

GERMANS AGAIN ATTACK BRITAIN'S FLEET

Senators Threatened For Vote Upon Neutrality Bill

Charges By Connecticut Solon Heard

No Details Given by Maloney, Who Favors Embargo Repeal; Others Oppose, Declaring It Will Bring War to U. S. Shores.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Senator Maloney, Democrat, Connecticut, reported today that he and some of his colleagues involved in the fight over neutrality legislation have received "physical threats."

The assertion was made in a speech prepared by the New Englander to announce his support of the administration's neutrality proposals, including repeal of the arms embargo.

Like other members of Congress, Maloney said, "I have undergone harsh criticism and have suffered political and physical threats."

He did not go into detail as to the nature and sources of the threats, or against whom, other than himself, they had been directed.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, Maloney's predecessor in debate, and an opponent of repealing the arms embargo, told the Senate that the sale of ammunition and war equipment by this country might bring the European war "right to our front door."

He urged submarines and war planes of belligerent nations lurking offshore to attack ships laden with munitions consigned to the other side.

As the twelfth day of debate opened, Senator Austin, Republican, Vermont, assistant Republican leader of the Senate, who is supporting the administration's bill, proposed that all neutrality legislation expire "when this present war is over."

Majority Leader Barkley expressed hope speech-making might end and voting begin on amendments before the week-end, but he said it had been impossible to get an agreement to limit debate.

Walsh, chairman of the naval affairs committee, urged that United States efforts be directed toward building up armed strength and preserving strict neutrality.

Dies Group Has Threat To Defense

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Declaring that it had important information affecting national defense, the Dies committee has decided to ask the House for "ample funds" to continue its investigation of un-American activities for another year.

Due to the international situation, the committee has hundreds

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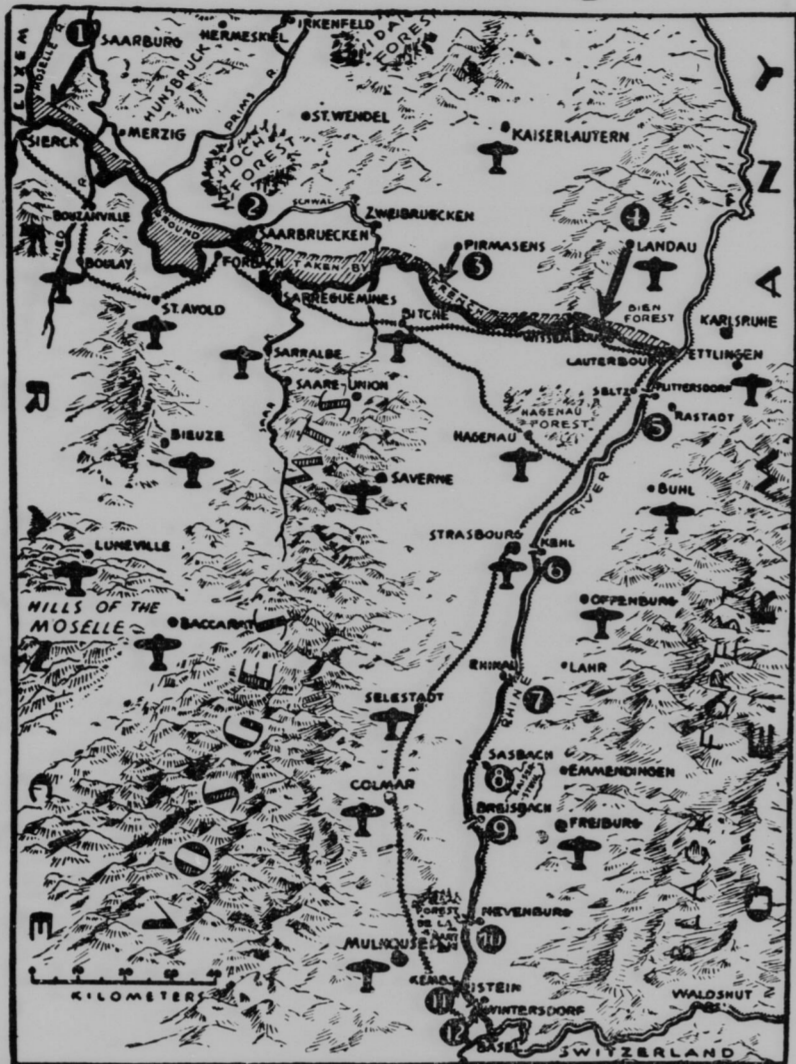
Elmer Andrews Quits As Wage-Hour Chief And Is Succeeded By Army Man

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The resignation of Elmer F. Andrews as wage-hour administrator, to be succeeded by Colonel Philip Fleming, of the army engineers, was announced today by the White House.

