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Defense Plants Guarded Closely During Holiday

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS CRETE, fiercely, doggedly and bravely defended WITHOUT ENOUGH AIRPLANES, savagely attacked with PLENTY OF AIRPLANES, is lost to the British.

ONLY once since the war began—when for a few desperate hours Britain's whole air strength was concentrated in the skies above Dunkerque—have the British been on equal terms in the air with their enemy.

REMEMBER again: It is the LAST BATTLE that counts. Crete isn't the last battle.

AFTER Crete will come Cyprus and Tobruk and Alexandria and Iraq. At all these points desperate battles will be waged.

As their communication lines grow longer their superiority in the air, which at Crete was absolute and unchallenged, will become relatively less crushing.

KEEP this in mind: As long as the Germans are pointed toward the Near East and Africa, they are POINTED AWAY FROM the British Isles.

THAT is where WE come in. If the final all-out assault on Britain can be deferred long enough for us to provide the British with enough weapons for their defense, including enough planes to DOMINATE the air over and around the British Isles, the battle of Britain will not be won by Hitler.

Every plane, every gun, every tank, every SHIP we can build between now and the zero hour will contribute tremendously to the success of the British cause, which we have now definitely under-written.

A FINAL thought here on Crete. For three thousand years the happy island of Crete, surrounded by her protecting ocean, was uninvaded. For a thousand years, she was at peace.

DURING these thousands of years of freedom from invasion and the resulting thousand years of peace the Cretans prospered amazingly. They built up a civilization that for its time compared with ours.

They had such conveniences as bathrooms with running hot and cold water. They developed sculptors and painters. Their gem and ivory work, their metal and inlaid work, was as fine as any that mankind has produced.

Looking Backward By The Associated Press

May 30, 1940—First of Allied forces to escape Flanders trap reaches Britain; nazi dive bombers smash at transports, warships. May 30, 1916—Germans bombard Allied lines at Verdun and Kildinir, in Serbia; strip other fronts to send troops to Verdun.

Scattered Sabotage Campaign Feared in Brief Layoff Period

By The Associated Press Military and civil guards stood watch Friday at defense plants from coast to coast, summoned overnight by civilian authorities who spoke of sabotage and military officers who talked only of tactical maneuvers.

Highlighting the sudden activity from New England to California was cancellation of leaves of 14,000 Fort Dix, N. J., soldiers and a "practice alert" at Fort Custer, Mich., was so realistic that officers confessed "it even fooled us."

The war department said at Washington it had issued no instructions of any kind to lead to precautions such as were reported. It said it knew nothing of the activities at Fort Dix and Fort Custer but pointed out that post or corps commanders may order "alerts" or "maneuvers" at any time.

Airplane factories and establishments engaged in defense production, it was explained, are under the protection of the FBI and of individual protection forces at most plants.

Anti-aircraft guns were planted atop California plane factories, Los Angeles harbor ships were floodlighted, police guards were augmented in several cities and west coast "patriotic bodies" were asked to stand by.

Most spectacular of the military measures was the clamping on Fort Custer, Mich., of a "practice alert" which was so much like the real thing that Battle Creek police took to the streets to warn civilians against armed sentries.

"We have been advised that there is a threat to the security of the post and every precaution is being taken to safeguard the post," the office of the commandant announced last night.

At once, sentries were increased, fire equipment went into position, guards took over the post's water and power supply and Battle Creek industrial concerns mustered full quotas of watchmen and special police.

When the word came that it was all in practice, Capt. Richard Merrick, intelligence officer, confessed "it even fooled us."

At Seattle, port commissioners ordered extra guards along the waterfront after warnings by the federal bureau of investigation that they should exercise "unusual" alertness over the Memorial day weekend to safeguard shipping facilities.

Federal authorities closed the Lake Washington ship canal locks, tourist attraction, to visitors and doubled the ordinary guard. The locks connect Puget Sound with Seattle's Lakes Union and Washington.

Bus Overturns Near Portland; Several Injured

OREGON CITY, Ore., May 30 (UP)—A north-bound Greyhound bus overturned five miles south of Oregon City on U. S. highway No. 99E late today, injuring several of its 24 passengers.

Oregon City police said several persons were taken to hospitals here and in Portland, but believed none was critically injured.

Driver W. J. Hall, Eugene, said his wheels locked after he applied the brakes when a passing automobile cut in front of him. The big bus spun on the rain-drenched highway and overturned.

