Soviet Move

Is Disclosed

By Canadian

Prime Minister Tells Of

Conferences With Tru-

man And Attlee

SERIOUS SITUATION

Cypher Messages Related

To "Munition Plans,

Troop Movements"

OTTAWA, March 18-(UP)

King disclosed Monday night

was seeking information of "great

Making the first "top-level"

onage activities in Canada, King

told the House of Commons that

has arisen at any time in Canada."

Proved by Documents

proven through documents taken

embassy by Igor Gouzenko, cypher

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Source Of GI Gripes To Be

Investigated By Board

Under Doolittle

WASHINGTON, March 18-(U.P)-

Secretary of War Robert P. Patter.

son Monday named a six-man

board under Lieut. Gen. James H.

Doolittle to investigate the Army's

the promotion system. It is em-

powered to recommend any

changes it considers desirable.

Doolittle Flies In

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the fat of the land.

'CASTE SYSTEM

Soviet-inspired espionage was

Prime Minister MacKenzie

ESTABLISHED 1867

VHF Sure Thing For Field

NEWEST AIR DEVELOPMEN ASSURED FOR BLUETHENT

The ultra-modern VHF (very high frequency) radio range, the very latest scientific development in aviation navigation, is now a "sure thing" for Wilmington's Bluethenthal air-

The up-and-coming Wilming-ton-New Hanover Airport Authority disclosed this new, and important, news in their meeting yesterday afternoon in the Woodrow Wilson hut.

Open Bids May 1 In a letter from H. Harvie. perkins, regional superintendent of airports for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, it was revealed that bids for con-

THREAT TO PORT

Wilmington To Fight

Tampa Plan Of Rates

Florida Port Seeks To Be Included In Freight

Rate Area With Wilmington, Which

Would Mean Higher Fares Here

Port Traffic association is ready to meet it.

South Atlantic ports (which in-

sion very shortly, stating that the

cludes Wilmington) are unfair to

Since 1934 these South Atlantic

ports-Wilmington, Charleston, S.

C., Savannah, Ga., Brunswick, Ga., and Jacksonville, Fla.—have

operated with freight rates on a parity with the rates of the North

Atlantic ports, such as New York,

This means that the southern

ports have, since 1934, been on an

equal footing with the northern ports in freight operations to and

from industrial cities like Chica-

go, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., Louis-

ville, Ky., Evansville, Ind., Madi-

Tampa, a gulf port, now wants to be included in the South Atlantic

ports area. Tampa, however, is

relatively isolated as far as the

Atlantic ocean is concerned, and

its freight rates are in most cases

higher than those in the regular

The Wilmington Port Traffic as-

sociation believes that if Tampa is

ICC, the ICC might, in turn, abol-present South Atlantic

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ATTACK PLANNED

MADRID, March 18 .- (AP)-

The Spanish government Mon-

day night charged that the

United States engaged in

espionage activities in Spanish

North Africa in 1943, and early

the following year submitted a plan to other Allied nations

for an invasion of the Iberian

The charges were made in a

5,000-word "reply" to the recent U. S. "White Book" which 1s-

serted that the Franco regime

had cooperated with the Axis

The document, issued by the

foreign ministry, flatly denied

that Spain "was compromised

with the nations of the Axis"

and said that "the conduct, of

Spain toward the United States

during the war and post-war

years has been irreproach-

The Weather

North Carolina: Scattered light showers East portion Tuesday with little change

during the war.

FRANCO CHARGES

in her complaint to the

Atlantic ports.

Tampa Isolated

and St. Paul, Minn,

Norfolk, Baltimore, and Phila-

Parity With North Ports

struction of the VHF range will be opened on May 1. Actual construction is expected to be completed about July 1, and the range will be commissioned and in operation about August

Explains VHF
Just what the VHF range means for Bluethenthal field, and, hence, the city of Wilmington and New Hanover county, was expressed by Hamilton Hicks, Army engineer who helped develop Bluethenthal field and secretary of the Authority.

