

FORECAST
NORTH CAROLINA: Tuesday partly cloudy and moderate cold with slightly lower temperatures in southeastern part. Slightly warmer in mountains in afternoon.

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Arabian Oil Line Backed By Army, Navy

INDUSTRY OPPOSES

Military Leaders To Ask That Project Be Undertaken Immediately

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Military advocates of the proposed multi-million dollar trans-Arabian oil line are preparing to tell Congress, it was learned today, that the project should be under-taken immediately.

These representatives of the War and Navy Departments and the joint chiefs of staff will base their contentions, it was understood, on these two points:

Two Main Points
1. Delay might cost American companies their present complete domination of oil rights in the rich Saudi Arabian fields.
2. Unless it is started as soon as possible it will not be ready to deliver oil when the post-war European market opens up. Construction is estimated to require at least 18 months.

Their views will be presented to the Senate's special oil committee this week.

Time Element
Without going into the merits of the project—which has been condemned by oil industry leaders as a "possible breeder of future wars," its backers are described as considering the time element this way:

King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia has been hard-pressed for cash since the war began. His pre-war economy was supported mainly by Moslem pilgrimages to Mecca. The war has not stopped the pilgrimages.

The British government, with the aim of aiding a pro-Allied and strategically-located neutral, has turned over to him funds reported to total about \$200,000,000.

U. S. Assisting
The United States has assisted with lend-lease supplies approximately equal to the British payments.

But this represents only a portion of the king's pre-war income and unless he can look forward to considerably increased royalties from oil production in the next two years.

YUGOSLAV RULER WEDS IN LONDON

LONDON, March 20.—Young King Peter of Yugoslavia married his Greek princess, Alexandra, today in one of the strangest royal weddings London has ever seen, with King George VI as best man. Peter is 20, Alexandra 23 and pretty.

The young monarch, who risked the wrath of his people in defying a tradition that Serbian rulers should marry on their own soil, thus completed half the object of his present visit to London. The other half involved behind-the-scenes conferences, going forward between two of Peter's ministers and British leaders in the hope that an alliance could be arranged with the fighting partisans of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia.

Veteran Teacher Taking Up Fight Against Petrillo's Ban On Music

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—James Caesar Petrillo's refusal to permit the broadcasting of high school music hit a new harsh note in Congress today with demands that his "raids on school children" be brought to a halt with legislation.

County Medical Society Endorses TB Sanatorium

A letter from the New Hanover Medical Society was received and recognized by the Board of County Commissioners at its weekly meeting Monday afternoon, which stated that the group, which met March 16, passed unanimously a resolution stating that the group "go on record as endorsing the idea and confirming the need of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium in New Hanover county."

Plan To Put U. S. In Air Line Business Presented

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—Senator McCarran (D-Nev) proposed today that the United States enter the international air transport field with a billion dollar corporation open to participation by all existing airlines. McCarran embodied that idea in legislation which would write completely aviation law, establish a Civil Aeronautics Authority to replace two present agencies, assure state control of intrastate flying and provide a so-called "bill of rights" for private fliers.

ENGINEERS NAME DRIVE CAPTAINS

Information Chairman Certain Red Cross Campaign To Be Success

A meeting of employees of the Wilmington District Engineer's office Friday, at which Lt. Col. John T. Knight, Jr., district engineer, was the principal speaker was the preliminary "shove" in the American Red Cross drive for the engineer's office. Capt. Leslie Boney, Jr., public relation officer, announced Monday.

British Develop New 12-Ton Armored Car

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—The British announced today that they had developed a 12-ton armored car equipped to fire an anti-tank six-pounder while rumbling along from 18 to 42 miles an hour.

Called the "EAC Armored Car Mark 11," the radio-equipped vehicle also mounts machine-guns. The crew of four is protected by an armor plate an inch and a quarter thick at the front and one inch thick at the sides.

British Clear 700 Miles Of Coastline As Invasion Prelude

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—In prelude to the invasion of Europe, more than 700 miles of England's southern and eastern coastline were declared a "protected area" today, with severe limitations on all civilian movements effective April 1.

Keep The Red Cross At His Side

WASHINGTON, March 20.—(AP)—The Senate sustained today the House action in slashing \$1,500,000 from the appropriation of the Federal Communications Commission for the operation of its radio intelligence division and foreign broadcast monitoring service.

Jittery Germans Are Reported To Have Occupied All Hungary; Russians Capture Dniester Base

DRIVE TOWARD LWOW

Key Junction Of Mogilev-Podolski Is Taken By Soviet Troops

LONDON, Tuesday, March 21.—(AP)—Russian troops have captured the east bank German base and rail junction of Mogilev-Podolski on the Dniester river and hurled aside two Rumanian divisions trying to bar the Soviet surge into pre-war Rumania, a Moscow communique announced early today.

HEELS AIDED IN BURMA

NEW DELHI, March 20.—(AP)—Lt. John Kelly (Buddy) Lewis participated in the Allied airborne flanking attack in northern Burma with the same dash that he formerly showed as third baseman of the Washington Senators.

FRANKFURT AREA GIVEN PASTING

2,000 Planes Take To Air During Day To Batter Enemy Targets

LONDON, March 20.—(AP)—Fighter escorted U. S. Flying Fortress and Liberators, thundering through pea soup clouds, bombed military targets in the Frankfurt area today in the major operation of a day which saw between 1,600 and 2,100 British-based Allied planes of all types in the air against the Germans.

THIRD MEADOWS HEARING IS SET

GREENVILLE, N. C., March 20.—(AP)—Trustees of East Carolina Teachers College will hold their third public hearing tomorrow on a state auditor's report that President Leon R. Meadows has not satisfactorily accounted for \$18,000 in school funds.

VICHY MINISTER PUCHEU EXECUTED

ALGIERS, March 20.—(AP)—Declining to be blindfolded and himself shouting the command to fire, Pierre Pucheu, former Vichy interior minister, died at dawn today, sentenced by a special French military tribunal that found him guilty of treason.

SENATE SLASHES MONEY FOR FCC

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Destroyer Escort Ship Is Reported Lost In Atlantic By The Navy

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Loss of the destroyer escort Leopold in the Atlantic on March 10 due to an "underwater explosion" was announced today by the Navy.

Russians Drive On



Driven to the Dniester River and retreating in disorder over the old Rumanian border at Mogilev, fleeing Nazi forces are reported taking up new quarters at Cernauti, not far from the Prut River border of Rumania across which the Rumanians and Germans launched an invasion of Russia in 1941. This latest Nazi debacle is the result of a terrific new smash by Marshal Konev's army striking near Vinnitsa, as shown on the map. Mogilev (heavy arrow) has been captured by the Russians.

Jap Convoy Smashed; 5 Enemy Vessels Sunk

Furious warship and bomber attacks on Japanese strongholds in the Central and Southwest Pacific and development of a major battle in Burma in connection with the new Nippon offensive in that area were reported officially Monday. Battleships and carrier planes heavily shell-

NAZIS GIVE UP CASSINO HOTEL

Fresh Enemy Troops Infiltrate Into Southwest Corner Of Town

By LYNN HEINZELING
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO, March 20.—(AP)—The Germans have surrendered the Cassino Hotel which they had converted into a powerful fortress but fresh troops infiltrated into the southwest corner of the town last night and heavy fighting was in progress all day today.

MANY ARE FEARED KILLED IN WRECK

PASSAIC, N. J., March 20.—(AP)—A diver estimated late today that there were "about 25" bodies in a bus which had skidded from an ice-covered bridge into the 18-foot barge channel of the Passaic River nearly ten hours earlier.

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