

NORWAY STRENGTHENS STAND AGAINST BLOCKADE

Allies Agree To Push 'Economic Offensive' Will Resort To Arms To Stay Neutral

Yugoslavian Ship Taken, Report Says

Freighter Was Bound For Italy With Cargo For Nazi Germany

NAZIS WARN NEUTRALS

Berlin Views Suspiciously New Dutch - British Trade Agreement

By DREW MIDDLETON LONDON, April 6.—(AP)—The Allied economic offensive was projected firmly ahead tonight from the Balkans to the Baltic. In the face of anxious distress signals from the neutrals, including a declaration from Norway's Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht that Norway will "at once" be forced into war if there is open, one-sided violation of her neutrality, the British foreign office stood firm on its warning notes to Norway and Sweden. At the same time the vanguard of Britain's Balkan diplomats, returning for blockade consultations, reached London.

"Complete Agreement" British Minister of Economic Warfare Ronald Cross and French Blockade Minister Georges Monnet, in conference here, issued a joint statement declaring the Allies' "complete agreement and common determination" on tightening the intended stranglehold on Germany. They indicated they were in accord on ways and means of plugging such blockade gaps, for instance, as the air routes through which the Nazis are receiving cur-

UTILITY BATTLES SECURITIES ORDER

First Show-Cause Case Is Plainly On Way Toward Test In Courts

By E. C. DANIEL

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—The government's attempt to enforce the holding company "death sentence" against the nation's nine largest power systems in northwest portion today from the first company to reply fully to the securities commission's show-cause order. While acknowledging that its operations were not confined to the "single integrated public-utility system" defined by the holding company act, Engineers Public Service company declared that the "death sentence" was unconstitutional. It petitioned the Securities commission to dismiss integration proceedings. The "death sentence" requires the corporate structures of utility systems to be simplified and directs that operating companies of a holding company must form a single

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Partly cloudy, mainly warmer in east portion Sunday, occasional rain Monday beginning in west portion Sunday afternoon or night, slightly cooler in west portion Monday. South Carolina: Partly cloudy, mainly warmer in east and south portions Sunday, occasional rain Monday beginning in northwest portion Sunday afternoon or night; slightly cooler in northwest portion Monday. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday. Temperature 1:30 a. m. 50; 7:30 a. m. 45; 1:30 p. m. 58; 7:30 p. m. 53; maximum 64; minimum 42; mean 56; normal 59. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 47; 7:30 a. m. 53; 1:30 p. m. 59; 7:30 p. m. 70. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. none; total since first of the month, none. Tides For Today Wilmington High 9:37a 4:35a Low 9:56p 4:47a Masonboro Inlet High 7:30a 1:23a Low 6:42a 1:58p Sunrise 5:51a; sunset 6:37p; moonset 6:42a; moonrise 6:40p. WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Weather bureau records of temperature...

CHILD SURVIVOR IN DEATH DRAMA



LOS ANGELES, April 6.—(AP)—Eleven-year-old Chloe Davis' father moved today to free her from police custody as officers accepted her story of the gruesome deaths of her mother, two sisters and a brother. Attorney Mitchell Meidel, representing F. Barton Davis, the father, obtained a writ of habeas corpus for the girl's release, returnable at 2 p. m. Monday. (The child is shown above, with a nurse in a Los Angeles hospital.)

U.S. Army Bomber Makes First 'All Blind' Flight

'VISIBILITY ZERO'

Major McDaniel Flies Ship From New York Airport To Langley Field

By DEVON FRANCIS LANGLEY FIELD, Va., April 6.—(AP)—Sitting in a tiny cubicle of one of the world's largest bombing planes, with only the faces of a dozen fluorescent instruments to guide him, an army air corps officer today completed the first "all blind" flight in the history of aviation. Major Carl B. McDaniel could not see out of the cockpit window of his four motored, 22 1/2-ton craft, from the moment he opened the throttles at the end of a runway on Mitchell Field New York, until the plane rolled to a stop on the broad acres of this army post.

PARADES FEATURE U. S. ARMY DAY

Johnson Says 15 Months Would Be Needed To Equip Army

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—The nation's augmented land forces displayed their fighting trim today in scores of army day parades. minutes, was a demonstration of what air corps could do in time of war under weather conditions reducing "ceiling" and visibility to zero. Major McDaniel, a native of Texas who has been flying 21 years, was as-

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BUILDING FOUND 'PUBLIC HAZARD'

Mayor Cooper Makes Tour Of Structure Adjoining Construction Site

Although definite action was delayed, a group of city officials inspected the building on the north side of the old Purcell house on North Front street yesterday and decided it was a hazard to the public. Mayor Thomas E. Cooper, along with J. A. Loughlin, city engineer, J. W. Yates, building inspector, and others, inspected the building and found there is danger of the front wall collapsing into the street when the Purcell building is removed.

M'Kean Maffitt, superintendent of water and sewerage, also examined the building and pronounced it unsafe. It is believed, he said, when the support of the adjoining wall is removed to make room for the new theatre building, the front of the building will collapse.

The building is occupied by the Edwin J. Farrelly housefurnishings establishment, and Oldham's billiard parlor. The group plans, Mayor Cooper said, to send a letter to the owners of the building and demand that they raise the structure or make repairs sufficient to make it safe.

The walls are now bowed outward and it is impossible to tell at what point in the removal of the walls bracing it the collapse will occur, it was said. The owners of the building are not residents of Wilmington and their names were not immediately known.

