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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TWO developments today: 1. The Germans launch an attack on Crete.

NEITHER is unexpected. The Germans must have the islands of Crete and Cyprus if they are to get an adequate army into Syria and Iraq and supply it without Turkish cooperation.

When the French government threw up the sponge and hopped up at Vichy instead of retiring to Africa and carrying on the war from there, it was apparent that sooner or later what was left of France would fall into Hitler's lap.

THE attack on Crete is launched from the air, after a typical blitzkrieg bombardment of strategic points such as air-dromes and roads.

Churchill announces that 1500 Germans in New Zealand battle uniforms landed by parachute, GLIDER and air troop transport. They captured a military hospital, he says, but lost it in a counter-attack. Dispatches as these words are written say they failed to capture the British airfield at Malemi.

Churchill says this morning that the military situation is "in hand." (Better not jump to conclusions. Wait a day or so.)

USE of gliders (planes without engines) is new, but for some time the Germans have been reported as practicing with them. They are towed behind a plane, like cars behind an engine, and are released near the spot where a landing is to be attempted.

They can be landed more swiftly and more accurately than a parachute. Each carries several men, fully armed and carefully trained in special parachutist tactics.

THE Germans WANT AND NEED Crete, which in British possession bars the sea lane to Syria. The attack on it will serve as a useful rehearsal for the great project of attacking England.

THE French air minister is reported to have arrived in Beirut to direct the defense of French-ruled Syria against British attack. Petain today bluntly threatens a full-fledged fight to retain the French colonies seized by De Gaulle's "free French" followers.

QUESTION: If France has gone over to Germany, what will the United States do about the French colonies in the Western Hemisphere—such as Martinique, in the West Indies, where considerable French naval forces are stationed?

What will happen if we seize these colonies? Will it be shooting war?

THE British are reported today as striking east from Habbaniyah air field toward Bagdad, advancing 15 miles of the 60-mile distance. The Iraqis report fighting around Basra, not mentioned by the British.

FOR several days a rumor has persisted in Ankara (Turk capital) that Russian "volunteers" in considerable numbers are swelling the Iraq ranks for the fight against the British.

It is only a rumor, of course, but one can't wholly disregard rumors these days.

FOR example, there is that rumor that the Germans are sending troops through the Bosphorus. These troops (if really sent) must be gathering somewhere in the Aegean sea for the attack on Crete.

These are pure guesses, but they are interesting.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 20, 1940—German drive into France veers toward English channel in effort to trap British army; Loan falls to invaders.

May 20, 1916—Germans straighten battlefield west of Meuse, move against Yser canal.

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICE SET UP BY ROOSEVELT

LaGuardia Heads new Agency to Mobilize Home Preparedness

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt established by executive order today an office of civilian defense to be headed by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York.

The president separated the new civilian defense agency into two general divisions. One will be a board of civilian protection with LaGuardia as chairman, and on it also will be representatives of the war, navy and justice departments, the federal security administration, the council of state governments, American municipal association, and the United States council of mayors.

It will advise and assist in formulating civilian defense measures and attempt to provide "adequate protection of life and property" in the event of emergency.

The second division will be made up of a "volunteer participation committee" which the president said would have not more than 20 members representative of various regions and interest of the nation.

LaGuardia, Mr. Roosevelt said, will draw no pay in the defense post and will retain his position as mayor of New York City.

He will arrive in Washington tomorrow, however, to take charge of setting up the agency designed to give every American citizen an opportunity to help on the defense effort.

Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference the new agency would serve as a coordination center for civilian defense activities and accordingly would work closely with state and local governments. He said he thought 42 of the 48 states already had civilian defense councils and that the national agency would work in a large part through them, probably on a regional, decentralized basis. None of the personnel of the national agency will be paid, he added.

F. R. Restores Old Date For Thanksgiving

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that the experiment of moving up the date of Thanksgiving day by a week to improve retail business had not worked and that next year Thanksgiving would be on the customary last Thursday in November.

This year, however, it will fall on the next to the last Thursday by presidential proclamation.

For the past two years, the date of Thanksgiving has been advanced by presidential proclamation a week ahead of the traditional last Thursday in November. Numerous states, nevertheless, adhered to the last Thursday holiday.

Mr. Roosevelt announced the decision to go back to the old date and joined with members of his press conference in a chuckle.

Law Dean Upholds Bridges As Sincere Trade Unionist

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20 (UP)—Dean Wayne Morse, Pacific coast longshore arbitrator, testified today he believed Harry Bridges was a good trade unionist who sincerely supports the democratic processes.

