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## Nazi Armies At Gates Of Paris

### Neutrality Act Invoked By Roosevelt

#### Actions Are Postscript To Address

President Issues Series of Proclamations Following Strongly Worded Speech In Which Material Aid Is Pledged Allies.

June 11.—(AP)—In a series of proclamations, President Roosevelt today announced that he had invoked the neutrality act against Germany.

The president's proclamation, which named Italy as the enemy, was issued in a historic address to Congress from the White House. It was the first time since the outbreak of the war that the president had invoked the neutrality act against a belligerent nation.

The president also issued a proclamation which prohibited the export of arms and munitions to Germany.

In a speech to Congress, the president said that the United States would do all in its power to assist the Allies.

The president's actions were widely interpreted as a signal that the United States was moving closer to active participation in the war.

Paris, June 11.—(AP)—The city was shrouded in a thick fog as the German bombers approached.

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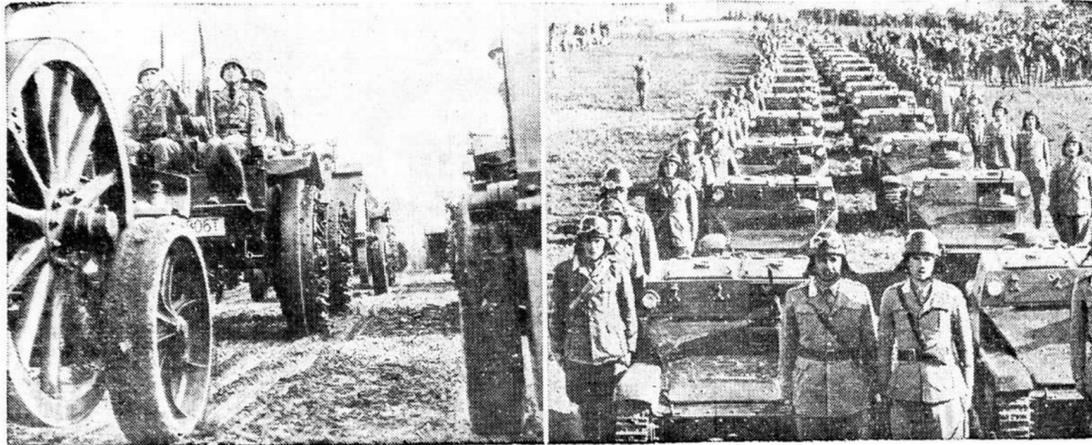
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### Italy's Armored Legions on the March to War



One of the most modern cogs in the Italian military machine is the motorized corps (left) which has been in constant maneuvers since war flared on the European continent. Right, is a long line of Italian baby

tanks, part of the Roman machine that went into high gear with declaration of war against the Allies.

## Italy Marshals All Resources

### Turk Stand Undecided

### Soviet Russia Said To Hold Key to Turkey's Fulfillment of Allied Treaty.

Ankara, Turkey, June 11.—(AP)—Soviet Russia holds the key to Turkey's fulfillment of her mutual assistance treaty with Great Britain and France, it was acknowledged in informed quarters today.

The cabinet met throughout the afternoon and its stand was reported to depend on a response from Russia as to the Soviet attitude in case Turkey should join the allies in fighting Italy in the Mediterranean.

The official newspaper declared that Turkey possesses "the might and capacity to accomplish the national task" and was ready to fight any power infringing her rights, but did not mention the pact with the allies.

The other small nations of southeastern Europe clung precariously to their neutrality and expressed hope that they would be able to avoid war.

Greece anxiously watched for naval activities fearing that because of her geographical position between Italy and Turkey her peace might be threatened.

### Princess Juliana Arrives In Canada

Halifax, N. S., June 11.—(AP)—Juliana, crown princess of the Netherlands, came to the new world today with her two young daughters for refuge from Europe's war.

Announcement of the safe arrival of Juliana, heiress apparent to the throne of German-occupied Holland, by Dutch warship from England was announced by Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

With Princess Juliana were her daughters, Beatrix, 2, and Irene, 9 months old.

Paris, June 11.—(AP)—General Maxime Weygand's armies were declared tonight, in dispatches from the front, to be checking the invading Germans on the French left (west) flank where the deepest Nazi thrust had carried light armored columns across the Seine.

Meanwhile, thunderstorms broke over the vast dry and hot battle fields, impeding the dive bombers and tanks at the head of the German advance toward the French capital.

### FDR To Ask Congress For \$50,000,000 For Red Cross

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today drafted a letter asking Congress to appropriate \$50,000,000 to be used by the Red Cross for refugee relief in Europe.

