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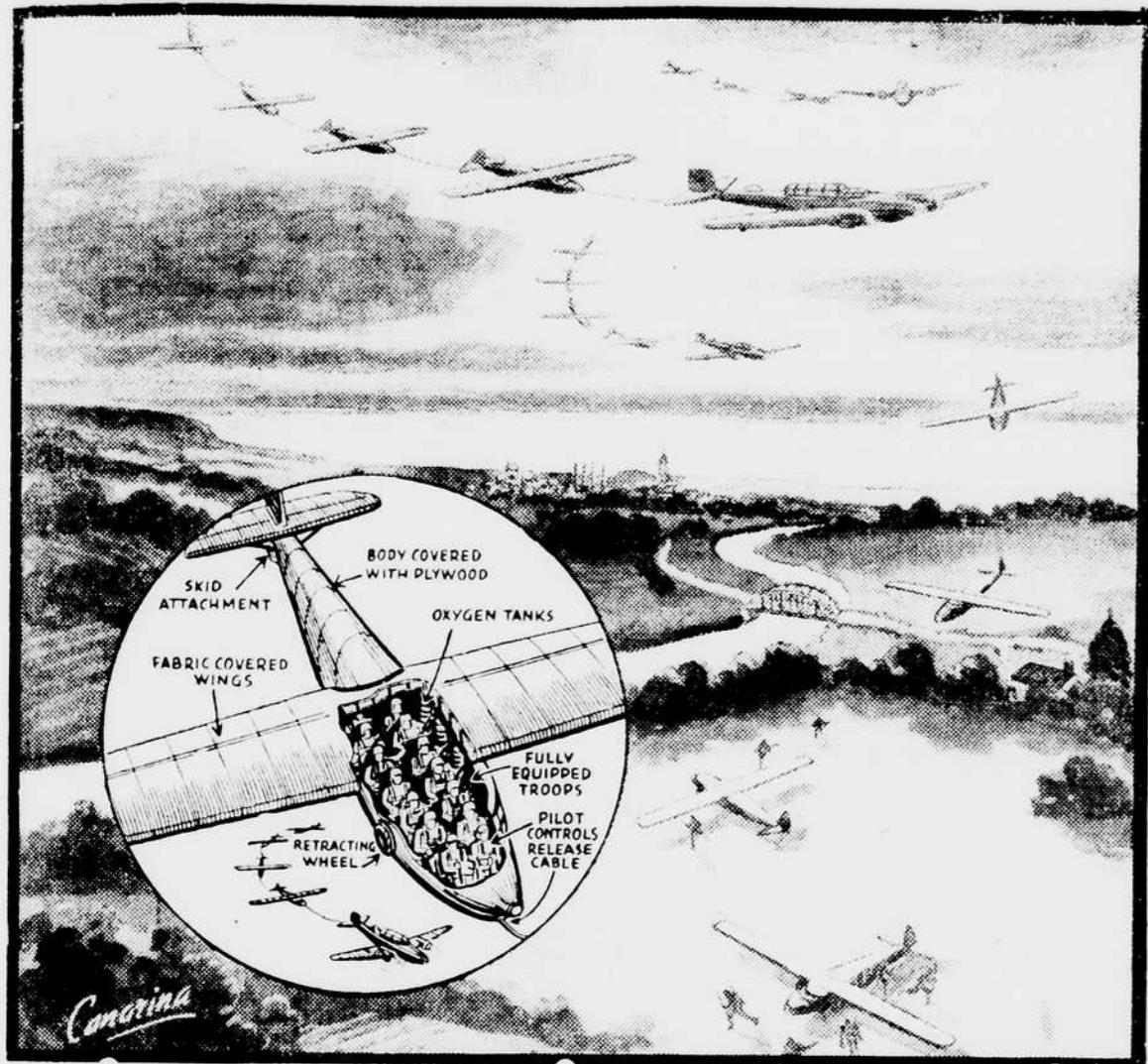
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Invasion Of Bulgaria Imminent

