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In The Day's News

KALPINE MILL SECOND TIE-UP SOON SETTLED

Recognition of AFL Granted to Plywood Workers Wednesday

A second labor strike hit the Kalpine Plywood company's Weed highway plant early Wednesday morning but was soon settled with the Lumber and Sawmill Workers union (AFL) recognized by the Kalpine management as sole bargaining agent for employees.

Work was resumed shortly before 8:30 a. m. after a little over an hour of peaceful picketing by AFL employees, who at 7 o'clock had struck for union recognition.

Contract Signed A contract signed on the spot by a union committee and company representatives was understood to call for recognition and the opening of negotiations toward an agreement which would involve union shop.

According to Joe Boyd, AFL organizer, the entire crew refused to enter the mill at the seven o'clock whistle and began peaceful picketing which was respected by all workers. Upon arrival of the firm's management, parleys between the company and a seven-man union committee were started which (Continued on Page Four)

House Passes Ship Transfer Defense Bill

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—Legislation to permit President Roosevelt to requisition idle foreign ships in United States ports for national defense was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

Approval came on a roll call vote after the members had defeated two attempts to prohibit the president from transferring any ship taken over from one belligerent to another.

The vote on passage was announced as 266 to 120.

The legislation specifically would authorize the president to purchase, requisition or take title to any idle foreign merchant ship deemed necessary for national defense "for such use or disposition as he shall direct."

It would apply to 83 foreign ships, including two German and 28 Italian vessels, and would expire June 30, 1942 unless the present emergency ended before that date.

The maritime commission would be given authority to purchase or charter foreign-owned ships—a power it does not now have.

At the last minute, the house approved provisions to permit the government to waive any existing laws relating to masters, officers and crew and crew quarters. Two attempts were made—and were defeated—to make certain that those sections would not lead to changes in wages, hours and working conditions that might be detrimental to labor.

While the legislation still was before the house reconditioning of 28 axis ships found damaged when taken into custody continued apace.

'Britain-Can't-Win' Stand Draws Attack by Wilkie

NEW YORK, May 7 (UP)—Wendell L. Wilkie tonight called for "less talk and more action" in providing effective aid to Britain, regardless of whether it means conquests.

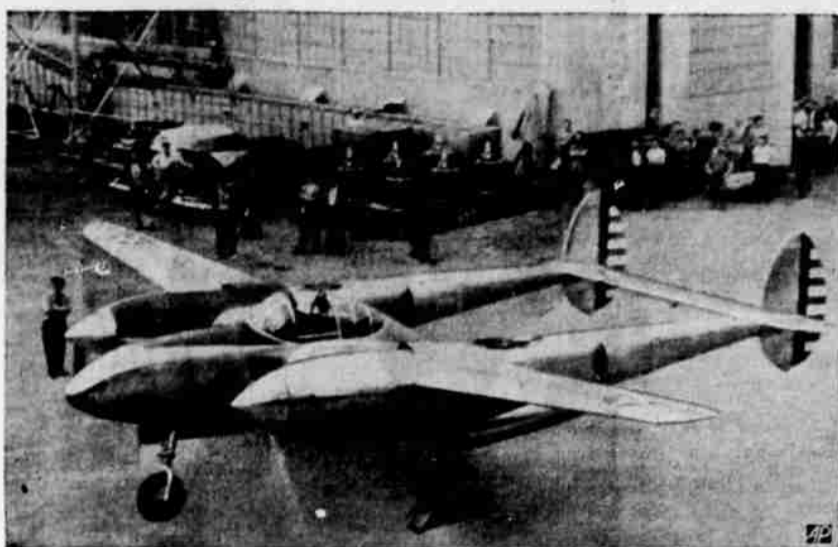
He attacked the "Britain-can't-win" attitude of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and other non-interventionists.

"The struggle is already upon us," the 1940 republican presidential candidate said. "We cannot shut our eyes to it."

Lindy Boed An audience of 25,000 persons which jammed Madison Square garden for a "freedom rally" of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, boomed every reference to Lindbergh by Wilkie and other speakers.

