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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY soberer second thoughts on Hess' fantastic adventure are bobbing up in people's minds—and are being passed by the British censor.

IN London, Churchill postpones a day his promised statement to parliament on the Hess affair.

Ernest Bevin, hard-headed British minister of labor says: "I believe Hess flew to Scotland with the full knowledge of Hitler. I'm not going to be deceived by his flight, which is the sort of stunt I've seen tried over and over again by totalitarian gentlemen and communists."

"Hess is not a man I would EVER negotiate with."

IN Los Angeles (not subject to censorship) Randolph Leigh, war correspondent and author, who was a guest of Hess in Munich in 1936, says Hess told him then that "either England or the United States could be stopped at a critical moment by a QUIXOTIC gesture."

Leigh adds: "Hess told me that if England and America ever lost world leadership it would be through an excess of SENTIMENTALISM. If, by creating the impression there is a crack-up within Germany, he can soften American sentiment so as to retard action only a few weeks, it might be a high service."

IN London (passed by the censor) a "high American source" (one of these big boys who is willing to talk but unwilling to put his name to it) blames the British for casting too rosy a glow on the incident.

He thinks the British are running the risk of lulling themselves with false hopes and thus getting softened up for new blows by Germany.

THIS writer's advice: Do no wishful thinking about Hess. Do no wishful thinking about ANYTHING. In critical times, wishful thinking is a dangerous habit.

IF you are historically minded and lean to the theory that what has happened once can happen again, you recall the sad fate of the Trojans when they took the Greek horse unsuspectingly into their walls.

MEANWHILE, the new war storm that has been gathering seems about ready to break today.

London announces that Germany is moving into Iraq by way of French-mandated Syria—apparently with French permission. According to the censored London announcement they are using Syrian airfields for Luftwaffe (German air force) stopovers.

That indicates they are sending in heavy air forces and are probably ferrying in troops by means of transport planes.

Eden, British war minister, says full authority has been given to British forces to attack German planes in Syria (which is French territory).

AXIS planes are reported today as having been bombing Crete heavily for two days. The Nazis report air attacks on allied (British and maybe Greek) troops landing in Suda Bay (in Crete).

OLD Marshal Petain, in a short speech to the French people says "Hitler and Darlan have lighted the road to the future." (Indicating some sort of German-French deal.)

He warns the French "not to draw conclusions from what is going on and stresses the "continuing power of France and the future of her colonial empire."

More advice: Do no wishful thinking about France. France appears to be decayed and impotent.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 15, 1940—German tanks tear gaps in allied positions on Meuse; French admit situation is serious. British dig in at Louvain.

May 15, 1916—Germans shift attacks to Champagne front after fire wanes against Verdun.

CHURCHILL TO CONFER WITH DUKE ON HESS

Bevin Doubts Plans Of German, Visions Threat To Britain

LONDON, Friday, May 16 (UP)—The Duke of Hamilton and Ivone Kirkpatrick, fresh from questioning Rudolf Hess in the Scottish hospital where the former Nazi deputy fuhrler is being held, flew to London last night for a conference of the duke and Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

The duke is the man Hess flew to Britain to see presumably in hope of ending the war. Kirkpatrick, a foreign office official, knew Hess in Berlin before the war and has spent hours questioning him. They saw Hess together just before they took off for London, carrying a pair of bulky, locked dispatch cases.

Second Visit

It was learned this was the second time the duke had flown to London since Hess dropped out of the sky on the duke's estate near Glasgow. On the previous occasion, the date of which was not disclosed, he conferred with Churchill and gave the prime minister details of his first talks with the former No. 3 Nazi.

The pair arrived at a London airfield at 8:30 p. m. Thursday and went to the air ministry and the ministry of information. They conferred for an hour with Alfred Duff Cooper, minister of

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AIRMEN MAKE DARING RESCUE

Small Plane Releases 'Chutist Dangling in Air From Transport'

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 15 (AP)—Lieut. Walter S. Osipoff, 23, Akron, O., dangling for 30 minutes from a parachute caught in the tail assembly of a marine transport plane, was released head first into a navy "hell diver" craft in a mid-air rescue today over the ocean off Point Loma.

The rescue plane was piloted by Lieut. W. W. Lowrey, 34, Dallas, Texas, and J. R. McCants, 46, aviation machinist's mate, Jordan, Mont.

Propeller Cuts Cords

Both fliers in the rescue plane are test pilots attached to the navy air station. Osipoff was unconscious when the two-seater "hell diver" type diver landed on North Island.

To effect the rescue the navy said the pilot of the rescue ship cut the shroud cords of the parachute with the propeller. The rescue ship came so close to the transport in effecting Osipoff's release, that the propeller also cut off a piece of metal under the tail of the larger ship.