"It spells the difference between Bluethenthal as a 'cow-

TO BE HONORED

The name of Wilmington's

future 100-bed, \$700,000 Catho-

lic hospital has been changed

from St. Francis to Holy Fami-

ly, the campaign-funds committee disclosed yesterday.

Bishop Vincent S. Waters,
Raleigh, has given the institution the new name in honor of

the Sisters of the Holy Family

of Nazareth, the organization

which will operate the hospital.

in Italy in 1875, began opera-

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RED CROSS REPORT

The organization was founded

IN NEW HOSPITAL

thal as one airports of the Briefly, this is the story of the VHF radio range:

Radio Range

The compass is divided into 360 degrees. The old four-way radio range transmitted radio signals to planes in only four directions. In other words, a pilot had to reel his way round in stormy weather until he contacted one of the four beams to guide him safely into the

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TOBACCO FARMERS **REACH NEW HIGHS**

Weed Brings In \$346,668,-313 During Past Season In State

RALEIGH, March 18. -(P)-North Carolina farmers last season sold 787,617,355 pounds of flue-cured and burley tobacco for \$346,663,313, an average of 44.01 cents a pound, the State Department of Agriculture that he made urgent trips to reported Monday.

Washington and London to A threat to Wilmington's position as a prominent postwar port of world trade is in the offing, but the Wilmington Both the poundage and total in- confer with President Trucome were new records, and the man and Prime Minister Attaverage price was the best since lee when he learned that Russia The Tampa Traffic association, Tampa, Fla., is slated 1919, when it was 49.20 cents a to file a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commispound for a 320,688,000-pound crop. and grave concern" through its 724,000 Acres embassy in Ottawa.

W. P. Hendrick, tobacco marketing specialist in the department, pronouncement on Russian espireported that there were 724,000 acres of flue-cured tobacco under cultivation last year but he expect- Soviet attempts to 'extract vital ed farmers this season would meet military information constituted the expanded acreage of 785,000 al. "the most serious situation that lowed by the AAA.

He explained that while domestic He said those activities amounted stocks were adequate, additional to the creation of a "Fifth Column" tobacco was needed to meet a de- in Canada. mand created by war-imposed shortages in tobacco abroad.

Total Poundages

from the vaults of the Russian Total poundages, receipts and averages were by belts: clerk in the office of Russian mili-Border belt-127,003,348 pounds for \$55,834,943, average 43.96.

New Bright belt — 374,471,793 said. pounds for \$165,473,377, average 44.-

Middle belt-142,155,204 pounds for \$62,572,801, average 44.02. Old belt-129,976,371 pounds for \$57,394,540, average 44.16.

Burley belt—14,010,639 pounds for GROUP TO STUDY \$57,394,540, average 44.16.

\$5,392,652, average 38.49. Gross sales-including totals to 403,973 pounds for \$379,738,952, an average of 43.68 cents a pound.

Only \$15,000 Of \$41,000 farmers and for resales—were 869,-Quota Reported Through Last Night

The New Hanover county annual Red Cross campaign is moving slowly toward it's goal of \$41,000, chairmen announced yesterday when leaders of the solicitation groups were urged to make their collection reports as soon as they AGAINST SPAIN are completed.

Co-chairmen Harry Solomon and F. P. O'Crowley, making the call to volunteer workers to make their reports to the county headquarters. said that many of them have been waiting to make their returns after their solicitation has been complet-

\$15,000 Reported

A break-down of returns from those groups which have finished their collections, was expected yesterday, but to date the only eport given, was the approximate \$15,000 as announced at the end of A combined quota of \$8,500 has

been accepted by the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, and Atlantic Coast Line employees. There was no final report from either of the two industrial units, however information pointed to an "over the top" campaign, unless there is a last hour let down among the employees. Oversubscriptions

In the majority of returns made See RED CROSS On Page Two

COMES IN SLOWLY

SENATE COMMITTEE APPROVES MEASURE FOR CAPE FEAR JOB

WASHINGTON, March 18.-(P)—An appropriation of \$1,-465,000 for inproving the Cape Fear river channel at Wilmington, was approved Monday by the Senate Appropriations com-

Funds for the project were added to the 1947 War Department's Civil Functions bill. The appropriation has yet to be approved by the Senate and the House.

