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SWEDEN PREPARES TO DEFEND NEUTRALITY

Norway's Ships Taken Over By Nazi Crews

Positions In Norway Are Strengthened

Occupation of Norway continues, DNB reports, while no British attempts at landings are made; reinforcements arrive.

April 13.—(AP)—German troops over Norwegian territory, occupying positions in the north and German troops are being strengthened by reinforcements reaching in large numbers and heavy artillery reinforcements to strengthen the occupation.

German troops east of the north Norwegian port, in possession of the rail line to the Swedish border.

British reported that German troops on the Norwegian coast were being met by British planes yesterday while the Germans said the British had attempted to land anywhere in Norway.

The most effective British raid, according to reports, was at a base where the bombers came down but were met promptly by German anti-aircraft fire.

German troops reported shooting down one English plane near the air base far enough to destroy it.

British lost eight planes in an assault on Bergen, the command asserted, and later reported that two additional planes were shot down in this action.

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Temperature fell to 34 degrees in the night, 27 degrees in the morning, and 22 degrees in Asheville.

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When Cotton came in to confess, the deputy testified, "that Margaret takes it on herself" was that he wanted time in which to "get his business affairs straightened out."

A Flower for Justice Hughes—78



Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Charles Evans Hughes receives some flowers from Helen Chapin, a neighbor, as the jurist started his usual morning stroll in Washington on his 78th birthday.

Third Term Decision To Await GOP Meet

Third Term Move Headquarters To Open In Raleigh

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 13.—Unofficial, but apparently authentic, reports indicate that State headquarters of a "Loyalty to Roosevelt" campaign will be opened here early next week, perhaps Monday.

The objective will be selection at the Democratic State Convention in May of a delegation to the Democratic National Convention favorable, if not actually pledged, to a third term for President Roosevelt.

John Folger, former State senator, and brother of National Committeeman Lon Folger, will be chairman, and State Senator John D. Larkins, of Jones county, secretary of the campaign, according to information available today.

Witness Say Confessions Freely Made

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Usually Reliable Sources Predict Roosevelt Will Study Republican Nominee and Platform Before Making Statement

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—Usually reliable sources predicted today that President Roosevelt would withhold any statement regarding a third term until after the Republican convention June 24.

Two administration senators, who declined to be quoted by name, said they had heard from presidential advisers that Mr. Roosevelt wanted to study the Republican nominee and platform before announcing his own intentions.

These senators observed that the Democratic convention had been delayed until after the Republican meeting at Philadelphia in order to give the Democrats any strategic advantage that might be gained by keeping the Republicans guessing. This strategy, they added, virtually would be destroyed if Mr. Roosevelt made any declaration before the Republican convention.

Broughton Now Leading Candidate In Gubernatorial Race, Averill Says, With Horton And Maxwell Close Behind

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, April 13.—Six weeks from today North Carolina Democrats will ballot on the question of their next governor; and despite the fact that the current lineup in the European struggle has backed the seven candidates completely off the front pages, there is still at least a modicum of interest in the political situation—enough, at least, to permit something resembling a general survey of the situation.

Before plunging into this survey it should be stated that the conclusions and opinions expressed therein are based on what your Raleigh reporter has been able to hear and learn here and there from people who are usually well-informed and of sufficient veracity to make their views acceptable as basis for forming an opinion.

It should also be said that there will be violent disagreement with each and every conclusion and opinion expressed; especially from partisans who feel that your reporter has not done right by the candidate of said partisan's choice. That is inevitable.

Just one more caution. There is still plenty of time in which to turn this governor's race upside down, and nobody is urged to bet even so much as a sick nickel on the basis of the present outlook.

With that, here goes: If the primary were held today, J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney, would be high man; with Lieutenant Governor W. P. Horton and Commissioner of Revenue Allen J. Maxwell so close behind and so close together that it would take a photo of the finish to determine who'd get into the second race with Broughton.

Increases In Defense Funds Seen

Congress May Be Called On For Possible \$53,000,000 Increase In Budgets For Army and Navy for "Critical" Equipment.

Washington, April 13.—(AP)—The spread of Europe's war brought national defense to the forefront of Congressional problems again today and signs pointed to a possible \$53,000,000 increase in army and navy budgets, which already total close to \$2,000,000,000.

From a war department source came information that as much as \$75,000,000 was urgently needed to speed up production of "critical" equipment for the army. Capitol Hill likewise heard that an additional \$18,000,000 would be sought to accelerate the navy ship-building program.

The Nazi invasion of Scandinavia, War department sources said, and the danger of further spread of the war made it imperative to obtain faster production of the so-called "critical" items of army equipment.

Congress allotted approximately \$262,000,000 last year to provide the army semi-automatic rifle, anti-tank guns and kindred "critical" equipment. Authorities said that orders for most of this equipment already had been placed but that the only way to speed up its delivery would be to put government arsenals and private manufacturers on a 24-hour production basis. This, they estimated, would cost an additional \$60,000,000 to \$75,000,000.

Wichita, Kas., April 13.—(AP)—Census Enumerator Frank Green spent nearly an entire day at the W. B. Rogers' home before he listed all of the family. Eighteen persons, including children and grandchildren, live in the one house.

WARD TO RUN. New Bern, April 13.—D. L. (Libby) Ward, speaker of the state house of representatives last year, announced yesterday that he will again seek the Democratic nomination as Craven county's representative in the general assembly, for a fourth consecutive term.

