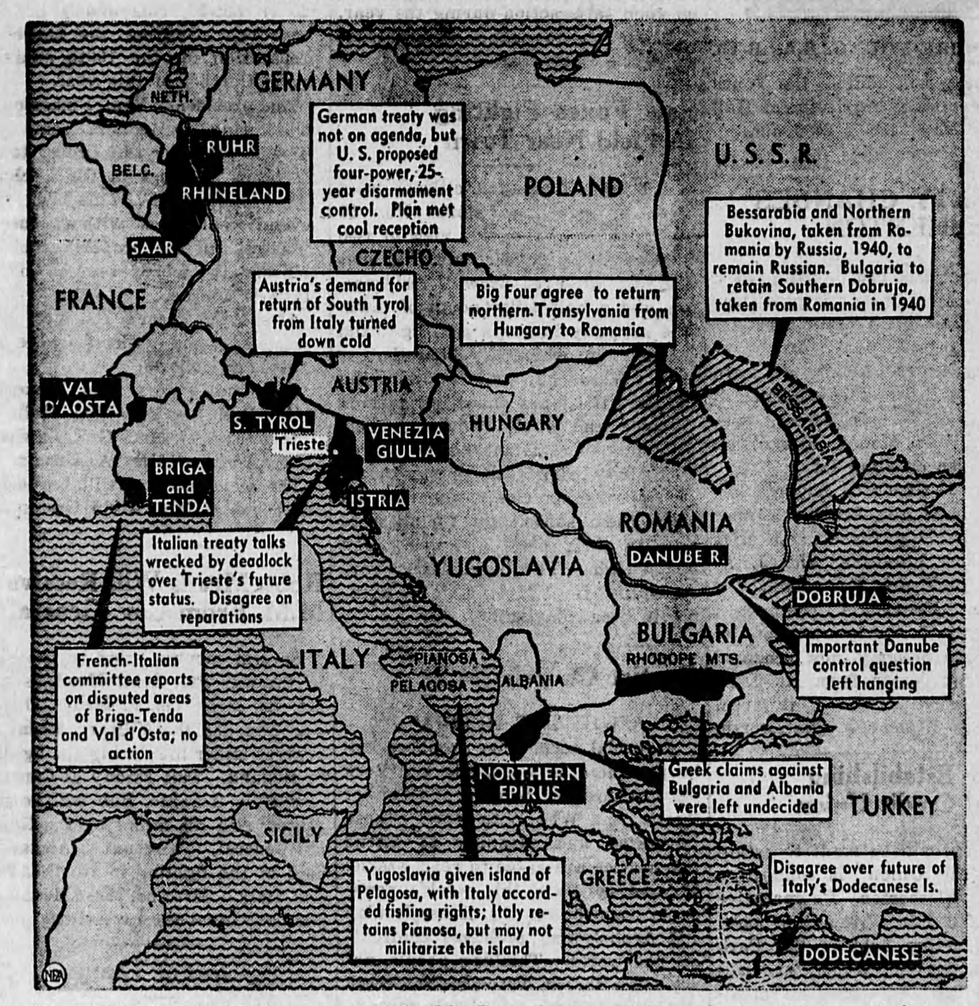
RESUMES NEGOTIATIONS

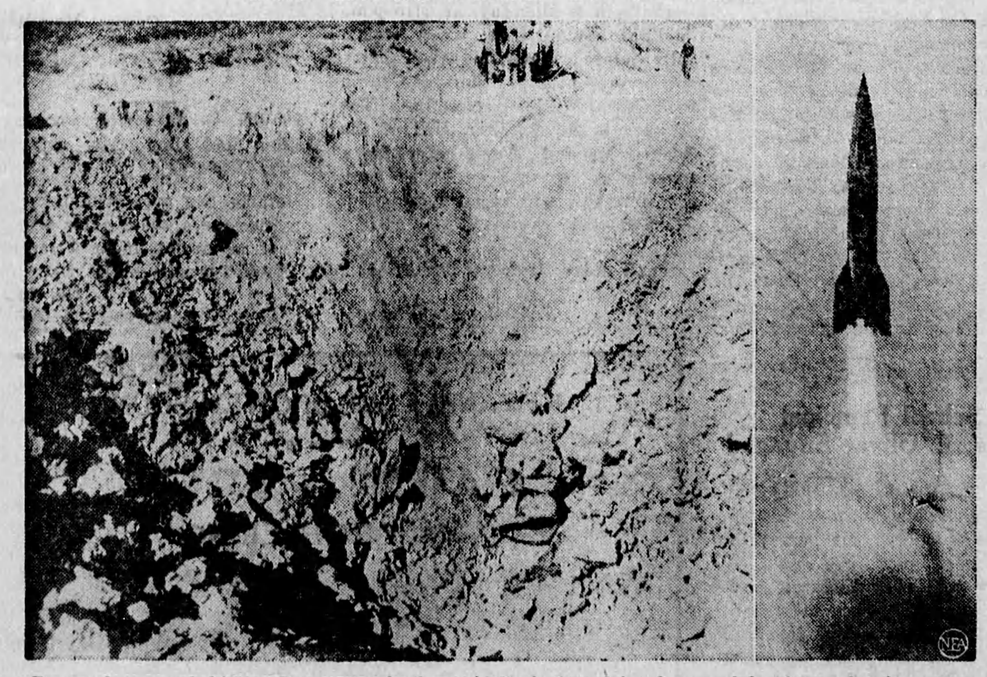
As the nation's soft coal miners prepared to return to the pits for two weeks, John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers head, resuming negotiations with mine operators in the Labor Department building in Washington, is questioned by reporters. Miners agreed to a two weeks' truce in their strike pending further discussions on a new contract.