Andrews' resignation was effective yesterday. In a short time he will join the staff of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Fleming, who is now serving as district engineer for the army at St. Paul, Minn., will be detailed to the secretary of labor. She will assign him to be assistant to an acting wage-hour administrator, who, until Fleming is ready technically to take full charge, will head the agency.

Stage Set for First Big Push



Military experts believe Germany is preparing a great western offensive as shown on this map. The four-army drive would move from Saarburg (1), Saarbruecken (2), Pirmasens (3) and Landau (4). In defense, France has blown up bridges at Plittersdorf (5), Rhinau (7), Sasbach (8), Breisbach (9), Nevenburg (10) and Wintersdorf (12). Bridges at Kehl (6) have been mined. At Kembs (11), France has flooded the Rhine by closing spillways on French side, hoping to inundate part of Westwall. Plane symbols marks airfields. (Central Press)

Neutrality Passage Will Avert Battle In 1940 Elections

Taft and George, of Two Major Parties, Agreed on Political Effect of Enactment Of Roosevelt Measure, Favored by Both.

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Political aspects of the neutrality fight were pointed up today by comments of two senators—Taft, Republican, Ohio, and George, Democrat, Georgia—that enactment of the administration's neutrality bill would eliminate the arms embargo as a 1940 campaign issue.

Taft put forward by friends for the Republican presidential nomination, said that if Congress carried out President Roosevelt's recommendation to repeal the embargo, there certainly would be no attempt to reinstate it by either of the major parties.

If repeal should fail, he declared, an energetic fight might be made by either the Republican or the Demo-

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Says Goering Was Firmly for Peace

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Sir Neville Henderson's final report on his ambassadorship to Berlin, made public tonight in an official white paper, said that he believed Field Marshal Goering "would have preferred a peaceful solution," but that "it was Hitler's decision which alone counted."

Sir Neville added he believed Joachim von Ribbentrop, former minister and ambassador to London, was regarded by Hitler as a second Bismarck, a conviction which von Ribbentrop probably shared to the full.

Finds Wages Law Observed In Carolinas

Raleigh, Oct. 17.—D. Lacy McBryde, attorney for the enforcement division of the Wage and Hours Administration, is convinced that practically all employers in the two Carolinas are complying rigidly with the wage and hours law.

He is also convinced from his experience and observation that what violations do occur are chargeable in practically ninety per cent of cases to "Yankees" who have come South in the hope of being able to exploit cheap labor. The native Carolinians, he has found, are seldom in the employer classification.

Mr. McBryde also believes that there isn't even approximately the genuine and sincere opposition to the wage and hour measure of the Federal government that there is to the National Labor Relations Board and the Wagner Labor Act under which it operates.

The McBryde opinions are worthy of consideration and belief because he has now been for several months in charge of the legal end of wage-hour enforcement, while prior to the

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German Offensive Along Saar Breaks Down Under Heavy Fire From Maginot Line Batteries

Over 60,000 Germans In Engagement

Withering French Fire Halts Enemy Advance; Berlin Claims French Evacuated Position in Front of German Attack.

Paris, Oct. 17.—(AP)—A smashing German offensive along a 20-mile sector east of the Saar river has broken down, the French reported today, in the face of devastating Maginot line fire. At least six German divisions were known to have taken part in the offensive yesterday in two attacks, one which carried 100 yards into French territory, military dispatches said.

Allied army authorities estimated the strength of each division to be at least 10,000 men.

"Our fire stopped the enemy," the French general staff announced, after explaining advanced French outposts had been drawn back to prepared offensive positions in the face of the advancing Germans.

Military advices said the German army threw a full division of more than 10,000 men into its first assault yesterday morning on a four-mile sector in the Moselle river valley. The thrust pushed forward a mile and a half, then across the border 100 yards into the French village of Apach near the Luxembourg border.

