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Hull's Stand On Pacific Is Backed By FR

Netherlands Want No Aid In Pacific

Statement To Japan
Says Netherlands Has
Asked No Intervention
and Would Not Ac-
cept Any; Japanese
Action Is Feared.

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—The Netherlands government has expressed a hope that the status quo in the whole Pacific area could be maintained in the event of peace.

He stated his view to a press conference when asked for comment on

The Hague, April 18.—(AP)—The Netherlands government has informed Japan that it neither will ask any foreign government to protect the Netherlands East Indies in case the war should spread to Holland, nor accept an offer of protection if it was made.

Meanwhile the Dutch received with guarded satisfaction the statement by United States Secretary of State Hull insisting that "the interest of many countries" would be affected by any attempt to intervene in the affairs of the Indies.

Secretary Hull's statement yesterday that disturbance of the status quo would prejudice the cause of "stability, peace and security not only in the region of the Netherlands Indies but in the entire Pacific area."

Hull's statement in effect was a warning to other nations to keep hands off the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters that his declaration had covered the situation thoroughly.

Taking cognizance of Japan's expressed concern for the future of the Pacific, Secretary Hull said:

"Intervention in the domestic affairs of the Netherlands Indies or any other peaceful processes would be prejudicial to the cause of stability, peace and security, not only in the region of the Netherlands Indies but in the entire Pacific area."

As he issued his pronouncement, British, French and American fleet commanders said in Shanghai that a Japanese attempt to seize the Dutch East Indies in the event of a German attack on the Netherlands was a "grave possibility."

A comment at Tokyo was that the statement coincided with the foreign minister's views on the subject. An admiralty spokesman declared that Japan had "no territorial designs" on the Dutch possessions.

London, April 18.—(AP)—Reuter's London wire said today it was a question of hours before a German attack started against British positions in the Trondheim area.

Swedish newspaper correspondents in the Norwegian cities were concentrated on the inner part of Trondheim and at a railroad junction connecting with Namsos, about 100 miles north on the coast.

These reports said it was believed the British has landed at Namsos.

British Bomb
German Planes

London, April 18.—(AP)—The air force announced today that German planes on the ground and in the air were destroyed yesterday in attacks on the airdrome at Trondheim, Norway.

These reports also were cautions that "no observation" in an attack on the airdrome, the ministry said, was being made that three British planes were lost.

The ministry statement said that the planes were made on runways of the airdrome and that bombs were burst among transport planes parked on the field.

Nazi Invaders Roll Nearer To Swedish Border

Stockholm, April 18.—(AP)—The German invaders of Norway today rolled closer to Sweden, who clamped new restrictions on foreigners within her territory in hope of maintaining her neutrality.

Halden, close to the southern Norwegian-Swedish frontier, was captured by the Germans. Other invading forces were threatening the Fossun fortifications in the Mysen neighborhood, about 50 miles south-east of Oslo.

Norwegian circles said the fortifications line, a row of concrete forts, was equipped with guns, ammunition and provisions to withstand a long siege.

Reports from Halden said a force of 200 Germans first occupied the city and later were reinforced by 1,000 more.

In the north, allied and Norwegian forces battled with Germany for control of the Narvik area.

Deutschland Is
Reported Ashore

Stockholm, April 18.—(AP)—A Norwegian reaching Sweden from Trondheim today reported the German pocket battleship Deutschland was ashore in a fjord northeast of Trondheim.

There was no confirmation of the Norwegian's report.

All News Is War News

Events Abroad Have
Increasing Amount of
Effect on American
Situation.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
Washington, April 18.—News is all war news, in one way or another, President Roosevelt has been making a big clean-up in the pre-national convention primaries. That generally is interpreted as an American "don't change horses in mid-stream" complex—war being the stream that we shouldn't change horses in the middle of.

If F. D. R. is drafted again the assumption is that the war's status next November will be largely decisive as to the election outcome.

It's been suggested that Herr Hitler preferred not to launch a blitzkrieg until after our election's over, being anxious to see, in advance, what Yankee reaction looks like to a European war conditions. But, just because Adolf did want to wait, it's sensed that the Allies were getting ready to call his hand by hurrying him. It's taken for granted that he realized it, too, therefore tore loose

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Reorganization Of Rails Recommended By Babson

By ROGER W. BABSON,
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Financial Bureau.

