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## Britain To Break With Bulgaria

### Nazi Fire Bombs Rain Five Hours On Cardiff

#### South Wales City Suffers Long Attack

Royal Air Force Bombers Pound Cologne; Crisis in Balkans Moves Nearer To Breaking Point; Nazis Stream Into Bulgaria.

(By The Associated Press) Germany's air force attacked the port of Cardiff, South Wales, with a three-hour rain of incendiary bombs last night described by British officials as one of the greatest fire raids of the war — while royal air force bombers pounded Cologne in the German Rhineland.

Dispatches from Cardiff said smoking ruins marked a trail of destruction across the city this morning.

The toll of dead and wounded was not immediately estimated. During the night, as wave after wave of Nazi warplanes swept the city with incendiary bombs and high explosives, the American Red Cross rushed ambulances from London, 160 miles away.

**Balkan Crisis.**

Amid this surge of renewed aerial violence the crisis in the Balkans moved nearer the breaking point.

Authoritative quarters in London said Britain might break off relations with Bulgaria "within the next 24 hours" with the action presumably to be followed by a declaration of war.

Report from Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, said the mass movement of German troops from the north continued rapidly, with lines of motorized equipment, tanks, anti-aircraft guns and field artillery — sometimes in columns 50 miles long — streaming south into Bulgaria through three mountain passes.

A Swiss Telegraphic Agency dispatch from Belgrade, Yugoslavia capital, reported "increasing preliminary conversations are underway for an armistice between Greece and Italy," while at Berlin, Germany's attitude toward Greece was described as becoming more frigid.

London reports said Britain's foreign secretary, Anthony Eden, and General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the imperial general staff, were working close with Greek government leaders in Athens to rush aid to Greece in the event of a German invasion.

**Russia Reinforces Troops.**

Soviet Russia, still the number one ally of the war, was reported reinforcing her troops on the frontier facing Romania, as Rumania's mobilization continued under the supervision of German staff officers.

Russia diplomatically rebuked Bulgaria for permitting Nazi legions to overrun her country injected uncertainty in the situation.

A German mission arrived by air at Ankara, Turkey, today and almost immediately delivered to Turkish Prime Minister Inonu what was believed to be a special message from Adolf Hitler.

Speculation about the message ranged from belief it gave assurances that Germany does not intend to attack Turkey to belief it contained concrete promises in order to keep Turkey out of the war.

Diplomatic observers at Belgrade reported they expected Regent Prince Paul of Yugoslavia to leave Thursday to confer with Hitler in Germany.

If the prince and the German leader should reach an agreement, another signature — that of Yugoslavia — probably would be added to the three-power pact, they said.

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Disowned by Vichy?



Eve Curie

#### Wagner Urges Speed On Aid Bill

New York Senator Declares Axis Triumph Would Imperil United States; Senate Chided for Long Debate on Measure.

Washington, March 4.—(AP)— Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, appealed today for enactment of the British aid bill because, he declared, an axis triumph would imperil the western hemisphere and the United States.

"If the axis powers win abroad," he asserted, "they will have won a partial victory over us as well, because imperative military necessity would make such a vast drain upon our resources and manpower as to undermine our economy, our standards of life and possibly our form of government."

The New Yorker added his argument for prompt action to those of Senator Schwartz, Democrat, Wyoming, who took the Senate sharply to task for the amount of time it had spent discussing the legislation.

"We are now killing time," Schwartz chided. "While the Germans are killing English women and children and the aged and infirm."

Meanwhile, administration leaders striving to hasten final action were reported seriously considering an amendment "guarantee" that American armed forces would not be employed in any delivery of war materials to Britain.

This amendment, offered by Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, apparently was designed to remove one source of time-consuming debate by satisfying the demands of those who believe the bill should carry a prohibition against the use of naval vessels or armed forces.

Wagner called the program the people's "last best hope short of war to safeguard their peace and security." His passage is vital to the defense of the United States.

