State and National News

IANS REACH GREEK FRONTIER: YUGOSLAVIA

OIL FIELDS BOMBED

Big Fires Are Started

North of Bucharest

THREAT IS FULFILLED

Prepares to Move at a

Moment's Notice

NEGOTIN, Yugoslavia At The

Rumanian and Bulgarian Fron-

tiers), March 2-The RAF was

reported today to have carried the

European war to Rumania-mak-

ing good Britain's threat to bomb

Rumania's rich oil fields and com-

munications lines if Nazi troops

The reports reaching here from

Rumania said heavy explosions

of Bucharest, added that big fires

Southwest of Ploesti

tion lines would be attacked should

Troops Sent to Libya Take

Oaths 'to Make Greatest

Effort' for Victory

The high command communique

did not mention an "oath" and

Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Italian

commander in Africa, and a German

a speech closing with these words:

invaded Bulgaria.

cupied yesterday.

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# PACT; BRITISH BOMB RUMANIA

# Vichy Agrees To Jap Terms NAZI TROOPS ALSO MOVING

Jimmy's Got It; Ginger Too

congratulate each other on having been given the Academy of Motion

Picture Arts and Sciences' awards as 1940's best actor and actress at the

in "The Philadelphia Story." Ginger's prize-winning performance was in "Kitty Foyle."—(NEA Telephoto)

**NewAmericanLinerRuns** 

Aground Near Hog Island

IN CAPE COD CANAL

Coast Guard Reports Presi-

dent Hayes Is Not in 'Im-

mediate Danger'

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass., March 2

-(A)-The new liner President Hayes

went aground tonight in Cape Cod

Canal, but the coast guard reported

The coast guard said there were

no immediate details on the circum-

The coast guard cutter Algonquin

and a picket boat and two Boston

tugs were dsipatched to the assist-

ance of the craft which is a com-

Near Hog Island

The position of the vessel was

given as near Hog Island, a short

The liner left Boston on a 29,000

In command was Captain Dale E.

Collins, 40, one of the youngest men

The President Hayes, owned by

the American President Lines, arriv

ed in Boston only Saturday morning

distance from the canal entrance.

mile round-the-world vovage.

only stuck in the mud."

# Delegation To Tokyo Delays Pact, However

Representatives of French Indo-China Hope to Minimize Concessions

SIGNATURE EXPECTED

Domei Dispatch from Hanoi Says French Troops Are Moving Southward

SAIGON. French Indo - China, larch 2-(A)-The Vichy governen has agreed to Tokyo's plan e settlement of the territorial distte between Indo-China and Thaiud, a Japanese spokeman declared oday but French colonial repreentatives at Tokyo are withholding heir own agreement, hoping to nize the concessions to Thai-

The spokesman, Commander Isao fasumura, said, however, that the apanese expect prompt signature of the Tokyo agreement. Japan has demanded that the French cede to Thailand large areas of the Indo-Thina provinces of Laos and Cam-

### Not Informed

Officials at Hanoi, the French colonial capital, nevertheless said hey had not been informed of any

A Domei (Japanese News agency) lispatch from Hanoi said that French troops "continued to move southward amid continued tension and that French and Japanese authorities alike were awaiting instruction from their home govern-

ward movement by French forces was not explained.

### AGREES

VICHY, France, March 2-(AP)-An informed source intimated tonight that France had agreed to Tokyo's request that she come to terms with Thailand but said she had not consented to the conces-

It was indicated that the French reply made or to be made in Tokyo was a compromise offer as the basis for further discussions.

"The door is open to continu negotiations and Vichy counts on a peaceful solution," the informant she was in "no immediate danger."

# CIVIL SERVICE BILL stances and declared "she may be AMENDMENT ASKED

### Firemen With Most Service bination cargo and passenger ship. Would Be Given Opportunities for Promotion

Wilmington firemen have asked hat an amendment be offered to the now pending before the state stablishment of a civil service setup to have charge of such a large ship. egislature and providing for the for firemen and policemen, Repre-

The amendment would be offered from Newport News, Va., where she for the purpose of enabling the men was constructed. with the most service to be given

sentative John R. Morris said last

She was carrying a New Englandmade cargo for consignments to Continued on Page Three; Col. 2) ports all over the world.

enemy positions" in the neighborbood, the RAF said in an accom-

Cheren is the key to Asmara, capital of Italy's oldest colony and miles from the scene of the

garrison at Burye which attempted a sortie with cavalry and infantry,"

WorkOnCamp DavisReaches Half-WayPost Heavy Explosions Occur,

Construction of \$12,880. 660 Firing Center About 50 Per Cent Completed

14,000 MEN EMPLOYED British Legation in Sofia

One of Three Fire Stations At Camp Scheduled to Be Occupied Today

Construction of Camp Davis, the Coast Artillery's new \$12,880,660 anti-aircraft firing center at Holly Ridge, is approximately 50 per cent completed, an official of the constructing quartermasters' office said last night.