New York City, April 18.—Only reorganization of the railroads' capital set-up and policies can prevent the air lines, buses, and trucks from eventually making nearly one-half of the railroad mileage useless. For that reason, I believe the Wheeler-Lea bill, or some similar friendly legislation, should be pushed through this session of Congress. The railroads should be unshackled to give them an even break in their life and death battle with other carriers.

The railroads are the nation's second biggest taxpayers, biggest customers, and biggest investment. If the railroads could get back on their feet, they could provide thousands of new jobs, put millions of dollars in investors' pockets and give business a tremendous hypodermic. To-day, hampered by I. C. C. regulations, top-heavy capitalization, shortsighted labor leaders, and antiquated rate schedules, the railroads are being battered into a pulp by their aggressive competitors. Pullman traffic is going to the air lines;

coach traffic to the buses; lucrative freight and express business to the trucks.

Air Line Load Double
I have no particular love for the railroads, but I hate to see a 20-billion-dollar industry die. I hate to see a million-dollar-a-day taxpayer sandbagged; I hate to see an employer of a million men hog-tied. But that is exactly what is happening every minute. In the last two years, the air lines more than doubled their passenger loads. Their rates are dropping steadily—now are on even terms with Pullman rates on many a jump. Like the railroads, they are soon to segregate their mail, express, and passenger business. A year or two more and we will see freight trains of the air! This is the subrosa idea for using the thousands of military airplanes which, after the European War, will be available for commercial purposes.

The planes are great time-savers. Their safety record gets better every year—actually beat the railroads

Seeking A Bigger Navy



Captain Charles M. Cooke, Jr., (left), naval operations officer, and Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, surrounded by photographers, appear before the Senate naval affairs committee in Washington. The naval authorities, requesting additional funds, declared the European war shows that despite improved aircraft, the battleship still is the backbone of naval forces. This is a phonephoto.

Chamberlain Tells Balkans Of Amity

State Income Tax Collections Hit New High Mark

Raleigh, April 18.—(AP)—State income tax collections set a new record today at \$11,365,895.45 for this fiscal year. The best previous fiscal year record was \$11,364,598.28 in 1937-38. Last fiscal year the income tax yield was \$9,783,000. Income tax payments are still coming in steadily.

Nazis Claim Stronger Grip

Berlin, April 18.—(AP)—Germany declared today that her forces repelling Britain on land, in the air and on the sea steadily were strengthening their grip on Norway, political as well as military.

Authorized sources said Norwegian King Haakon VII had recognized the provisional government commission set up by Germany. Although he acknowledged the regime merely as an administrative committee, they said it is accepted here as the legally constituted government.

CIO UNION WINS
Detroit, April 18.—(AP)—The United Automobile Workers CIO won 13 of the first 15 General Motors plants to report today in yesterday's bargaining election among more than 100,000 of the corporation's employees.

The AFL-affiliated United Automobile Workers gained majorities in two plants.

KID MCCOY DEAD.
Detroit, April 18.—(AP)—Norman Selby, the Kid McCoy of the ring, was found dead today in a downtown hotel and Deputy Coroner Lyle C. Ling said he had taken an overdose of sleeping medicine.

TO BE TROOP SHIP.
New York, April 18.—(AP)—A report from the British broadcasting company said today the liner Isle de France would soon follow the Queen Mary into service.

Noted Viennese
Beauty Is Dead
Vienna, April 18.—(AP)—Katharina Schmitt, a friend of Emperor Franz Josef in the days when she was a celebrated beauty, and later a friend of Vienna beggars, died last night.

She died at the age of 87 after an illness of several weeks. Katharina Schmitt became a legend. Gossip Vienna never tired of discussing the extraordinary influence she had over the emperor or her friendship with Empress Elizabeth.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Cloudy with occasional showers tonight and Friday; cooler in mountains and northwest portions Friday.

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Roosevelt Asks WPA Fund Of \$975,000,000 Without Added Taxes

Balkans May Turn To Reds For Support

Agreements With
Russia Sought To
Ward Off Possible
German Invasion of
Southeastern Europe,
Reports State.

Budapest, April 18.—(AP)—Hungary is contemplating talks with Soviet Russia to ward off a possible German invasion of southeastern Europe. It was reported authoritatively today.

Just as Rumania and Yugoslavia are feared to be turning toward Moscow for support of their neutrality, Hungary, long regarded as the most anti-Soviet nation in Europe, was believed planning to follow a similar course.

The hope for Russian support was based principally on the belief that the Russians, despite their non-aggression and trade alliance with the Reich, are against any German advance into the Balkans and may be able to bring enough pressure on Germany to hold her off.

