

### VESSEL'S SAFETY REFUSED BY JAPS

#### Will Not Promise Safe Conduct For Liner Gripsholm Before June 16

WASHINGTON, June 11.—(AP)—The Japanese have refused to promise safe conduct for the liner Gripsholm until June 16, the State Department said today, and therefore its trip to Africa with several hundred Japanese from this country has been postponed.

Also contributing to the postponement is the fact that the United States government has failed to receive from the Japanese government the list of American nationals to be exchanged out of Japanese-occupied China.

The Japanese diplomatic and consular officials and other Japanese nationals already are aboard the Gripsholm in New York harbor and will remain aboard the ship in expectation of the arrival of the missing American list later.

The Gripsholm is expected to depart on a rearranged schedule on or about June 16. In accordance with exchange arrangements previously negotiated it will land its passengers at Laurence Marques in Portuguese East Africa, where they will be exchanged for American officials and nationals from Japan and Japanese-occupied areas.

**DROTTHINGHOLM**  
LISBON, June 11.—(AP)—The Swedish diplomatic exchange liner Drottingholm arrived tonight with Axis diplomats and nationals from the United States.

### OPA EXTENDS GAS RATIONING PERIOD

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to pass the usual tests for supplemental rations. OPA said.

**TRANSPORT REVAMPED**  
CHICAGO, June 11.—(AP)—Secretary of War, said tonight America's oil for war, said tonight America's oil transportation system had been revolutionized to meet conditions brought on by the fight against the Axis.

"The oil companies, the railroads, and the truck operators have entirely revamped, within a single year, an oil transportation system that required a quarter of a century to develop," he said in a speech prepared for delivery before the Central Motor Freight Association.

"That I submit, is a transportation revolution. Without it, the eastern states long ago would have been in the grip of an oil famine."

In peacetime, Ickes said, 95 per cent of all oil used on the seaboard was transported in tank ships but Britain's need for tankers, plus the menace of submarines, has put the burden of railroad tank cars and motor tank trucks formerly used for short hauls.

### U. S. SHIP SINKS FOE SUBMARINE

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in the south Atlantic several days ago while a spotlight played on the ship's Swedish flag was disclosed today with the arrival of 20 survivors.

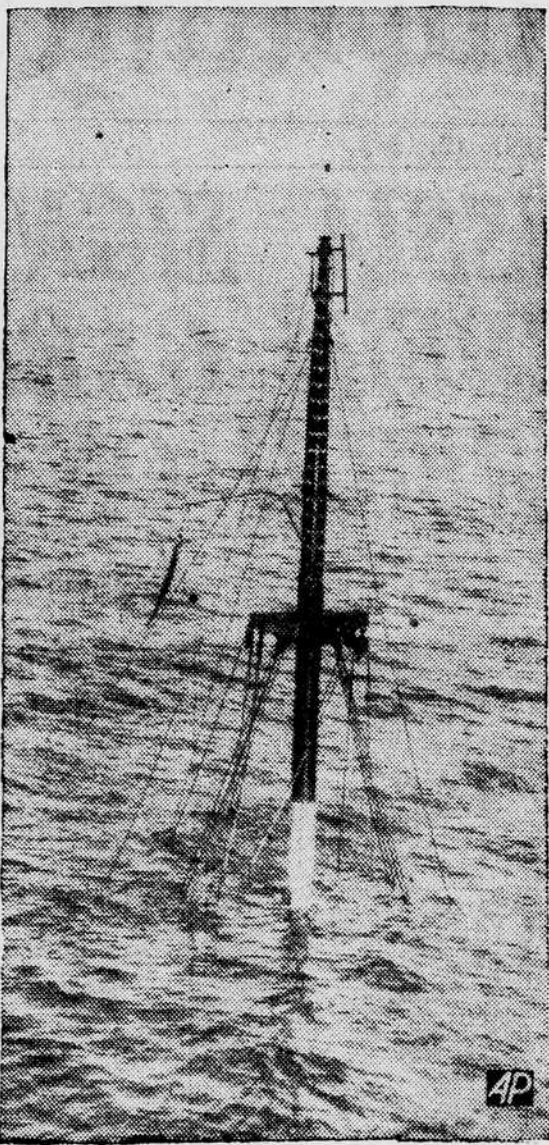
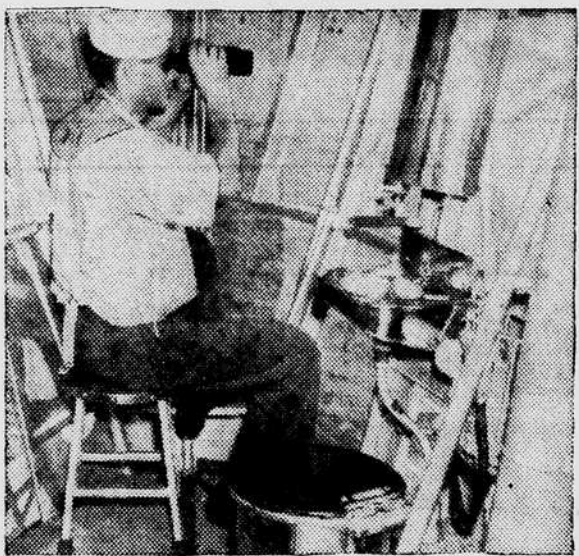
The master of the vessel said that the attack took place about 9:45 p. m. (EWT) after his ship almost collided with the submarine which was on the surface charging its batteries.

