THE WEATHER
For Wisconsin: Cloudy with occasional showers and thunderstorms tonight and east portion Saturday.

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French Body Asks Break With Spain, Delivery of Laval

Means Proposed To Force Franco To Leave Office

BY RELMAN MORIN

Paris—(AP)—The French foreign affairs committee asked the De Gaulle government today to break relations with Spain, force the extradition of Pierre Laval and propose means to the Allied nations to force Generalissimo Franco from office.

The committee is composed of members of the assembly and it corresponds roughly to the United States senate foreign relations committee.

The recommendation to Gen. De Gaulle's government asserted that the Franco regime was no different from the erstwhile Fascist government of Italy before its surrender.

Termed A Menace

The Spanish regime was termed a menace to world democracy.

The committee demanded that the government lose no further time in forcing Spain to hand over Laval to France. Laval, chief of government in the Vichy regime, is under death sentence in France as a traitor and is in custody in Spain after fleeing Germany by air. France asked Spain to deliver him to the frontier and the Spaniards refused.

The committee said the Allies should take joint action to remove Franco, head of the Spanish government since the old republic was overthrown in civil war, and provide the Spanish people with the means of holding an immediate consultative election.

Forcibly Imposed

The committee said the Franco regime was forcibly imposed and that throughout the European war its neutrality was a fiction. The pronouncement said the security of France demanded the resignation of Franco and the substitution of a republican form of government.

Both the United States and Great Britain were reported to have urged Spain to surrender Laval. The attitude of both governments, however, was said to have been that the Laval affair should be settled directly between France and Spain.

A London dispatch described British reaction as "wait and see." The British foreign office declined comment and officially responsible circles took the position that Britain still had normal diplomatic relations with Spain.

Chicago Police Pick Up Three Boys and Car

Police Chief R. J. Exner said today that Chicago police had apprehended three youths, aged 14 to 16, along with a locally-owned car for which a search has been conducted since Wednesday. The youths are being held by Chicago authorities pending possible prosecution either by Wisconsin Rapids police or the federal bureau of investigation.

According to Chicago police, the three youths, after leaving Wisconsin Rapids, drove to Eau Claire and then back to Chicago where they were picked up.

After apparently driving from Mt. Prospect, Ill., the youths abandoned a car owned by John Butterbaugh, Mt. Prospect, Ill., on West Grand avenue here and then are believed to have taken an automobile belonging to Ray Ellis, 270 Seventeenth avenue south. A notebook in the abandoned car listed the route the trio was to take and included a set of instructions for "pulling jobs" along with what appeared to be an inventory of weapons.

BALKS NOMINATION

Washington—(AP)—Senator Shipstead (R-Minn) contended today that Claude R. Wickard is "unfit" to be rural electrification administrator.

23 FROM AREA INDUCTED INTO ARMED FORCES

Twenty-three men left Wisconsin Rapids Wednesday afternoon for Milwaukee and induction into the armed forces of the United States. Sixteen of the men were from Wisconsin Rapids.

The group included John L. Sullivan, 260 Twelfth street south; Leonard F. Berg, 560 Grant street; John G. Krause, 910 Sixteenth street; Marshall W. Fausch, Route 1; Leslie F. Newby, Route 1; Arnold E. Koch, Route 1; Orville W. Shepard, Route 5; Simon Ennema, Route 4; Delbert E. Weber, Route 5; Edward Konkel, Route 2; Clarence T. Reimer, 950 Second street north; Robert J. Walloch, 340 West Grand avenue, and Harvey Lambert, 540 Fourth avenue north, all of Wisconsin Rapids.

William H. Worth, Route 1, Nekoosa; Merle M. Kriegl, Superior; Joseph J. Wirth, Nekoosa; Bernard H. Hall, Lodi, Calif.; Alvin E. Haefner, Milwaukee; Silas Topping, Star Route, Pittsville; and Carl Clemens, Jr., Nekoosa.

Transferred in for induction were Frederick W. Lutz, 1251 Oak street; Peter P. Gavinski, 1730 Baker street, and Clarence W. Passineau, Route 2, all of Wisconsin Rapids.

Transferred out for induction were Harry Miezejewski, Milwaukee; Henry P. Braze, Kenosha; Joseph F. Kucera, Route 2, Coloma; Gordon P. McCarthy, Fort Crook, Nebr., Gilbert H. Klevene, Waukesha.

FEW RETURN HOME

Milwaukee—(AP) — Despite the fact that they were told they could return to their homes, the majority of the Wisconsin men over 30 who reported for induction into the armed forces Wednesday volunteered and were sworn in.

