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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE wires today are practically silent as to Hess. They are CRACKLING with developments indicating that what is left of France has gone over to Germany.

THE immediate development is in Syria, where German warplanes and PANZER FORCES (including tanks) are reported as advancing toward Iraq. There are rumors (nowhere flatly confirmed) that these forces are accompanied by French planes.

British planes are reported to have attacked German planes at three places—Damascus, Rayak and Palmyra.

The significance of these reports lies in the fact that British are fighting Germans on FRENCH soil with French helping Germans.

IF you will get out your map, you will see readily enough that the REAL menace of French collaboration with Germany lies at Dakar (French), where Africa juts out in a great bulge into the south Atlantic.

The British supply line through the Mediterranean and Suez is already broken, and for some time British commerce has been going around Africa by the Cape of Good Hope.

German planes and submarines based at Dakar could play hob with this vital commerce, which includes supply for the British forces in Iraq and the Eastern Mediterranean.

ANOTHER troublesome thought: Our own lend-lease aid for the British in these areas will have to run the gauntlet of Dakar-based German planes and subs.

NO realistic thinker has believed in recent months that France would not go over to Germany whenever the necessary pressure was applied by Hitler.

Resisting German demands would require exceptional fortitude on the part of what remains of France. It has long been apparent that French morale is in a state of decay.

WHILE you have your map out, take a look at Syria. You will note that without Turkish permission German military forces can get into Syria only by water through the eastern Mediterranean or by air transport. The navy at Alexandria, at Crete and at Cyprus out to be able to blast German water communications and it is improbable that sufficient forces for successful attack on either Iraq or Suez could be ferried in by air.

Then take a look at Turkey. You will find an important rail line leading down from Istanbul to the very places Germany wants to go.

FOR months Franz von Papen, Germany's diplomatic trouble-shooter in the Balkans, has been hanging around Ankara (Turkish capital), vibrating back and forth between there and Berlin.

Every time the pinch comes, Russia knuckles under to Germany. Turkey's fate, by her own frequent admission, lies in Russia's hands. A flat order from Stalin would be pretty sure to result in Turkish permission for the passage of German armies.

So keep your eyes on Turkey in these days when big events are in the making.

AS for Hess, the real inside story of this weird adventure will probably not be told until the historians are permitted to dig into the secret files of the governments concerned after the war.

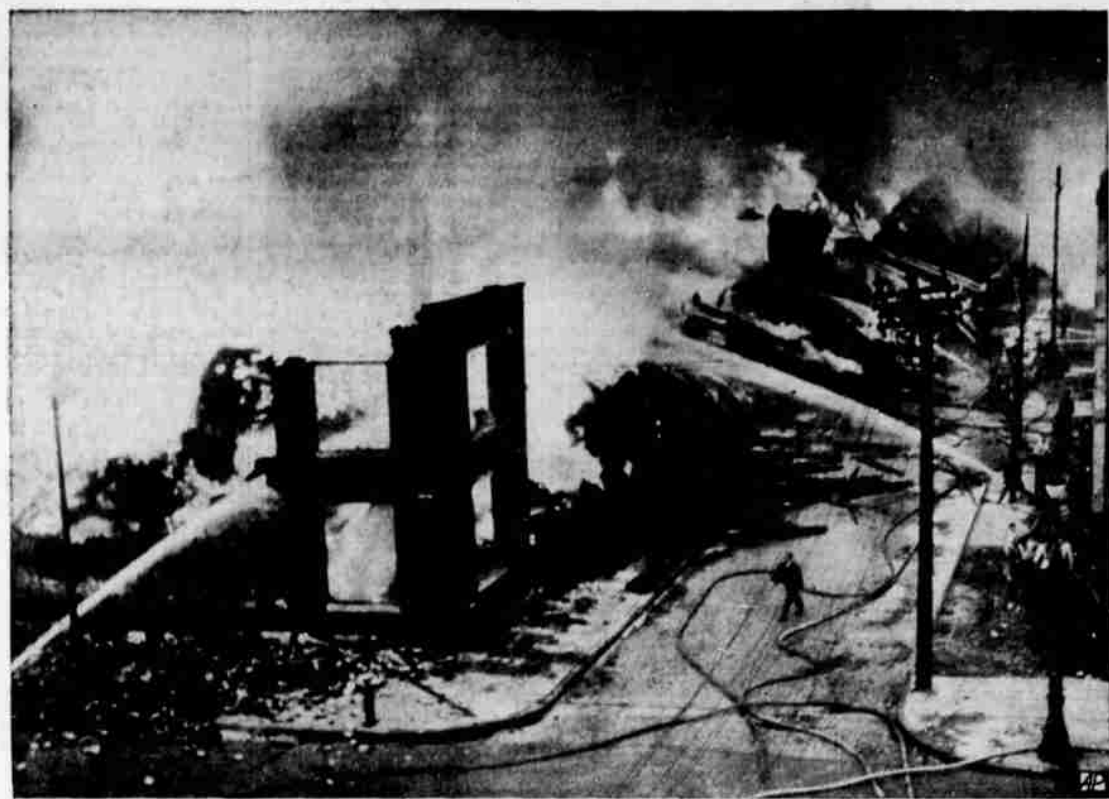
The present British propaganda line is that he was escaping from Germany to the country offering safest sanctuary and that his escape must embarrass the Nazi tremendously. The German line is that he blew his top and went off on his own on a crazy one-man peace mission.

