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British Aid Bill To White House

Axis Propaganda Attacks U.S.

Axis Hints Counter Act By Japanese

Matsuoka Prepares to Leave Far East For Talks With Hitler and Mussolini; Britain Admits Heavy Shipping Losses.

(By The Associated Press) Propaganda gains of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance boomed in concert against the United States today as Japan's Foreign Minister Matsuoka prepared to leave the Far East for important talks with Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Fascist sources in Rome hinted at an impending Japanese move under the triple alliance in reaction to the United States' British aid bill. An Italian newspaper declared bluntly that Matsuoka's trip was "the immediate answer to Washington's threatening move."

At Berlin, informed nazis said Matsuoka's visit was one of a series of counter actions to the United States' aid to Britain bill. In the Balkan crisis, Yugoslavia's recent Prince Paul summoned the crown council to meet tomorrow to decide whether Yugoslavia would join the axis—under a reported demand by Hitler that she sign as a full fledged member.

In the war at sea, the London admiralty acknowledged the heaviest toll of shipping since last October, with the loss of 29 British allied and neutral vessels totaling 148,038 tons in the week ended March 2.

"The spring blitz which Hitler promised has begun," a British spokesman said.

After long delay, Thailand and French Indo-China signed a Japanese-arranged "peace protocol" ending their frontier conflict and giving Thailand an estimated 25,000 square miles of France's Far East colonial territory.

The agreement marked Japan's first successful mediation in her self-proclaimed role of leader of a sphere

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ITALIAN PRISONERS TO RAISE FOOD FOR BRITAIN THIS YEAR

Chester, Eng., March 11.—(AP)—Britain intends to put Italian war prisoners to work raising her crops, Thomas Williams, parliamentary secretary to the ministry of agriculture, disclosed here today.

Williams told farmers that the government promises to put between 2,000 and 3,000 Italian war prisoners on farm work in Britain as soon as ships are available to bring them.

The present shipping situation, he said, is "infinitely more desperate" than twelve months ago and infinitely worse than it was from 1914 to 1918.

Hull Appeals To Franco

U. S. Intervention on Behalf of Spanish Republicans Revealed in Letters.

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—The United States has intervened with the Spanish and Vichy governments, it was learned authoritatively today, on behalf of thousands of Spanish republicans who are prisoners in Spain or political refugees in unoccupied France.

Appeals from Secretary of State Hull to Spanish Generalissimo Francisco Franco, it was learned, sought clemency for the political prisoners on "humanitarian" grounds after receipt of reports of wholesale executions and crowded prisons in the wake of Spain's bitter civil war.

The friendly request to Franco was disclosed by individual letters from the State department to individual American citizens interested in the fate of Spaniards who fought vainly to save the Spanish

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Bullitt Sees U. S. Like France



C. P. Phonograph

William C. Bullitt (left), former U. S. ambassador to France, talks with Representative Hatton W. Summers of Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, before testifying about the defense program. Bullitt warned that there is a "striking parallel" between current conditions in the United States and those in France before her collapse.

Britain Has Sailors To Man U. S. Fleet

Plane Crash Injures Six

Cincinnati, March 11.—(AP)—Six of eleven persons aboard an American Airliner were injured, the pilot and a passenger seriously, when the twin-motored craft landed amid hard rain on the city's airport last night, slipped from a concrete runway into deep mud and rammed a bordering river-dike.

Captain Lester Bryant, 33, Chicago, Army trained "million miler" with 15 years of flying behind him, and Wesley McCleaster of Indianapolis suffered possible skull fractures, cuts and severe bruises.

City Mourns Dead Firemen

Brockton, Mass., March 11.—(AP)—Shocked at the death of a dozen firemen in the collapse of a flaming theatre's snow-burdened roof, residents of this shoe manufacturing city took today to provide for the twelve widows and 26 fatherless children. A special committee appointed last night by the city council began drawing up a schedule of additional annual sums for their minor children.

Representatives of welfare and service organizations responded to a call by Mayor Rowe for a citizens meeting today to raise a private fund for the bereaved families.

While flags throughout the city were lowered to half staff for a thirty-day period of mourning, hopes rose that 28 firemen injured in the tragedy would recover.