Nazis Sink British Ship Flying U. S. Flag

How Nazi Gliders May Invade Britain



Germans repeatedly have boasted of a "secret weapon" being perfected for the invasion of Britain. Washington reports that a factory in Czechoslovakia is manufacturing 1,000 super-gliders, and observers believe these may be the weapon in question. This artist's sketch shows how the gliders, capable of carrying fifty soldiers, would replace or supplement the landing of troops by parachute. Towed by big planes, the gliders probably would be cut loose high over the English Channel at night to swoop down to silent, undetected landings. (Central Press)

Nazi Report Says Vessel Was Armed

German Circles Declare Report That Canadian Cruiser Flew American Flag Should be of Gravest Concern in Washington.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—(AP)—An armed British merchant ship out of Montreal, which the German high command said displaced the United States flag and had the American colors painted on the hull "to conceal its nationality," was reported today to have been sunk in the Indian ocean.

The 7,178-ton ship was identified as the Canadian cruiser and she was sunk as today's German communiqué said, by "German naval forces."

The report that the Canadian cruiser flew the United States flag should be of grave concern to Washington, German circles said.

It was indicated that it every ship with an American flag must be suspected by German sea raiders as being actually British. "A most unfortunate incident" might occur.

With the best intent and through no fault of its own, they said, a German raider might attack a United States vessel.

Authorized spokesmen said they had suspected that "an unfortunate mistake" was precisely what Britain hoped for.

"Should the example of the Canadian cruiser be repeated, it would be a matter for Americans to see that misuse of their flag by armed British merchantmen does not endanger free American sea traffic," one of these spokesmen said.

Reynolds Denounced

Referendum Faces Committee Fights

Dies Group Plans Drive

Measure Sent to Committee on Propositions and Grievances and "After That to Finances" by Speaker Mull.

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Rutherford Representative Denounces Senator in State House of Representatives.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The State House of Representatives today heard a denunciation of Senator Robert B. Reynolds for his opposition to the pending lease-lend bill.

Rising on a "point of special order," Representative Withrow of Rutherford referred to the senator "having spent 'several years in Germany'" and added:

"If he were over there now Hitler would put a purple robe on him, a ring on his finger and everything else."

Withrow did not refer to Reynolds by name but had inserted in the journal a statement he had expressed in his "disapproval" of Reynolds' position on the British aid bill.

"We have in Washington a man whom I helped put there and I want to apologize for it. North Carolina has been disgraced in the American Union during the last few days," he said. "I'd say that the man who doesn't like Uncle Sam ought to go back where he came from."

The House passed Senate bill 146 to validate acts of a Justice of the peace in Pitt county.

The Senate passed House bill 179 to relieve Wayne county of liability for damage by rabid dogs.

Senator White Ridicules Bill To Death

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Raleigh, Feb. 22.—One of the deadliest weapons known to parliamentarian warfare is ridicule. Additional emphasis was given yesterday to the effectiveness of this weapon in discrediting of undesired legislation.

The House of Representatives had passed a bill introduced by Quinn and Taylor of Wayne providing for

Committee, Re-Invigorated by Funds and Extension, Plans Three-Point Program.

Washington, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The Dies committee today planned three new steps in a renewed drive to expose un-American activities.

Re-invigorated by a 15-month extension of life and a \$150,000 grant of funds, the special House committee considered:

1. Opening a new office at Philadelphia and reopening offices in New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles.

2. Asking the rules committee for authority to bring proposed legislation directly to the House floor for debate.

3. Making its findings public through documented "paper" rather than in public hearings.

At the same time there were apparently authoritative reports that some administration officials favored a former policy by Congress to watch subversive elements and undesirable aliens. New legislation to plug loopholes in existing alien laws was said to be under consideration.