Appearing for the defense in the California CIO director's deportation hearing, Morse, who is head of the University of Oregon Law school, engaged in a restrained legal-worded exchange with government Attorney Albert Del Guercio. Morse said Bridges had appeared before more than 50 longshore arbitration meetings.

Sincere Efforts "Did you ever say this: 'My impression of him (Bridges) is that he is more sincere in his support of democratic processes than many of his critics who seek to deport him?'" Del Guercio asked Morse.

"I believe I said that in an article I once wrote," said Morse.

Freight Train Wrecked By Automobile



Seventeen freight cars were derailed when Fred West's automobile plowed into a Milwaukee road freight train near Pewaukee, Wis. West, a Milwaukeean, died soon after he was pulled from his demolished car. A transient, riding on the train, was injured.

CITY AWAITING HUGE CONVOYS

Trucks Routed Along California Avenue To Stay Overnight

The huge convoys of the 41st division, due in Klamath Falls for the next four days, will go through the city by the California avenue route, it was learned Tuesday.

More than 8000 men with trucks towing field artillery weapons and anti-tank guns, will stop over night here en route to San Francisco from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Camp On River The convoys will come in on No. 97 from Bend to Oregon avenue and High street, move out Oregon to Siskiyou street, on Siskiyou to California avenue, on Conger avenue to Main street, and thence out No. 97 to the camping place on Cumberland road near the animal shelter.

Arrival time of the big contingents was not definite, but it was believed they will begin coming in about noon Wednesday.

2000 Per Night They will be in each day from Wednesday through Saturday. At least 2000 fighting men will stay here each night, and one night it is expected 2500 will be here.

An advance or "railhead" party was in Klamath Falls Tuesday, preparing the camp site for the column to arrive Wednesday. In charge was Lieutenant H. A. Linstead, who conferred with chamber of commerce in connection with the (Continued on Page Two)

LAKEVIEW DEATH

LAKEVIEW, Ore., May 20 (UP)—Authorities today blamed a heart attack for the death of Claude Jones, 34, who collapsed while awaiting a prescription in a drug store.

U. S. Offers Ships, Food to Ireland

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that the United States had offered to sell or charter two ships to Ireland and to supply \$500,000 worth of food for the Irish civilian population.

Mr. Roosevelt said the vessels could be placed under the Irish flag and that they probably would carry much more than \$500,000 in food, indicating that Ireland intended to make purchases of her own.

Nothing has been done, he said, about supplying military equipment to the Irish.

Back-To-Work Move Put Off In Ship Tie-Up

By United Press The \$500,000,000 San Francisco shipbuilding strike reached a showdown Tuesday night as 1700 striking machinists considered a compromise wage proposal to end the 11-day tieup at 11 shipyards.

Gov. Culbert Olson of California appealed to the AFL and CIO Machinists unions to accept a contract providing \$1.12 per hour and time and a half rates for overtime work as a modification of their demands for \$1.15 an hour and double rates for overtime.

The compromise terms comply with a master contract already governing the Pacific coast shipbuilding and metal trades. It would provide a seven-cent increase per hour for skilled workers.

A decision was scheduled at a mass meeting of strikers Tuesday night. Sources close to the striking unions predicted the compromise would be rejected. AFL President William Green appealed from Washington for acceptance of the terms.

A plan of the AFL's Bay City Metal Trades council to subvert the strike by ordering some 12,000 non-strikers to ignore picket lines was deferred until Wednesday, pending the strikers' vote. Union leaders said "we positively will go through every picket line tomorrow" unless the strike is settled.

Another shipyard strike, at the Lorain, O., plant of the American Shipbuilding company, ended through demand by AFL officials. (Continued on Page Two)

Churchill Not to Speak on Hess

LONDON, May 20 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today he was not in a position to make any statement on the Hess case and he was "not at all sure when I will be."

Thus he left the public and members of parliament as well to their guessing on the reasons for the May 10 flight to Scotland of Rudolf Hess, No. 3 Nazi Vyvyan Adams, conservative, had entered the questions of whether it was known if the Hess coming was "planned with the connivance and support of the German government" and whether the government would bear in mind the possibility that "the whole stunt may be the common or garden variety of plant."

British Advance 15 Miles in Iraq

LONDON, May 20 (AP)—An authoritative source reported today that British troops in Iraq had advanced 15 miles toward Baghdad from Habbaniyah air base, crossing the Euphrates river and taking the village of Falulah.