Officials at the induction center declined to state exact figures, but said that less than a dozen men in the group whose induction had been postponed indefinitely by orders from selective service headquarters in Washington and Madison, Wis., returned to their homes.

Milwaukee draft boards reported that other men in the 30 to 37 age group planned to enlist because they already had moved their families, sold their businesses, or left their jobs prior to the induction stay order.

Donald Ellis Is Freed in Germany

Charles S. Ellis, 1740 First street north, has received a telegram from the Red Cross notifying him that his son, First Lt. Donald A. Ellis, was liberated from the prisoner of war camp at Freising, Germany, May 7.

Lieutenant Ellis was shot down over Germany October 4, 1944, while on a P-47 attack on enemy concentrations. He has been in a hospital, recuperating from burns suffered when he crash-landed.

The Wisconsin Rapids airman has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf clusters. He has three other brothers, Arthur, Robert and Fred, in service.

Nepco Gives $200 To Nekoosa Legion Post

The Nekoosa post of the American Legion announced today that it had received a gift of $200 from the Nekoosa-Edwards Paper company. The money is to be used to help repair and modernize the Nekoosa Legion hall.

Tribune Photo

MAYOR BUYS FIRST POPPY—Mayor William T. Nobles today became the first to buy a poppy in Wisconsin Rapids, the annual sale beginning at 6 o'clock this evening and continuing through tomorrow, Poppy day. Mrs. Ernest Austin, chairman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary sale, is at left and Mrs. Sam Schroeder, general chairman for the American Legion auxiliary, is putting a poppy in Mayor Nobles' lapel.

Big Powers Line Up to Block Changes in Control

BY JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

San Francisco — (AP) — The big powers are reported today to have lined up enough votes in the United Nations conference to block any change in their absolute control of world machinery designed to preserve peace.

This issue—the veto power of any of the Big Five over settling international disputes or using force to smash an aggressor—is the most critical remaining for this assembly of 49 nations. The decision hour comes as Secretary of State Stettinius returns from talks in Washington with President Truman.

Among their latest accomplishments are agreement on provisions designed to strengthen the economic and social work of the new league, and to outlaw secret treaties, once the world organization is functioning.

Demand Authority

In the veto dispute many small nations are demanding that the authority of the big powers in a projected world organization be restricted sharply so that an 11-nation security council could try by peaceful means to settle troubles be-

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Complete Action On Revenue Bill For $15,050,000

Madison—(AP)—Legislative action was completed today on a $15,050,000 revenue bill that would reenact cigaret, gift, inheritance and privilege dividend taxes for the next two years after the Wisconsin senate receded from its position of favoring a tax on cigars.

The measure had passed in the assembly but when it reached the senate that house amended it to included a cigar tax ranging from four mills to two cents on each cigar. The assembly rejected the senate amendment and when the bill was returned to the upper house today the senate receded.

Approximately $9,550,000 of the total, representing amounts expected in the biennium from the cigaret, gift and inheritance taxes, would be earmarked for veterans' rehabilitation and the state's postwar construction program. The remainder would go into the general fund.

Final legislative action also was taken on a bill that would revise laws covering automobile accidents. Under the measure motorists who figured in an accident in which the damage was $50 or more would be required to report the accident to the motor vehicle department within 60 days and file proof that he was financially able to assume liability. If he was unable to do so the department could revoke his license.

Point System Little Help to Pacific Yanks

Manila—(AP)—The point system for mustering soldiers out of the army still is foggy to many fighting men in this area, but the Southwest Pacific command is emphasizing one point—the mere possession of the required number of points doesn't guarantee discharge.

There's the matter of replacements, a serious complication in this area.

So many divisions have been in the Pacific fighting almost continuously since Pearl Harbor that obviously they will be among those with the maximum number of points to be found in the nation's armed forces.

Actually thousands of soldiers are likely to qualify under point totals without listing children or extra points for combat.

Of course, arrival of replacements will be necessary before anyone can be returned home.

Some divisions which have the longest overseas records starting long before any Americans were sent to Africa or Europe are the 25th, 41st, Americal, 37th, 32nd, 24th. Some of these outfits have from a third to a half of their original soldiers.

The Southwest Pacific command, however, was emphatic in notifying soldiers that even if they get home on the point system they are not sure of being released from the army because "whether you have a big or little total, military necessity comes first."

Naval Lieutenant Will Resume Work With State Board

Henry Ford, who recently was released from the navy at Norfolk, Va., is visiting friends and relatives in Wisconsin Rapids and "getting used to the idea of civilian life."

On June 1, Mr. Ford and his wife will take up residence in Madison where he will resume his pre-service position with the Wisconsin state planning board. The Fords will live at 2120 Jefferson street.