In testimony at recent committee hearings, made public Monday, Senator Bailey (D.-N. C.) said "the proposition is to make the channel 400 feet w'de and 32 feet deep." He pointed out that the Cape Fear is the only river in North Carolina developed as a water-

way reaching the ocean. The Senator told the committee that oil companies now are building larger tankers which need more than a 30-foot chan-

J. T. Hiers, of the Wilmington Port commission, testified that larger tankers cannot now navigate the channel safely without waiting for flood tides to increase the channel depth.

Along The Cape Fear POLITICAL HARNESS - We no- | The word "politician" has, in

tution. We have no axes to grind. Like old man Cape Fear river, we

and around Wilmington. All we want to say it that we're

REFUTE DISREPUTE-It's paricularly satisfying to know that these men, as well as most other treated by most of us with the

and that's why it pleases all of us

the Whangpoo for that. Over 800 years ago a Chinese glad to see most of the old stand- poet with the euphonious name of bys still carrying on in political Su Tung-p'o probably started the harness. Wilmington and New unfair campaign against politicians with a little vitriolic poem which brother-in-law and almost took

> "Families, when a child is born, Want it to be intelligent. I, through intelligence,

Tabor City Boys Join Up En Masse

U.S.-BRITAIN TO FORCE UNO REVIEW

OF DISPUTES BETWEEN IRAN, RUSSIA;

KING BARES RED "ESPIONAGE PLOTS"



The boys from Tabor City are doing an "all-out" answer to their country's call for men in the Army. In the picture, above, you see seven men signing up with Sgt. Robert W. Mitchell, seated, at the Wilmington Army Recruiting station. And six of the seven are from Tabor City. The seventh

Left to right, standing, the men are Martin Byrd, Jr., Robert H. Watts, Dale Watts, David C. Soles, John H. Stanley and Carl Byrd, all of Tabor City. The Whiteville man, next, is A. D.

TESTS SHOW CARS

Barwick Finds 387 Defects In 436 Autos Inspected Here

Just how badly the American tary attache, Col. N. Zabotin, King people need new automobiles is graphically illustrated by the find-With that information, the Prime to ings of Ray Barwick, State High-Washington where he informed way License examiner here.

Last month Barwick, in line with a new state highway law, inaugurated a "car inspection" program for all new driver's license applicants. Under the law, the applicant cannot take the road test and be issued a license until his car passes the inspection;

Results Appalling The results of the first month of inspections are somewhat appall-

Barwick inspected 436 cars-and way. Following is the breakdown

of the "breakdowns:"

108 Faulty Lights One hundred and eight cars had faulty lights; 48 had inoperative so-called "caste system," source windshield wipers; 96 had bad of gripes by thousands of GI's who brakes; 78 had non-working speedclaimed they were treated like ometers; 27 had non-blowing horns; lackeys by officers who lived off and 30 had no rearview mirrors.

The people hereabouts are makup of former GI's and officers, ation, however. Barwick said yeswould look into relations between terday that all 387 defective cars Grace Memorial bridge. officers and men both on and off were taken to the garage by their duty, investigate provisions for owners and put into first class fied the bodies as those of Elmer their housing, clothing and recrea- shape, and Barwick passed them R. Lawson of North Charleston; tion facilities, living conditions and with full approval.

Safer Highways

"Our highways are getting safer and safer," Barwick said, "even though most of the cars traveling Doolittle, now on terminal leave, them are old ones. For every repair that the license applicant flew here immediately from Florida to confer with Patterson. The makes on his car, one more acciboard will meet late this month dent hazard has been overcome. and hear testimony from officers Multiply that by every car inspec-

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IN BAD CONDITION Mrs. Collins Calm

Local Woman, Convicted Of Knife-Slaying Here. Indifferent As She Draws

Term In State Prison

Mrs. Coreen Graham Collins, convicted slayer of Mrs Edward F. Bordeaux, was yesterday sentenced to serve from three to five years in the state prison.