JAMES J. JENKINS. Weldon, April 13.—James Jerry Jenkins died at his home Thursday night following an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted at Williams Funeral home this afternoon. Surviving are his wife, one half-sister and a half-brother.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, continued cold with heavy frost tonight, except not quite so cold in mountains; Sunday partly cloudy and warmer.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK. Warmer and unsettled at beginning, scattered showers northern section; another showery period latter part of week, followed by cooler in northern section.

Queen of the Cherry Blossoms



Rose Colliflower, Washington's cherry blossom queen of 1940, strolls through her realm beside the Tidal Basin. Bathed in a brilliant sun, the buds opened with a pink-stained splash of beauty, drawing visitors from all over the country.

Nazi And Rumanian Trade Crisis Feared

Stiff Demands From Germany Expected to Follow Announcement of Embargoes On Raw Materials Needed By Rumania.

Bucharest, April 13.—(AP)—Fears that German-Rumanian trade relations are rapidly nearing a crisis were expressed here today as Rumania suspended the loading of freight cars for the Reich, preliminary to imposing an embargo on export of commodities needed for domestic use.

The suspension of car loadings followed swiftly Germany's action in banning export of a long list of articles to Rumania.

Loading of Danube river oil barges was suspended for several days, but Rumanian authorities said that high water was responsible.

Official sources said that the economic council of the Rumanian cabinet was drafting a list of raw materials which would be embargoed on the ground they are needed for internal consumption.

It was expected generally that this action would be followed by stiff demands from Germany—perhaps insisting that Rumania cut her trade with the allies and direct her exports almost wholly to the Reich.

Sources close to the government, however, said that any such demands would be rejected firmly.

Winter Strikes East; Heat Wave In California

(By The Associated Press) Winter paid a belated visit to virtually all of the United States east of the Rockies today, carrying temperatures below freezing almost to the gulf coast as a premature heat wave brought 100 degree weather to the southern Pacific slope.

At least seven deaths were charged to the wintry flareback that spread from one to five inches of snow from Indiana to North Carolina.

Farm experts feared young cotton plants and fruit trees suffered extensive damage but they will be unable to determine extent of the loss for several days. Grain crops likewise were damaged, it was feared.

Meanwhile, warmer weather in the northwest indicated normal spring temperatures were on the way back.

British Lose Many Planes

Loss Of Eleven Planes in North Acknowledged; Secrecy Hides Navy's Actions.

London, April 13.—(AP)—Britain today acknowledged the loss of eleven bombing planes in attempts to dislodge German troops from Norwegian ports and destroy German naval vessels in the war-torn northern waters.

British fliers succeeded, the British said, in blowing up a munitions house at Bergen, machine gunning a destroyer and a motor torpedo boat, bombing German transport and supply ships, and shooting down four German fighter planes. Two more of these Nazi planes were believed to have been destroyed and others damaged.

The activities of Britain's powerful navy were cloaked in secrecy. The British announced that eight warplanes were lost in bomber attacks on fleeing German ships. Two more planes were lost at sea on the way home, the admiralty said.

With the sealing of the Baltic sea by a gigantic mine field planted in its North sea approaches, the British and French allied navies counted on bottling up the remaining German fleet and thus simplifying the job of cutting the lifeline between Germany and the Nazi forces in Norway.

Will Refuse Use Of Her Territory

Airports Packed With Parked Cars To Prevent Landings, Bomb Shelters Hastily Erected Throughout Nation.

Stockholm, April 13.—(AP)—Sweden made urgent preparations today to fight if necessary in defense of her neutrality, while German troops and war planes strengthened the Nazi hold on Norway.

Along the southern Swedish coast, air fields were packed with parked taxis and other automobiles to prevent airplanes from landing.

Throughout the country bomb shelters hastily are being constructed. The "man in the street," having heard Premier Hansson's broadcast warning last night of Sweden's precarious position, apparently is resolved to back up his declaration that the country will maintain its neutrality no matter at what sacrifice.

Hansson declared there had been no demand on Sweden for use of her territory "by any belligerent nation" but that "if such a demand should ever be made Sweden would have to refuse to comply with it."

In Norway, meanwhile, a German force broke through Norwegian defense between Moss, 35 miles south of Oslo, and Hølen, 10 miles closer to the capital. Since the Germans were advancing toward Oslo, they were presumed to be newly landed troops pushing up the shore of Oslo fjord to join the invaders' expeditionary army.

Advices reaching here said the German advance caught the Norwegians by surprise and they had not time to meet it.

Defense troops holding positions along the narrow fjord had established a semi-circular line about Oslo.

One Of Alleged Seditionists Found Hanged

New York, April 13.—(AP)—Claus Gunther Enecke, 36, one of 17 defendants on trial in Brooklyn federal court on sedition charges, was found hanged today in the cellar of an apartment building. He had been missing since yesterday when he failed to appear at the trial.

Judge Marcus B. Campbell ordered Enecke's \$7,500 bond forfeited when he failed to appear, despite the pleas of his lawyer, that he felt Enecke's absence was involuntary.

The attorney, former Magistrate Leo Healy, told the court his client had received several death threats and was worried over them. Healy said Enecke had only \$1.20 "to his name" when he last saw him on Thursday.

Enecke's body was found by the superintendent of the apartment building. It was identified by an automobile drivers license and by police.

Healy said today "I was afraid something like that might happen." The attorney said Enecke had seemed frantic when he told him of threats against his life.

British Bomb Stavanger

London, April 13.—(AP)—British warplanes bombed the German-held southwestern Norwegian port of Stavanger today, a British announcement said.

The announcement said it was believed that extensive damage was done to a hangar and one aircraft. It added that the rear gunner of one British plane, although wounded, shot down an enemy fighter plane in flames.

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