Involuntary Jump

The navy disclosed Osipoff's leap from the transport, which

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German-French Talks Bring Plea From Marshal Petain

VICHY, France, May 15 (AP)—Chief of State Marshal Petain told the French people tonight "It is up to you . . . to follow me without mental reservations" after he had informed them the German-French negotiations have lighted "the pathway to the future."

"The marshal assured the nation if, 'in the strict discipline of our public mentality,' France is able successfully to carry on the negotiations with Germany she 'will be able to rise above her defeat and maintain her world rank as a European and colonial power.'"

This is the whole text of Petain's two-minute suddenly-announced radio message on the negotiations still continuing between Adolf Hitler and Admiral Jean Darlan, the French vice premier and foreign minister: "Frenchemen!

"You have learned that Admiral Darlan recently had an interview with the chancellor in Germany. I had approved the idea of such a meeting.

Pictures Patrons on the Spot



Newest wrinkle in picketing was developed in San Francisco when pickets of the AFL Laundry Drivers' union were equipped with cameras to take pictures of persons entering a cleaning establishment being picketed by the union.

STRIKE THREAT OVER FOR GMC

Company Promises 10-Cent Pay Boost To 250,000 Workers

WASHINGTON, Friday, May 16 (UP)—A strike of 180,000 workers in the far-flung General Motors corporation empire was averted early today when the company accepted a defense mediation board peace formula providing a 10-cent an hour increase.

The United Automobile Workers (CIO) had accepted the formula 24 hours earlier.

The agreement constituted a compromise under which the union forfeited its right to a closed shop in exchange for the wage hike. The pact does not become effective until ratified by the union local. This is expected to be a mere formality.

Up \$50,000,000

Company officials said the wage increase would be spread out to affect a total of 250,000 employees in 89 plants and would increase their annual payroll by \$50,000,000.

Company acceptance was announced by Vice Chairman William H. Davis of the mediation board only a few hours before a strike of 61 GMC plants was to have become effective at 7 a. m. (EST).

A walkout would have affected work on \$750,000,000 worth of defense orders.

The board recommended that the 10-cent wage increase be included in a contract covering a period of one year from April 28, the date the dispute was certified to the mediation board.

The increase will be retroactive to that date.

Acceptance by the company was announced by C. E. Wilson, president, in a letter to Davis.

Best Thing

"After a very careful consideration and review of the

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Hess Affair Sparks U. S. Peace Talk

Company Promises 10-Cent Pay Boost To 250,000 Workers

WASHINGTON, May 15 (AP) Citing the flight of Rudolf Hess as indication the time may be propitious, senatorial critics of administration foreign policy made suggestions today that President Roosevelt use his good offices now to bring about peace between Great Britain and Germany.

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) said that the escape of the No. 3 man in the Nazi hierarchy to Scotland "is bound to have a profoundly adverse effect on the morale of the German people."

Moreover, he told reporters, the incident seemed to have created "an opportunity for the president of the United States to step out and try to prevent the further slaughter of human beings."

Pepper Disagrees

On the other hand, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) said he believed Hess' landing in Scotland might be part of a preconcerted plan by Hitler to bring peace terms to the attention of the English without personally appearing to offer the olive branch.

Battleship 'Washington' Commissioned

PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (AP) As bugles sounded "to the colors" and her crew stood smartly to attention, the 35,000-ton battleship Washington was commissioned today a full-fledged member of the US fleet and the navy promptly labeled her "the finest man-of-war" on the seven seas.

Built at a cost of \$70,000,000 and completed six months ahead of schedule, the powerful dreadnaught raises the American battleship st. gth to 17.

With Secretary of the Navy Knox participating and declaring "the US navy should insure delivery of the goods we are making for England," the secretary's four-starred pennant was flown to the main truck as the giant ship's commission flag.

Rear Admiral A. E. Watson, commandant of the navy yard, announced to the assembled throng the Washington would be "ready to join the fleet by July 1" after minor details are completed.

Just a month ago the Washington's sister ship North Carolina was commissioned at Brooklyn navy yard. They are the first battleships built by this county in 18 years and are the first of 17 ordered in the defense expansion program to give the nation a two-ocean navy.

GERMANY RAIDED

BERLIN, Friday, May 16 (UP) British planes bombed several German cities last night, causing some damage. They flew against Berlin only to be turned back at the suburbs by anti-aircraft fire, a communique reported today.

FINAL SOUTH SIXTH STREET PLANS READY

Engineer To Present Three-lane Plan To Commission May 22

Final recommendation for a three-lane highway on South Sixth street will be made to the highway commission on May 22, it was announced by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, on a brief stop in Klamath Falls Thursday.

