

## FarmLand Is Sought In Onslow

### Seven Hundred Families Must Be Relocated Because of Marine Base

#### SURVEYS ARE BEGUN

County, State and Federal Agencies Cooperate in Seeking New Sites

By KEN NOBLE  
JACKSONVILLE, March 27.—With county, state and federal farm agencies cooperating, surveys were begun today to locate possible farm sites throughout Onslow county to which between 600 and 700 families can be moved when a few weeks hence, the Marine corps starts taking possession of its training base south of here.

An exodus without precedence in eastern North Carolina history, the mass-movement must be accomplished, Marine officials have notified local authorities, before summer's end.

It will begin with the early evacuation of approximately 200 farm families from land south of here in the vicinity of the state prison highway camp.

The surveys started today were participated in by officials of the Onslow county farm agent's office, the state department of agriculture and the Federal Farm Security Administration. Actually, the study is being conducted on a double front: Search for suitable farm acreage beyond the boundaries of the Marine base, which itself will cover 107,000 acres; and interviews with families to be moved to ascertain their requirements.

**Problem Grows**  
As the survey started, the magnitude of the problem of moving several hundred families grew by leaps and bounds.

An air of excited uncertainty prevailed throughout the entire area. First, only a very few persons have been officially advised that they must move. Secondly, others who feel certain they will be evacuated, but are not certain about it, hesitate to start spring planting. And their problem is a delicate one: If they fail to get in

## WEATHER DELAYS N. C. WEED CROP

### Weeks Says Color Of Leaf Very Poor And Crop Is Latest Since 1937

RALEIGH, March 27.—(AP)—Unfavorable weather has made this year's tobacco crop the latest since 1937, L. T. Weeks, N. C. State college extension specialist, said today.

"The color of the tobacco plants is very poor," Weeks said, "and the stand of plants is far below normal. However, if the plants that are on hand now can be taken care of, I do not think there will be any shortage.

"Nevertheless, growers should use every precaution to protect the plants from insects and blue mold disease."

## Large British Aid Fund Is Signed By Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—The \$7,000,000 appropriation to aid nations battling the Axis was signed by President Roosevelt today on his yacht in Florida waters, while in Washington there were indications that the delivery of American airplanes to England had been accelerated in recent weeks.

## Army Girl



Sweetheart of U. S. Military Academy at West Point is Barbara Barton, student at Christian college, Columbia, Mo. Cadets elected Winnetka, Ill., beauty overwhelmingly during voting on pictures of their girl friends.

## THOMPSON MAKES REPORT ON WATER

### Supports Proposal To Tap Cape Fear River At King's Bluff Dam

The detailed findings of an exhaustive U. S. government survey of possible shallow well sources from which the city of Wilmington might derive its principal water supply were received yesterday by the city department of public works.

The findings, compiled by David G. Thompson, chief of the geological survey of the Department of Interior, augment in detail a summary of the survey contained in a water research report submitted to the city two weeks ago by a Raleigh consulting engineer.

In the summary of his findings Thompson concluded that a while shallow wells could be used as a principal source of the municipality's water supply, it would be more feasible and less expensive to tap the Cape Fear river at King's Bluff dam.

In this respect, Thompson's survey agreed with the recommendations of the private consulting engineer, W. C. Olsen, and with an earlier survey conducted by James E. L. Wade, city commissioner of public works.

Thompson's detailed findings disclosed the thoroughness of the government's survey made at the city's request. It covered minute analyses of 43 existing wells in Pender, Columbus, Brunswick, Onslow and New Hanover counties. Of the 43 wells surveyed, their waters analyzed and histories compiled 14 were in the city of Wilmington.

They were as follows: Municipal pumping station at Hilton park; the Boyle Ice company, North 10th street; a well at Fifth and Bladen streets, owner unknown; the Independent Ice company, between Sixth and Seventh on Brunswick street; the Wilmington Cold Storage company, Second and Campbell streets; the Hotel Cape Fear, Second and Chestnut streets; a municipal well at Fourth and Princess streets; the Carolina apartments, Fifth and Market streets; the Coca Cola Bottling company, 10th and Princess streets; the Rose Ice company, 12th and Market streets; a private well on the J. D. Bellamy, Jr., property at Third and Nun streets;

## Cheren Is Occupied By British

### Harar, Second of Ethiopia, Is Also Announced

#### LAST RAMPARTS FALL

##### Italian Casualties In Siege Of Cheren Total From 3,000 To 4,000

CAIRO, Egypt, March 27.—(AP)—The British announced tonight they had stormed and occupied Cheren, East Africa's major stronghold of Italian resistance, and captured Harar, second city of Ethiopia.