The letter will be sent to Vice President Garner and Speaker of the House Bankhead today.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said the request for funds for the Red Cross was a sequel to Mr. Roosevelt's declaration in a speech last night that the United States would extend its material resources to the allies.

Food, clothing and medical supplies, he said, would be considered as material resources.

### House Appropriations Group Approves New Defense Outlay

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—The House appropriations committee recommended an additional \$1,706,053,297 outlay for national defense today to prepare this country for what Army chief of staff called "all manner of possibilities in the western hemisphere."

The huge increase, submitted one day after Italy's entrance into the war, would boost defense appropriations for this session to \$5,921,619,612, would add 95,000 enlisted men to the regular Army, provide 3,000 new warplanes for the air corps and permit the Navy to start work on 68 additional warships.

The measure also carried \$3,358,300 to give the Federal Bureau of Investigation 500 additional agents to deal with espionage, sabotage and other national defense activities.

Among other items in the bill were \$1,000,000 for the national defense council and its recently appointed advisory commission, \$47,500,000 for the acquisition of strategic minerals and materials and \$32,000,000 additional for the Civil Aeronautics Authority to give training to a total of 37,000 civilian airplane pilots.

General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, was recorded as telling the committee that "this plan is entirely devoted to the problems as we visualize them in the western hemisphere, x x x We do not visualize any invasion of this country. An air raid or something of that sort is possible, but frankly, at the present moment, we do not see it in the offing. But we see all manner of possibilities in the western hemisphere."

Two ships were scuttled yesterday in Spanish waters.

Two others were listed as beached on south African coasts. One ship was seized at Capetown and another was seized off Australia.

A Canadian prize crew brought under control the Italian steamship Capp Noli in the St. Lawrence river.

### New Taxes Are Levied

### Rents, Prices and Salaries Are Fixed; Punishments for Crime Are Harshened.

Rome, June 11.—(AP)—Italy marshalled all her imperial resources for war today as authoritative sources said fascist troops, naval and air forces "undoubtedly are engaging" the allies.

New taxes—in some cases increases of 100 percent—were levied by the cabinet in a one-hour session devoted to war legislation.

Rents, prices and salaries were fixed to suppress speculation, assure stability and guarantee the army's purchasing power.

Punishments for crime were harshened including death for all offenses formerly punishable by life imprisonment.

To make Rome a more open city—therefore not legally liable to air attack—the military command and officers of ministries directing the arm-

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### Judge Harding Dies Today

Charlotte, June 11.—(AP)—Judge W. F. Harding, dean of the western division of the North Carolina superior court bench, died in his hotel apartment here today after a long period of ill health. He was 72 years old.

For the last two years Judge Harding had been inactive in an official capacity because of his health. His death was unexpected, however, as yesterday he had appeared to be about as well as usual.

He had lived in Charlotte for about 49 years and had been a judge for 27 years. He was born in Aurora, N. C.

Surviving are his widow and one son.

Alexandria, La., June 11.—(AP)—Former Governor Richard W. Leche of Louisiana today was sentenced to serve ten years in Federal prison on his recent conviction of mail fraud in a deal involving purchase of state highway trucks.

### Destruction Of Two French Armies Is Claimed By Germans

### Britain Cheers Roosevelt's Declaration

London, June 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's assurance of material aid from the United States insured an allied victory in the war against Germany, Clement R. Attlee told the house of commons in a war report today.

"From across the Atlantic has come the answer of a great democracy," Attlee said.

"It was as though day had followed night when, only a few hours after the dictator of Italy had made his dastardly announcement before the serrated ranks of the blackshirts, the President of the United States delivered to the youth of his country a message worthy of a great and free republic, sending the whole of America's sympathies to those nations who are giving their lifeblood in combat against the forces of hate."

Attlee said Roosevelt had "vitaly inspired the free peoples of Europe. His assurance that the material resources of his great nation would be placed at the disposal of the allies makes it inevitable that, however long the road, the cause of civilization will in the end prevail."

The house resounded with cheers. Substituting for Prime Minister Churchill who was absent, Attlee told the house that Britain had already seized 14 Italian ships, and ten others are in British ports, he said.

Hitler and Mussolini have united to destroy democracy, he said, but "democracy will answer the challenge."

### Ford Ready For Orders

### Edsel Ford Says Plant Ready For "Mass Production" Of Pursuit Planes.

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—Edsel Ford said today after a conference with William S. Knudsen, member of the national defense commission, that his company was ready to swing into mass production of airplanes as soon as the government granted it contracts.

