

FINNS CALL MORE MEN AS RUSSIANS PRESS DRIVE

British Battleships Patrol Arctic Ocean RED SOLDIERS MOVE NEARER VIIPURI GOAL

Vessels Near Soviet Port Of Murmansk

Warships Believed Seeking To Prevent German Trade With Russia

SCANDINAVIA WORRIED

Reds' Arctic Navy Reported Placed In Complete Preparedness For War

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COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Despatches from northern Norway tonight definitely establishing that a number of British warships are lying in wait off Finland's Arctic coast and the Russian port of Murmansk produced fresh trepidation in Scandinavia where it was feared new incidents might threaten the northern countries' neutrality.

Some Scandinavian papers also said French warships had joined the British warships, possibly for the purpose of intercepting German-Russian sea commerce making use of Norwegian territorial waters.

It was recalled that following the Altmark incident, in which a British boarding party raided a German steamer in a Norwegian fjord and took off British prisoners, the French and British expressed satisfaction with the way German ships evade the blockade through Norwegian waters, and threatened to like steps to stop it.

Because of the unusual configurations of Norway's shores, the Germans are able to navigate most of the way from Russia's ice-free port of Murmansk to the Baltic without going outside territorial waters.

Any new naval activity in Norwegian waters might face that country with new decisions decided by embarrassing to her effort to offend neither Allies nor Germans.



Shown here is a group composed of four visitors from Charleston, S. C., and four local men interested in the operation of the Brigade Boys' club here as they conferred at a luncheon yesterday at the Cape Fear hotel. The Charlestonians sought information relative to the operation of a club to be opened in the South Carolina city. Left to right, they are: Wilbur Doshier, local postmaster; H. J. Slocum, Charleston archaeologist; Cummings Gibbs, attorney; Harry Solomon, local merchant; Simmons V. H. Waring, Charleston realtor; Charles Dushan, executive director of the Brigade Boys' club; Earl B. Halsall, instructor in Charleston High school; and L. T. Raney, Wilmington automobile dealer. (Staff photo).

G. O. P. WILL HOLD DISTRICT MEETING

Session Will Be Conducted In Bladen County Courthouse On March 8

Seventh district Republicans will meet in convention at the Bladen county court house at Elizabethtown Friday afternoon, March 8, at 2 o'clock, Fred T. Tucker, of Wilmington, district secretary, announced last night.

The convention was called by the secretary at the direction of A. E. Howard, of St. Pauls, district chairman.

Irvin T. Tucker, of Whiteville, is expected to make the keynote address.

Headlining the business to be transacted at the convention will be the nomination of a candidate for congress from this district and the election of district members to the state executive committee of the Republican party.

The Seventh district is composed of New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Robeson, Harnett and Cumberland.

Darst Urges Furtherance Of Christian Brotherhood

SPEAKS AT BANQUET

Freed Discusses Operation Of National Conference Of Christians, Jews

The furtherance of Christian brotherhood for the redemption of the world from sin, war, hatred, and racial prejudices was urged by the Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the East Carolina diocese for the Episcopal church, in an address before the annual Brotherhood banquet last night at the Masonic Temple.

Bishop Darst appealed for the uniting of forces of Christianity to lighten the dark places and bring the peace and beauty of God to neglected souls everywhere.

Approximately 125 persons in attendance were asked by Bishop Darst to become "keenly conscious of their responsibilities and privileges of this high hour of human history" and rise up and build the world anew in the forces of Christian brotherhood.

The Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, who introduced Bishop Darst, discussed the operation of the national conference of Jews and Christians, an organization set up for the purpose of promoting better understanding between members of different faiths.

CHARLESTON GROUP GIVEN CLUB FACTS

Men, Planning To Form Organization Similar To Brigade, Visit Here

Information in preparation for the opening of a boys' club in Charleston was gathered here yesterday by a group of four Charleston, S. C., civic leaders who conferred with local men connected with the Brigade Boys' club.

The Charlestonians were: H. J. Slocum, archaeologist; Earl B. Halsall, instructor in the Charleston High school; Simmons V. H. Waring, real estate; Cummings Gibbs, attorney.

They had as their guests at the Cape Fear hotel at a luncheon yesterday afternoon Wilbur Doshier, Harry Solomon, Charles Dushan and Luther Raney, all connected with the operation of the local boys' club.

Plans have been in progress in Charleston, they said, for several years toward the institution of a club similar to the Brigade.

WEARY OF IDLENESS

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Weary of the idleness he'd looked forward to for years, John J. Gibbins, at 79, bought back his painting business today and happily prepared to work for the remainder of his life. He sold out his business 13 years ago and retired to Florida.

BODY FOUND

JOPLIN, Mo., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The knife-slashed body of Miss Eula Gipson, 28-year-old beauty operator, was found today near a night club on the outskirts of Joplin. A truck driver with whom the woman was seen last night was being held for questioning.

M'CREE'S REMOVAL TO BE REQUESTED

Governor Dickinson Will Be Asked To Oust Indicted Wayne Prosecutor

DETROIT, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Governor Luren D. Dickinson will be asked Friday to remove from office Duncan C. McCrea, Wayne county prosecutor indicted with 14 other persons on charges of conspiracy to operate and protect a \$1,000,000-a-year baseball pool.

Circuit Judge Homer Ferguson, whose one-man grand jury inquiry into relations between metropolitan law enforcement officers and the underworld resulted in the indictment, announced today his intention to make the request to the governor.

WEED MARKET ACT EXTENSION TALKED

Farmers Will Be Given Opportunity To Study Program Amendments

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Flue-cured tobacco farmers of the south were told today they would be given ample opportunity to study proposed revisions in their marketing quota program before congress is called upon to consider them.

