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Yugoslav Premier To Germany

Germans Report Sinking 13 Armed British Vessels

"Probably Most Successful Attack on a Convoy in Naval History" Results in Disaster to Heavily Laden Ships.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The German high command announced today that 13 armed British merchant ships laden with war supplies had been sunk in the Atlantic by German warships in what some sources called "probably the most successful attack on a convoy in naval history."

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Frank Dunlap Dies While In Florida

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Chairman Frank Dunlap of the State Highway and Public Works Commission died in Florida last night, his office here was advised today. He had been in bad health for some time and was given a leave of absence several weeks ago.

Dunlap was staying in Welaka, Fla., about 100 miles south of Jacksonville. His office assumed he died after a heart attack, for he had been suffering with heart trouble for some time. He was 53 years old and is survived by his widow.

Funeral services will be held in Wadsworth, his home town, Saturday.

Money Bill To Senate

House-Appealed Measure Exempts Home-Used Foods From Sales Tax; Other News.

The House passed the biennial revenue act by a vote of 103 to 0 this afternoon and sent it to the Senate. Representative Ward of Ceveny presided during the debate on the revenue bill. Some House members complained yesterday that it appeared as if Speaker Mull were trying to "bulldoze" the measure.

The House-approved bill would exempt all home-used foods from the sales tax and amend the outstanding revenue act estimated to raise about \$163,000,000 for the 1941-42 biennium.

The Senate passed and sent to the House the Levy bill to permit imposition of life terms instead of death sentences on persons convicted of capital felonies if the judge, jury or grand jury recommend instead of execution.

An amendment to remove murder and rape from the bill was defeated 19 to 21.

Governor Broughton sent a special message to the Senate today.

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Sidelights on an Overnight Defense Boom Town



Two months ago Holly Ridge, N. C., had 20 inhabitants. Today the little hamlet has blossomed into a boom town of 5,000, all because a \$10,000,000 anti-aircraft center (Camp Davis) is being built nearby. Bad space is pretty scarce, but many of the workmen find rest in this 50-a-night hotel (upper left). For relaxation, a couple of the boys toast the defense

work with a little beer. And then they're country stores equipped with a pool table such as this one. But more aware than anyone else of the town's growing pains is Postmaster C. C. Hines (top right), who used to handle a heavy run of 30 letters. Now between 3,000 and 4,000 letters pass through his hands daily.

Strike Call Stops Mills

CIO Steel Workers Walk Out of Youngstown Plant; Railway Strike Imminent.

Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Eleven open hearth furnaces at the Briar Hill plant of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, which have been turning out from 3,000 to 4,000 tons of steel a day, were idle today as a result of a CIO-Steel Workers walkout.

Officials of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee said that the walkout involved last night from privileges including "seniority and other benefits" which they said had been pending nearly four months.

The Youngstown Metal Products Company is expected to be affected.

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DEFERRED RAISE MEASURE TO SENATE

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The Senate has now apparently given quick approval to legislation increasing the national debt limit to \$61,000,000,000 to meet costs of defense and proposed British aid.

At a brief executive session the committee reported that legislation already approved by the House. This would have the present debt limit of \$45,000,000,000 plus \$16,000,000,000 earmarked for national defense. It also would increase the national security issues to federal tax and give the Treasury broad powers to issue securities in small denominations.

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Republicans Differ On British Aid

Sharp differences of opinion on the mechanics of American aid to Britain arose in the speeches of Wendell L. Willkie and other Republican orators at Lincoln Day hearings over the nation last night.

Willkie's appeal for prompt American assistance for the embattled British did not set the keynote for all the other speakers. Some of them had sharp criticisms in the terms of the pending legislation.

The 1941 presidential candidate called on Republicans to seize a "golden opportunity" and take the lead in furnishing American equipment to "the fighting men of Britain."

He declared that death awaits the party if it fails "something noble to do than compromise" now "the one of the critical moments of history."

While Willkie spoke on from Washington, the National Republican club last night, other Lincoln Day speakers.

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Defense Areas Get Money

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The House has taken cognizance of the situation facing four areas in the Carolinas and four similar ones over the nation—where public health problems will be multiplied by the concentration of thousands of soldiers.

It approved a \$525,000 appropriation to assist such areas in meeting the emergency health problem.

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Americans Urged To Leave Orient

Ship Dispute Brings Up Auxiliaries

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The destroyer dispute between Secretary Enox and Wendell L. Willkie led some informed persons today to mention the pool of 45 recently converted auxiliary naval vessels as a potential source of further aid to Britain.

Should they be converted, these auxiliaries were destroyers of the World War type as the 30 destroyers needed Britain, but now, if converted, these ships are no longer destroyers and hence are not counted as part of the fleet destroyed in length of 160.

Willkie's statement that no more destroyers could be spared "without crippling our fleet" and not apply to the auxiliaries.

The Navy secretary made the large point today in reply to Willkie's plea of Enox that five to ten auxiliary vessels are being sent to Britain each month.