Mr. Ford, at the time of his release, was a lieutenant in the USNR and was connected with a construction battalion during his 19 months of service in the Pacific area. He left for active duty on March 8, 1943 at which time he reported to Norfolk, Va.

Supers Fire-Bomb Tokyo Second Time in 48 Hours

Tokyo Says Russia Could Act As Intermediary for Peace

San Francisco —(AP)— A Tokyo broadcast declared today there was "no reason" for Russia to "engage in war with Japan" and also said that if Japan should desire peace with Britain and the United States, her proposals possibly would be made through the U.S.S.R.

The broadcast, intended for Japanese in American areas, asserted that although "Britain and America are doing all they can to drag Russia in, Russia needs to reconstruct first of all and there is no reason for her to throw away this opportunity" by engaging in war with Japan.

Speculate on Rift

A Domei news agency dispatch, intended for America, quoted the newspaper Mainichi Shimbun as speculating on possibilities of a rift in the United Nations.

The suggestion that peace proposals might be made through Russia was contained in a Tokyo broadcast recorded in London.

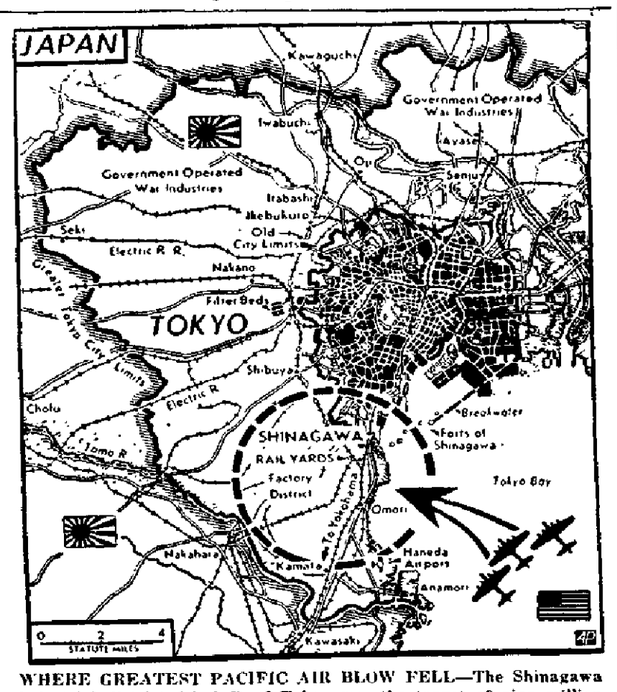
The broadcast insisted, however, that "the war is only now starting."

"Others have suggested that Japan intends to propose peace to the Anglo-Americans through Russia," it said. "Russia and Japan are neutral with each other, and therefore if Japan should desire peace it would be possible that Japan would make proposals through Russia. We do not deny this fact.

Spread Rumors

"The Anglo-American propagandists at the same time spread rumors that Russia is to take part in the war against Japan. Now, then, is it possible for Russia to play a role of mediator between Japan and the Anglo-Americans and fight against Japan at the same time?"

The broadcast declared that peace rumors were current among the British and Americans and said this indicated that the United States and Britain were tired of war.



WHERE GREATEST PACIFIC AIR BLOW FELL—The Shinagawa industrial district (circled) of Tokyo was the target of nine million pounds of fire bombs as 550 U. S. Superfortresses made the greatest raid of the Pacific war on May 23.

Japs Report Landings on Yank Airfields

BY LEONARD MILLIMAN
Associated Press War Editor

Nearly 500 Marianas-based Superforts hit Tokyo with more than 4,000 tons of fire bombs today, less than 48 hours after a heavier blast of 4,500 tons of incendiaries left fires which were still burning.

Guam headquarters of the B-29s said today's strike was made at medium height in darkness, directed mainly at the Marunouchi business district, imperial government center and neighboring aircraft and machine tool plants, docks and warehouses.

Report Attack

Tokyo radio reported the city had been attacked again, but said only a few of the big planes came over escorted by 60 Mustang fighters from Iwo Jima. The broadcast also said the B-29s laid mines in Toyama bay, near Tokyo, and in the Kanmon strait entrance to the Inland sea.

An unconfirmed Japanese communique said airborne Nipponese troops landed on two American air-

12 B-29S LOST

Washington—(AP)— Another big fleet of Superfortresses rained fire on Tokyo today as 20th airforce headquarters announced the loss of 12 B-29s in Wednesday's record attack.