**STIMSON, MARSHALL CALLED TO TESTIFY**

Washington, March 4.—(AP)— Congressional resentment over War Department silence on many aspects of the defense program crystallized today when the House military committee voted secretly to summon Secretary Stimson and General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, for questioning Thursday.

Specifically, members said the group was anxious for details of the progress being made in rearming the land forces and on the amount of equipment already sent to Great Britain.

Informed sources said the refusal last week of Stimson to furnish such information prompted the introduction of today's resolution.

#### Wiley Joins Opposition

Wisconsin Republican Sees British Aid Proposal as Step Toward War.

Washington, March 4.—(AP)— Senator Wiley, Republican, Wisconsin, announcing his opposition to the administration's British aid bill, asserted today that "if we put our fleet into the Atlantic breach for Britain, Hitler may goad Japan" into attacking the United States.

Wiley's expression came on the 14th day of Senate debate, while Stephen Early, White House secretary, was telling reporters that he thought "a good many efforts to confuse and mystify and inject poison into the defense setup are now going on."

These efforts, Early said, were "probably related to the opposition of the lease-land bill."

Declaring that Congress had "no right to pass the buck" of directing foreign policy to the President, Wiley said he believed there was a "serious probability" that if the bill as it is drawn became law, America's defense might be impaired and this country might be involved in war."

Demanding to know what American commitments had been made in the Far East, Wiley said the lease-land bill was so drawn that if President Roosevelt felt the situation de-

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#### Holly Ridge Strike Effects Labor Legislation In State Legislature, Averill Says

Daily Dispatch Bureau,  
In the Sir Walter Hotel.  
By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 4.—Walkout of an undetermined number of union workers at the Camp Davis (Holly Ridge) anti-aircraft construction project has many angles other than the obvious one—its effect on progress of the particular project.

It has already set legislative and official circles here thinking about:

(1) The crying need for a labor conciliation law in North Carolina.

(2) Possibility that the strike itself is only the beginning of a concerted union effort to gain control of all national defense projects through "closed shop" agreements.

(3) Reaction of the strike upon the current legislative efforts of union labor to secure passage of a statute striking from the present maximum hour law the multitudinous exemptions it now contains.

The setting up of a conciliation division will, of course, call for an ap-

peal to the state legislature to enact a conciliation law—but the argument has been over the kind. There have been indications that the A. F. of L. organization, at least, would not look unfavorably upon a measure patterned after the Minnesota statute. This type law provides a mandatory period of delay in calling any strike in order to permit official conciliators of the State Department of Labor to try their hand at smoothing out difficulties. This law seems to have worked well in Minnesota.

At all events the Holly Ridge strike has made certain the introduction of a bill setting up official conciliation machinery in North Carolina. Under present law the Department of Labor has no personnel especially for conciliation purposes and there is no statute making any delay in strikes mandatory.

Taylor said information given the special commission indicated that the work week in the state some