Treated at hospitals were: Mabel Baughy, Silverton, Ore., back head and shoulder injuries; Mrs. E. J. Guttinger, Portland, lacerations; Harry Crandall, Portland, lacerations; Mrs. Frank Britten, negress, Portland, bruises; Lester Carlisle, Walton, Ore., bruises.

Wilbur Hixon Trial Slated for June 2

PORTLAND, May 30 (P)—Wilbur Hixon, 20, Klamath Indian, pleaded innocent to a charge of murder in federal court yesterday and Judge James A. Fee set the trial for June 12.

Hixon is accused of killing Abner McNair with a pistol on the Klamath reservation March 25.

"Machinery of Defense Must Not Be Interrupted by Disputes"



Morning after President Roosevelt's ominous warning that defense machinery must not be interrupted by disputes between capital and labor, found machinist pickets doing picket duty in front of the Moore Drydock plant in Oakland, Calif., one of the San Francisco bay area plants partially tied up by a machinist strike.

DAVIS WINS AT SPEED CLASSIC

Rose Relief Driver in Winning Car; Wilbur Shaw Cracks Up

BY HARRY FERGUSON United Press Sports Editor INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 30 (UP)—Floyd Davis of Springfield, Ill., won the 300-mile sweepstakes race today—standing on the sidelines and watching the cars whizz past.

He won it because Mauri Rose, whose car was forced out by carburetor trouble at the 61st lap of this 200-lap contest, got behind the wheel of Davis' red and blue Bullet as a relief driver after the first lap and drove like a demented demon to come up from eighth place at the halfway mark to finish first.

It was an unusual ending for this great test of speed and spunk. Only once before in the history of the race have two men shared the gold and glory. That was in 1924 when L. L. Corum started the race in a Dusenber special and Joe Boyer relieved him and came home winner.

Crowd Roars A crowd of 162,000 persons, sweltering in the big saucer, let loose a roar as Rose swept past the finish line under the fluttering checkered flag that hails the victor.

It was a record throng for this event and even if the winner's average speed—115.117 miles an hour—was far off the record of 117,200, there were thrills enough.

An entire lap behind the rushing, roaring Rose came Rex Mays of Glendale, Calif., to take second. (Continued on Page Eleven)

U. S. Ambassador Home From England

NEW YORK, May 30 (UP)—U. S. Ambassador to London John G. Winant returned to the United States tonight to report personally to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull. He refused to discuss publicly Britain's war effort and conditions in London.

Winant, extremely reticent with newsmen after his arrival at LaGuardia airport aboard the Yankee clipper from Lisbon at 5:57 p. m., said he first would confer with Hull and then with the president.

There was no indication whether he would see Mr. Roosevelt at the latter's Hyde Park home where he is spending the weekend or would wait until he returned to Washington.

NOTICE

The business office, editorial rooms and mechanical department of The Herald and News will be closed for one hour, from 2:30 to 3:30 p. m., on Saturday, during the funeral of Loyd Malcolm Cox. Funeral services will be held at Whitlock's at 2:30 p. m.

Italian Troop Ship Sunk in Sicily Straits

ROME, May 30 (P)—The 17,879-ton Italian liner Conte Rosso, laden with troops, has been sunk by a torpedo south of Syracuse, Sicily, but most soldiers aboard were saved, the Italian high command said today.

On the other side of the ledger, the high command said the 1340-ton British destroyer Hereford had been blown up by bombs dropped by Italian planes. The daily war bulletin said 229 members of the crew had been rescued, including 25 seriously wounded.

The 19-year-old Conte Rosso, traveling in convoy when she went down, apparently was transporting troop reinforcements to Italian garrisons in north Africa, since the newspaper Il Popolo Di Roma said fresh manpower was being conveyed across the Mediterranean by the Italian navy.

At the eastern end of the Mediterranean the high command said constant Italian aerial attacks were forcing the British fleet—which had been seeking to prevent the landing of seaborne axis reinforcements in Crete—to withdraw toward Alexandria.

British Naval Bases Target for Attack

BERLIN, May 30 (P)—Naval bases at Portland and Plymouth and the port of Torquay were the main targets of nazi air attacks on the English western and southern coasts last night, the official German news agency, DNB, said today.

The British government said there was little German air activity over Britain during the night, though bombs were dropped at one point in the south without causing damage or casualties.