Thus crumbled what may prove to be the last real ramparts of Italy's African empire.

Cheren, mountain key to Eritrea's capital, Asmara, 45 miles to the southeast, had been defended for seven weeks by 35,000 crack Fascist troops under the command of the Duke of Aosta.

**Heavy Fighting**  
Italian troops were streaming toward Asmara under a heavy barrage of British shells and air bombs, but the British warned against too sanguine hopes that the capture of Asmara would follow soon.

The Italians are expected to reform their lines either before or at that town, which has been the point to which Italian families removed from Cheren have been taken.

This may prompt the Italians to declare it an open city, the British said.

Cheren fell to British and Indian troops after two weeks of desperate fighting on tortuous terrain in a treacherous climate.

For ten days, the Italians launched a series of counterattacks against positions wrested from them by the British, but these, the British declared were thrown back with heaviest losses.

In the face of heavy fire, the British not only stormed deep slopes but carried their water, food and ammunition up them.

Harar, ancient walled Mohammedan city of some 40,000 population lies at the British drive toward the Jibuti-Addis Ababa railway, which they seek to cut at Dire-dawa, 35 miles distant.

Cheren, which military observers

## RIVERS-HARBORS BILL ADVANCED

### Measure Passed By House Includes \$200,000 For Port Maintenance

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The rivers and harbors bill passed yesterday by the house of representatives included \$200,000 for maintenance of the Cape Fear at Wilmington, according to an announcement received last night from the office of Representative J. Bayard Clark.

Army Engineers had previously recommended the \$200,000 for maintenance of the Port of Wilmington as a part of a \$750,000 project to maintain waterway projects in North Carolina during the fiscal year of 1941-42.

# Yugoslavia Rushes Troops To Battle Posts After Ousting Pro-Nazi Rule; Germans Threaten March On Country; U. S. Promises New Leaders Real Aid

## APPROVES REVOLT

### Acting Secretary of State Dispatches Encouraging Message to Belgrade

#### LANE INSTRUCTED

##### New Cabinet Described by Envoy to U. S. as Representative of Nation

By J. C. STARK  
WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—The United States, acting swiftly to bolster courage and Axis defiance in Yugoslavia, today promised to give that country's new leaders effective material aid in fighting off any aggression.

Approving enthusiastically the overthrow of leaders who had aligned their country with the Axis, the government here rushed assurances of American sympathy and support to the new cabinet installed in power under young King Peter II.

**Sends Message**  
Even as the new government of anti-German complexion organized and moved to restore order and unity in the torn kingdom, Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, dispatched an encouraging message to Belgrade.

He instructed Arthur Bliss Lane, American minister in Belgrade, to tell the new government that:

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**Signing Adds Force**  
Giving force to the American assurances was the signing today by President Roosevelt of the \$7,000,000 appropriation bill to finance the lease-lend program of aid to Britain and other nations battling the Axis.

The new Yugoslav cabinet was described by Constantin Fotitch, Yugoslav minister to the United States, as truly representative of the nation as a whole and he declared his "fullest sympathy" with its policies.

Talking to newsmen after a conference with Welles, Fotitch interpreted the policy of the new government as the "preservation of peace and the complete sovereignty, independence and national integrity" of Yugoslavia.

He declared the new leaders had the support of all political and military groups in the nation and that of Yugoslavs in America and other parts of the world.

It was indicated that as soon as the new government was firmly entrenched and the political situation was clarified, the United States would release more than \$50,000,000 of Yugoslav assets in this country which were frozen Tuesday immediately after the former regime signed the Axis pact.

Government quarters here echoed the words of British Prime Minister Churchill that Yugoslavia

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## NAZIS GIVE VIEWS

### Renunciation of Pact Is Termed Signal for Drive Against Country

#### PAINT DARK FUTURE

##### Berlin May Insist on Liberation of Cvetkovic and Cincar-Markovic

BERLIN, March 28.(Friday)—(AP)—Unofficial German political circles opined today that Yugoslavia knows perfectly well that for her now to renounce the Axis pact would be tantamount to giving the "go sign" to Germany to march in to compel her to live up to it.

It was understood by these circles that the German government, which last night demanded an explanation of Yugoslavia, left no doubt that the new government must come through with an unequivocal statement of its position on the pact.