This word came from Representative Cooley (D-NC) after congressmen from tobacco states met again today to consider the proposed changes.

TWO CANDIDATES TURN DOWN COOPER'S ONE PRIMARY, JOINT DEBATE OFFERS

RALEIGH, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Two democratic gubernatorial candidates have rejected proposals by Thomas S. Cooper for a first primary in which the winner takes all, and for a ban on political speech-making except at joint debates.

WILMINGTON WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair and continued cold Friday; Saturday fair and not quite so cold.

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Rumania Calls Reserves And Bans Exports

Many Of 200,000 Men Summoned For March 1 Ordered To Report Now

NAZI DEMANDS LOOM

Country Hopes To Stave Off Showdown In Allied-German Struggle

BUCHAREST, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Rumania, showing increasing concern over the possibility of war in the spring, today increased her armed forces and published a sweeping decree banning the export of a long list of raw materials and manufactured goods "necessary for the national defense."

Many of the 200,000 reserves who originally were called for March 1 were ordered to start reporting immediately for service with the nation's armed forces. These already number 1,400,000 men and, with the latest call, a virtual state of mobilization will be in force by March 1.

Air Gasoline Barred

Oil and wheat—Rumania's chief exports—were left out of today's decree although it was confirmed authoritatively that delivery of aviation gasoline and lubricants abroad previously had been banned.

It was learned that large internal purchases of commodities in which Rumania is deficient—mainly by Germany—and the Allies' delay in furnishing new stocks led to issuance of the decree.

Specifically forbidden were exports of iron, steel, lead, aluminum, copper, fur, leather, charcoal, wool, cotton, rayon industrial chemicals and all manufactures in which these materials are used.

The government, meanwhile, was reported hoping to stave off a showdown in the increasingly tense Allied-German struggle for a major portion of its oil exports by offering Germany the entire government's legal share of the product of Allied and neutral owned corporations at Ploesti.

Will Make Demands

With the arrival Monday of Dr. Karl Clodius, German economic expert, the nazis were expected to make sharp demands that Rumania fulfill her promise to sell Germany 1,680,000 tons of petroleum in 1940.

Short of expropriating the output of the Allied-owned fields in Rumania, which raises the spectre of outright intervention by the western powers, government circles saw little chance of furnishing Germany's entire quota.

The government, however, is entitled to 650,000 tons of oil annually from the foreign operators and could

They left early yesterday afternoon for Charleston.

FINN FORTS TAKEN LOSSES ARE HEAVY

Army Has 22nd Birthday Without Announcement Of Mannerheim Line Fall

FLEET ENDS GAMES

Soviet Union Also Paying Strict Attention To Defense In The South

MOSCOW, Feb. 22.—(Friday)—(AP)—The 22nd birthday of the Red army dawned today without the announcement—hoped for by many Rumanians—that Finland's Mannerheim line had been smashed.

The military communique from Leningrad reported only the capture of 21 more Finnish defensive positions on the Karelian Isthmus and the bogging down of aerial operations by a Finnish blizzard.

Russians, however, had by no means lost hope of a decisive victory after 85 days of intensive operations against the well-built Mannerheim line. Soviet military authorities declare this deep fortified area is every bit as forbidding as the Siegfried Line on Germany's western frontier.

Make Comparison

Soviet sources are fond of recounting the gains, reported in the capture of hundreds of Finnish forts and pillboxes, that have been made by the Red army, and comparing them with the lack of similar progress by the French and British armies in the west.

While the 22nd anniversary of the army coincides with a supreme effort in the north it also comes at a time when the U. S. S. R. is paying strict attention to her defenses in the south, where her oil wealth is concentrated.

The Red fleet in the Black sea has concluded maneuvers which, Admiral Oktyabrsky says, showed it is a "reliable guard" of Russia's southern borders.

Organized in 1918 to defend the young Soviet republic against attacks by several white armies and

WEIR NAMED GOP FINANCE LEADER

Railway Labor Executives' Association Endorses 22 Members Of Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Republicans got organized for one of the coming campaign's most important problems—raising funds—today with the appointment of Ernest T. Weir, Pittsburgh steel man, as chairman of the party's finance committee.

Meanwhile, the Railway Labor Executive's association, composed of officials of 20 out of 21 railway organizations, publicly endorsed 22

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BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK BY GERMANS

Nazis Lose Two Planes In Hot Sky Battles Along Coast Of Scotland

LONDON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Germany's black raiders accounted for Britain's 29th naval loss of the war today, sinking a naval trawler in another wave of attacks up and down the British coast, but suffered repulse in fierce return fire from newly armed small boats and lost two planes in hot sky fights.

German undersea activity also was reported in dispatches from Amsterdam to have resulted in loss of the 2,621-ton Finnish steamer Brita off the Irish coast. The crew abandoned ship after an explosion.

"A submarine was sighted after the explosion," said the Brita's message.

Nine trawlers were attacked by

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Dahl, Other Americans Are Released By Franco

WILL RETURN TO U. S. Are Turned Over To Consul General John N. Hamlin By Military Guards

SEVILLA, Spain, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Six freed American prisoners, including Harold E. Dahl—remnants of the American section of the International Brigade which fought for republican Spain in the civil war—were turned over by military guards to United States Consul John N. Hamlin tonight.

They expected to embark on the American Export liner Exiria for New York Saturday.

Two others, Conrad Stojewa of California, and Alf Abdransen, naturalized American from Norway, are expected to take a later ship. Besides Dahl, those given into United States care here were Lawrence Fant Doran of Los Angeles.

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