The British advance was said to have been launched yesterday morning with strong aerial support and accomplished without the loss of a single man after leaflets were dropped calling for the village's surrender.

KALPINE PLANT RAISES WAGES

Hourly Increase of 7 1/2 Cts. Negotiated By Lumber Workers

A blanket increase of 7 1/2 cents per hour to all employees of the Kalpine Plywood company was announced Tuesday night by Joe Boyd, AFL representative, at the conclusion of negotiations between the union and the firm management.

The boost will bring the minimum Kalpine wage to 72 cents per hour, highest in the basin. Present minimum for most Klamath mills is 67 1/2 cents.

The increase, retroactive to May 1, will affect approximately 90 men and raise the company payroll nearly \$1300 per month. Although the boost is 7 1/2 cents in base scale, adjustments in the higher brackets varied from nothing to 20 cents per hour, according to a company spokesman.

The much-struck plywood firm, in and out of labor difficulties with both CIO and AFL during the past 10 weeks, several weeks ago recognized the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, Local 2922, as the sole bargaining agent after a one-hour strike at the beginning of the daytime shift.

Prior to that the mill had been closed for four weeks by a CIO strike, and had operated three weeks under strike after approximately 40 men walked through CIO picket lines. In the meantime the AFL had claimed a majority at the Weed highway plant.

Nazi Group Blocked In Chilean Revolt

SANTIAGO, Chile, May 20 (AP)—The police investigation department announced today it had found evidence that Vanguardists, formerly known as nazis, had planned a putsch against the Chilean government.

The police said that an attempt by the Vanguardists, a political faction, to break into a radical party convention last Friday night, which resulted in the death of one and the wounding of four radicals, was a part of the alleged Vanguardist "plan."

Nazis Make Aerial Invasion of Crete

ZAMZAM SHIP LIST SAFE ON FRENCH COAST

Berlin Announces All Passengers Will be Released Shortly

BERLIN, Wednesday, May 21 (UP)—The 142 Americans taken from the Egyptian steamer Zamzam before it was sunk by a German warship in the South Atlantic probably will be released soon and permitted to return to the United States, nazi informed quarters said early today.

The entire cargo of the Zamzam "is in German hands unharmed," having been removed before the vessel was sunk, according to the German official radio heard in New York by CBS. The cargo contained \$5,000 worth of equipment including 20 ambulances, a field kitchen and X-ray trailer, of the British-American Ambulance corps en route for service with the "Free French" forces in Africa.

BERLIN, Wednesday, May 21 (UP)—All 323 passengers and crew members of the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, including 142 Americans, are safe and sound in a "western French port," presumably between Bordeaux and Brest, after the sinking of the vessel by a German warship, it was announced last night.

The Zamzam was sunk in the South Atlantic 81 days a month ago—during "the middle of April"—because she was "transporting war materials for Britain" from the United States, the official DNB agency said.

The DNB's statement said merely the survivors had been landed at "a western French port" from a German merchantman but informed German quarters added:

"Those from the Zamzam undoubtedly were landed somewhere between Bordeaux and Brest."

Germany, under the terms of the French-German armistice, occupies the entire French Atlantic coast from the Belgian to the Spanish frontiers.

An earlier official announcement (Continued on Page Two)

Boy Escapes Death In Shaft

MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 20 (UP)—A planned "night in the wilds" nearly ended disastrously for young Robert Porter, when a rotted ladder broke and hurled him to the bottom of a 65-foot mine shaft.

With a companion, 13-year-old Warren Davis, Porter started down the ladder of the shaft, west of Jackson Hot springs. Near the bottom, the ladder gave way and Porter dropped.

Young Davis, above Porter, was able to climb back up his portion of the ladder to safety and bring help. State police used ropes to remove Porter, suffering only from minor injuries.

Ship Seizure Protest Made By Frenchman

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Gaston Henry-Haye, the French ambassador, today protested to Secretary Hull against what he termed "an unfriendly gesture" by the United States in placing French vessels in American ports under projective surveillance.

The ambassador also told newspapermen he had discussed with Secretary Hull the entire question of American opinion concerning France at this time since the French government was amazed at the reaction in France, particularly the progress of Franco-German "collaboration."

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FRANCE WARNS OF REPRISALS

Bombings of Syrian Airports May Bring Clash With British

VICHY, May 20 (UP)—High French authorities warned tonight that the French air force may launch "reprisal" attacks on British air and naval bases in Palestine if RAF bombings of Syrian airbases and British attempts to stir up revolt in French possessions continue.