Notice to Advertisers!

All those desiring space in Thursday's Daily Dispatch for the advertising of Henderson Trade Days Specials for Friday and Saturday must have their copy in the Daily Dispatch office not later than Wednesday at 5 P. M.

This is necessary to insure best results from the advertising.

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New Strikes Hamper Defense

Bus Strike in New York City Creates Transportation Problems for Thousands; Other Strikes Directly Affect Defense.

(By The Associated Press) Strikes bearing directly or indirectly on the war effort are mounting drive continued today to dot the industrial map.

The one which directly affected the most men and women was the bus strike in New York city. It scarred hundreds of thousands of city dwellers walking to their business or seeking transportation by subway or taxicab.

The CIO Transport Workers Union is asking wage increases, longer paid

vacations and a uniform eight-hour day for all employees. A group of American Federation of Labor metal workers struck yesterday at the Ingalls shipbuilding yard at Pascagoula, Miss., where cargo vessels are being built. The company contended the strike was jurisdictional; the union said it was called because of improper recognition.

R. G. Stowell, superintendent of construction, said the strike resulted from the contractor's inability to furnish permanent job passes to the union business agent and several of his assistants.

St. Louis, March 11.—(AP)—Construction of a \$12,000,000 small arms ammunition plant was hampered today by a strike of 120 American Federation of Labor building workers, stopping the work of a small number of carpenters, electricians and steam shovel operators.

London, March 11.—(AP)—A high British naval source said today that Britain has enough trained personnel to man the whole American fleet.

EXPLOSION ROCKS ISTANBUL HOTEL

Istanbul, March 11.—(AP)—A heavy explosion rocked the Pera Palace hotel tonight a few minutes after George W. Rendel, former British minister to Bulgaria, and his legion staff had taken up headquarters there. Screams of the wounded and diving could be heard from the street immediately after the blast as police and firemen fought their way into the hotel.

23 Saved From British Freighter

Philadelphia, March 11.—(AP)—Twenty-three young survivors of a torpedoed British freighter anxiously awaited further sailing orders today because "we're fighting a war, you know."

The 23, who range in age from 15 to 25, were landed here yesterday by another British freighter which picked them out of the Atlantic ocean 600 miles off the coast of Ireland after their ship, the Merslew, was sunk by a torpedo about February 23.

They brought the first word that the vessel had been sunk. Of the 36 officers and crew members, 13 are unaccounted for, including the captain.

The young seamen, fitted out with

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair tonight and Wednesday, slightly colder in extreme west portion and considerably colder in east and central portions tonight.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. March 11 to 7:30 p. m. March 15—Weather fair except moderate showers middle of period; temperatures below normal except rising to normal middle of period over southern part of district.

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Roosevelt To Ask Congress For Seven Billion Dollars As Starting Appropriation

N. Y. Bus Strike Hits Million



Nearly a million New York bus riders were forced to use cabs or walk to get to work as the Transport Workers Union called out 3,500 employees on strike, demanding a 25 per cent pay increase. Here is one of the picket lines established all over the city. They are patrolling the garage in which 260 buses were immobilized.

(Central Press)

Representative Woodrum Says Appropriation Measure Will Be Introduced in House Tomorrow and May Go to Floor Monday.

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Congress completed action today on the historic British aid bill, just after President Roosevelt set seven billion dollars as its starting appropriation. This round figure, which would be the largest peacetime appropriation ever requested in America's history, was announced by congressional leaders who met with the President in anticipation of his signing the aid legislation late today or tonight.

The bill call vote which sent it to the White House was announced as 317 to 71 on House acceptance of Senate amendments.

Mr. Roosevelt is expected to request the \$7,000,000,000 formally in a special message to Congress tomorrow.

Members of the congressional delegation at the White House said the money would permit purchase of "all articles authorized in the British aid bill." They were not specific.

House acceptance of an even dozen Senate amendments was the final legislative act on the precedent shattering measure. It was sped to the White House almost two months to the day after its introduction January 10.

As soon as the President signs it he will have the unprecedented authority to manufacture or otherwise procure any defense article and turn it over to the government of any country whose defense he "deems vital to the defense of the United States."