It was the heaviest loss yet suffered by a B-29 mission.

fields on Okinawa, 325 miles south of Japan, where they blew up aircraft, ammunition dumps and installations. It claimed the suicidal raid was coordinated with air strikes on nearby U.S. shipping. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz previously announced one more light U.S. ship was damaged in air raids Wednesday and Thursday nights. He admitted the raids were continuing.

American ground troops, deprived of tank support by deepening mud, slogged ahead all along the Okinawa front. The 7th infantry seized new hill positions more than a mile south of Yonabaru on the east coast against stiff opposition, while Japanese troop movement to the south indicated the enemy was preparing to set up a new defensive line.

Pour Into Naha

On the west coast, Sixth division marines poured into strength into Naha, the island capital, on bridges built under continuous artillery fire. In the center of the line the 77th division captured two small villages near Shuri fortress and the 96th repulsed two counterattacks.

The 27th was pulled out of this

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PONDER DISPOSAL OF HIMMLER BODY

British Second Army Headquarters —(AP)— Second army officials still are undecided today whether to hold a funeral for Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler in the presence of German military and civilian bigwigs who are in Allied hands.

Thirty-six hours after the suicide death by poison of the SS chief, his body still lay on the bare floor of a Luenburg villa. It will be placed in a coffin today.

It was generally suspected that the former Nazi foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, the only high Nazi not yet captured or reported dead, was somewhere in the British sector in northwest Germany. However, considering the numbers of refugees on the move throughout the countryside, considerable time could elapse before his capture.

Himmler took his life Wednesday night by crushing a tiny glass vial of poison between his teeth as a British medical officer was examining him.

He was wearing only a pair of socks. His clothing had been stripped from him in a previous examination.

Number one on the list of German war criminals, the once dreaded head of the Gestapo had been arrested last Monday as he and two bodyguards tried to cross a bridge at Bremervoerde, west of Hamburg.

Central Labor Union Starts Building Fund

The Central Labor union during a meeting at Union hall last night voted to start a fund for the construction of a new labor temple.

The group also decided to again send a student to the University of Wisconsin school for workers in July. The student will be selected at a later meeting. Vik Ulriksen of the university will address the Central body at its meeting June 14.

Committee To Study Plans For Courthouse

The Wood county public property committee will meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning with representatives of the firm of Childs and Smith, Chicago architects, to study plans for the new courthouse. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the representatives will meet with other chairmen of county board committees to see whether enough available space has been provided for the various departments.

OPA Is Planning to Cut Industrial Sugar to Half Of 1944 Supply, Report

BY HOWARD FLIEGER

Washington — (AP)—A congressional food investigator said today OPA is planning a drastic curtailment of industrial sugar which will cut manufacturers to half their 1944 supply, or less.

The new reduction will be announced for the third quarter of the year, effective July 1, said this law-maker who asked not to be named.

Sugar is rationed to industrial users—bakers, candy makers and the like—in quarterly allotments.

The new cut became necessary because civilian sugar consumption early this year far exceeded the amount originally set aside.

Over Consumption

Chairman Anderson (D-N. M.) of the house food committee said that in April alone, when use was supposed to be 60,000 tons under the corresponding month in 1944, consumption actually ran 95,000 tons ahead of last year. This resulted in a deficit of more than 150,000 tons.

The withdrawal from sugar stockpiles came about, Anderson said, because OPA ration boards issued allotments in excess of the supply set aside for civilian consumption.

The over-draft must be made up beginning with the third quarter.

The investigator said he did not know whether the restriction would be extended to household supplies of sugar.

Industrial users, however, probably will be cut to 40 per cent or less of the amount they used in 1941. There was some indication they might be held to 30 per cent.

Cut in Half

Last year industrialists received 80 per cent of their 1941 supply but the planned new restriction would cut them to half that amount.

Anderson said the fact sugar was over-allotted in April was evidence supporting his committee's argument that the government's sugar controls lacked the coordination to make them effective. The committee found 20 government agencies with a hand in the sugar problem—and strongly recommended that the whole problem be placed under the control of one man to handle production, distribution and marketing.

Anderson shortly will become that man. President Truman has named him agriculture secretary and food "czar."

The war production board disclosed today that the quota for pharmaceutical use of sugar may be reduced.

The present quota is 120 per cent of 1941 use, but John T. Batson, chief of the drugs and cosmetics branch, said this may be cut to 100 per cent, perhaps even to 90 per cent, for the third quarter of the year.

Nekoosa Legion Completes Plans For Memorial Day

Plans were completed today for Memorial day services to be conducted at Nekoosa May 30 by the Nekoosa American Legion.

Legionnaires have been requested to meet at 8 o'clock Memorial day morning at the Legion hall. The line of march is scheduled to leave the Legion hall at 8:30, with services to be conducted at the cemetery at 9 o'clock.