If you are wise, you will keep your fingers strictly crossed as to both stories and will do no wishful thinking.

KEELS LAID

NORTH BEND, Ore., May 16 (AP)—Keels of two naval pursuit craft—each a 107-foot Douglas fir—were laid at the Kruse and Banks shipyard here yesterday.

Lumber Yard Fire Rages Hours After First Alarm



Dawn finds these Philadelphia firemen still pouring water into the flaming ruins of the Wilson H. Lear Lumber yard, hours after the blaze was first discovered. The fire destroyed the block-square yard, including 22,000,000 feet of lumber, causing a loss estimated by firemen at \$1,000,000, raced through six nearby houses and ate into one building of the newly rehabilitated Cramp's shipyard. FBI agents investigating the cause of the fire said there was a possibility of sabotage.

GANONG WINS KUHS ELECTION

Landslide Vote Given Next President for Coming School Year

By a landslide vote Friday Frank Ganong was swept into next year's student body presidency of Klamath Union high school. Ganong polled 704 of a total of 1044 votes in the election, while two other nominees, Bill King and Wayne Chase, drew 154 and 186 votes respectively.

Jim Bocchi won the office of first vice president with 448 votes; Phil Blohm received 367 votes, Fred Floetke, 157, and Earl Blankenship, 58.

Donald Robin was elected second vice president, polling a vote of 374. Other candidates for the office were Donald Bigger, 232, Charles Metz, 226, and Angelo Giovanni, 189. Mary Lou Johnson became student body secretary, receiving 359 votes. Marion Johnson received 196, Marcell Reynolds, 187, Ann Carstensen, 180, and Audrey Reed, 174.

Steve Stewart received tremendous support to win the yell king's job. He secured 737 votes, the largest number cast for any candidate in the elections. Peggy Bishop was Stewart's nearest threat, polling 145. Bernice Birnie received 85 votes, and Marie Jones, 82.

Doctors Elect Roseburg Man Head of Group

Dr. James E. Campbell of Roseburg was elected president of the Southern Oregon Medical society Friday morning at the golden anniversary meeting of the association held at the Elk hotel. Dr. Campbell served as vice president last year and now takes over the position held this past year by Dr. Ralph W. Stearns of this city.

Elected vice president was Dr. E. D. Everett of Lakeview; Dr. F. Cecil Adams, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Harvey Woods of Ashland, board of censors for three years, two year periods held by Dr. E. Dietsche of Klamath Falls, and Dr. A. C. Seely, Roseburg.

The society will hold its 1942 meeting in Roseburg, it was announced. At a meeting held in the Pelican cafe at 1 o'clock, guest of honor was E. A. Geary, Klamath county rancher, whose father, Dr. E. P. Geary of Medford, was the first president of the society elected in 1892.

An interesting address was given by Dr. H. Brodie Stephens of San Francisco, well known brain surgeon, and an interesting talk on internal medicine was presented by Dr. Homer P. Rush (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Seen Ready to Take Action on German Threat; Red Sea Blockade Doubtful

By ARTHUR F. DEGREVE United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 16 (UP)—President Roosevelt, questioning Germany's ability to enforce a blockade of the Red sea, pointedly recalled today the United States has fought two undeclared wars to preserve the freedom of the seas.

He said American warships successfully overcame barbaric pirates who sought to bar this country's merchantmen from the Mediterranean, and later subdued British, French and Spanish privateers preying on United States ships in the West Indies.

Ships Will Sail The president left the impression this government's determination to send into the Red sea area ships loaded with war supplies for Great Britain will not be weakened by axis threats.

Twenty-seven ships already have been assigned to this mission. Some reportedly have been en route for several days. Dispatches from Nicosia, Cyprus, quoted a royal air force pilot as anticipating "momentary" delivery of American planes "from the Mediterranean coast" which has arrived in the Red sea.