Baldock stated the engineering plan for South Sixth's improvement is to construct three travel lanes, two 8-foot parking strips and provide space for two 6-foot sidewalks. No right-of-way acquisition will be necessary under this program.

Starts From Viaduct

The improvement will start from the viaduct. The first unit will carry to the Midland road, and the second will carry to Alameda drive or a short distance beyond that point.

The highway engineer said that because of the cost of right-of-way acquisition, the construction will proceed on the 60-foot right-of-way now established instead of an 80-foot strip.

Action Sought

Baldock said that his business is to present the engineering plan to the commission and the latter body must decide when the work will be done. The Klamath chamber of commerce immediately announced it would be represented at the May 22 meeting to press for immediate action on Baldock's recommendations.

The engineer said that the commission is already aware of the seriousness of the traffic problem on South Sixth street and the commissioners have personally viewed the street and surrounding territory.

Asked About Sidewalks

Asked about sidewalks on South Sixth, he said the highway department will provide the space but that construction must be done by abutting property owners as in the case with all sidewalk construction.

Baldock also announced while here that further work is to be contracted for in the early summer on The Dalles-California

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Band to Play First Concert Friday Night

The city band, spic and span in new uniforms, will present its first concert of the season at 7 o'clock Friday night on the big lawn on Conger avenue. Charles Stanfield, director, has planned an interesting program for his initial appearance as head of the city band.

The concert is being given in connection with the annual May festival of the Riverside PTA. Supper will be served from 5 p. m. until all are accommodated. Crowning of the May queen will take place at 7 o'clock with two numbers played by the band, one to accompany the first graders in a military march in costume.

The public is invited to attend the supper which will include everything from hamburgers and pies to chicken and noodles. A fish dish will also be served. Tables will be set under the trees for the several hundred persons expected to attend. Mrs. C. S. Elliott is in charge of the supper. Mrs. Harlan P. Bosworth, entertainment.

Following is the band program as announced by Stanfield:

- March, "Invincible America," Losey.
- Concert Spanish march, "Amario Roca," Lexidor.
- Overture, "Daphnis," Holmes.
- March, "Washington Post," Sousa.
- Oriental fantasy, "In a Chinese Temple Garden," Ketybey.
- Grand march, "Nordic March," Leidenz.
- March, "Heart of America," Pryor.
- Finale, "The Star Spangled Banner," Key.

Through the courtesy of George F. Conners Radio Service company, a public address system will be installed so that all can hear the program. Conners has kindly donated his services in the past and Riverside PTA appreciates his efforts in its behalf. Children as well as grownups are invited to the festivities and to hear the concert.

France Urged To Resist Alliance

LONDON ACTS TO HALT NAZI IRAQ FLIGHTS

France Lets Planes Use Base En Route, Says Anthony Eden

LONDON, May 15 (UP)—The British government announced today it has ordered "full action" against French air bases in Syria which are being used by German planes en route to Iraq. There were reports of Nazi demands for the right to move war materials across Turkey.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons France in a "clear breach" of her neutrality is permitting German planes to use Syrian airbases en route to aid the Iraqis in their revolt against the British.

The United States has been kept "fully informed" of the new Nazi menace in the Near East and "full action" has been ordered, presumably by the royal air force which stands ready to bomb and machine-gun the German planes at the Syrian air bases.

New War Phases

Imminent and major war developments in the Near East were anticipated as result of Eden's disclosure, perhaps launching the third phase of the Germans' 1941 campaign as a sequel to the conquests in the Balkans and eastern Libya.

Foreign embassies in London received reports German Ambassador Baron Franz von Papen returned to Ankara from Berlin with Adolf Hitler's orders to seek Turkey's consent for the passage of German heavy-mechanized equipment across Turkish territory.

The Germans, according to these unconfirmed reports, are seeking the use of the railroad from Smyrna to Aleppo which branches out to the Mosul oil fields of Iraq and also to Palestine.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 15 (AP)—German bombers and fighting planes, carrying a few technicians, have landed in Iraq, informed quarters today, but no troop-carrying transports have yet arrived.

Italian and German staff officers, including two generals, also have arrived by plane at Baghdad, going by way of Syria, it was said in unconfirmed reports.

No Opposition

The German planes were reported to have flown to Iraq from the Italians' Dodecanese islands and landed at Aleppo, north Syria. From there they were reportedly distributed to various airfields in Iraq.