Rumania, which in recent days has been beset by an increased fear of a Russian attack on Bessarabia—Rumanian territory which has had a period under Russian rule—was reported to have reached a tentative agreement with Russia.

There is much less faith now—in Hungary's case especially—in Italy's influence to keep Germany out of the Balkans. In some quarters there is a growing suspicion that if Germany were to drive into southeastern Europe, Italy rather than oppose it would move into sections of Yugoslavia to "protect her interests" there.

Nazi-Italian Cooperation

Rome, April 18.—(AP)—An exchange of military commissions between Germany and Italy was authoritatively announced here today.

The first members of the German mission already have arrived in Rome, where it was said their visit was "part of a general program under way since 1938, the purpose of which is to maintain constant contacts between the armed forces of the two countries."

British Occupy Norse Cities

By J. NORMAN LODGE
Vannes, Sweden, April 18.—(AP)—British marines and soldiers are consolidating their foothold in northern Norway as Germans, driving Norwegian defense troops before them, retreat to the south.

A show of my passport gave me my freedom—but that was short lived. As I started out in an effort to tour the region to determine the situation, I was arrested again and turned over to the Norwegian military authorities back in Narvik.

I ascertained that the British are occupying Bjorkesen, a short distance this side of the Swedish border; Oyjord, Gratangen and three places to the north and south of Narvik. Elvegard, Elvegardsmoen, and Harstad, the British landing point.

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GOP Keynote



Gov. Harold E. Stassen
Governor Harold E. Stassen, 33, of Minnesota, has been selected to deliver the keynote address at the Republican national convention in Philadelphia, June 21. Rep. Joe Martin, of Mass., was recommended as permanent chairman.

Bremen Said To Be Sunk

Survivor of Torpe-
doed British Steamer
Says 15,000 Germans
On Bremen When
Sunk.

London, April 18.—(AP)—Exchange Telegraph today quoted a Norwegian survivor of the torpedoed British steamer Stanciliffe as saying the German liner Bremen had sunk off Norway with 15,000 troops.

The seaman, named Rydningen, was saved after the Stanciliffe was torpedoed off the north Scottish coast last Friday.

The agency quoted the seaman as saying that a telegram announcing safe arrival at a Norwegian port had been found in the Bremen captain's pocket and that it was sent to Germany by Norwegian authorities.

German authorities in Berlin last week denied reports that the Bremen had been sunk early in the occupation of Denmark and Norway. Today authorized German sources said they had no information on the liner but that the latest report sounds like "the same old swindle which has been frequently refuted by the British."

PLANES PURCHASED
Washington, April 18.—(AP)—Arthur J. Purvis, head of the Anglo-French purchasing mission, announced today that the allies already have purchased "huge quantities" of three of the latest type American military aircraft.

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Budget Cuts And Larger Returns Seen

President Requests
Permission To Spend
WPA Appropriation
Within Eight Months
If "Necessary To
Avoid Suffering"

Washington, April 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked today for \$975,000,000 to run WPA next year and simultaneously abandoned hope of getting from Congress the \$460,000,000 in new taxes requested last January.

In a letter to the speaker of the House, Mr. Roosevelt held to his original budget figure for WPA with one major exception—he asked permission to spend the entire \$975,000,000 in eight months if "necessary to avoid suffering and hardship." Last year's relief law required that the WPA appropriation be spread over the entire twelve months fiscal period.

The President's remarks on taxes were made to a press conference. In connection with the possibility of larger relief appropriations to cover the full year beginning July 1, Mr. Roosevelt was asked what might happen to the public debt, which is nearing the \$45,000,000,000 legal limit.

The President replied that Congress might cut his budget estimates for 1941 by a couple of hundred million, that all appropriations voted this session would not necessarily be actually spent in the fiscal year and that it was possible that tax receipts would be up perhaps \$200,000,000 over estimates.

From a reduction in a budget and higher revenues, he explained, an amount might be provided equal to the \$460,000,000 asked in taxes.

Federal Aid For Education Is Advocated

High Point, April 18.—(AP)—Federal aid for education was advocated as the only means of equalizing child opportunity in the state in this morning's session of the Congress of Parents and Teachers by Dr. Howard A. Dawson, director of rural service of the National Education Association, and Lloyd Griffin, secretary of the State school commission.

Meeting in a forum on federal aid, Dr. Dawson emphasized that the matter of "educating children of all the people is a national as well as state problem." Objections to federal aid, he said, were the old issue of state's rights, and separation of church and state. He said "there are more needs for federal aid than we are aware of."

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