### SURVIVORS LAND

CIUD AD TRUJILLO, Dominican Republic, June 11.—(AP)—Fifteen survivors of an American freighter, including the captain, have arrived on the northern coast of the Dominican Republic after a torpedoed 130 miles northeast of Puerto Rico, it was reported by the newspapers La Nacion today.

The survivors landed at Monte Cristi after sailing for four days in an open boat, the report stated.

### Blimp Crewmen Hunt U-Boats In The Atlantic



While Seaman W. R. Crawford (top) from Chattanooga sits in the aft lookout post of a Navy blimp's cabin and scans the Atlantic for enemy submarines, Ensign Warren E. Savant (bottom) of Vasile, La., maps the course during a patrol flight from the Naval Air station at Elizabeth City, N. C. Right: The tattered British merchant marine flag still waves from the mast of a sunken merchant ship which rests in shallow water in the "Graveyard of the Atlantic" off Cape Hatteras.

### NAVY WANTS 2,500 FLIERS EACH MONTH

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efficiency of men, methods and machines, and added:  
"Our Naval pilots have met this test not only with unsurpassed gallantry, but with the precision that is acquired only by repeated practice during long months of training."

### MORE CADETS

CHAPEL HILL, June 11.—(AP)—Exactly 242 more cadets, most of them from New York and Pennsylvania, arrived here today to enroll in the Navy's eastern aviation pre-flight school, headed by Commander O. O. Kessing, at the University of North Carolina.

They underwent physical examinations, were issued uniforms, assigned rooms, and this afternoon began drilling.

### CHINESE ATTACK AT REAR OF JAPS

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Chuhsien. The other was spread over a large triangle south of Nanchang.

The Chinese high command acknowledged that the invaders had captured Tsungjen, 60 miles south of Nanchang, but said they met stiff resistance which developed in a bitter battle near the town.

Central Daily News reported that 2,400 Japanese had been killed in two other fights along the southern and southwestern borders of Shantung province, more than 500 miles to the north.

Meanwhile the Japanese increased their aerial onslaughts. Four planes dropped bombs in the heart of Changsha.

A Chinese spokesman said that despite Japanese gains into northern Burma, the land transportation link between China and India "remains passable."

### U. S. AND RUSSIA SIGN WAR ACCORD

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ing and interpreting the provisions of the mutual aid pact emphasizes that:  
"The agreement reaffirms this country's determination to continue to supply in ever increasing amounts aid to the Soviet Union in the war against the common enemy. The agreement also provides for such reciprocal aid as the union may be in a position to supply."

"But no matter how great this aid may prove to be, it will be small in comparison with the magnificent contribution of the Soviet Union's armed forces to the defeat of the common enemy."

The ceremony of signing took place at the State Department only a few hours after the White House announced that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov had been in Washington and discussed with President Roosevelt and his advisors "fundamental problems of cooperation of the Soviet Union and the United States in safeguarding peace and security to the free-loving peoples after the war."