Her reception of the sentence was of a pattern with the indifference she had displayed throughout the trial and

5 BODIES RAISED AT COOPER BRIDGE lins' sentence was arrested by the weekend recess of superior court.

Structure Was Rammed By Ship Feb. 24

CHARLESTON, S. C., Mar. 18 .-P)—An automobile containing five bodies was raised from the Cooper river here Monday afternoon climaxing three weeks' investigation of a report that an automo-Patterson said the board, made ing the best of an unfavorable situ-bile plunged into the water when a gap was knocked in the big

Coroner John P. Deveaux identi- MIRACLE DRUG his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Lawson; his mother, Mrs. Rose Lawson; and his two children, Robert, 7, and

Diane, 2, Plunged Through

The car plunged through a break in the bridge the afternoon of February 24, when a 10,000-ton freighter dragged anchor and rammed the two-mile bridge. A 240-foot gap was knocked out of

Bodies of the Lawson family members were recovered during outine dredging operations to clear the Cooper river bottom of steel and concrete debris left by

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THREE TO FIVE YEARS

At Sentence Here

which had been labelled by the state as "callous."

Found guilty of manslaughter late in Friday's session Mrs. Col- Vessels From James River lins' sentence was arrested by the

Wide Speculation There had been wide speculation 387 of them were defective in some Family Drowned When during that time as to which aspect of the trial would carry most ing idle at anchor in the James when he passed sentence.

Many felt that Mrs. Collins' work to her disadvantage.

The case of Ronald Freeman, ton, D. C., yesterday.

4-vear-old Negro, charged with The spokesman said further that 14-year-old Negro, charged with

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SOUGHT TO AID . BABY ILL HERE Marian Rouse, two and a half

year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rouse, Rose Hill, is in the James Walker Memorial hospital suffering from congested lungs and various complications. Her physician, Dr. A. M.

Crouch, has enlisted the aid of Congressman J. Bayard Clark in a search for the revolutionary drug, streptomicin. Dr. Crouch hopes to secure for the Rouse child the rapid relief effected by streptomicin in recent

we have no dry-dock.

Hope for Dry-dock "There are no new developments to date concerning the building of

a dry-dock here although we hope to get one in line with the shiptorage operations. "The only work on the project

going on now is the dredging of he storage basin." The dredging is said to be about

25 per cent completed.

famous quintuplets, had better look to her laurels. J. C. Williams, 809 Park avenue, Audubon, has a hen which seems set to break all production records.

ances, laid an egg, size 3" by

regular-size egg.

And both had whites and

This week she did it again. And Mr. Williams thinks she's going to keep right on with it. "What does the chicken have to say to all this?" Mr. Wil-

llams was asked.
"Cluck, cluck," said In
Williams, "in a strained void."

LOSE DEATH RACE

Coast Guard's Gamble Fails To Save Tiny Baby

The body of tiny Leigh Travis Smith, who died at sea at the age of nine hours, arrived aboard the liner Queen Mary, Monday, after the U.S. Coast Guard has gambled the lives of 12 men in an effort to assure his delivery alive to an American father.

Born Prematurely The baby was born prematurely Sunday to the British war bride of former Sgt. Russell D. Smith, of Coventry, Vt., while the liner was 200 miles from New York.

He weighed only 3 pounds. Shipboard doctors struggled to preserve the small spark of life but the baby failed steadily under the strain of three months' premature birth. Pneumonia set in and Col. William R. Barrett, Newburgh, N. Y., troop commander, radioed for help. C. G. Into Action

He begged for six tanks of into an oxygen tent.

tice in the paper-yes, we read it general throughout the nation, falltoo sometimes-that many of our en into disrepute. True, a lot of county officials are throwing their bad politicians are the cause. But hats into the coming primary elec- it's not fair to the good politicians, Now, we don't want anybody to know that we do have good thinking that ALONG THE CAPE FEAR is a politically-minded insti-

of them regardless of which of we present to you now. It's enthem win and which of them lose titled "On the Birth of His Son,"