Fire Chief J. Ludie Croom, who

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GRAF SPEE CREW WILL BE JAILED

Argentina Acts Following Escape Of 3 Officers And 2 Sailors

BUENOS AIRES, April 6.—(AP)—The Argentine government, indignant over the escape of three officers and two sailors of the scuttled German warship Admiral Graf Spee, today ordered the remaining officers and higher ranking members of the interned crew confined on Martin Garcia Island, a naval base in the River Plata 80 miles from Buenos Aires. The government, announcing the decision to send 32 officers and 208 warrant officers and cadets to the island on Tuesday, said: "Argentina has been excessively generous to these officers and sailors who came to our country last December after their own ship was destroyed. But we cannot continue to let our neutrality be jeopardized, therefore we have taken steps to ensure that they will not be able to return to Germany to resume belligerent action."

Argentine authorities yesterday revealed that three of the Admiral Graf Spee's officers had disappeared. One, said to have been the third officer, was unofficially reported to have made his way to Germany. Two members of the crew were seized earlier in the week in Brazil.

The ministry of the navy said the 400 Graf Spee sailors still in Buenos Aires will be sent into interior provinces where a like number of their companions have already been transferred.

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WPA Fund Increases Held Likely

Economy Bloc 'Resigned' To Appropriation Bigger Than Asked

TALK \$1,300,000,000

Sentiment For Increasing Relief Fund F. R. Asked Grows In Congress

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Economy advocates in congress virtually resigned themselves today to an increase in next year's relief fund beyond President Roosevelt's budget estimate of \$985,000,000.

Senator Adams (D-Colo.), chairman of the subcommittee which will handle the relief appropriation bill, expressed belief the budget estimate would have to be increased but said he did not think the total outlay would exceed \$1,300,000,000.

On the house side, Rep. Cannon (D-Mo.), appropriations committee member, remarked cryptically, "We are going to take care of the needs."

It was indicated that administration leaders expected some definite expression from the White House. Influential house members asserted privately that they understood "serious consideration" was being given by the President to the question of transmitting a request for additional money for the WPA.

Such a step by the chief executive, they explained, would remove one legislative obstacle to an increase—a resolution adopted by the house appropriations committee at the start of this session against exceeding budget estimates.

Sentiment for increasing the relief fund, apparently was growing in both the senate and house. Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) just back from a trip to California and aroused by what he saw of the plight of transient farm workers, declared unemployment was the "No. 1 problem facing the country."

Asserting the existing relief setup was "only a palliative which has not cured," the Montanan said congress was going to have to appropriate more money "until we can find a solution."

Wheeler said he would ask a group of senators who have evinced interest in the problem to meet with him "with a view to making a fight" for additional relief funds.

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SHE'LL MAKE BRAKES SQUEAL



Could you resist the appealing look Winston Hill, University of California co-ed from Los Angeles, demonstrates above? It's the latest thing in costume and technique for hitch hikers. Miss Hill hopes it will win her a place on her alma mater's hitch hiking team, which will race from Berkeley, Cal., to Seattle, Wash., against other college lift-thumping teams.

Forest Fire Is Burning Fiercely Near Hampstead

OTHERS ARE CHECKED Small Buildings Burned In This County; Damage Not Yet Estimated

During a slight lull in the winds yesterday, most of the forest fires sweeping this section were brought under control, but a gigantic blaze near Hampstead was still eating its way through timberlands with unabated fury last night.

Fire Warden C. S. Jessup said the fire was still far out of hand and was doing untold damage to the woods in that section. He said it would be impossible to predict when the blaze could be conquered.

CCC Lads Fighting CCC boys have fought the Hampstead fire steadily but have thus far failed in extinguishing it. Several houses have been threatened with destruction, but none had been burned last night. Many farm outbuildings had been laid waste.

Several fires have been discovered in New Hanover county woods but none have done a great deal of damage. The Taylor-Colquitt Creosoting company was threatened Friday night but the wind changed in time and little property was destroyed.

A barn and several other small

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To Arms To Stay Neutral

Foreign Minister Koht Is Spokesman At Meeting Of Parliament

HE MENTIONS ALLIES

British Planning To Halt Iron Ore Shipments To Germany

OSLO, April 6.—(AP)—Addressing parliament amidst new apprehension over the issue of Scandinavian neutrality, Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht said today that Norway "will at once be at war" if free shipping in Norwegian waters should be interfered with to the advantage of one side in the European war. This was interpreted as in no way a threat of war—least of all against Britain—but as indicative of Norway's fears that interference with German shipping in Norwegian waters would bring retaliation from Germany which would drag Norway into the conflict.

An Emphatic Method It was regarded also as an emphatic method of stressing Norway's neutral attitude and desire to escape war, although Koht made a dramatic reference to the possibility of a war "in which we would be forced to depend on our independence and freedom."

Koht told the Allies in effect that maintenance of the present status of commerce in Norwegian waters was to their advantage, that change might be their loss. He said: "If the Allied powers should ask us to stop free shipping, which goes on according to generally acknowledged international law and which they themselves have acknowledged, this would either be of great damage to themselves or, if such hindrance of shipping should be one-sided against one party, and therefore in open conflict with the neutrality which we have pledged ourselves to maintain, Norway will then at once be at war."

Koht spoke amidst alarming but unconfirmed rumors concerning the diplomatic struggle and controversy over the status of Norway and Sweden as neutrals. The undisclosed contents of notes handed to the Norwegian and Swedish ministers in London yesterday were the subject of all manner of conjecture—and revival of fears that war may

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