Sinister Influences Bring Trouble to World, May Threaten United States, Says Norman Bowyer at Memorial Service

A plea to drive out isms and blemishes from the American hearts and shores was voiced Friday in a Memorial day address by Adjutant Norman Bowyer as Klamath Falls paid homage to soldier, sailor and civilian dead.

Cloudy skies and a chill spring wind greeted drum corps, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other marching organizations which paraded down Main street to the army at 10 o'clock. Following Adjutant Bowyer's address at the army services the parade continued on to Linkville cemetery where Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted a ceremony.

At 6:30 a. m. graves of veterans were decorated and a wreath placed on the waters of Link river in memory of those who died at sea.

"Sinister influences," Adjutant Bowyer asserted in his address, "have literally brought hell to millions of the world's finest people and will soon 'convince' us if we permit them."

JAPANESE MAY ALTER 'PEACE'

Change of Policy in Attitude on South Seas Seen Warning

TOKYO, May 30 (P)—Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, reaffirming Japan's adherence to the three-power pact, declared at a press conference today that she might have to reconsider her "peaceful policy" toward the South Seas.

Informed quarters interpreted this part of Matsuoka's statement as a direct warning to the Netherlands East Indies, in view of the current deadlock in economic talks.

"As frequently has been affirmed," Matsuoka told Japanese reporters, "Japan's policy toward the South Seas is peaceful."

"Should, however, untoward international developments render execution of such policy impossible, it is a possibility that Japan may have to reconsider her attitude in the light of the changed situation."

Matsuoka referred to what he described as rumors in some American newspapers that Japan was becoming indifferent toward the three-power pact with Germany and Italy, in which Japan is pledged to go to war against any new belligerent attacking any of the signatories.

He called the rumors an "absurd misconception."

"There is no question whatever as to the fact that the tripartite pact constitutes an immutable basis of Japanese foreign policy," he said, adding:

"I could hardly believe that United States authorities were entertaining such a misunderstanding. . . . If such erroneous views are current in the United States they are ascribable to misleading information spread widely."

His address follows: We gather this Memorial day to pay homage to those departed veterans and loved ones, who by their heroic freedom and land we possess. To me the most fitting tribute we could pay them would be the preservation of this great union and expediting the early return of international peace and righteousness.

A young woman said to her

Germans Say Crete Victory Completed

TIMBER UNION GIVEN ORDERS TO END STRIKE

Orton, Group's Head, Again Rejects Plan Of Mediation Board

SEATTLE, May 30 (UP)—The International Woodworkers of America (CIO) today rejected a second request of the national defense mediation board that 12,000 western Washington strikers return to work.

O. M. Orton, IWA president, telegraphed Board Chairman C. A. Dykstra that a referendum of the entire union membership had "overwhelmingly rejected" the board's settlement formula.

Orton's telegram was a response to Dykstra's declaration that the board could not accept the action of an IWA conference which rejected the board proposal. Dykstra urged that the proposed settlement be placed before the union membership.

It was the second successive day in which the defense mediation board had met a rebuff from the striking woodworkers. Yesterday Orton told the board he had no authority to call the men back to work.

WASHINGTON, May 30 (UP)—The national defense mediation board today moved toward carrying out President Roosevelt's edict of "no stoppages" of work in defense industries by ordering its plan to settle the strike of 12,000 timber workers in Washington re-submitted to the membership.

O. M. Orton, president of the International Woodworkers of America (CIO), informed Board Chairman C. A. Dykstra that he (Continued on Page Two)

York Declares U. S. Aid Must Save Britain

WASHINGTON, May 30 (P)—Before the tomb of the unknown soldier, Sergeant Alvin C. York called today for immediate all-out aid to England, and added "if that means that we have to use convoys, then we should use them."

The tall Tennessee mountaineer who became one of the outstanding heroes of the World War AEF was invited as principal speaker at Memorial day ceremonies in Arlington National cemetery.

His isolationists In his prepared address, York struck out at advocates of "isolationism." He declared that Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) "ought to know by now that you can't protect yourself against bullets with an umbrella."

To a United States senator whose favorite bird must be the ostrich "York coupled a reference to 'a famous trans-Atlantic aviator.' Both, he said, 'feel differently than we' (Continued on Page Two)

Only 28 Ships From U. S. Lost at Sea, Claim

WASHINGTON, May 30 (P)—Apparently authentic reports reached congress today, that only 28 ships loaded with war supplies in United States ports have been sunk en route to Britain since the European conflict began in September, 1939.