Wilkie did not mention the aviator by name but attacked as unfounded his theory that aid to Britain is useless and the war already lost. "Such conclusions," Wilkie

New Fighter Is Claimed the World's Fastest



The Lockheed Aircraft company at Burbank, Calif., called its "Lightning" P-38 interceptor combat plane (above), now in production for the U. S. army, the world's fastest fighting plane. Test Pilot Milo Burcham said it traveled 458 miles per hour.

U. S. PURSUES FIFTH COLUMN

Swift Move Made To Forestall Movement Of "Secret Weapon"

By ERNEST BARCELLA United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 7 (UP)—The United States moved swiftly today to forestall a "non-military invasion" by fifth column agents masquerading as tourists, refugees and seamen—the secret weapon that has hastened the downfall of many European nations.

Action came on these fronts: 1—The immigration and naturalization service, on direct orders of Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, began a nationwide roundup of German seamen at dawn. By midday, 180 had been seized in seven states.

2—Jackson ordered Manfred Zapp and Gunter Tonn, German newspapermen, arrested and held without bail at Ellis Island immigration station for deportation. They previously had been indicted by a District of Columbia grand jury on charges of failing to register with the state department as foreign agents. Jackson's action was based on grounds that Zapp and Tonn, who were connected with the Transocean news service— (Continued on Page Two)

Blohm Named New Chamber President

Godfrey Blohm, manager of the Klamath branch of the United States National bank, was elected president of the Klamath county chamber of commerce at Wednesday's luncheon meeting of the board of directors.

Blohm served as vice president of the chamber last year when H. P. Bosworth was president. He has been head of the bank here since the United States National entered the Klamath field.

Other new officers are: William Ganong, vice president, and George Myers, treasurer. Earl C. Reynolds was reelected executive secretary.

The chamber adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the services of Ed Chilcote, who has been treasurer of the chamber but stated he could not accept reelection this year.

Blackmore Draws 5-Year Sentence

George Edwin Blackmore was sentenced to spend five years in the Oregon state penitentiary after he was found guilty by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg on a charge of larceny Wednesday. Blackmore was arrested here April 30 a few minutes after theft of a 1941 Ford pickup truck belonging to William E. Titus, Bly, was reported and was charged with stealing the car.

AIR LINE EYED WASHINGTON, May 7 (UP) Federal Loan Administrator Jesse Jones said today the government is considering a plan to establish an air line, which might serve Latin America and other western hemisphere points such as the West Indies and even Greenland.

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A GM strike would affect 165,000 workers. The firm has millions of dollars worth of defense contracts and union leaders said no workers engaged on such work would be called out.

The union asks wage increases of 10 cents an hour, and the company is reported to have offered a two-cent boost. No estimate was available of the present wage average.

Negotiations opened this morning to try to settle a dispute between the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers union and the Allis-Chalmers company at its Pittsburgh plant. The union threatened to strike Monday for higher wages and renewal of a contract agreement but postponed the walkout at request of the mediation board.

Officials of the Continental Rubber Works, Erie, Pa., and of United Rubber Workers (CIO) union were asked to meet a mediation board panel here Friday to try to end the five-week old tie-up of the plant, which was making synthetic rubber for airplane engines. The union (Continued on Page Four)

Body of Former OSC Student Found In Columbia River

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7 (UP)—The body of Robert L. Rugh, 23, former Oregon State college student and resident of Eugene, Ore., was found in the Columbia river two miles below here last night.

Rugh had been missing from him home since January 22. Coroner Ronald E. Dufresne said the body had been in the water for several weeks. Identification was made from credentials in a billfold found on the body.

A missing persons advertisement run by the Rugh's father said his son had been ill for some time before the disappearance.

Indian Gets 60 Days in Jail for Drunken Driving

Joseph Johnson, Indian, was arrested following an auto accident at 2:40 a. m. Wednesday on highway 97 north of Modoc Point and charged with drunken driving. According to state police Johnson's car sidswiped one driven by Barney Barton, who was the complaining witness in justice court later in the day.