He pointed out that some features of the large development are well above 50 per cent completed and none are below the 40 occurred in the Ploesti fields, north per cent mark.

No buildings have been finished were started and attributed the it was explained, as the builders damage to RAF planes. The addo not consider a structure completed until every detail of work, such as wiring, painting and plumbing has been carried out. In about two weeks more it was In about two weeks more, it was said, several hundred buildings will Clutching their golden "Oscars," James Stewart and Ginger Rogers be completed.

Approximately 14,000 men are now employed on the project, Southwest of the Ploesti fields and which is expected to be completed by mid-May.

It was revealed that one of the three fire stations planned at the camp will be occupied today. This one is in the center of the developopposite ends in order to provide equal protection for the large area. Six fire trucks, two of 750-gallon pumping capacity and four of 500-gallons, will be stationed at it easier for Bulgaria to remain

the three stations. Two of the trucks have arrived and will be manian oil fields and communicaplaced at the center or No. 1 station today. A well-organized fire department was established at the camp at

the beginning of operations and is in charge of Lieutenant Wilbur (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

# **BROWN ADDRESSES NEGRO GATHERING**

Calls on Wilmingtonians to Open Homes and Clubs to Camp Davis Troops

Lieut. Col. Robert Duncan tory" of Germany and Italy, the of-Brown, who will be in command ficial Italian news agency, Stefani, of the negro troops at Camp Davis, urged negro citizens to open their homes, churches, and clubs for the entertainment of commissioned men of these regiments in a talk was made. It simply declared that held yesterday afternoon at St. Stephen's A.M.E. church under the auspices of the T. J. Bullock Post first reviewed the Nazl troops. No. 4, American Legion.

Lieut Col Brown told a capa city audience that "these boys were American boys away from man cooperation on African soil we

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Waterways Are Proposed

fitably spent on maintenance of Cost of maintenance at More-rivers and harbors in North Caro-head City, another chief port, was

for new work.

from Norfolk, Va., to Beaufort In- herrin river, \$3,500; Cashie river, committee said \$225,000

The largest North Carolina item Waterway from Norfolk to included was \$454,600 for mainte- 000; Knobbs Creek, \$10,000; Me-

# Yugoslav Regent, German TAKE UP QUARTERS **Minister Hold Conference**

TOWARD TURKEY; ENGLAND

TO BREAK WITH BULGARIA

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia, March 2—(P)—The probability that Yugoslavia soon will sign the Axis three-power pact was reported in authoritative quar-

These sources said this resulted from conferences between Prince Paul, the Yugoslav regent, and Viktor von Heeren, German minister to Belgrade.

Scarcely had Bulgaria entered the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance Saturday, they said, than von Heeren requested a special audience. He was said to have been

received last night. (A Berlin radio broadcast, heard in New York by NBC, said that Yugoslav Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic had returned to Belgrade Sunday afternoon from a week-end at his country estate and immediately held an "extremely lengthy" conference with Prince Paul.) Authoritative sources said

von Heeren "informed" Prince Paul that his conversations last week with German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop concerned Yugoslavia's position in the Nazi plans for a new European order. They said he 'reviewed

Yugoslavia's position in the light of recent developments in the Balkans, especially Bulgaria's adherence to the Axis pact," and "touched" on the

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# Turks Close Dardanelles **ToShipsWithoutPermits**

Units of Fleet Steam Out of Istanbul Toward the Negotin, where this dispatch originated, lies about 175 miles **Famous Straits** 

about 120 miles Northwest of So fia, Bulgaria, which the Nazis oc-ISTANBUL, Turkey, March 2. -(AP)-The Turkish navy ministry George W. Rendel, British min- announced tonight that the strateister to Bulgaria, said Friday that gic Dardanelles straits had been the British would regard them-closed to all ships except those ment and the other two will be at selves as "free to attack the Ger- having special permits and emmans on Bulgarian soil without ploying Turkish naval pilots. any formal declaration" of war. The ruling went into effect to-

Rumania, he said, had not been night. Units of the Turkish fleet, it was bombed "because we want to make learned at the same time, steamed out of Istanbul towards the Darneutral," and implied that Rudanelles today.

