after noon, the government filed additional charges against Bridges, accusing him of once belonging to an organization teaching "unlawful damage, injury or destruction of property and sabotage."

The new charge against Bridges was filed in an unsuccessful attempt to present other evidence.

Merchants Agree To Close Stores at 6 P. M. Saturdays

The Retail Trade bureau last night announced agreement among local merchants for general closing of retail houses here at 6 p. m. on Saturdays beginning next Saturday.

A committee from the trade bureau has made contact with business houses throughout the city and reported universal cooperation in the plan among those interviewed.

Stores Affected Affected will be department stores, women's stores, stores selling men's clothing exclusively, variety stores and gift shops. Purpose of the closing movement as shown on the petition

was to give employees and employers an opportunity for longer weekend holidays. Forty-one separate merchants signed the agreement.

Heretofore the stores have been closing at 8 p. m. on Saturdays. On week days stores will open at 9 a. m. and close at 6, beginning May 1, whereas heretofore they have opened at 8 or 8:30.

Members of the Retail Trade bureau pointed out that in accordance with recent trends of working hours in general it is no longer necessary for out-of-town shoppers to shop only on Saturday nights.

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