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F.D.R. Demands Air Supremacy Of Democracies

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN his surprise speech on Sunday, Hitler must have been gunning for Churchill, who goes on the pan before the house of commons this week.

Otherwise it is a little hard to understand why he went to the trouble to summon the reichstag — which is merely window dressing in the German governmental scheme.

The speech seems a bit too mild to have been worth the effort, unless der fuehrer just had one in his system and had to get it out — which sometimes happens in the case of orators.

If he was gunning for Churchill, the heart of his speech was the statement that only 1131 German officers and men lost their lives in the Balkan blitzkrieg.

That is either a colossal lie or a colossal achievement. If the latter, it brings out startlingly the superiority of German arms and military skill and emphasizes the unwisdom of the British effort in Greece.

Churchill is responsible for that effort, and it may be that Hitler was speaking to the British house of commons rather than to the German reichstag.

THIS thought naturally arises: If he wants to get rid of Churchill, he must FEAR him. If the British Balkan campaign were as bad as Hitler says, he would want to keep Churchill in power to make other mistakes.

So he may have been talking to Russia and Turkey, conveying to them the thought that he can lick them with one hand tied behind his back if they get obstreperous.

FROM London today comes a report that Turkey has offered, or will offer, to mediate the British-Iraq war. It is thought in London that Britain will accept if the offer is made.

Turkey is Moslem, and is also friendly to the British. If she could head off the Moslem Arabs from making too much trouble for the British she would have proved her friendship in a useful way.

IT is dangerous to draw conclusions from rigidly censored news, but it does look as if the British have been extremely mild in their fighting in Iraq. That is understandable, for they have troubles enough on their hands without getting the Moslems in their hair. India has a heavy Moslem population.

Britain doesn't want the "holy war" the Germans have been trying to stir up and naturally wants to go as easy as possible on the Arabs.

ANOTHER hint today: Spain is said to have assumed control of customs at Tangier, the former internationalized zone on the African side of the narrow strait of Gibraltar. Spain has to dance when Hitler fiddles.

With long-range coastal guns at Tangier the Germans could close the Gibraltar strait.

ALSO the Germans are reported today to be bombing Crete, the new seat of the Greek government and only 75 miles from the Greek mainland. Crete has been heavily fortified by the British navy.

The news today is generally quiet. Don't expect this quiet to continue. Hitler won't let much grass grow under his feet this spring and summer.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 5, 1940 — Norwegian fortress of Hegra falls after two-weeks German siege.

May 5, 1916 — Lord French becomes Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Stimson Called Upon To Increase Output Of Heavy Bombers

By RUSSELL TURNER United Press Correspondent WASHINGTON, May 5 (UP)—President Roosevelt tonight demanded aerial supremacy for the democracies and called upon Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to increase production of heavy bombers "with all possible speed."

"... Command of the air by the democracies must and can be achieved," Mr. Roosevelt said in a letter to Stimson. "Every month the democracies are gaining in the relative strength of their air forces. We must see to it that the process is hastened and that the democratic superiority in the air be made absolute."

The president did not specify by what ratio he was ordering heavy bomber production speeded up. But he left no doubt that the objective he has fixed will strain this country's production facilities to their utmost.

Authority Granted He gave Stimson virtual carte blanche authority to take whatever steps necessary to achieve the goal.

One source said the chief executive was demanding peak production of 500 bombers a month, or 6000 a year. Combined with the British output this would give the United States and Britain superiority over axis production, it was said.

Mr. Roosevelt, who is in almost constant touch with Stimson, apparently made the letter public so as to impress upon the public the gravity of the British position and to re-emphasize his frequent warnings that United States must go on an all-out defense production basis.

It was also seen as a reaffirmation of his determination to provide Britain with "the tools" to insure a German defeat.

OPM Gets Orders The president told Stimson he was ordering the office of production management to provide "appropriate" priority ratings to clear the way for all-out production.

His letter left no doubt that (Continued on Page Two)

Bodies of Two Canal Victims Found Sunday

The bodies of Thomas G. Smith and Theodore McKinley Walker, Beatty Indians, who lost their lives with three others when the car in which they were riding plunged into the government canal at Main street Wednesday morning, were recovered early Sunday afternoon a short distance from the scene of the tragedy.

Special Indian Officers John Arkell and Jack Hope found the bodies on the fifth day of the search. Smith's body was recovered at 2 p. m. some 400 yards from the canal bridge, and Walker's body 50 yards further down the stream one hour later.

Smith, 49 years of age, was a life long resident of Beatty. He is survived by three sons, Edwin, Raymond and Clifton, and two daughters, Thomasine and Phyllis, all of Beatty.

Walker also lived his entire (Continued on Page Seven)

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What Germany has won, he cried, cannot be wrested from her "by any power in the world."

Better Weapons

"If already the German soldier possesses the best weapons in the world, he will receive still better ones this year and next," the fuehrer shouted to a cheering reichstag.