Willkie in New York, rebuffed at

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Babson Discusses Labor In America And Europe

BY ROGER W. BABSON
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Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 13.—I have always been sympathetic with labor. During World War I, I served as assistant secretary of labor in Washington. I am sure that labor leaders will tell you that I was fair in solving the problems that came to the department; and, believe me, there were enough of them. I soon learned that arguments did not do much good, and that lawyers only messed things up. Labor troubles are emotional, not statistical, and they cannot be "fought" successfully. Both sides are usually honest and serious from their point of view.

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State Department Advises Women, Children and Others to Leave Far East; Stock Market Declines at Shanghai as Result.

Shanghai, Feb. 13.—(AP)—United States embassies and consulates sent out circulars today "urgently" advising withdrawal to the United States of American women, children and non-essential men from China, Indo-China and the Japanese empire.

The circulars were sent "both in the interest of safety and convenience of American nationals and in the interest of national security," it was announced.

A sharp drop in the Shanghai stock market accompanied this removal of the United States government's advice for American departures. Leading stocks fell off to the lowest figures in many months.

"The sudden and necessary" advice for Americans to leave for home was given, the circulars said, in accordance with the United States government's explanation of suggestion of last October.

American consuls urged to take advantage of existing shipping facilities. The circulars said the State

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Hitler May Ask Passage Of Troops

Nazi Pressure On Yugoslavia May Seek Passage of Troops Through That Country As Alternate Route; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press)
The premier and foreign minister of Yugoslavia were reported to have reached Germany by plane for a conference tonight with Adolf Hitler—completing presumably the axis of power politics which spells peril for Britain at both ends of the Mediterranean.

As the Balkan diplomats were reported at Munich, Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain was taking leave of the French chief of state, Marshal Petain, after two days of talks in which he also had an audience with Benito Mussolini.

An alarming state of tension sized the other side of the world sending a Dutch ship unexpectedly back into Manila, bringing grave expressions of official concern at Sydney, Australia, and causing renewed official advice to Americans in China, Indo-China and the Japanese empire to go home.

Political quarters in Belgrade said the Yugoslav leader had been invited to discuss "the present political situation in the Balkans" as well as Yugoslavia's adhesion to the three-power pact.

In some quarters it has been considered possible that Hitler—perhaps uneasy over Russia's "big Slavic brother" protection of Bulgaria—would seek transit of Nazi troops through Yugoslavia into Greece as an alternate route instead of through Bulgaria.

Germany is reported to have 600,000 soldiers massed in Rumania for a swift thrust into southeast Europe—either at Greece or Turkey.

In Rome it was officially announced that Premier Mussolini and Spanish Generalissimo Francisco Franco reached "complete agreement" on the roles of Italy and Spain in the war, on European reorganization and on Mediterranean and African problems.

Qualified observers in the Italian capital said Spain's immediate entry into the war probably was not proposed by a direct, but that eventually Spain might become the base for an axis assault on Britain's Mediterranean stronghold of Gibraltar.

In London, British circles declared that twin German attacks on Gibraltar and the Suez canal were expected "within the next 30 days" in an attempt to isolate British bases in the Libyan desert campaign in North Africa.

A few hours later Australia's Deputy Prime Minister, A. W. Forster declared that the war had reached a new stage of the utmost gravity to Australia and that "grave advice"

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Jap Move Feared

Concern Expressed In Diplomatic Quarters Over Possible Thrust in Far East.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Concern was evidenced in some diplomatic quarters today over the possibility that Japan was preparing for a lightning thrust in the Far East against British or Netherlands possessions.

Secretary of State Hull told reporters he had no late advices from American diplomats in that area but he continued reports that renewed notice had been given to Americans in some sections of the Far East to return to the United States.

In other diplomatic quarters it was learned that reports of a disturbing nature concerning possible Japanese plans for moves in the South Pacific had been received.

These coincided with an Australian government statement that "the war

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Dutch Jews Face Reprisal

Amsterdam, (via Berlin), Feb. 13.—(AP)—As a result of riots against Dutch Nazis on February 10, 50,000 Jews here are facing the immediate possibility of being included in a ghetto.

The Jewish section of the city is surrounded and crisscrossed by walls and drawbridges, and cutting off the Jewish inhabitants can be done simply by raising the drawbridges.

A communique issued today by the German occupation authorities announced that after the training march of February 9 Dutch Nazis were assaulted by political opponents, especially inhabitants of the old Jewish section.

In the course of fighting which ensued several combatants, including police, were wounded.

On the evening of February 10, groups of young Jews, according to the official statement, carried out a series of attacks on Nazis, including children who had homes in the Jewish section. These Jewish groups were declared to have been equipped with various weapons.

Britain Called On To State Peace Aims

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A call on Britain to state her "peace aims" in establishing a post-war order of world peace was voiced in the Senate today shortly after the foreign relations committee voted a 15 to 8 approval of the British aid bill.

Senator Austin of Vermont, the assistant Republican leader, explained that in making the suggestion he was not proposing its incorporation in the lend-lease bill, but merely that Britain's peace views should be considered when the negotiations began for the transfer of war materials.

Britain, Austin said, should be willing to state her "peace aims"—what she intended to do after the war ended to establish a "new sanction of peace" by which disputes would be settled without resorting to force.

The foreign relations committee acted finally after rejecting 13 to 9

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