### GREAT BRITAIN TOO

LONDON, June 11.—(AP)—Britain and Soviet Russia have made an historic pledge to keep an armed peace against Germany after the Nazis are beaten in this war and have renounced territorial greed or meddling in the internal affairs of other nations, the government announced today.

Disclosing the terms of a solemn treaty designed to last for at least 20 years, the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, told the House of Commons the story of last month's trip to London and Washington by V. M. Molotov, and of the conversations which—in both capitals—resulted in a "full understanding" on "the urgent tasks of creating a second front in Europe in 1942."

The treaty itself was signed May 26, five days after the Soviet Premier had reached London, and just before he left for the United States.

It consummated the negotiations of an alliance which took place in Moscow in December of 1941, but it went much further than that. Not only did it take cognizance of Russia's urgent needs in her fight for life against Germany; it also laid down an unprecedented basis for European security after the war is over.

Russia, it was understood, made a major concession under the persuasion of the United States ambassador, John G. Winant. She agreed not to press her earlier demand for a guarantee of her pre-war Baltic frontiers.

The two contracting parties promised:

1. "To afford one another military and other assistance and support of all kinds in the war against Germany and all those states which are associated with her in acts of aggression in Europe."

2. "To enter no negotiations with a Hitlerite government or any other government in Germany that does not clearly renounce all aggressive intentions," and to make no separate peace whatsoever with Germany or her Allies.

3. After the war, to "take all measures in their power to render impossible the repetition of aggression and violation of peace by Germany or any of the states associated with her in acts of aggression in Europe;" to give each other full military support in the event Germany resumes the fight after the war.

4. "To work together in close and friendly collaboration after the re-establishment of peace for

the organization of security and economic prosperity in Europe. They will take into account the interests of the United Nations in these objects and they will act in accordance with two principles: of not seeking territorial aggrandizement for themselves, and of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

5. To give each other all possible economic assistance after the war and to join no coalition directed at one or the other of the signatories.

A foreign office communique, read to the House of Commons by Eden, contained the reference to a second front. For obvious reasons, there was no elaboration. Japan nowhere was mentioned in the treaty because first, she is not at war with Russia, and secondly, Russia, fully involved in a fight for life on her European frontier, is loath to give Japan cause for war.

### RADIO PASSES IT UP

NEW YORK, June 11.—(AP)—The German radio, barely mentioning the British-Russian mutual assistance pact itself, went to lengths today to argue that informed quarters in Berlin had known for several days about Vyacheslav Molotov's visit to the United States and Britain.

If the Germans actually knew of the Russian foreign commissar's travels they had singularly failed to exploit their knowledge. Nothing was forthcoming on the subject from Berlin until well after the announcements had been made today in London and Washington.

### CZECH TERRORISM STILL UNABATED

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ropean Revolution," in a broadcast recorded in New York by the CBS listening station.

"Comrades," the announcer said, "an open word is imperative in the face of the mass murder with the gangster band of Nazis is defeated on the field of battle, then the flood of revenge will break down on us. No affirmation that we had nothing to do with the Nazis will help us then."

The Czech-Slovak protest followed shortly after one broadcast by General Wladyslaw Sikorski, president of Poland, against "mass shootings" of Poles, "torture of tens of thousands" in concentration camps and "deportation of more than 1,500,000 people."

"Only by the announcement of retribution," he said, "and the application of reprisals whenever possible can a stop be put to the rising tide of madness of these German assassins."

General Sikorski said the terror wave had "assumed vast proportions in Poland" since the visit of Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler hundreds of mass executions earlier in the spring. He asserted which school children were forced to witness, had occurred.

Meanwhile, official Netherlands circles, in London declared they had information of a German plan to uproot 3,000,000 Dutchmen and settle them in German-occupied western Russia. They expressed confidence, however, that the scheme was doomed to failure.

Under the German plan a new corporation, called the Netherlands East company, has been organized and given a monopoly on a Dutch settlement in western Russia.

Netherlands circles said the plan had a two-fold purpose: diverting Dutch attention from the loss of the East Indies and setting up a bloc of western Europeans in Russia as a buffer against the Slavs.

"All previous attempts to interest the Dutch people in settling the conquered areas having failed, the Nazis are offering this grandiose scheme," one source said. "It is ridiculous."

### TOTAL DESTRUCTION CHARGED TO NAZIS

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lion Soviet citizens residing in towns and villages and the illegitimate classing of them as prisoners of war.