Wilhelmstrasse sources said today that Hitler's reference to "next year" was made in answer to "English and American propa-

They Marched



To Stop This



Above, a section of the Stop Forest Fires parade held at noon Monday to direct attention to the need for public vigilance against fire in the coming dry season. Below, a striking view of a Klamath fire—the great Indian reservation blaze of 1935, with smoke billowing up against the background of Saddle Mountain.

G. M.'S STRIKE THREAT GROWS

Mediators Announce Truces in Defense Industry Disputes

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In addition to the SRA funds, Olson asked the legislature to set-up a revolving fund to reimburse \$850,000 appropriated for the federal stamp plan.

Borrow Pit For Airport Job Okayed

Discussion of a proposed borrow pit at one corner of the airport expansion site brought the city council's approval last night of a small additional purchase of land for the \$254,000 project.

Small Hazard

Use of material located on the site would help cut costs, Thomas said, but admitted he didn't know who would be required to fill up the hole which in his opinion wouldn't constitute much of a hazard anyway.

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Truck Jack-Knives On Pollock Bridge, Kills Driver, B. W. Lees

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Britain Threatens To Bomb Baghdad

U. S. READY TO 'FIGHT' AGAIN, F. R. ASSERTS

Speech Interpreted As Aid Boost, Not Declaration Of War

Intent Argued

In Washington, Senator Nye (R-N.D.) commented that "if the president is making a feeler for a declaration of war he will be quickly surprised to see that the people of America do not want to be involved."

Officials in the presidential party noted, on the other hand, that he did not say Americans were ready to go to war and drew a distinction between that and his actual words. In the present instance, they said, "fight" was a broad term covering strong material support of democratic nations rather than military involvement in the war.

Aid Pressure

While the president spoke only of principles, developments in Washington indicated a growing pressure for further specific action on the problem of delivering war supplies to Britain, and the whole subject apparently was due for an early and thorough airing in the senate.

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Nazi Warships Given Heavy British Raid

LONDON, May 5 (AP)—Heavy armor-piercing bombs scored direct hits on the 26,000-ton German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau last night, the air ministry reported today. It was the fifteenth RAF assault on the surface raiders at Brest, France.

"Sticks of the heaviest bombs also fell repeatedly across the drydock in which one of the vessels is berthed," the ministry's news service account said.

"Many bursts accompanied by flames and smoke were observed on and about the jetty where the other is tied up."

It added that the two battleships sought shelter in Brest to refuel and take on ammunition after their last Atlantic raids in March.

That is a 24-hour job, the ministry said and the presence of the big warships "after five weeks suggests either that by coincidence they each developed some grave defect while at sea or, what is far more probable, Brest proved a very poor shelter from persistent bombing by the RAF."

"If of late there has been a sense of monotony in the report of attacks on Brest it may safely be said the monotony is fully shared by the Germans," the report concluded.

IRAQ, TOBRUK FORCES FIGHT CIRCLING FOES

Moslem Indignation Over Fighting Shows Possible War Spread

Relief of the Air Base

Relief of the air base, presumably by a mechanized column speeding 370 miles up the Euphrates valley, came as both Turkey and Egypt threw their moslem influence into urgent efforts to mediate a settlement between Great Britain and the pro-German Baghdad government of Premier Rashid Ali Beg Gailani.

Siege Must Stop

The British government said the siege of Habbaniya air base must be lifted before there can be any consideration of negotiations.

Thousands of pamphlets have been dropped on Baghdad by RAF planes, warning Rashid Ali Beg's regime will be blasted out of its government buildings there unless fighting ceases.

Britain studied means to prevent Iraq's annual 4,000,000-ton flow of oil from falling into Adolf Hitler's hands if it is denied to Britain because of the Iraqi resistance.

Either the oil wells will be sabotaged if they cannot be held for Britain or, as is more likely, the Mosul pipeline to Haifa on the Palestine coast will be wrecked to choke off the flow of the Iraq oil, it was said.

The British government last night formally announced Turkey's offer to mediate the Anglo-Iraq hostilities but there was considerable pessimism about the chances of any real settlement with the pro-Nazi Rashid Ali Beg.

By UNITED PRESS

Britain's miniature war with Iraq appeared Monday night to be growing in both scope and intensity.

Skimpy communications and profusion of propaganda clouded the situation in Iraq and the whole near east. Moslem indignation over the fighting seemed to be spreading and already was said to have worked up to a violent pitch in some places.

British sources said reinforcements landed at Basra had reached Habbaniya to relieve the (Continued on Page Two)

Man Draws Three Years for Forgery

Antonio Martinez Alientos, 21, was sentenced Monday in Klamath county circuit court to serve three years in the Oregon state penitentiary for forgery. Alientos signed the name W. E. Janette to a check in the amount of \$14.70 which he attempted to pass in Merrill.

Klamath Legion Post Gets Mention

INDIANAPOLIS, May 5 (UP) National headquarters of the American Legion announced today that Euclid post 343 of Euclid, Ohio, had won the \$100 first prize in the 1941 post history contest.

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