The Rev. A. W. Triggs of Wisconsin Rapids will give the Memorial day address.

The Alexander High school band, the Boy Scouts and school children will participate in Nekoosa's Memorial day exercises.

Earl Breese Lost Life in Italian War

Sgt. Earl Breese, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Breese, Port Edwards, was killed in action April 14, in Italy, according to a war department telegram received by the parents.

The Port Edwards sergeants had previously been reported missing in action. He was attached to the Tenth Mountain division.

Earl was born in Port Edwards May 16, 1912 and attended grade school in that community. He was graduated from Lincoln High school in 1929. Prior to his entry into service, February 13, 1942, he was employed in the purchasing department of the Nekoosa Edwards Paper company.

Following training at Camp Tyson, Tenn., Camp Polk, La., and Fort Meade, Md., he went overseas in November, 1943. His last letter home was dated April 13—the day before he was killed

In addition to his parents, Sergeant Breese is survived by two brothers, Cpl. Russell Breese, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Pvt. Jerome Breese, who is in a hospital in the Philippines.

Hold Everything

"Wait till you're sure it's real love and not just spring before you get married."

Notes Disclose Hitler's Personal Account of Preparations for War

BY ALVIN STEINKOPF

Berchtesgaden —(AP)— Stenographic notes the Nazis tried unsuccessfully to destroy have revealed a secret, self-indicating account by Adolf Hitler saying he planned the "crushing" of Czechoslovakia and Poland as "essential preliminaries for the war of the future" against the Allies.

Hitler said Germany was "superlatively prepared" for war and that psychologically she "could not afford to waste" Nazi-schooled fanaticism, which he feared might die down.

Spectacular Find

Hitler's private report, made to division commanders last December 12, was the most spectacular find to date by American officers studying thousands of pages of partly charred notes which are shaping up as a terrific indictment of Nazi war guilt.

German stenographers, who themselves took down many of these statements the Nazis never dreamed would come to light, were transcribing the notes, brought here from Berlin, when a partial text of Hitler's report was found.

Made just before the German Ardennes offensive of December 16, Hitler's statement to his officers openly belied the Nazis' excuse that they had started the war because of alleged Polish provocations.

Reached Decisions

"In my life I have had to reach the gravest decisions," Hitler wrote. "Such decisions can be reached only by a man prepared to renounce every personal consideration. I was convinced that in the next 10, 20, 30, maybe 50 years, no man would appear in Germany with more influence on the nation than I, with greater zeal in reaching decisions. I believe the years to come will prove I judged rightly.

"Therefore I held it right to exploit the situation very soon (in 1939) so as to bring about clarification that was necessary—not to bring about war, but to effect safeguards that would be necessary if Germany were attacked.."

He then proceeded to outline his "safeguards," only admitting they really were war "preliminaries" as he enthusiastically finished listing them.

Hydraulic Log Barking Device Proves Out at Consolidated

Following a demonstration through cooperation of the Consolidated Water Power and Paper company on a carload of west coast woods before representatives of a number of pulp and paper mills, the successful application of a hydraulic log barking device to the salvage of west coast woods has been announced by the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company of Milwaukee. The first Allis-Chalmers Streambarker in the Great Lakes area was installed at Consolidated.

The hydraulic barker operated successfully on Douglas fir, white fir, and west coast hemlock, ranging in size from three to 12 inches in diameter, at the rate of more than 10 cords an hour.

Herbert K. Swan, manager of the Allis-Chalmers milling and extraction section, and Robert K. Prince, Allis-Chalmers cellulose engineer, both asserted, following the test demonstration, that the Streambarker is applicable to the program of salvaging tree tops, branches and small trees on the west coast up to a diameter of 18 inches on this particular type of hydraulic barker.

Among the companies represented at the test demonstration were the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, and Longview Fiber company, both of Longview, Washington; Crown-Zellerback corporation, San Francisco, Calif.; Marathon Paper company, Rothchild, Wis.; Thilmany Pulp and Paper company, Kaukauna, Wis.; Northern Paper Mill, Green Bay, and the Munising Paper company, Munising, Mich.

Just Celebrating

Trieste —(AP)— Sudden bursts of machinegun and rockets sent civilians in this turbulent city scampering for shelter last night, but Yugoslav troops explained it was just the beginning of a celebration of Marshal Tito's 53rd birthday today.

For nearly an hour Yugoslav soldiers put on a fireworks unlike anything seen in Trieste for years.

Partisans opened the windows of their billets and fired toward the sea. Machine pistols and automatic rifles chattered from various squares.

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