The Chief Executive, moving rapidly ahead with plans to put the British aid program into full and immediate operation, began a conference with the ranking officials of the War and Navy departments immediately after the bill's passage.

With the executive branch of the government emphasizing speed, Representative Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, indicated an attempt would be made to match it in congress. He said a bill would be introduced tomorrow, that committee hearings would begin Thursday and he hoped to have the bill itself before the House Monday.

STRIKE CALLED

Oakland, Cal., March 11.—(AP)—The Fisher Body plant and the Chevrolet unit here, employing 1,600 men, closed today after a labor controversy developed.

Both are operated by General Motors. The trouble originated at the body plant, employing about 900 men. The Chevrolet plant was forced to shut down because of the lack of bodies.

School Bill Is Amended

House Changes Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Giving Governor Veto.

Raleigh, March 11.—(AP)—The House amended and passed a bill today to submit a constitutional amendment to the voters which would vest entire control of the public school system in a new state board of education.

The amendment, adopted 50 to 44, provided that the governor should approve the comptroller named by the education board to handle school finances. It replaced a provision giving the superintendent of public instruction veto power over the naming of the comptroller.

The measure went back to the senate for concurrence.

The governor would appoint a board member from each congressional district and, in addition, the

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Nazi News Agency Under Indictment

Referendum Is Killed

Raleigh, March 11.—(AP)—The House finance committee this afternoon rejected the McGowan liquor referendum bill by a 34 to 10 vote.

Three members immediately filed a minority favorable report, but it will take a favorable vote by two-thirds of the House membership to get the favorable report before the representatives for debate and action.

Representatives C. E. Quinn of Duplin, McKinley Edwards of Swain and O. L. Moore of Scotland signed the minority report.

The House propositions and resolutions committee of which Quinn is chairman reported the bill favorably last week, but Speaker Mail sent it to the finance group because if the state voted for a return to prohibition it would have removed nearly \$5,000,000 from the estimated biennial tax receipts.

Dees yesterday proposed an amendment postponing the effective date of closing of stores if the state voted dry until July 1, 1943, but the committee rejected that by voting by secret ballot to report the bill unfavorably.

Federal Regulation Proposed

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—Charting of national corporations by the federal government was recommended to the monopoly committee today by its chairman, Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming.

O'Mahoney reviewed the committee's two years and nine months of inquiry into economic ills and declared democracy was endangered by failure of the people to understand and correct "the causes of economic instability." He concluded his 6,000-word statement by proposing:

"1. National charters for national corporations in order these agencies may have a definite and a free place in our economy and local business may be differentiated and protected from national business.

"2. The effective and thorough en-

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Federal Grand Jury Issues Charges Against German News Agency in Washington and Against Manager and Employee.

Washington, March 11.—(AP)—A federal grand jury today indicted Transocean, a German news agency, its manager, Manfred Zapp, and Guenther Tonn, an employee, for violation of the foreign agents registry law.

Justice department officials said that both Zapp and Tonn, who are German citizens, had been arrested on commissioner's warrants in New York.

The three indictments charged: That Transocean, a German corporation, had established a branch agency in the United States in October, 1936, to further the interests of the German government and the Nazi party, but had failed to register with the State department as an agent of a foreign principal.

(Transocean has no connection with any American news service.) That Zapp as manager of Transocean's offices and business here had "aided and abetted" the agency's alleged violation, and himself had violated the law by failing to register immediately as an agent and by omitting material information both in his original registration in January, 1939, and in a supplement filed last September.

That Tonn became a publicity agent for Transocean in 1938 to act in "furthering the interest and ideologies" of the Nazi party by disseminating political propaganda and had failed to register.

Murder Case Solution Near

Kansas City, March 11.—(AP)—Police Chief L. B. Reed said today that the butcher slaying of Lelia Adele Welsh, 24, was nearing a solution.

"After two o'clock this morning," he said, "the police department received some definite and positive information that seems very encouraging in this case. Of the maze of clues and tips given us so far this seems to be the best yet."

Reed said special investigators were working on the slaying of the girl, who was hammered and slashed to death in her bed during the dark hours of Sunday morning.