While no tabulation was available on the total number of such vessels to clear US ports, interested legislators said it was safe to assure that the loss ratio of American goods thus far had been relatively small.

Sinkings listed were said to have involved some food products from South America which were trans-shipped at ports here. It was pointed out, however, that the sinkings do not include sea losses of equipment produced in the United States and sent to Canada for shipment from dominion ports.

The figure of 28 sinkings in the 21 months the conflict has been under way, some legislators said, tended to bear out the report Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission gave the senate commerce committee recently.

Land revealed that out of 205 (Continued on Page Two)

ISLAND TAKEN AFTER 11-DAY FIGHT, CLAIM

Commander-in-Chief Of Allied Defenders Said Killed in Crash

BERLIN, May 30 (UP)—British resistance has collapsed "everywhere" on Crete with the enemy in flight to the southern coast under a murderous rain of bombs, the high command proclaimed today. The reports reached Berlin of the death of Maj. Gen. Bernard C. Freyberg, the allied commander-in-chief in Crete.

The battle of the strategic island base has been "won" after 11 days of furious, air-borne attack unprecedented in the history of warfare, it was said. The shattered British remnants are trying to flee to Egypt aboard fishing boats and every available means of escape.

Freyberg, Aide Die Freyberg and his chief aide were said in unconfirmed radio reports to have been killed in a plane crash while flying to Alexandria, Egypt, after abandoning the struggle in Crete.

Today's high command communique told of the wholesale surrender of thousands of British and Greek troops, the capture of the port of Retimo to complete the mop-up of the Crete northern coastline and promised grim reprisals for what it alleged to be the "barbaric mutilation" of German wounded and prisoners by the British and Greeks.

Nazi spokesmen said the British survivors reaching the southern coast had scant chance of repeating "another Dunkerque." It was predicted they would be compelled to capitulate after finding escape cut off.

Allies Trapped A bloody mop-up of the British and Greek troops entrapped on Crete was threatened as result of a high command assertion German troops falling prisoners had been "mutilated" in a "bestial manner as only occurred in this war during the Polish campaign."

The report of the death of Maj. Gen. Freyberg and his chief aide, General Gabrey, during a flight from Crete to Alexandria was not contained in the high command's communique but was carried by the official DNB agency which quoted reports of the Damascus, Syria and Cairo radio stations.

DNB said captured British prisoners confirmed Freyberg, one of the British empire's out- (Continued on Page Two)

BRITISH PUSH NEAR BAGHDAD

Gailani Flees Across Persian Line, Says Report From London

LONDON, May 30 (P)—The anti-British premier of Iraq, Rashid Ali Al Gailani, has fled into neighboring Iran, it was authoritatively announced here tonight.

Rashid Ali, in power through a coup d'etat, had been leading Iraq forces against the British since they first opened fire on Britain's treaty airdrome at Habbaniyah, Iraq, on May 4.

Help Limited He called for axis aid to his cause of expelling the British from Iraq, but apparently on account of Germany's preoccupation with the conquest of Crete, axis help was limited to a trickle of warplanes and technicians.

The text of the London announcement follows: "It is learned in official quarters."

Kaiser's Condition Reported Serious

BERLIN, May 30 (UP)—Kaiser Wilhelm II, former emperor of Germany, who has been living in Doorn, Holland, for 23 years, is in "serious" condition, a German news agency dispatch from Amsterdam said tonight.

The former monarch's daughter, the Duchess of Braunschweig, was said to be at his bedside and the crown prince, his son, was reported en route to Doorn.

Holiday Causes Many Accidents

By United Press The nation counted at least 86 persons dead by violence Friday night in the first 24 hours of a three-day holiday weekend. Traffic casualties contributed more than two-thirds of the toll.

The Memorial day vacation brought out heavy automobile traffic from coast to coast and the travel urge was measured in the cost of human life.

At least 66 persons died in automobile accidents. Sixteen were killed on California's highways alone, another eight perished in Pennsylvania, six in Missouri and five in Indiana. Massachusetts and Wyoming counted four traffic deaths each.

Three persons were killed in a single crash at Columbus, Ind. The two cars were carrying 19 passengers, ten in one and nine in the other. Six others were critically injured in the accident.

Drawnings, suicide and fire caused other deaths.

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