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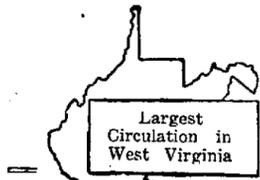
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Cloudy, slightly warmer today; Sunday showers, slightly cooler.



Largest Circulation in West Virginia

House Okays 10 Billion Army Supply Measure

Anti-Strike Amendment Causes Bitter Debate, Delays Final Vote Until Monday

Huge Outlays Voted In Less Than 4 Hours

13,000 Planes Provided; Cost-Plus Awards Out; May Need More

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(INS)—The house late today approved the army's \$10,000,000,000 supply bill to fortify the U. S. against attack by land or air but deferred final action on the measure until Monday after debate on an anti-strike amendment.

The proposal, by Rep. Starnes (D-Ala.) would exclude anyone from a share in the program who went on strike for more than 10 days.

Gels Blistering Attack

It drew support in some quarters in the wake of several "wildcat" strikes on the west coast, but met with a blistering attack from the big labor bloc.

Money provisions in the record-breaking bill, that the stupendous sum, large as it was, would likely prove insufficient to carry the war department through the coming fiscal year beginning July 1.

Equipment for 2 Million

There are also provisions to equip a 2,000,000-man army with all the modern weapons of war, and huge amounts earmarked for tanks, guns, ammunition and base construction.

All cleared the house in less than four hours debate after recommendation by the appropriations committee, which sounded the solemn warning that the stupendous sum, large as it was, would likely prove insufficient to carry the war department through the coming fiscal year beginning July 1.

Despite support from the non-intervention bloc the house defeated an amendment by Rep. Rankin (R-Mont.) to ban use of any materials produced under the bill by an expeditionary force overseas. The standing vote was 73 to 39.

Waste Is Charged

A second amendment banning contract awards by the army on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis on any materials bought with the funds, was tentatively adopted, 98 to 83.

It was sponsored by Rep. Engel (R-Mich.) who has charged widespread waste in army construction and buying through the cost-plus system. Democrats urged the bill by an expeditionary force overseas. The standing vote was 73 to 39.

Starnes' amendment was quickly

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Conserve Gas, Oil, N. Y. Police Ordered

Shut Off Motors When Car Is Parked, Valentine Tells Department

NEW YORK, June 8.—(INS)—Lewis J. Valentine, New York's police commissioner, lost no time in joining in Secretary of the Interior Ickes' gas and oil conservation program. In an order to subordinates today, Valentine directed: "All commanding officers shall see that there is no waste of gasoline and oil. Operators sometimes idle the motor while cars are parked, thereby causing not only waste of gasoline and oil, but also causing unnecessary wear and tear on motor cylinder walls, piston rings, bearings and batteries.

"This matter shall be brought to the attention of all operators of department automobiles and they will be directed to shut off motors whenever parked."

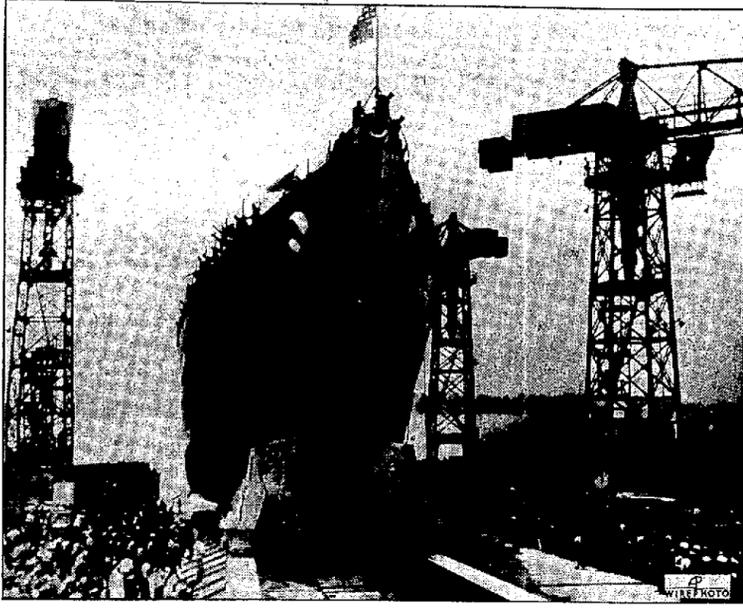
Willie Willis

By Robert Quillen

"I guess Dad enjoys smokin'. It must take a lot of fun to make up for the coughin' and chokin' he does every morning."