The second attack, said French dispatches, put five German divisions into action yesterday afternoon on a 20-mile sector east of the Saar river. There the German advance was said to have been stopped on "the line foreseen," still within German territory, and well in advance of the main Maginot line.

This was described as the largest and most bitterly fought action of the war on the western front so far. The Nazis drove hard across no-man's-land in the Saar attack in the

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WASHINGTON MAN TO HEAD DENTISTS

Elizabeth City, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The fifth district dental society will go to Wilson for its meeting next year, Dr. H. E. Nixon, secretary of the society, announced today.

Officers elected by the group of Eastern North Carolina dentists here yesterday included Dr. Darden Fure, of Morehead City, vice-president; and Dr. G. L. Overman, of Goldsboro, a district representative to the house of delegates.

Dr. A. T. Jennette, of Washington, was installed as president for the coming year.

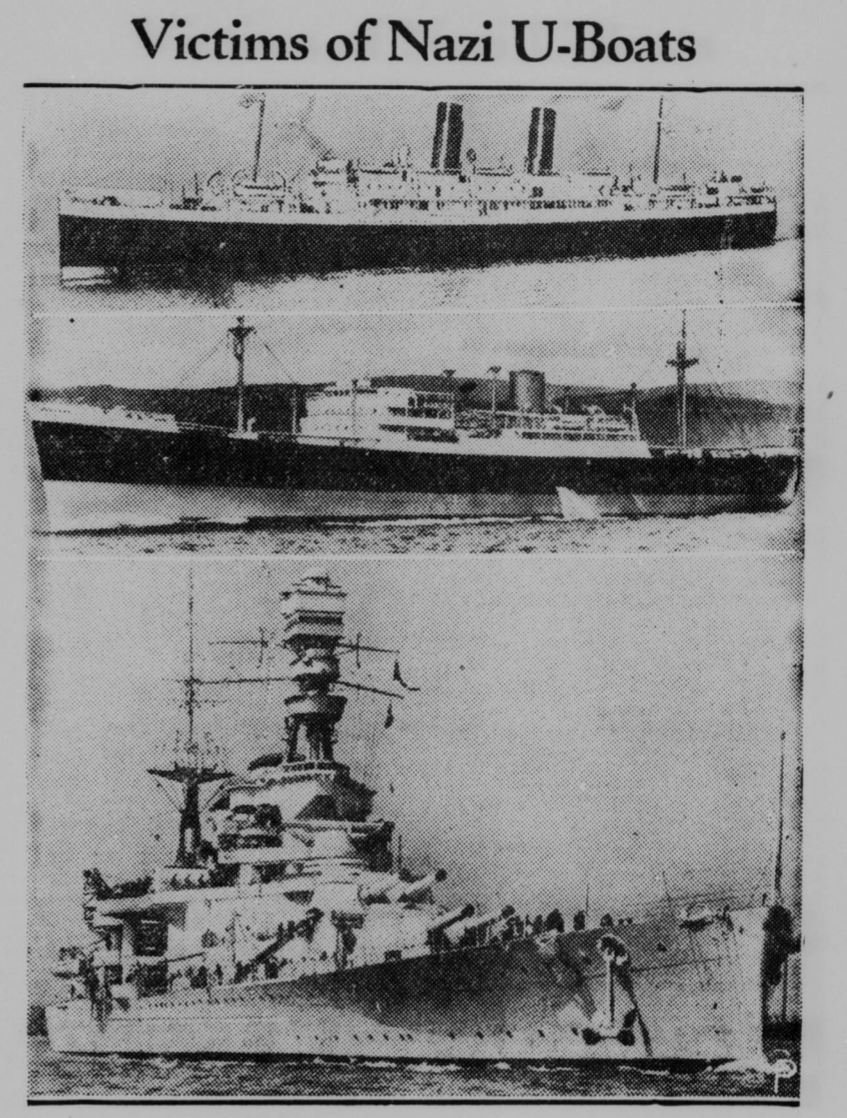
Stalin Replacing Hitler As World's Big Headache

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 17.—Is Russian communism about to revert to old-fashioned czarism, with Josef Stalin as the new czar?

Diplomats in Washington are asking another question, on the strength of latest reports from Europe.