The warning was issued following the arrival in Syria of French Air Minister Gen. Jean Marier Bergeret, who was rushed to Beirut by air by orders of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and French defense leaders after the start of the British bombings there.

Threat of actual conflict between France and Britain, allies until a year ago, became acute, not only because of the Syrian situation but because of official French threats of military operations to re-capture French colonies seized by the "Free French" forces of Gen. Charles De Gaulle.

Seven Sentenced A French court martial at Clermont Ferrand today tried 58 "Free French" Degaulists in (Continued on Page Two)

Marshfield To Try Parking Meters

MARSHFIELD, Ore., May 20 (UP)—Despite strenuous objections by businessmen, the Marshfield city council today said it would continue with plans to install parking meters for a six months' trial.

The businessmen appeared at last night's council session to protest the installation. The meters will be introduced next month, according to Mayor J. Albert Mason.

Aerial Traffic Cops Assist Troops Coming Here Today

By JACK B. BEARDWOOD EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA WITH THE 41ST DIVISION, May 20 (AP)—Use of aerial traffic cops for the first time in an American army maneuver speeded the 41st division across Oregon today on an 1100-mile military migration to California war games.

Low-flying planes scurried up and down motorized columns thundering into central and southern Oregon. They pierced theoretically hostile territory, and, by two-way radio, pilots reported on "enemy troop concentration," road conditions and "wrecked bridges."

Cooperation between advancing ground and air forces was attempted yesterday for the first time, drawing praise from Brig. Gen. Jesse Drain, 81st brigade commander and head of the 41st serial.

"Observation pilots, following our movements from the air were of inestimable value and proved the feasibility of having planes assist in motorized units," Gen. Drain said. "The pilots let us know immediately when there was any congestion within the columns and what the road conditions were ahead."

Other officers added the plan was working even better than anticipated.

BRITISH, GREEK TROOPS FIGHT BIG 'AIR ARMY'

Situation in Hand Churchill Says, But Night Attack Feared

LONDON, May 20 (UP)—British and Greek defenders of the island of Crete battled desperately tonight to wipe out thousands of German parachute troops—at least 1500 of whom were said to be disguised in British uniforms—before another nazi "air army" can follow from the sky.

The air-borne invaders, reportedly reported to number between 10,000 and 12,000 men, suddenly were landed from swarms of Junkers JU-52 transports and even from gliders on the island at dawn in the biggest and most spectacular aerial invasion ever attempted.

Serious Battle Prime Minister Winston Churchill, describing a serious battle being waged on the rugged, 140-mile long island off the Greek mainland, said British, New Zealand and Greek troops "have the situation in hand" after daylong fighting, much of it hand-to-hand.

It was believed the night or early dawn would bring another armada of nazi planes and gliders to drop more masses of aerial stormtroops.

Nazi bombers aiding the air-borne invaders were blasting at Canes and Candia on the Crete northern coastline and at anti-aircraft batteries, to wipe out resistance against further landings.

Terrific aerial bombardments preceded the dawn landings of the parachutists of whom every man was heavily armed and highly trained. British airbases bore the brunt of the bombings.

LONDON, May 20 (AP)—A German airborne army which includes 1500 troops disguised in Anzac battle-dress has invaded Crete by troop-planes, glider and parachute. Prime Minister Churchill announced today, and British imperial and Greek troops are engaging them in a stern battle.

So far the defense force has the situation "in hand," the prime minister told the house of commons; the Germans have failed in an attempt to capture a British airbase and the British and Greeks have recaptured (Continued on Page Two)

Holman Seeks Fund For Sprague River, Chiloquin Road

WASHINGTON, May 20 (AP)—Senator Holman (R-Ore.) announced Monday he would seek to have the interior department appropriation bill (HB 4590) amended to provide more money for the Deschutes reclamation project and reconstruction of the Chiloquin-Sprague River highway.

The bill as passed by the house provided \$400,000 for continuing the work on the Deschutes project in western Oregon and Senator Holman said it had reached the stage where a tunnel must be driven.

The Sprague River road through the Klamath Indian reservation was constructed years ago but repair was left to the county which was unable to keep up the maintenance. He said it now was necessary to reconstruct the road and he would ask for inclusion in the bill of \$150,000 to do the work.

He added that the road was necessary for a national defense standpoint in case the north-south roadway again was flooded. The Sprague River road could be used as a detour.

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