U. S. Minelayer Launched



The U. S. S. Terror, first minelayer built for the navy, is shown going down the ways yesterday into the Delaware river at Philadelphia. The 6,000-ton vessel was christened by Mrs. Ralph A. Bard, wife of the assistant secretary of navy. The ceremonies took place at the navy yard.

Operators Hint Equal Pay Plan To Be Accepted

Southerners Indicate U. S. Board's Proposal Gives No Choice But End Of Differential

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, June 6.—(AP)—Guarded hints of possible acceptance followed today the National Mediation board's proposal that there be a \$7 daily wage throughout the Appalachian fields, although all southern coal men would say openly was that an answer will be framed by Monday.

Can Be No Stoppage

Upon the decision of the southern operators, on the labor peace formula calling for elimination of the long-argued 40-cent wage differential between north and south, possibly hinged another bituminous shutdown.

None of the leaders here attending a district meeting would make a forecast, other than to say there was no division of opinion, but one highly placed Charleston source expressed the belief that "there can be no stoppage of work" because of the defense situation.

At a similar coal meeting in Cincinnati, a spokesman termed the mediation board's peace recommendations "very depressing to us." He added, "I don't know where we are going to land."

Will Meet in Washington

A coal field leader here said southern operators felt themselves to be "up a tree." He asserted, "I don't know what they can do except take their medicine or the mines will be closed."

L. Ebersole Gaines of Fayetteville, W. Va., head of the southern operators' negotiating committee which has battled for months to retain the wage differential, announced that a meeting of coal men will be held in Washington tomorrow or Monday to make a decision. He said he could not say what it would be.

L. T. Putman of Beckley, W. Va., also a member of the negotiating committee, joined Gaines in explaining the "present situation" to 99 operators gathered here for a meeting of low volatile operators of district No. 7 who chose directors for the next two years of operation of the bituminous coal act.

Answer Asked by Monday

Putman asserted that he found (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

8 'Pocket' U-Boats Sighted in Beirut

ANKARA, June 7.—(Saturday)—(INS)—Eight German "pocket" submarines were reported in Ankara early today to have been seen by travelers during the past week in the harbor of Beirut, seat of the French mandate administration for Syria and Lebanon.

Horrors of Torpedoing Told by 3 Saved Flyers

Americans Describe Harrowing Night in Mid-Ocean In Which 122 Lives Were Lost When Canadian Ship Was Sunk by Submarine

LONDON, June 6.—(INS)—Three survivors out of 14 American airmen, whose ship was torpedoed while enroute to England, gave the first eye-witness account tonight of the disaster in the mid-Atlantic that claimed 122 lives.

Heard Muffled Explosion

In an exclusive interview with International News Service, the three young flyers—J. S. Wiley of Flint, Mich., and Clyde Foreman of Houston—each told a harrowing story of their escape and the drowning of their 11 lost comrades together with the torpedoed Canadian ship. Speaking slowly as if still haun-

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Mine Layer Is Launched

U. S. Competing With Slave Labor of Hitler, Says Asst. Sec. Bard

PHILADELPHIA, June 6.—(AP)—The 6,000-ton Terror, the U. S. navy's first vessel built as a mine layer, was launched at the Philadelphia navy yard today and Ralph A. Bard, assistant secretary of the navy, declared "we can and will out-produce Hitler" in naval strength.

Speaking at the first of two important naval launchings at Delaware river shipyards in as many days, Bard declared:

"We are in competition with Hitler and his crew, who are building with slave labor and prisoners of war.

Far Ahead of Schedule

"What we are doing here is utterly necessary for the safety of our way of life. There is no one left in the world but the American worker who can out-produce Hitler."

On hand as the new mine layer slid into the water at 11:03 a. m. were members of the congressional committee on naval affairs. The vessel was christened by Mrs. Bard.