NO EXPLANATON

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 3) No explanation was offered immediately for Turkey's action in NAZIS PUSH MOVE shutting the Dardanelles to any traffic except under strict Turkish control and for speeding her fleet TO HELP ITALIANS into that vital zone.

Presumably, however, it is a opments which put Bulgaria solid- Four Ships, Totaling 24, ly in the Axis orbit and opened the Bulgarian frontier to Germany's legions.

Because Bulgaria already had been infiltrated by the German military and written off as an ROME, March 2 .-- (A)-The Gerinevitable Axis ally, it is likely man troops sent to Libya to that thoughts for defense of the strengthen faltering Italian forces Dardanelles were prominent in the attack today, informed sources rethere have taken an oath to "make discussions last week between the greatest effort for a joint vic Turkish officials and British foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the British imperial staff.

The Dardanelles and the Bosporus are of high military significance because they are the gates between the Mediterranean Sea already a major theater of the European war, and the Black Sea,

officer not identified in the dispatch Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

#### Then the German officer delivered **Army Orders** "At the beginning of Italian-Ger-

WASHINGTON, March 2.—The War Department released the following or-ders yesterday, dated Feb. 27. BRIGADIER GENERAL

23.
Williamson, M. S., Cav., Decatur, Ga., to 2d Armored Div'n., Ft. Benning, Ga., June 1.
Scott, J. P., Cav., Phoenix, Ariz., to 2d Armored Div'n., Ft. Benning, Ga., to sail from San Francisco, Calif., about April 12 for New York.
Gibson, H. D., Inf., Schenectady, N. Y., detailed in General Staff Corps, headquarters, Governors Island, N. Y. MacDonald, S. C., Inf., Pueblo, Col., to Inf. Replacement Center, Camp Wolters, Texas, March 13.

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Anthony Eden Arrives In Greece for Talks

ATHENS, March 2-49-British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden arrived today by plane from Turkey and was received by King George II.

Accompanying Eden was General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the British imperial staff, who participated with Eden in talks with Turkish chieftains during their stay in Turkey. Premier Alexander Korizis

will give a luncheon tomorrow in Eden's honor. He also will be honor guest at a dinner at the British legation tomorrow night.

Eden plans to stay in Athens a few days.

# **BRITISH VESSELS SUNK BY GERMANS**

000 Tons, Destroyed During Air Attack

BERLIN, March 2 .- (AP) -Four British merchantmen, totalling 24, 000 tons, were sunk by German air These were in addition to five

vessels claimed by Germany's seagoing fliers to have been sunk Sat urday in raids on British shipping. One 10,000-ton ship was said to have been sunk immediately in to- sign the Axis pact and open the day's air bombardment when a direct country to German armies, since hit on the engine room exploded the the British must resist the Gervessel's boiler off the Shetland Is- man march and Bulgaria may belands. Two other ships, of 8,000 and come a battleground. 10,000 tons, travelling in the same convoy, were so seriously damaged have replied that he had chosen they sank soon after the attack, the course which he believed best these sources said.

A fourth merchantman, of 2,000

Throughout Bulgaria BREAK SEEN TUESDAY

Extensive Air Raid Defense

Precautions Are Pushed

British Envoy Tells King Boris That War Will 'Undoubtedly Follow'

SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 3-Monday)-(P)-The vanguard of Germany's onrushing Balkan army, speeding across Bulgaria from bases in Rumania, was reported to have reached the Greek frontier at four points early today. The Germans also sped toward the Turkish frontier. Two trainloads of infantrymen were dispatched from Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second largest city, toward the Turk border.

Take Up Quarters

Reports from the provinces said small Nazi detachments had taken up quarters in the Bulgarian towns of Slatograd, Melnik, Trigrad, and Svilengrad, a few miles short of the Greek frontier.

Other troops were said to be olling into Plovdiv. Air raid defense precautions

went steadily ahead throughout Bulgaria. Anti-aircraft batteries were installed on all large railway stations as well as important bridges

Although official orders were not given, many citizens of Sofia began leaving the city for the coun-

Queen Ioanna, daughter of King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy, and crown Prince Simeon and Princess Marie Louise left for the country

MAY BREAK TUESDAY SOFIA, Bulgaria, March 3-

Monday)—(A)—British quarters in Bulgaria's capital declared early today that minister George Rendel had informed King Boris Britain would break off relations with Bulgaria "probably Tuesday" and that a state of war would "un-doubtedly follow."

The British minister and King Boris were alone for two hours last night, talking in the monarch's study.