Of course Comrade Stalin is just as absolute as the original czars were, maybe more so. However, the former czars were a dynasty, which owned Russia;



Another major naval triumph, torpedoing of the British battle cruiser Epsusa (bottom), is claimed by Germany. Berlin reports the warship was severely damaged by the same submarine that sank the battleship Royal Oak. The British mail liner Lochavon (center) was torpedoed and sunk in the North Atlantic. Six passengers and the crew of 62 were rescued. Survivors of the sunk French passenger ship Bretagne (top) report women and children were wounded when the attacking U-boat fired on lifeboats. Several persons were killed, 400 rescued.

Another Navy Ship Of Britain Struck By German Bombers

"Iron Duke", Old Warship Now Training Ship, Is Bombed; British Admit Remarkable Exploit in Sinking the Royal Oak.

London, Oct. 17.—(AP)—German bombers damaged the British naval training ship Iron Duke in a raid at Scapa Flow today, the government announced, and also disclosed that

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Steamer Athenia Loaded With Guns

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—An affidavit saying that the liner Athenia, sunk September 3 en route to New York, carried coast defense guns for Canada, and was to be outfitted as a raider after completing its trip, has been filed at the State Department by Gustav Anderson, of Evanston, Ill., a traffic bureau operator. He was a passenger on the Athenia.

The affidavit was drawn on the basis of questions by three congressmen, Case, Republican, South Dakota; Brooks, Democrat, Louisiana; and Pierce, Democrat, Oregon. Anderson grew up in Pierce's congressional district.

Anderson's statements were based on information from Chief Officer Copeland of the Athenia, that there were "plenty" of guns on the ship for coast defense at Halifax and Quebec.

Roosevelt Sees Problem Of Refugees

Washington, Oct. 17.—(AP)—President Roosevelt urged officers of the inter-governmental committee on political refugees today to speed the task of helping 300,000 made homeless before the European war began in order to be prepared to cope

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Planes Raid Scapa Flow Naval Base

Series of Lightning Attacks Aimed to Bring Britain to Her Knees; U-Boat Crew That Sank Royal Oak Are Decorated.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—(AP)—Scapa Flow bay, important British naval base north of Scotland, was attacked by German raiders for the second time today as part of what officials called a series of lightning attacks to bring Britain to her knees.

Today's raid was by bombing planes. Saturday a submarine sank the battleship Royal Oak in the same bay, which is a base for British warships operating in the North Sea.

"After a week or ten days of this uninterrupted attacking, Britain will see what is left of her fleet", one highly placed person said tonight.

Commander Prien and the crew of his submarine which sank the Royal Oak, and claimed to have torpedoed the battle cruiser Repulse, were awarded iron crosses for their exploits. It was announced that they had arrived today at an unnamed harbor, and that Grand Admiral Eric Raeder hurried there to extend the Reich's congratulations.

Adolf Hitler also elevated Commodore Doenitz, commander of the German submarine fleet, to the rank of rear admiral.

Britain's first lord of the Admiralty, authorized sources said, would "in such form as the German supreme high command thinks desirable", be acquainted with photographs of bombing activity in the Firth of Forth, taken yesterday by German fliers. These sources tauntingly asked whether the first lord, Winston Churchill, would dare deny the extent of the damage inflicted in the light of the documentary proof, said to be in German possession.

Turks Halt Conferences With Russia

Saracoglu Leaves Moscow Tonight With no Indication of Next Move in Soviet Effort to Influence Dardanelles Control.

Moscow, Oct. 17.—(AP)—The protracted negotiations between Soviet Russia and Turkey came to at least a temporary halt today with the announced intention of Turkey's foreign minister, Sukru Saracoglu, to leave Moscow tonight.

Saracoglu has been in Moscow nearly a month discussing with Soviet leaders problems in connection with the Black Sea and its outlet, the Dardanelles.

Coinciding with the announcement of Saracoglu's leaving was the appearance of an article in the government newspaper Izvestia, which asserted Britain and France could not establish an effective sea blockade against Germany because of the economic aid the Reich would receive from Russia and Italy.

There was no indication of what the next move would be in Russia's negotiations with Turkey. Saracoglu was expected to confer shortly with Rumanian leaders.

It was considered significant that in concluding recent pacts with Baltic states, the Russians always announced them before the departure of visiting envoys.

Reports here told of an increasing flood of Jewish refugees from German occupied Poland pouring into adjoining Polish territory now held by the Russians.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; cooler Wednesday.