In line with the speeding program to round out the nation's two-ocean navy, the Terror is far ahead of schedule. The contract date for her completion is Sept. 1, 1942, but naval spokesmen expect it may be possible to place her in service a year ahead of that date.

Sister Ships on Way

The navy now has 10 vessels equipped as mine layers. Two are converted passenger ships and eight are former destroyers. Several sister ships of the Terror are under construction at Pacific coast yards.

\$10,000,000 in Pay Lost by Shutdown

Wages in State, However, Show \$9,000,000 Gain Over '40

Wages paid by West Virginia employers dropped an estimated \$10,000,000 in April because of the Appalachian mine shutdown, it was indicated yesterday in a report of the workmen's compensation commission.

The state's wage earners, nevertheless, collected about \$9,000,000 more in the first four months of this year than in the comparable period of 1940.

April wages paid by firms reporting to the commission amounted to \$26,213,306.23, compared with \$38, (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Labor Leaders Assail 3 Large Coast Strikes

OPM Advisory Group Asks Return to Defense Jobs Immediately; Action Hinted

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(INS)—Labor's advisory committee to the Office of Production Management, comprised entirely of leaders of unions, today sharply denounced the three big west coast national defense strikes and implored the strikers to go back to work immediately.

President Gives Warning

Sidney Hillman, associate director of the O. P. M. and a former vice president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), made public the appeal of the advisory committee to the striking Puget sound loggers, San Francisco area shipyard workers and idle employees of the North American Aviation company at Ingwood, Calif.

The blast from spokesmen for the American Federation of Labor, Railroad Brotherhood and the CIO came shortly after President Roosevelt indicated at his press conference that he would take firm action unless there is a sudden ending of stoppages in defense production.

At the same time Sen. Truman (D-Mo.), chairman of a special senate committee that investigated the San Francisco shipyard strike, urged the striking union heads, urging that work be resumed in the interest of national defense.

Machinists' Head Absent

Twelve of the 16 members of the O. P. M. labor advisory committee attended the meeting. Harvey Brown, president of the A. F. of M. Machinists' union, which has tied up production in the west coast shipyards, was not present.

The striking shipyard unions, both A. F. of M. and CIO, representing together 1,700 machinists and striking work by thousands of other workmen, were charged by the advisory council with "complete and irresponsible disregard of proper trade union practices" in striking while their demands were in process of mediation by duly-constituted governmental agencies.

A similar charge was hurled at the 9,000 men, who walked away from their jobs in turning out vital-needed war planes at the North American Aviation company, plant.

False Attacks Charged

As for officers of the International Workworkers of America, who flatly rejected a peace formula of the National Defense Mediation board to end the strike of 20, (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

RAF Bombs Syrian Base

Italian Plane Destroyed At Aleppo, British Command Says

CAIRO, Egypt, June 6.—(AP)—The destruction of an Italian warplane in a raid on the airfield of Aleppo in northern Syria was claimed by the RAF Middle East command today as the first evidence that Fascist aircraft had entered that French mandate.

The British had justified their three previous raids on Aleppo on the ground that German planes were using the Syrian base as a stepping stone to Iraq, but there had been no mention of Italian plants at Aleppo until today.

It was the 17th British raid on Syrian objectives.

The British suggested that the Italian aircraft at Aleppo had flown from the Italian Decianese base on the island of Rhodes and this was (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

British Peace and Collapse Reports Inspired by Nazis, FDR Tells News Writers

Hore-Belisha Raps Britain's War Conduct

Public Dosed With Drug Of 'False Confidence,' Former Cabinet Officer Says

Common Citizenship With U. S. Proposed 'Allied Council' to Direct Efforts of Two Nations Also Suggested

EDINBURGH, Scotland, June 6.—(AP)—Raising the curtain on forthcoming parliamentary debate on the British defeat in Crete, former War Secretary Leslie Hore-Belisha in a speech here today accused the government of dosing the public with "the narcotic of false confidence in the future."

Reverses "Glossed Over" Hore-Belisha at the same time proposed a common citizenship for the British empire and the U. S. as "the most hopeful assurance of the determination of the democracies to establish a new world" and suggested an "allied council" to direct the industrial efforts of the U. S. and Britain similar to the military council in the World War.