**Insufficient**  
Mere phrases like "bringing Yugoslav neutrality into line with the pact" were considered insufficient.

That the new Yugoslav government cannot do otherwise than stick to the Axis was regarded as self-evident by German political circles.

Refusal to regard the pact as binding, it was intimated, might lead directly to dissolution of Yugoslavia much in the manner of Czechoslovakia.

Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Italy and Germany might all claim slices of the kingdom if it declined to "play ball" it was said.

(An informed source in Sofia, capital of German-occupied Bulgaria, said Nazi troops were rushing toward the Yugoslav frontier, reversing the southward movement of the past four weeks.)

Political circles expressed confidence, however, that the Belgrade shakeup did not affect the Yugoslav realm as far as relations with

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## BETHLEHEM STRIKE MEET IS DELAYED

### Union and Federal Conciliator Discuss Company's Counter Proposals

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 27.—(AP)—A CIO union official announced tonight a conference with Bethlehem Steel officials had been delayed temporarily to enable the union and a federal conciliator to discuss the company's proposals for settlement of a strike at the firm's parent plant.

John V. Riffe, assistant director of the Steel Workers' Organizing committee, made the announcement shortly before midnight.

At the conclusion of SWOC meeting with the mediator, Riffe said, the union would sit down with company representatives later tonight "no matter what time it is."

Earlier, Riffe had said the company had agreed to continue the conference.

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## Arrested



REGENT PRINCE PAUL

## BRITAIN PLEDGES YUGOSLAVIA HELP

### Naval-Military-Aerial Drive to Harry Nazi Flank in Balkans Seen

LONDON, March 27.—(AP)—Winston Churchill pledged all of Britain's might today to "make common cause" with the new Yugoslav government — if that government were prepared to fight the Axis—and other informed sources at once pictured this help as a naval military-aerial movement to harry the whole German right flank in the Balkans.

This, they said, could be accomplished by British battle fleet sweeps in the Adriatic; by the transfer of Imperial troops through Salonika, Greece, into Yugoslavia by the action of British warplanes based in Greece.

The German left flank rests now on the Black sea in both Rumania and Bulgaria; the right flank at the moment along the Yugoslavian frontier; the whole pointed down toward the Aegean.

British informants called Yugoslavia's turn-about "the first major political defeat sustained by the Germans on the continent . . . a blow in the face for Hitler in the presence of the Japanese Foreign Minister (Yosuke Matsuoka, who is now in Berlin.)"

Should Yugoslavia go through with her apparent intention to resist the Nazis, it was added, the whole course of matters in the southeast would be radically changed; the German high command would be put in the position of having to move with a flank uncovered—a dangerous maneuver—if it moved at all.

It was suggested here that British military action in aid of the Yugoslavians would be set off by a request from King Peter II of Yugoslavia and a hostile movement by the Germans themselves.

Prime Minister Churchill's announcement of the sharply changed atmosphere in Belgrade came toward the end of a speech before the conservative party central committee in which he had reviewed

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## Army Orders

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—The War Department released the following orders yesterday, dated March 25:

**COLONEL**  
Watts, L., Signal Corps, Panama Canal Depot, to 3d Corps Area, Baltimore, Md.  
**LIEUTENANT COLONELS**  
Storms, H. E., Sig. Corps, Ft. Monmouth, N. J., to sail from New York about June 12 for Panama Canal.  
Waldron, A. W., C. A., New York, N. Y., to C. A. Replacement Center, Ft. East, Va.  
Watson, J. T., Jr., Sig. Corps, Washington, D. C., and from additional duty 3d Corps Area, to 6th Corps Area, Chicago, Ill.  
Tighe, J. R., Q. M. C., Ft. Dix, N. J., and additional duty, Peckirkton, N. Y., upon arrival of Lt. Col. Richardson, Eng'rs., to Assistant Quartermaster, Ft. Dix, N. J.  
Longacre, C., Q. M. C., leave extended one month.  
Caldwell, G. L., Vet. Corps orders amended to assign to duty with staff and faculty, Cav. School, Ft. Riley, Kan.

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## BOY KING PETER GIVEN FULL POWER

### Deposed Regent Prince Paul Is Held Under Military Arrest; Public Cheers New Regime and Calls for War on Germany

#### NAZIS, ITALIANS TRY TO FLEE NATION

##### Germans in Bulgaria Reverse Southward Movement Toward Greece and Turkey And Rush Toward Yugoslav Border

By ROBERT ST. JOHN  
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 28 (Friday)—(AP)—Yugoslavia sped its army of 1,200,000 to battle stations today on the swift pace of an anti-Nazi, pro-British coup that overthrew the regency government for joining this kingdom to the Axis, placed the boy King Peter II in full power, and held the deposed Regent Prince Paul under military arrest.