It was reported here that French authorities in Syria did

Work Halted On Honolulu Defense Jobs

HONOLULU, May 15 (AP)—Members of all construction crafts except structural iron workers halted work today on defense projects at Pearl Harbor naval base, Hickam field and projects outside Pearl Harbor's gates.

H. C. Skeels, union official, said the work stoppages were a demonstration while conferences were being held with employers over wages and working conditions. "definitely" were not strikes and would be temporary.

By The Associated Press

The United Automobile Workers (CIO) union called a strike against three Hudson Motor company plants in Detroit today and General Motors corporation reported a walkout at its Flint, Mich., Chevrolet works despite agreement to postpone a strike against GM until Friday.

The defense mediation board early this morning, only a few hours before a strike was set for 60 plants of General Motors in 22 states, announced a postponement for one day in the walkout.

Talks To Hess



German sources reported Rudolf Hess, who flew to Scotland and balled out from army plane, made the trip in an effort to contact the Duke of Hamilton (above). Informed British sources said Hess actually landed a few miles from the duke's estate. The duke and Ivone Kirkpatrick are reported to have had a recent talk with Hess.

EASTERN FIRE COSTS MILLION

Philadelphia Blaze Destroys Lumber in Block-square Area

PHILADELPHIA, May 15 (AP)—Philadelphia's most disastrous fire in a decade today destroyed a block-square Port Richmond lumber yard, half a dozen neighboring homes, and ate its way into the newly-rehabilitated Cramps shipyard before being brought under control.

Loss to the lumber yard alone was estimated by firemen at well over a million dollars.

A physician was killed in a traffic accident while hurrying to the scene. A score of persons—firemen, spectators, and occupants of the burned homes—were injured, but none seriously.

Michael Regan, night watchman at the lumber yard, was missing, and his employers said they believed that if he had gotten out alive he would have reported to them.

Destroyed in the lumber yard were 22,000,000 feet of lumber—all consigned to defense industries. The fire started in the yard.

Agents of the federal bureau of investigation were dispatched to the scene and a spokesman said "we believe there is a possibility of sabotage."

California Bid Low on Klamath Airport Job

PORTLAND, May 15 (AP)—Bids for construction on the Klamath Falls airport were opened by U. S. engineers with that of Jones and King, Hayward, Calif., low at \$279,358.50, subject to engineers' checking.

Second low among the four bids was that of Clifford A. Dunn, Klamath Falls at \$339,239.50.

U.S. GUARDS 13 FRENCH SHIPS IN EAST PORTS

Liner Normandie in Group Boarded as Bill Passage Nears

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP) President Roosevelt, in an apparent eleventh-hour attempt to forestall Franco-German collaboration, tonight appealed to the French people over the heads of their leaders. He asked them to resist an alliance with a power whose policy calls for "utter destruction of liberty, freedom and popular institutions everywhere."

He issued a formal statement only a few hours after Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, head of the French Vichy government, said that France must collaborate with Germany in Europe and Africa and called upon the French people to follow him "without questioning" in his negotiations with Adolf Hitler.

The statement was broadcast almost immediately by short wave to the French people.

Hint Word Broken

Mr. Roosevelt said that such collaboration would mean that the French government had gone back on its word to the United States, given after the Franco-German armistice, and hinted that relations between the two governments would be jeopardized.

Almost simultaneous with his statement, the treasury department ordered the coast guard to place armed guards aboard 13 French ships tied up in U. S. ports, including the \$80,000,000 luxury liner Normandie at New York, and two at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. The order presumably was inspired by the White House.

The boarding of the French ships and the president's statement emphasized again the close collaboration between the United States and Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UP) Coastguardsmen boarded French ships in United States harbors tonight under an order from the treasury as congressional circles predicted final passage tomorrow for the bill authorizing President Roosevelt to requisition and use as he sees fit the more than 100 foreign ships immobilized in U. S. ports.

The senate cleared the way for the legislation today when it approved it 59 to 20 after non-interventionists abandoned plans for a showdown fight with the administration on the explosive convoy issue.

The house already has approved the measure and only acceptance of senate amendments stands in the way of final enactment.

F. R. Will Sign

Word from the White House is that Mr. Roosevelt will sign it the moment it is received. It would affect German, Italian and Danish ships along with 13 French vessels which armed coast guardsmen boarded tonight. The French ships include the \$80,000,000 luxury liner Normandie.

Eleven of the French vessels were in mainland ports. Two, the Fame and Bernadett, small

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Judge Brand To Move to Salem

SALEM, Ore., May 15 (UP)—Justice James T. Brand said today he will take his new post on the state supreme court within the next ten days.

Justice Brand said he plans to have Mrs. Brand and his son move to Salem as soon as the Marshfield schools close for the summer vacation.

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