The Ford company president conferred with two and one-half hours with Knudsen, production member of the commission.

He scheduled another meeting with Knudsen for this afternoon.

Ford told reporters that the Army's pursuit plane, the P-40, (Continued on page two)

### Defense Tax Bill Debated

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—House leaders drove the \$1,004,000,000 defense tax bill toward passage today to the accompaniment of Republican cries that it was not big enough.

"This bill is but a mere drop in the bucket," declared Representative Michener, Republican, Michigan.

"Personally I would like to have seen the amount of the bill doubled," added Representative Allen, Republican, Illinois.

There were less vocal objections from Republicans to the parliamentary procedure adopted to prevent any amendments to the bill except those ordered by the ways and means committee.

The majority of the House wants to enact a tax bill that will pay for these expenditures as we go along," Michener said, asserting that the present measure would not finance prospective defense spending.

### No Authentic Reports of Any Italian Move; Anti-Italian Riots Are Staged in British Cities; Paris Nearly Deserted.

(By The Associated Press) Hitler's armies stormed at the gates of Paris tonight, Berlin reported, reaching at one point the Marne river—historic battlefield where French soldiers stopped the Kaiser's rush in 1918.

Simultaneously, the British war office announced that hostile aircraft raided Malta, Britain's vital naval base in the Mediterranean near Italy.

The Berlin report of Nazi armies smashing through the French Weygand line to the Marne did not say what point they had reached.

It was intimated, however, that the thrust knifed down through the center of the French defense lines extending from the Maginot line to the English channel.

If so, it was possible that the German onslaught engulfed or passed Reims and penetrated to or beyond the old battlefield of Chateau Thierry, where General Pershing's American expeditionary force repulsed the imperial German army.

Berlin also asserted Nazi legions had crossed the lower Seine—west of Paris—"at various places."

Amid these unconfirmed reports of sweeping German victories, the same sources in Berlin also claimed the "destruction" of two entire French armies in the great battle for Paris now apparently fast nearing a climax and said that mechanized German columns were speeding southward to slice France in half.

Nazis estimated the two French armies comprised between 400,000 and 500,000 men.

The French high command reported that General Maxime Weygand's French armies had stemmed a Nazi "scythe" attack aimed at seizing the French capital from the rear, while Italy still masked her plan of attack as a full military partner of Germany.

"On the Alps front our troops are in position and have not been attacked," said the French communique.

Berlin has estimated that 1,500,000 French troops are entrenched on France's southern front awaiting Italy's expected onslaught.

At dawn the beleaguered French capital presented a weird appearance.

### Sub Steps Washington

### American Vessel Told to Proceed After Some of Passengers Are In Life Boats

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—The State department announced today that the United States liner Washington, with 1,020 passengers enroute from Europe was stopped early this morning by an unidentified submarine which first ordered abandonment of the ship but later allowed it to proceed.

The liner was on its way from Lisbon to Galway, Ireland, to pick up additional Americans.

The State department said that upon the order to "leave ship" the passengers and crew, the latter numbering 370, were ordered to life boats and some of the boats were actually being hoisted when the order came from the submarine to "please go on."

The Washington proceeded and soon afterward sighted a second submarine, but without any interference.

### Navy Bill To White House

### Measure Provides For Expanded Navy Air Force and New Combat Vessels.

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—The reported congressional action on bills permitting the purchase of a total of 10,000 planes and to build 22 new vessels.

Legislation now goes to the House for President Roosevelt's signature.

The measure would provide for the fighting ships, whose measure would permit the purchase of a similar number of vessels.

The bill permits an increase in the Navy's budget.

### Tobacco Tax Is Opposed

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—House members from the tobacco-growing states of Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia opposed today a decision of the House rules committee to restrict amendments to the \$1,004,000 tax bill.

Their opposition was predicated on their desire to eliminate a proposed increase in the levy on cigarettes.

### British Navy Bottles Up Italian Ships

(By The Associated Press) Britain's navy moved today to bottle up the world-scattered ships of Italy's merchant marine. Within 24 hours of Premier Mussolini's declaration of war, more than 50,000 tons of Italian shipping were reported seized or scuttled.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Gibraltar indicated at least six were caught there.

### Cooley Leads Opposition to Proposed Increase in Levy on Cigarettes.

Washington, June 11.—(AP)—Representative Cooley, Democrat, North Carolina, declared that tobacco was "a sick industry," already heavily burdened with taxes, and expressed opposition to an increase in the cigarette levy from \$3 to \$3.50 a thousand.

Representative Flanagan, Democrat, Virginia, predicted that the cig-

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; scattered thunder-showers Wednesday.