Having wrecked my whole life, Only hope the baby will prove

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SICK OF SEA! Woman Recovers After

LOS ANGELES, March 18 .-(U.P)-Mrs. Bernice Brown, 43, recovering from a terrifying two weeks marooned on a bleak desert island, Monday night said she never again wants to see the ocean, which claimed the lives of her husband and

> Mrs. Brown, who with her husband, Roy, 42, and brotherin-law, 38, made a living for days on rocky, uninhabited Ana

Santa Monica, Cal. Presumed Dead Brown and Barta were still missing, presumed dead.

capa island, 25 miles west of

Two Weeks On Island

But for a kind fate, Mrs. Brown might be with them. After the 40-foot fishing vessel. Nancy B., went down in a storm March 3, she floundered all day through towering waves, clinging to a gasoline

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See Threat To Appeals From Coup

Move By Leftists Suspected In Maneuvers By Russians In Iran

SEEK OIL RIGHTS

America, England Against Negotiations While Troops Are Present

LONDON, March 18-(UP) -The Iranian government is still determined to put its dispute with Russia before the United Nations Security council and if the Russians by means of threats prevent it from doing so the British and American governments will force consideration, authoritative sources said Monday night.

At the same time the foreign office made it known that it was still pressing for a reply to its note asking Russia to explain its failure to withdraw its troops from Iran and in the House of Commons. Foreign Undersecretary Hector McNeil said that Britain sent note to Russia March 9 objecting to the removal of Japanese machinery and equipment from Man

Might Use Threats

Suspicion that Russia might use hreats to keep Iran from appeal ing to the UNO appeared strong is fficial quarters. Mention in a Tehran dispatch

that the militant left wing Tudel party demanded that Premier Ah mad Ghavam es-Sultaneh ad

See COUP On Page Two SURPLUS SHIPS

TO ANCHOR HERI

To Be Brought Here In Ninety Days Surplus merchant ships, now ly-

weight with Judge R. Hunt Parker river in Virginia, will be moved to the new storage basin in the Brunswick river here within 90 truculence under questioning would days, a U. S. Maritime commission spokesman disclosed in Washing-

the killing of his father Oseola the North Carolina Shipbuilding Freeman on Jan. 13, was heard company here will definitely prepare the ships for storage. Such preparations, he added, consists of placing the ships in dry-dock and stripping them down.
No Official Word

P. F. Halsey, vice president and

general manager of NCSC, said last night he has received no official word yet of the transfer of the "It's news to me," he said, "I can't say that we will place the

ships in dry-dock because, as yet,

And So To Bed.

Mrs. Dionne, mother of the

Last week this hen, a normal chicken to all outside appear-

Inside this egg was another

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n temperature.

South Carolina: Fair Tuesday and little change in temperature.

(Eastern Standard Time)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.

1:30 a. m. 64; 7:30 a. m. 62; 1:30 p. m. 65; 7:30 p. m. 60. Maximum 68; Minimum 60; Mean 64; Humidity 7:30 a. m. 92; 1:30 p. m Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.-

Total since the first of the month-From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey)

Wilmington 11:05 a. m. 5:49 a. m.

11:28 p. m. 6:09 p. m.

Masonboro Inlet 8:49 a. m. 2:39 a. m.

Sunrise 6:17 a. m.; Sunset 6:23 p. m.;

Moonrise 3:17 p. m.; Moonset 7:32 a. m.

River stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 p. m. Monday, 9.6 feet; Sunday, 9.6 feet.

oxygen for a special type to fit See DEATH RACE on Page Two

in the coming primaries.

public officials hereabouts, respect due bona fide politicians.

NOTHING NEW-This unsavory just keep rolling along, and in the business of blackening politicians course of our journey, commenting is nothing new. We can take the casually on the things we see in word of our Chinese friends along

and here it is: :

years at commercial fishing, was rescued by a coast guard boat Sunday after spending 14

drum, until the surf tossed her. exhausted, on a rock just off Anacapa.