The military revolt against the Axis alignment began at 2 a. m. Thursday and took control with the force of the army behind it.

**Calls For War**  
The public, vigorously disapproving the Axis pact, hysterically cheered the new regime and called with increasing fervor for war against Germany.

Jubilant crowds still tramped the streets early today. The stormy Belgrade populace seemed to accept as a foregone conclusion that the new government would repudiate wholly the regency regime and one prominent Yugoslav summed it up this way:

"If this government doesn't resist, we'll get another one that will."

The rush of men to the colors was swift, trains, automobiles and taxicabs were commandeered to take them to the frontiers; military trucks rumbled through the streets; and overhead the sky was darkened with Yugoslav's warplanes.

German and Italian nationals, gaily triumphant such a little time before, frantically tried to get out of the country. After the frontiers of the country were opened last evening all travelers carrying German passports were refused entry.

(Reports from Sofia, Bulgaria, said German troops occupying that country had reversed their southward movement toward the Greek and Turkish frontiers and were rushing toward the border of defiant Yugoslavia.)

## YUGOSLAV RULER SYMBOL OF YOUTH

### Is Thrust Into Leadership Of Country Six Months Ahead of Schedule

BUDAPEST, Hungary, March 27.—(AP)—Thrust into leadership of Yugoslavia six months ahead of schedule, slim, serious King Peter II symbolizes the fierce spirit of youthful independence which protested capitulation to Germany by the nation's elder statesmen.

The 17-year-old king is in the vanguard — perhaps unconscious — of a modern children's crusade, a part of the revolutionary movement which overthrew the Yugoslav government today.

Youth set the pace. Dispatches from Belgrade have told of students rioting in schools, wrecking their desks in protest against Axis demands.

One story relates how boys hung a picture of Adolf Hitler on a classroom wall and pelted it with chalk.

The hot-headed Serbs are bred in an atmosphere where disputes are sometimes settled with hatchets, and they traditionally learn to

## Seized at Vinkovci

Paul was seized by the army at Vinkovci, important railway junction near the Hungarian border. He had been reported in flight to Hungary or Greece.

A new government headed by the tough old air corps chief, Gen. Dusan Simovic, with the 17-year-old King Peter handed full sovereignty.

Von Heeren foreign office official, said King was as good as a new cabinet.

He was given minutes to state his position — reportedly a virtual ultimatum.

When he asked the new government's terms, he replied that the Axis pact old regime signed in Vienna, was repudiated by the new foreign minister, Ncmthilo Nincic.

"I can't tell you the terms of the Axis pact," he said, "but the policy of the government will be based on the Axis pact, and it is being repudiated."

Neutral diplomats, however, this was merely an at-

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## Knox And Knudsen Rejoice To Challenge From CIO

(By the Associated Press)  
Challenged by the CIO to state their authority for calling on the strike-bound Allis-Chalmers plant at Milwaukee to resume vital defense operations, Secretary Knox and William S. Knudsen replied last night that the strike vote was obtained by "fraudulent means" and that to continue the work stoppage would be "entirely unreasonable."

At the same time, they said their request had been an "appeal to the patriotism and loyalty" of men and management, not an "ultimatum."

Philip Murray, president of the CIO, had demanded to know under "what powers" the Navy secretary and director of the Office of Production Management had issued their "ultimatum." Knudsen and Knox replied in a telegram.

## WEATHER

**FORECAST**  
North Carolina: Partly cloudy, slightly warmer in interior Friday; Saturday generally fair and colder.  
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)  
**Temperature**  
1:30 a. m. 59; 7:30 a. m. 49; 1:30 p. m. 69; 7:30 p. m. 66; maximum 67; minimum 37; mean 57; normal 66.  
**Humidity**  
1:30 a. m. 78; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 47; 7:30 p. m. 74.  
**Precipitation**  
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.12 inches. Total since the first of the month 2.27 inches.  
**Tides For Today**  
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)  
High 10:16a 5:10p  
Low 10:34p 5:21a  
Masonboro Inlet 8:38a 1:57a  
8:18p 1:32p  
Sunrise 6:05a; sunset 6:30p; moonrise 6:32a; moonset 7:24p.  
**Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on March 27, at 8 a. m., 11.15 feet.**

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