Johnson was fined \$100 and sentenced to five days in jail by Justice of the Peace J. A. Mahoney. Unable to pay the fine, he was committed to county jail for 60 days.

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BRITISH CLAIM SIEGE BROKEN

Air-Borne Howitzers And Troops "Eject" Besiegers in Iraq

LONDON, May 7 (UP)—British troops and planes struggling to crush the Iraq revolt "before the Germans can arrive" have broken the five-day siege of Habbaniya air base.

British reinforcements flown from Basra at the top of the Persian gulf aboard troop-carrying planes broke the siege on Tuesday. Other imperial troops recaptured a key pumping station along the Kirkuk-to-Haifa pipeline, which supplies oil to the British fleet and mechanized forces.

Both troops and howitzers were flown to Habbaniya aboard the big planes from Basra, 350 miles away. It was stated in a Cairo RAF communique.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 7 (UP)—Backed up by Howitzers flown in by the RAF, British imperial forces have "ejected the enemy" from dominating positions at Habbaniya airdrome in Iraq, official reports said today.

The RAF communique, telling how the light artillery pieces were carried over the heads of the Iraq besiegers later to be set up and turned on their plateau positions, said that more than 300 prisoners were taken. The assault to break the siege was staged yesterday.

Aid Doubtful In Cairo military quarters the premier of Iraq, Rashid Ali Al Gailani, and his following were said to have been placed in a vulnerable position by British attacks and failure to rally his whole nation to the "sacred struggle" he proclaimed.

These sources declared that if Rashid Ali had been expecting German aid he had been disappointed. No German planes or troops had yet appeared in Iraq and it was difficult to see how they could arrive in time for effective assistance.

Oil Recovered (It was authoritatively reported in London that 26 Iraq officers and 408 men had been (Continued on Page Two)

Hitler Fears U. S., Churchill Asserts

SEAPOWER OF BRITAIN MUST HOLD, CLAIM

Secretary Knox Says U. S. Committed To Prevent Navy's Fall

WASHINGTON, May 7 (UP) Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said tonight that "all the great resources of this nation," including manpower, are committed "to one supreme purpose—to see that British seapower shall not be destroyed."

He said that if Britain should be defeated the United States would face in the Atlantic the victorious navies of "Germany, Italy and France."

The secretary spoke extemporaneously before the annual banquet of the American Book-sellers' association. Another speaker was British Ambassador Lord Halifax.

War Jitters The speeches climaxed a day in which the convoy issue exploded in congress again and a war-jittery capital awaited President Roosevelt's next move in the "battle of the Atlantic."

Knox said that for many years "we had what we are now spending millions to create—a two ocean navy." He explained that one of them was the friendly British navy which has served as this country's guardian in the Atlantic. The U. S. navy, he added, stood guard in the Pacific.

Now, he continued, one of those navies "is in deadly peril" and the danger directly affects "every one of you."

"That is why all the great sources of this nation—finance and industry, trade and commerce, manpower and production, are all committed to one supreme purpose—to see that British seapower shall not be destroyed by a power that openly admits . . ."

His last words were drowned out by applause.

Open Enemy Later, however, a United Press stenographer transcript showed that his exact words were "British seapower which has been our guardian for a century on the Atlantic shall not be destroyed by a power that openly admits it is an enemy of ours."

He warned of "the perils facing this country if the bridge of ships is not maintained" and if (Continued on Page Two)

Mercury Soars In West States

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 7 (UP) A 100-degree temperature reading registered in Phoenix today tied the 45-year-old mark for May 7, according to weather bureau officials.

Blythe, Calif., reported one of the highest readings in the southwest with a temperature of 104. Tucson had a high of 97 while in Yuma the mercury soared to 107.

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Pulitzer Winners



Robert E. Sherwood, upper, winner of the Pulitzer prize for his original American play "There Shall Be No Night." Westbrook Pegler, lower, of the New York World Telegram won top honors for a distinguished example of a reporters work for his articles on scandals of the ranks of organized labor.

PLANES FIGHT OVER ENGLAND

RAF Claims 9 Nazi Ships Shot Down in Brilliant Moonlight

LONDON, Thursday, May 8 (UP)—Seventeen German raiders were destroyed last night and early today by British night fighters, it was learned.