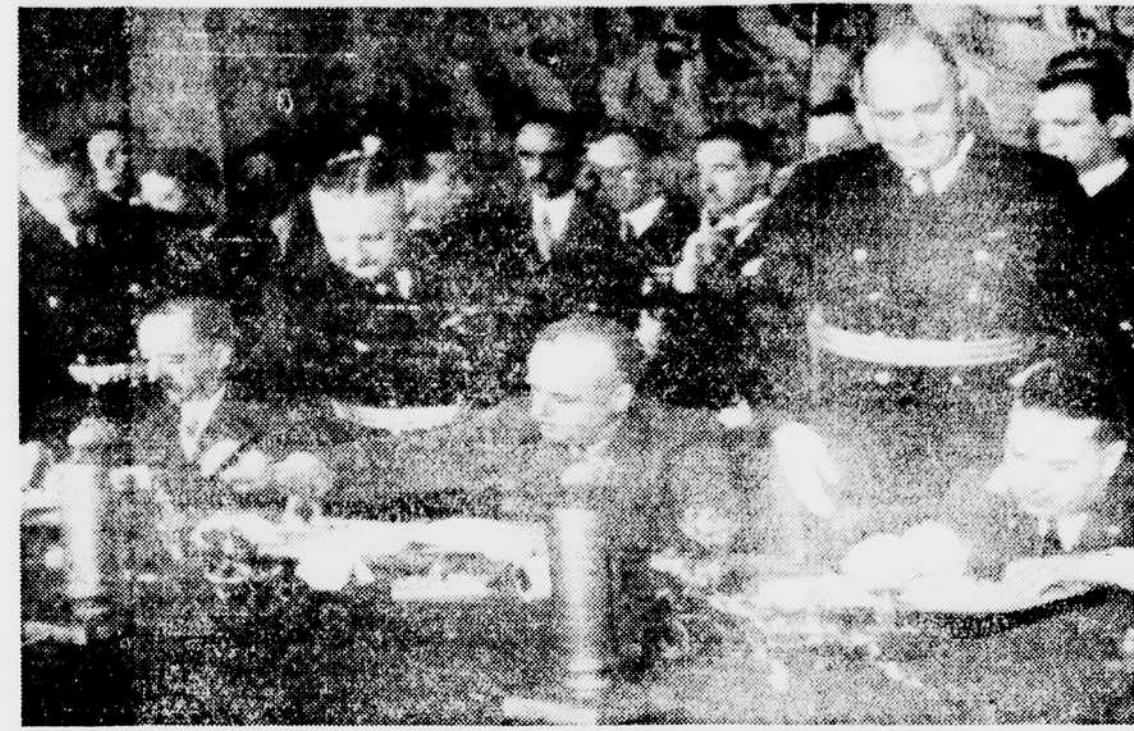
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#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy and much cold-  
er temperature nearly to coast tonight. Wednesday fair,  
colder in east and central por-  
tions.

Extended weather forecast for period from 7:30 p. m. March 4 to 7:30 p. m. March 8—Generally fair except moderate showers near end of period over north portion. Temperatures much below normal at beginning of period, rising to above normal.

#### Bulgaria Signs With Axis Powers



C. P. Radiophoto

Bulgaria becomes a member of the Axis, signing on the dotted line in Belvedere Palace, Vienna. Putting their signature on the pact are Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Filhoff (seated left), German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop (center) and Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano. Almost before the ink was dry, German troops occupied Bulgaria, moving ominously closer to Greece.

#### Declaration Of War May Come Soon

American Legation to Take Over British Property Throughout Bulgaria; Nazis Move to Bring Turkey Into Line.

(By The Associated Press) Great Britain will break off diplomatic relations with Nazi-dominated Bulgaria tomorrow. British Minister George W. Rendel informed United States Minister George H. Earle today, possibly leading to extension of the war in the Balkans.

Rendel had said previously that a British declaration of war "undoubtedly" would follow a rupture between the two countries.

Earle instructed the American legation to prepare to take over British property throughout Bulgaria.

Unconfirmed sources disclosed a force planes had already been sighted flying high over Bulgaria.

Meanwhile, development's point to a Nazi move to bring Turkey into line.

Turkey's cabinet went into emergency session to consider a special message from Adolf Hitler which Balkan diplomatic quarters described as a high pressure mission to key to foreclose her British alliance and join the axis—"since only Turkey can protect Turkey against the hostile designs of Russia."

Russia's age old dream, it was recalled, centers on gaining control to the western world—especially via the Turkish guarded Dardanelles.

Simultaneously, authorized in Berlin served blunt notice on Greece that she cannot "negotiate masters" in evident reference to Greece's alliance with Britain, the fast spreading sweep of German control throughout the Balkans.

#### Japan Sets Time Limit

Tokyo, March 4.—(AP)—Domestic Japanese news agency indicated today that Japan for the second time in a week had set a time limit for a reply by France to proposals for settlement of her Indo-China border dispute with Thailand.

There was no report on the number of envoys who reported for conference.

A Tokyo official estimated that 10,000 Japanese had报到 in their jobs to-day. He said that a large proportion of them were unable to work because of the weather.

There were virtually no picket lines or entries to the reserves. Today, Pichard, commanding chief of organized labor, were called to Tokyo.

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