Addressing the Scottish National association, Hore-Belisha described the British defense of Crete as a military disaster, adding:

"We suffer defeat after defeat, and always for the same reasons—lack of appreciation, lack of preparations and imperfect execution of the project. Each reverse is glossed over by the same series of incompatible explanations, and the narcotic of false confidence in the future is invariably applied x x x."

"The bare description of what our imperial forces have undergone in Crete arouses not only the deepest emotion but the most serious foreboding."

Public Debate Expected

A public debate on the Crete issue is expected next week after parliament returns from its recess. Prime Minister Churchill, Secretary of State for Air Archibald Sinclair or War Minister Capt. H. D. R. Morgenthau will answer critics. (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Law Held Vital To Democracy

Judge Rose, Koonitz Speak Of America's Future At University

MORGANTOWN, June 6.—(AP)—West Virginia university alumni, having their day in the commencement spotlight preceding final exercises for 775 seniors tomorrow, heard one speaker praise the basic law as the most precious thing America has to defend.

Supreme Court judge Herschel H. Rose, speaking on the subject "Take up the Lawyer's Burden," called upon the legal profession to defend the law as the instrument for sustaining the American system of government.

Another speaker, Arthur B. Koonitz of Charleston, said this generation "facing the supreme test right now, because it fell into the error of a false sense of security and political optimism."

Face Task Of Rebuilding

Koonitz, president of the university board of governors, said that "those who come after us x x x face the task of rebuilding the world out of whatever battered remains we leave. If they are to do it intelligently we must at least furnish the opportunity for thorough training."

Koonitz asserted that West Virginians have confidence in the (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Split Is Reported In Petain Cabinet

Weygand, Darlan Differ Over Extent of French Aid To Germany in Battles Now Brewing In Africa and Near East

LONDON, June 6.—(INS)—Marshal Henri Philippe Petain's government in Vichy was depicted in advices reaching London tonight as sharply split over the extent of help France should give Germany in the rapidly brewing battles in Africa and the Near East.

Britain Deploys Forces

As Britain deployed her naval and air forces for swift action to block Germany in Syria and defend the Suez canal, Reuters dispatch from the French frontier said it was believed a rift had developed in the governmental consultations at Vichy.

Gen. Maxime Weygand, chief of the French North African forces, was said to have delayed his return to his colonial post because he differed with Vice Premier Admiral Jean Darlan over fulfillment of plans for military collaboration with Germany.

Admiral Darlan, according to this report, expressed his readiness to risk civil war in France for the sake of carrying out the cooperative scheme he has negotiated with the German authorities in Nazi-occupied Paris.

Hull Warns Is Influence

The 84-year-old Marshal Petain, chief of the French state, however, has not yet given his approval to Darlan's attitude as against the more moderate stand of Gen. Weygand, it was reported, and it was believed possible that Secretary of State Hull's warning of yesterday may account, in part, for Petain's hesitancy.

Notwithstanding Axis claims of a "sympathetic attitude" on the part of the Vichy regime, reports from Switzerland near the French border said a new tension has arisen in the relations between Germany and France.

Germany, according to this information, has put forward specific military and air bases in French-mandated Syria where, rumors from Turkey said, the Nazis already have quietly assumed control of three major airbases.

The Petain government was said to be taking into serious account (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

One Man Control Of Defense Urged By Wilkie in Talk

Warns Ship Losses Must Be Stopped, Reduced If Great Britain Is to Survive

CHICAGO, June 6.—(INS)—The defense effort of the U. S. must be taken out of the hands of "competitive bureaucrats and transient secretaries" each with partial power, and centered in one man responsible to the president, Wendell Wilkie asserted here tonight in an address for "Fight for Freedom, Inc."

The 1940 Republican presidential candidate coupled with his demand for one-man control of defense the assertion that "America must insure the steady delivery of at least her own production to England . . . by whatever means will be most efficient."

Unless losses of shipments are stopped or greatly reduced, Wilkie said, "England cannot survive."

As to the prospects of war, Wilkie asserted: "I cannot tell you the point at which we may become involved in war. Neither can any other American. All we can know is that if and when Hitler's army is victorious, it will be a matter of time before we are drawn into the conflict."