LONDON, Thursday, May 8 (UP)—British night fighters and German raiders battled furiously in brilliant moonlight over Britain last night and early today as the Nazis waged a double-barreled attack on the Liverpool-Merseyside area and a town in northwest England.

At least nine German planes were shot down, but early reports did not reveal whether all were the victims of the royal air force night fighters, who have been more successful in this "battle of the moon" than in any since the opening of the spring offensive.

Anti-aircraft defenses threw up thunderous barrages, possibly accounting for some of the night's bag.

Seventh Night The rich Mersey valley of (Continued on Page Two)

County School Board To Appear Budget Committee

Action was taken by the Klamath county school board Wednesday toward appointment of a budget committee for the county school district, according to Fred Peterson, superintendent. Names of those selected for the committee will be announced later, he said.

The board also delved into preliminary consideration of a building program for county schools, but no definite projects were decided upon, inasmuch as the board must first have the approval of the budget committee on proposed building. The group, meeting in its next to last session for the school year, authorized calling for bids on two new school buses, discussed wood contracts, and authorized sale of the old school cottage at Crescent lake.

A 150-foot of land adjacent to South Sixth street in front of the Altamont school will be sold, Peterson announced. The school was built far back from the street to avoid noises of traffic, and the property is not needed.

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Programs have been planned in the various city schools with the exception of Joseph Conger where only the first six grades are taught. At Riverside grades are taught. At Riverdale commencement exercises will be held May 22 at 10:45 a. m. with R. C. Groesbeck, Klamath Falls attorney and member of the (Continued on Page Two)

BRITONS GIVE LEADER VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Commons Hears Talk Promising Increased United States Help

LONDON, May 7 (UP)—Asserting Adolf Hitler is "afraid" to go to war against the United States, Prime Minister Winston Churchill today told the house of commons Britain expects "a great deal more help from the United States" to carry her through to victory.

He pledged the British Empire to "a fight to the death" on all fronts, and won a 447-to-3 vote of confidence from commons after angry clashes with David Lloyd George, World war premier, and Former War Minister Leslie Hore-Belisha.

The three votes against Churchill's conduct of the war, at the conclusion of a wide-open two-day debate, were cast by a communist, a socialist and a laborite.

Even the venerable Lloyd George, who only a few minutes earlier had heard Churchill liken him to the despairing Marshal Henri Philippe Pétain just before the collapse of France, refrained from voting against Churchill.

The house of lords yesterday gave Churchill's war government a unanimous vote of confidence. Churchill asserted United States construction of ships would see Britain safely through 1942 and "it may be that 1943, if we have to endure it as a year of war, will present easier problems."

Answering Lloyd George's assertions the United States is giving only 12 per cent of her national income toward war preparations and "has got to do definitely more" if Britain is to overtake Germany, the prime minister assured the members of commons:

"The United States patrol announced by President Roosevelt on which the American navy and air force already are engaged takes in a considerable part of the Atlantic ocean and in a certain degree takes it off our hands."

"But we need a good deal more help and I expect that we shall get a good deal more."

"Anyone can see Hitler's fear of the United States by the fact (Continued on Page Two)

Commencement Nearing for Schools of Klamath County

Several hundred boys and girls in Klamath county will receive diplomas from either high school or the eighth grade, as commencement week draws near. Throughout the city schools exercises will be observed at various hours Thursday, May 22, while at Klamath Union high school senior students will finish their four years of study when they are handed diplomas May 23.

At Sacred Heart academy there will be commencement exercises May 23, however the eighth graders will not take part in a program but will receive diplomas.

In the county schools the dates vary from May 14 to 16.

Names of graduating students will be available a week prior to commencement, school heads stated.

Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, will deliver the commencement address to graduates of Klamath Union high school in a Friday afternoon program, May 23, in the new boys' gymnasium. Baccalaureate services are scheduled for Sunday, May 18, at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium with the Rev. L. K. Johnson of the Klamath Lutheran church as the principal speaker.

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