"Destruction of Russian national culture and the national culture of the peoples of the Soviet Union and the forcible Germanization of Russians, Ukrainians, White Russians, Lithuanians, Latvians, Estonians and other peoples of the U. S. S. R. extermination of the Soviet population, prisoners of war and guerrilla fighters by bloody violence, torture, executions and the massacre of Soviet citizens irrespective of their nationalities social standing, sex or age."

### BRITISH WITHDRAW LIBYAN GARRISON

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my units which had been encircled there."

Military circles in London said that the immediate effect of the loss of Bir Hacheim was to assure shorter and safer Axis supply lines. Of itself, the loss was not, however, deemed a vital setback for the British and their allies.

The Germans said the British had lost 24 tanks in their latest counter-attack against German and Italian troops.

### Obituaries

#### A. B. BRYAN

WHITEVILLE, June 11.—A. B. Bryan, 69, prominent attorney and morning at 1:30 o'clock at his home. He had been in declining health for a number of years.

Funeral services will be held at the home in Chadbourn Friday morning at 11 o'clock with the Rev. J. R. Kennedy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, in charge. Burial will follow in the Chadbourn cemetery.

Mr. Bryan had been living in Chadbourn for the past 28 years, having been born in Madison county. He was educated at Wake Forest college and had been a practicing attorney in the courts of Madison and Columbus counties for a number of years before ill health forced his retirement several years ago.

He represented Madison county for one term in the North Carolina House of Representatives and another term in the Senate before coming to Chadbourn.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Zula Hubbard Bryan, of Chadbourn formerly of Greenville, Tenn.; one daughter, Mrs. S. L. Fuller, of Whiteville; four brothers, J. F. Bryan of Marshall; L. A. Bryan of Marshall; A. E. Bryan of Asheville, and W. W. Bryan of Hickory, and one sister, Mrs. J. T. Hobby of Raleigh. Two grandchildren, Virginia Bryan Fuller and Louise McKay Fuller, also survive.

Mr. Bryan was long active in the county life of the town and community. He was a member of the Chadbourn Presbyterian church and was affiliated with the Masonic Order. He was also for a long time attorney for the town of Chadbourn.

#### MRS. ELLA ROOKS PINER

Mrs. Ella Rooks Piner, 79, died at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at her home near Bolton after an extended illness.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Idella Odom, Bolton; Mrs. Mary Price, Wilmington, and Mrs. Etta Piner, Willard, two brothers, James Rooks, Wallace, and Thomas Rooks, Thomasville, Ga.; 32 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from Shiloh Methodist church, near Bolton, by the Rev. Earle L. Bradley. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: active, J. P. Long, W. C. Sealey, Jim Carroll, W. W. Carroll, George Carroll and J. C. Long; honorary, Hackett Applewhite, H. A. Lng, B. H. Brown, E. M. Herren, Armlin Holmes, J. F. Wilson, A. B. Ward, Wade Dowless, J. W. Brinkley, J. C. Nye, E. E. Nye, G. D. Nye and A. J. Harris.

The funeral cortege will leave the Yopp Funeral home here at 2:30 this afternoon.

#### E. V. MCKENZIE

E. V. McKenzie, 84, of 804 Dock street, died at 10:45 Thursday night at the James Walker Memorial hospital after an illness of two weeks. Funeral arrangements were incomplete last night.

Surviving are two sons, W. K. McKenzie, Elizabeth, N. J., and George Robert McKenzie, Wilmington; one daughter, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Wilmington; a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. E. M. Parker, of Savannah, Ga.

### 'House Of Magic' Ends 4-Day Run At Davis

The General Electric company's "House of Magic" finished a four-day run at Camp Davis Thursday with a performance in the Red Cross Recreation Hall in the station hospital.

The final show was given before a number of patients and convalescents who did not have an opportunity to see it while it was at the regular camp theatres.

The House of Magic is a demonstration of the workers and illusions that can be produced through the use of electricity. Audiences of soldiers were held open-mouthed by the display.

Among the most popular devices shown was the stroboscope, which emits controlled flashes of light at regulated intervals. Modifications of this device are used in showing separate stages of an action on one film.

Other exhibitions gave examples of the amazing accomplishments of electrical science and research.

Admission was free.

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