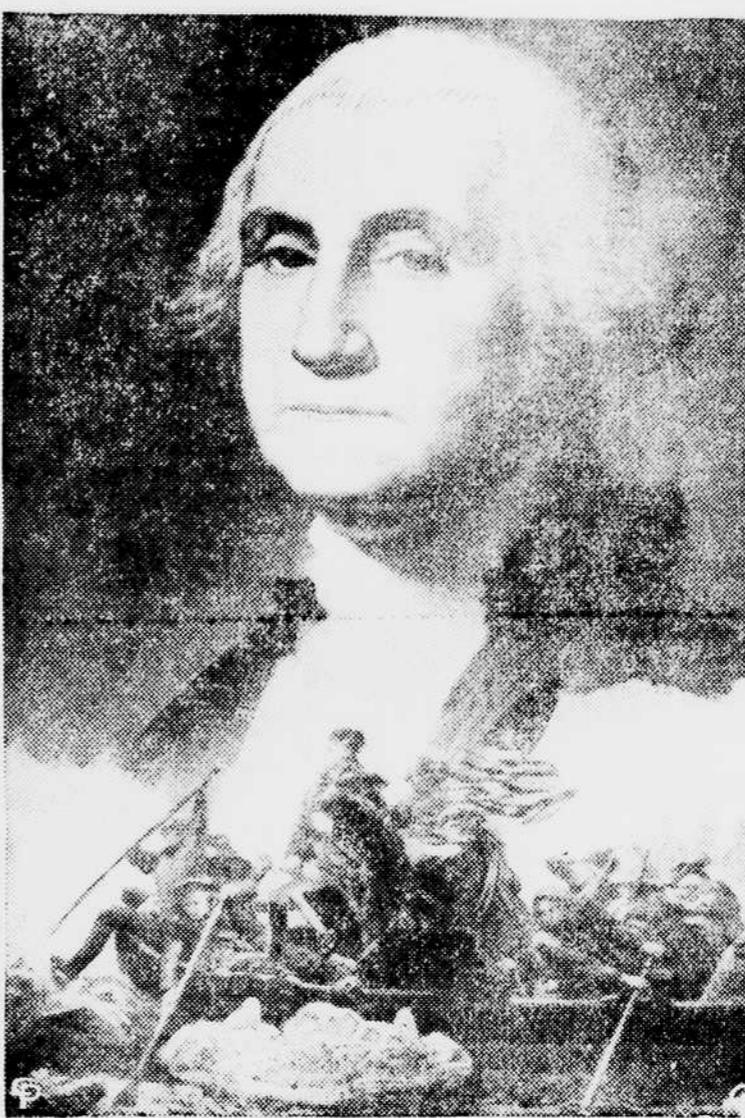
In this connection informed legislators recalled that Rear Admiral R. S. Hooper told the House merchant marine committee yesterday he thought it advisable for Congress to investigate reports of subversive activity in the American merchant marine.

CONDITION "GRAVE"

Rome, Feb. 22.—(AP)—At 7:55 p. m. (12:55 p. m. e. s. t.) today the condition of former King Alfonso of Spain was reported "very grave." The former queen and their children were at the bedside.

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George Washington—1732-1799



Crisis Said To Be Near In Balkans

German and British Troops Reported Massed for Conflict; Great Air Battle Is Fought Over Strait of Dover; Other News.

(By The Associated Press)
Authentic British sources in London declared today that an open battle by the Germans along the Danube is expected to take place in the next two days.

Belief that a German invasion of Bulgaria is imminent was based, it was said, on reports that dredging of the Danube river is "now in progress" that heavy restrictions have been imposed on all rail traffic and that Bulgarian houses have been requisitioned as quarters for German officers.

One unnamed British press dispatch from foreign sources reported that Germany had offered Yugoslavia a corridor through Greece to the Aegean port of Salomon in return for concessions including the right to move Nazi war materials and troops through Yugoslavia.

One unconfirmed report—transmitted from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, by Reuters, British news agency—said German troops already were crossing into Bulgaria from Romania and the Turkish official radio at Ankara broadcast that the British were holding large forces in north Africa in readiness for a dash into the Balkans through Greece.

Armadas of German and British warplanes clashed today in a great battle above the strait of Dover at England's "corner of hell" facing the "invasion coast" and German warships figured in the action.

Royal air force squadrons swarmed over Dover on what appeared to be offensive sweeps against German-held France.

The action was one of the biggest and fiercest battles since the mass day raids of last summer and last fall.