By LLOYD LEHRBAS WASHINGTON, May 16 (AP)—The threat of a Franco-German "collaboration" alliance which President Roosevelt believes can jeopardize western hemisphere "peace and security" found the United States prepared today for any action needed to safeguard American interests.

Mr. Roosevelt, it was said in informed quarters, possesses sufficient authority without going to congress to take whatever steps are necessary to counter any joint Nazi-Vichy action endangering the interests of the United States and the other 20 American republics.

The gravest threat to (Continued on Page Two)

Portland Ex-Mayor George Baker Dies PORTLAND, Ore., May 16 (UP)—George L. Baker, 72, mayor of Portland for 16 years, died here tonight shortly after being rushed from Seaside, Ore., where he was stricken ill.

The former mayor had lived in his Seaside home, The Tides, since his retirement from politics in 1933. He inaugurated many improvements in the city during his mayoralty, including the waterfront development and the present water system.

In 1924 he was a candidate for nomination for U. S. senator from Oregon but was defeated by Sen. Charles L. McNary. He was perhaps best known for leading the conference of American mayors on his trip to Paris, France, in 1927.

Former Mayor Baker was born in The Dalles, Ore., August 23, 1868. After a childhood spent helping to support his family in San Francisco, Seattle and other coast points he settled in Portland where he entered the theatrical business. He served on the city council for 13 years before being elected mayor in 1917.

The widow and his daughter survive him.

AFL Wins Poll At Canby Mill AFL sawmill workers scored a victory at the Big Lakes Lumber company mill at Canby Friday when the union won an NLRB ordered election 64 to 7, according to Joe Boyd, AFL organizer.

The vote was between AFL and "no union." Of a total of 75 eligible to vote, 71 cast ballots. The election was ordered as a result of a recent NLRB hearing. E. S. Neal, NLRB field examiner, conducted the poll at the Big Lakes mill.

Boyd announced that tentative stipulation for a consent election has been arranged at the Long Bell mill at Dorris for June 5. The vote will decide between AFL or no union.

OLSON ENTERS SHIPYARDS ROW

Governor Leads Drive To End Machinists Tie-ups in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 (UP)—John P. Frey, head of the AFL metal trades council, announced tonight Acting Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal has offered him the assistance of the 12th naval district headquarters in ending a strike of AFL machinists against San Francisco shipyards working on naval and merchant vessels.

Aid Undecided Mr. Roosevelt said, too, he did not know whether France would continue to get two ship loads of American wheat a month now that there were indications of closer cooperation with the Nazis.

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RAF Bombers Hit Airports In Syria

F. R. SIDESTEPS QUESTIONS ON FRANCE TALK

Conditions Held Too Serious for Answer At Present, Claim

WASHINGTON, May 16 (UP)—President Roosevelt said today that international conditions were too serious for him to interpret or comment further on the implications of his appeal last night to the French people to turn down collaboration with Germany.

He dismissed a barrage of press conference questions seeking to draw him out as too hypothetical. Among the queries he put in that category were these:

No Answers Is there likely to be a change in the status of Martinique, the strategic French island at the eastern end of the Caribbean? Will Admiral William D. Leahy, American ambassador at Vichy, be asked to come back to Washington to report?

Would any additional steps be taken in the French situation? To a remark that he had made his appeal to the French people, over the heads of the French government, Mr. Roosevelt said his statement last night would have to speak for itself.

He suggested that the state department be asked whether the United States might take action, under its agreement with other Latin American nations, toward taking over some European colonies in the western hemisphere if they were threatened with a change of sovereignty.

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Heavy Blows Suffered by Nazi Cities

LONDON, Saturday, May 17 (UP)—Bombers of the royal air force attacked targets at Cologne, Germany and other places in the Rhineland last night, it was said authoritatively this morning.

The air ministry announced Friday that British bombers Thursday night started large fires in the industrial area of Hanover and also "visited" Berlin.

LONDON, May 16 (AP)—Strong forces of RAF bombers attacked Hannover last night, starting large fires in industrial quarters, and other big British warplanes attacked Berlin, Hamburg, Cuxhaven, Calais, Boulogne and Dieppe, the air ministry said today.

Coastal command bombers raided docks and shipping at St. Nazaire and the big German submarine base at Lorient, in France. They also attacked docks at Ijmuiden, The Netherlands, a communique said.

The loss of four of the aircraft (Continued on Page Two)

HESS INCIDENT SAID 'CLOSED'

Berlin Washes Hands Of Affair, Showing Air of Confidence

BERLIN, May 16 (UP)—Authorized Nazi spokesmen gave notice tonight that so far as Germany is concerned the affair of Rudolf Hess is closed, stating in response to correspondents' queries: "We are not interested."