BIG FOUR ACCENTUATE THE NEGATIVE



More "didn'ts" than "dids" came out of the Big Four foreign ministers Paris parley to draft peace treaties for the Axis satellites as shown on the map above. In addition to disagreements indicated, the conferees failed to decide on Italian reparations; disposition of former Italian colonies; fate of the Italian fleet; and continued occupation of Italy.

TEST SHOWS FORCE OF V-2 BOMB



Force of energy behind a B-2 rocket is dramatically indicated in photo at left, above, showing crater left by rocket's exploding fuel tanks. Note comparative size of men at crater's rim. Photo at right shows rocket in flight. Photos were taken during test firing preliminary to the May 10th demonstration of a fully-fueled V-2 at Army proving grounds, White Sands, N. M.

AT SPY TRIAL

Chief Justice J. C. McRuer, above, who will preside at the trials of seven espionage suspects being held in the Ontario Supreme Court at Ottawa.

THAT'S A PRETTY BIG PIPE, BING

Josephine Blum, Hollywood, holds the giant pipe sent to Bing Crosby by an Army captain in Germany. Bing is surprised that it actually smokes.

Highlights of the News

U.S. $3,750,000,000 Loan

The $3,750,000,000 loan to Britain bill, accorded Senate approval after lengthy debate and defeat of numerous crippling amendments, will be considered almost immediately by a House of Representatives committee and then referred to that chamber for open debate.

The loan agreement, reached last December after long negotiations led for the British by the late Lord Keynes, provides for a $3,750,000,000 loan repayable in 50 years with interest at two per cent.

In any year that Britain suffers circumstances which make interest payment difficult or impossible the interest may be waived and cancelled.

A King In Exile

Victor Emmanuel settled down to a life of exile in Egypt last week after a reign of nearly 46 years as king of Italy, thus joining the growing ranks of Europe's homeless royalty.

The weary little man and his wife, the former Queen Elena, were greeted by Egypt's King Farouk when they debarked at Alexandria from an Italian cruiser.

The Italian cabinet approved the assumption of the throne by Crown Prince Humbert, but specified his powers would extend only until June 2. On that day the Italian people will decide whether to continue the monarchy.

Setback at Simla

The British Cabinet mission's forthcoming statement on its conferences with Moslem and Hindu representatives at Simla will contain a declaration on Indian independence, probably indicating the approximate date by which India will become completely independent.

The British cabinet mission, admitting failure of an eight-day conference with Moslem and Hindu leaders on independence for India, made it plain it still has hopes of solving the problem.

The conference ended in complete breakdown, dealing a severe blow to the hopes of those who had expected a quick transition from British control to Indian self-government.

No reason for collapse of the negotiations was given.

The three British cabinet ministers had hoped to help India draft a constitution.

Canada's Loan to U.K.

At Ottawa the Canadian Senate approved a bill providing for a $1,250,000,000 loan to the United Kingdom. The bill now awaits royal assent.

Canadian Strike Threat

The threat of nation-wide strike action next month against every major Canadian industry unless union wage and hour demands are granted, emerged as the keynote of a conference of the National Wage Board Co-ordinating Committee of the Canadian Congress of Labor, held in Toronto.

The committee endorsed the decision of the International Woodworkers of America, B.C., to take strike action on May 15, and the decision of the United Rubber Workers of America, CIO-CCL, who have set May 27 as the deadline for strike action unless they receive an "adequate wage and hour settlement by that time."

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Loan to Belgium

Belgian delegates and representatives of the Canadian government have signed in Ottawa an agreement under which the Canadian government will grant a loan of $75,000,000 to Belgium.

This loan brings the total of the credits granted by Canada to Belgium since the liberation to $100,000,000 the agency added.

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