An official announcement said the royal air force last night had rained incendiary bombs on the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven, the big shipbuilding center at Emden and the port of Brest in Nazi-occupied France.

The Nazi air force returned to the attack on England today after blasting the Welsh port of Swansea for the third successive night, starting numerous fires and adding to England's mounting toll of casualties.

Japan meanwhile sought to dismiss the reported crisis in the Far East as a British cry of "wolf, wolf, when there is no wolf."

A Tokyo newspaper quoted Foreign Minister Matsuoka as saying that any increased Japanese military activity in French Indo-China was aimed at Chiangkai-shek's capital of China, and not at the British colony of Singapore.

Unnamed sources at Vichy said the French government had notified Japan it cannot accept a proposal made by Matsuoka to withdraw approximately one-third of two provinces in French Indo-China be ceded to Thailand.

A broadcast by Tokyo's Japanese news agency said the Supreme council of war of Indo-China had met and discussed whether to align the colony with "Anglo-American power."

German Staff Officers In Sofia

Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb. 22.—(AP)—German general staff officers in civilian clothes began arriving at Sofia's leading hotels this afternoon.

Groups of radical students demonstrated in front of the royal palace against "German occupation of Bulgaria" as the officers began occupying luxurious suites at the hotel.

Watchers along the Danubian frontier with Rumania, where an estimated 600,000 German troops are poised with pontoon bridges and war equipment, reported, however, that regular Nazi military movements across the river had not started late this afternoon.

However, road signs in German began to appear on posts along highways leading to the interior of Bulgaria.

The British Institute, an educational offshoot of the British legation, suddenly closed its doors and the four British directors left

Strikes Continue To Slow Defense

Four Missing Off Grounded Airliner

Censorship Expected

Stewart Says Lowell Mellett Is Cinch To Head Bureau if Censorship Comes.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 22.—The 23 members of House committee on propositions and grievances are now really on the spot and are being "propositioned" from all sides, as the result of introduction of the long-awaited and demanded house censuring bill.

Chairman C. E. Quinn of Dublin, has set next Thursday afternoon for a public hearing, and between now and then expect to, if not more and more, be turned on the P- and G-members in an effort to keep the bill from ever reaching the floor.

Even should the control forces fail there, however, there is no certainty that the main-tied-in bill will ever materialize because Speaker Odus Mull, in referring the bill to propositions and grievances added "and after that to Finance," meaning that the bill involves revenue so materially that it should be studied by the money raising committee before coming up for general debate.

So the censuring proposal has two legislative obstacles to hurdle before reaching actual House debate.

The first of these may not prove particularly a handicap, as the second, Chairman Quinn is one of the most uncompromising foes of the present system and a staunch advocate of total prohibition. Any efforts to way him would likely be entirely futile and a waste of time.

His committee isn't quite so hidebound, a thorough study of its makeup indicates. Of 23 members, at least seven can be listed as unequivocally opposed to a statewide referendum—the same number as uniformly for one, and the other nine as doubtful or undecided. That sort of division furnishes a perfect field for a bit of intensive prodding—and that's what will go on now with vigor.

Not even the most rabid ABC men are claiming certain victory before P and G, but many of them are still thoroughly confident that Finance will never give the measure a favorable vote.

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'WEATHER'

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight and Sunday. Possible light snow flurries in the mountains.

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Washington, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The administration's British aid bill was denounced by two of its opponents in the Senate today as a measure which would confer upon President Roosevelt the power to plunge the United States into war.

Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, in a speech prepared for the sixth day of debate on the legislation that "we are asked to give one man the power to take us into war, and by passing the bill in its present form we are in effect approving a war policy if he sees fit to declare it."

An assertion that "complete war-making powers" would be given to the President was made by Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas, in his

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Education Board Fight On One Word

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Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The whole fight over a constitutional amendment setting up a new state board of education has reached the point where a matter of one word stands between the opposing viewpoints.

If an agreement could be reached whether the state superintendent of public instruction should be the "secretary" or whether he should be the "executive secretary" of the new board, then three student be ap-

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