Death which he escaped on numerous occasions, he said, was that the German had no thought, not the slightest in the world—said in one of his reports, "I am not of ever doing anything against any country in the western hemisphere. (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Draft Deferment of Those Over 28 Given Approval

WASHINGTON, June 7.—(INS)—The senate military affairs committee today unanimously approved an amendment to the selective service act authorizing President Roosevelt to defer registrants in the upper age brackets—27-Year Top Favored

The committee split five to three in favor of a provision in the amendment setting the automatic deferment line at the age of 28 or over.

The army, through Acting Draft Director Lewis B. Hershey, was yesterday reported to have taken a stand in favor of an even lower limit, and it was considered likely that army recommendations for a (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Also Declares Some Americans Being Duped

Permits Direct Quotation, Emphasizes Statement Is Not Denial But Accusation

Signs Bill Permitting Foreign Ship Seizure

President Is in Aroused Mood as He Lashes At Propaganda

By Richard L. Turner

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in an aroused and aggressive mood, accused Germany today of planting reports in the U. S. that Ambassador John C. Winant had brought word from London that England was all in and ready to seek peace.

Going to the unusual length of permitting direct quotation, he told a press conference that Winant had brought "not even a tenth cousin of a peace offer or anything like it—absolutely nothing like it, provided you use this not as a denial by the president but as an accusation by the president."

Accuses Some Americans

He immediately made it clear, too, that he was not only accusing Germany of inspiring such reports, through instructions to sympathizers in this country, but was also accusing certain Americans of being duped by the German propaganda effort.

The president also revealed to his press conference that he had just signed the bill permitting the government to seize foreign ships immobilized in this country by the war. Immediately afterward, he added, he issued an executive order to the maritime commission to put the measure into effect.

In response to questions, he said he was uncertain how many ships were involved, and whether vessels belonging to France—the Normandie had been berthed in New York since the war started—would be included. Most war idle ships were taken into protective custody weeks ago, but the legislation was needed to put them into service.

Winant, Mr. Roosevelt said, returned to the U. S. last week on a two-fold mission. The first was to report on some 25 or 50 major topics or items relating to England's prosecution of the war; the second to obtain information, to be taken to England with him, on 25 or 50 matters pertaining to the defense of the U. S.

Cites "Coincidence"

Then he began, without further questioning, his exhortation of the German propaganda and of what he considered its dupes here. An amazing coincidence was involved, he said, and he hoped that coincidence was the correct word to apply.

Just before Winant reached this country, he said, memoranda were called to his attention. They dealt with orders that had been issued in Berlin, not issued to people in Germany or in Europe, but to Nazis in the U. S. including, he said, people who are in favor of appeasement.

These orders, he added, for emphasis, came from Germany, and he went on to say that such orders are regularly reported to him in detail. These particular orders, he continued, related to two things which the Nazis in this country were instructed to play up.

The first, he said, was that the German had no thought, not the slightest in the world—said in one of his reports, "I am not of ever doing anything against any country in the western hemisphere. (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Louis Chevrolet, Auto Pioneer, Dies

Racing Car Designer, Pilot Passed Later Life In Obscurity

DETROIT, June 6.—(AP)—Louis Chevrolet, once one of the greatest of all racing automobile designers and pilots, and builder of the first Chevrolet cars, died here today almost a forgotten man, he had been in poor health for several years.

Chevrolet, who boasted that Barney Oldfield was able to beat him only once on the roaring road and then only because the Chevrolet entry broke down, was 62 years old last Christmas day. He died of a heart ailment, somewhat embittered at a fate that dropped him from world note to virtual obscurity.

Death which he escaped on numerous occasions, he said, was that the German had no thought, not the slightest in the world—said in one of his reports, "I am not of ever doing anything against any country in the western hemisphere. (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

11 P.M. to 12 Saturday Is Road Peril Hour

INDIANAPOLIS, June 6.—(INS)—After a long and scientific research, the Indiana governor's coordinating safety committee reported tonight that the hour of greatest danger from drunken drivers is from 11 p. m. to midnight Saturday. The report said:

"Saturday sees more drunken driving than any other day, with Sunday and Friday next. Next in highway drunkenness is the hour from 1 to 2 in the morning." (Please turn to Page 2, Col. 6)