This statement epitomized the surprising but unmistakable change in the official German attitude since two days ago—a change from undisguised perturbation to one of confidence.

Typical of this new attitude, the spokesman added, smiling: "The English are going to discover that they will have more headaches over this matter than we."

The change in the Nazi attitude was believed due to absence of the propaganda storm which the Germans appeared to expect from Britain when earlier this week they gave notice: "We shall not recognize any utterance accredited to Hess."

The unexpected cautiousness of the British press treatment of the affair apparently encouraged a spokesman to say earlier today that Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden were "afraid" to talk with Hess because he would tell them that continuation of the war would bring "100 per cent catastrophe for England."

Nazi spokesmen tonight denied reports which had circulated in Berlin during the day that Prof. Karl E. K. Kaushof, author of the Lebensraum Doctrine and a close friend of Hess, had been arrested.

Quadruplets Born To Chicago Mother CHICAGO, May 16 (UP)—Mrs. Frances Adams, 19-year-old wife of a lunchroom cook, gave birth tonight to four girls, born two and one-half months prematurely.

The children were placed in incubators immediately, and were reported in fair condition a few hours after birth.

Dr. William James McCraley, one of two physicians who attended the birth, said the children were not weighed, but were believed to be from one to one and three-quarters pounds each.

Daughter Didn't Help This Driver SAN FRANCISCO, May 16 (UP)—William Mahoney had just finished explaining to Judge Herbert Kaufman that he was tired and was rushing home for a rest when he was picked up for speeding.

Then his four-year-old daughter, Anne, piped up: "My daddy was trying to see how fast the car would go."

Judge Kaufman said he couldn't accept the unsolicited testimony but he fined Mahoney \$250.

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FRANCE ANGRY AT HOSTILITY; NAZIS MOVE IN

German Planes Take Beating; Toehold in Egypt Declared Lost

CAIRO, May 16 (UP)—British land and air forces defending the Suez canal, today blasted German troop-carrying planes on "enemy" airdromes in French Syria and virtually drove Italo-German armored forces from their toehold inside Egypt.

Three Syrian airdromes were attacked. The British bombed and machine-gunned Nazi aircraft en route to Iraq to aid the pro-German revolt of Premier Rashid Ali Beg Gailani who has "urgently appealed" to Adolf Hitler for aid, according to an official announcement.

Other British planes heavily bombed German-held airdromes in Greece Wednesday night for the first time since the British evacuation. From German stations many Nazi bombers and troop-carrying aircraft are believed to be taking off for Syria and Iraq.

BEIRUT, May 16 (UP)—French High Commissioner Gen. Henri Dentz admitted today German planes are crossing Syria, and angrily charged Great Britain with "flagrant hostility toward France" for bombing French air bases, military barracks and other objectives.

At least 16 German planes are understood to have arrived at Damascus airport en route to Iraq. Others are at Aleppo air base and German pilots have been passing through Syria to Iraq.

Dentz announced he had delivered a strong formal protest to the British consul general in Beirut against the bombings which began "without warning" Wednesday.

"Forced Landings" The communique of the high commissioner asserted France had not turned over any Syrian air bases to the German air force and 15 German planes which came down at Syrian airdromes in recent days had made "forced landings."

In accordance with French neutrality and with the terms of the French-German armistice (Continued on Page Two)

Stand on 'Peace' Journey Sought by British Leaders LONDON, May 16 (AP)—Out of the welter of controversy and speculation about Rudolf Hess' flight to Britain came the announcement from Major Vyvan Adams today that he would seek to learn whether the deputy Fuehrer's trip to see the duke of Hamilton "was planned with the connivance and support of the German government."

Adams, a conservative member of parliament, gave notice he would put this question to Minister of Information Alfred Duff Cooper at next week's house of commons session.

Labor Minister Ernest Bevin yesterday called Hess a calculating "murderer" and said he came with the full knowledge of Adolf Hitler.

The British intelligence service took a growing interest in the case. The government called for help in analyzing statements obtained from Adolf Hitler's former "shadow."

Sir Neville Henderson, who was British ambassador to Berlin when the war started, described Rudolf Hess today, in his first public statement on the affair, as "an absolutely fanatical supporter of the Nazi system who was honest and sincere."

Henderson said he considered it out of the question that Hess had come to Britain on a secret mission because of the impression the flight had created in Germany.

"In my opinion," Sir Neville said, "he has become convinced in the past two years that Nazism, as it was developed, is on the wrong track and that it is (Continued on Page Two)