Through the windows, both men could see gray armored cars, troops and trucks of Germany's army rolling through Sofia's main streets.

Friendly Talk The talk was described as very friendly.

King Boris met the tall, stooped British minister on the palace steps and escorted him into the study. Rendel was understood to have expressed regret felt by the British government that Bulgaria should

King Boris was understood to for his people.

The German and Italian minisons, said to have been intercepted in ters were received by Boris just

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# Germany Calls On Turkey To Offer War Mediation

INSTANBUL, Turkey, March 2. | was in a most favorable position to -(P)-It was learned on reliable act as mediator. authority today that Germany asked Turkey to offer to mediate the ridiculed the report and repeated visit in this country of British for- winner to suggest peace.") eign secretary Anthony Eden.

The British, however, flatly refused to consider mediation when sounded out by Turkey, this source said

A well-informed source said that

European war during the recent the stock answer, "It is not for the It was a week-end busy with

(Authorized sources in Berlin

diplomatic activity at Ankara with President Ismet Inonu keeping in close touch with his cabinet. The cabinet, with Inonu presid-

ing, held an extraordinary session German Ambassador Franz Von from late Friday night to the early Papen approached Turkish for-eign minister Sukru Saracoglu on mably considering Bulgaria's new

the subject before Eden's arrival last week, pointing out that Turkey (Continued on Page Three; Co.

# British Soldiers Capture Pass Leading To Cheren CAIRO March 2.— (A) —British The British also reported pro toldiers closing in an Italian forces of the green in constitions in Withinia. The British also reported pro toldiers closing in an Italian forces of the green in constitions in Withinia. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterCay.) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 34; 7:30 a. m. 29; 1:30 a. m. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 52; 7:30 p. m. 59 1:30 a. m. 52; 7:30 p. m. 59 CAIRO March 2.— (P) —British of proper descriptions in on Italian forces in operations in Ethiopia, where the native followers of Haile Selassic are cooperating in harassing the Italians, and in Italian proper in the month 0.00 inches. Total since first of the month 0.00 inches. Total since first of the month 0.00 inches. Total since first of the month 0.00 inches. Somaliland. The general headquarters communique said the troops in Ethiopia wilmington 11:30a a. m. 66; 1:30 p. 130 a. m. 66; 1:30 p. 130

panying communique.

"In the Gojjam (district) patriot (native Ethiopian) forces inflicted considerable losses on the Italian

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French Seize Oasis

LONDON, March 2.-(AP)-Ine headquarters of the "Free" French forces announced tonight that its troops in Libya, Italian North Africa, had captured the Oasis of Cufra, taking 1,000 pris-

De Gaullist troops from the Chad region and the Cameroons of French West Africa have besieged the Italian garrison at Cufra since Feb. 7, commanded

by General Eduard Rene Marie Cufra lies more than 600 miles inland in southern Libya, separated from British forces along the coast by a desertland. Another Oasis, Giarabub, much

PETAIN RETURNS VICHY, France, March 2-(AP)-Chief of State Marshal Petain returned from a tour of the main in-"deeply impressed by the enthu-

WEATHER

Sunrise 6:38a; sunset 6:10p; moonrise 9:41a; moonset 11:17p.

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 7) could be profitably spent during (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

Of Cufra, 1,000 Men

oners and "important war mate-

closer to the coast has been for weeks under British siege.

dustrial area of unoccupied France and non-commissioned officers and Stefani did not say when the pledge siasm of the workers" members of before a patriotic mass meeting

his suite said tonight.

North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness and warmer Monday; Tuesday cloudy and occasional rain, colder in

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ille on March 2, at 8 a. m., 9.60

The board of army engineers re- Cape Fear river at and below ported to congress today that ap- Wilmington, the state's principal proximately \$1,440,000 could be pro- port.

Funds To Maintain N. C.

lina during the 1941-42 fiscal year. put at \$89,000. The report, apparently reflecting Amounts the board said could be economy in such projects did not profitably expended on maintecall for expenditure of any amount nance of waterway projects included:

\$1,000; Roanoke river, \$1,000; wa-

BRIGADIER GENERAL

Metcalfe. R. F., Assistant to the Surgeon General, to retirement, May 31.

COLONELS

Holliday, R. C., Inf., Frederick, Md., to 367th Inf., Camp Claiborne, La., March 10.

Gillespie, J. A., Q. M. C., Ft. Bragg, N. C., to headquarters IX Army Corps, Ft. Lewis, Wash., Feb. 1; previous orders revokec.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS

Rogers, H. D., Med. Corps, three months and seven days leave, March 23.