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Bombs Blast Britain

House Refuses To Cut Aid Bill

Amendment Cutting Sum Is Defeated

Leaders of Both Parties Agree Appropriation Measure Will Pass House With Tremendous Majority Despite Opposition.

Washington, March 19—(AP)—In the first test on the $7,000,000,000 British aid appropriation bill, the House defeated today an amendment by Representative Lambertson, Republican, Kansas, to make a $363,714,186 reduction in a proposed $1,343,000,000 expenditure for ordnance and munitions.

The amendment, announced as the first of a series to make overall cuts of $2,000,000,000 in the big measure was drowned by a standing vote of 162 to 63.

Lambertson asserted that $5,000,000,000 would be adequate to put the program in operation and said that the reduction could be applied easily to other government obligations.

But Representative Powers, Republican, New Jersey, countered with the statement that if the $7,000,000,000 were slashed other bills would be presented to make up the cuts.

A small opposition band of House Republicans, expressing belief that the all-out British aid program betokened war for the United States, decided on a last ditch fight to slash the $7,000,000,000 appropriation before a final vote sends the bill to the Senate.

Announcing this forlorn stand in the face of conceded overwhelming administration strength, Lambertson charged that President Roosevelt was "enthused x x x joyful almost to tears" at the possibility of becoming a war president of the United States.

This threat of determined resistance failed to arouse concern among the bill's supporters. As the hour for voting approached leaders of both parties predicted that a tremendous majority would be rolled up for the big appropriation to emphasize to the world that "we mean business."

Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Project Agreement Signed

United States and Canadian Officials Sign Agreement, Obviating Necessity for Senate Approval, for Controversial Measure

Washington, March 19—(AP)—The United States and Canada signed an agreement today to proceed immediately with development of the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence river seaway and power project as a vital joint defense measure.

The State department announcing the signing of the agreement in Ottawa by American and Canadian officials made public an exchange of notes in which President Roosevelt linked the project with the policy of aiding Britain to win the war.

An engineering report released at the same time gave the total estimated cost as $266,170,000 for the entire project. The immediate objectives are an increase of power production in the International Rapids section of the St. Lawrence river and an outlet for shipbuilding facilities in the Great Lakes area.

Details of the agreement on the long standing project will be made public Friday.

President Roosevelt plans to transmit it to Congress with a request for the necessary appropriation. The same day it will go before the Canadian parliament.

Revival of the plan through an agreement rather than a treaty obviates the necessity of ratification by the Senate. The senate failed in 1934 to approve a waterway treaty by the necessary two-thirds vote.

Yugoslavia On Fence

Germans Declare Balkan Nation Will Sign Axis Alliance Next Wednesday

Belgrade, March 19—(AP)—The German minister to Yugoslavia conferred for an hour and a half today with the Yugoslav foreign minister, and German circles immediately predicted a report that Yugoslavia would sign the axis alliance March 26.

These reports were heard despite statements in high Yugoslav quarters that the Belgrade government had stiffened its attitude toward Germany.

This diplomatic move kept a jump ahead of word on the Balkan front as Turkish foreign conferences with British and Greeks and Yugoslavia continued to hockey to keep in the clear.

A dispatch from Athens said the governors of Turkish and Greek Thrace met at a railway station at the eastern end of the Bulgarian-Greek frontier.

At the same time, the Turkish foreign minister was reported at Ankara to have gone to Palestine or Egypt for new talks with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

More Money For Farmers

Farm-Minded Senators Line Up Behind Proposal for Increasing Parity Payments.

Washington, March 19—(AP)—A powerful group of farm-minded senators lined up today behind a proposal increasing the agricultural parity payment program by $450,000,000, more than double the $212,000,000 already voted by the House.

Senator Russell, Democrat, Georgia, leader in the fight for additional parity benefits to farmers, said he would offer a $238,000,000 amendment to the annual farm bill to make possible the additional payments.

"The least Congress can do is see that the farmers are able to exist," the Georgia senator said. "Industry now has a backlog of orders that it can't even fill and the government is building factories for them. Wages of labor are at the highest level in history—higher than even 1929."

He estimated that with a $450,000,000 parity payment fund farmers would receive from 75 to 80 per cent of parity for their crops.

The larger share would be needed, he indicated, for cotton and wheat farmers.

Casualties Heavy After Raid On Hull

British Shipping City Smashed by Nazi Bombers in Night Raid; German Attacks on Shipping Continue Successfully.

(By The Associated Press.)

Germany's air force switched to the Baltic coast and Hull (population 320,000) last night, and the British said the bombers left the industrial city of Britain's east coast in flames.

Before the dawn's early light revealed the full extent of the damage, the British announced that 55 raiders were destroyed in the night's operations—the heaviest toll of the war.

(By The Associated Press.)

Balkan quarters heard late today that Greece was preparing to send 500,000 troops to her northern front against an expected German invasion from Bulgaria and that American-built warplanes were arriving at Greek ports for the heralded "battle of the Balkans."

Only 300,000 of the 800,000-strong Greek army, it was said, are now manning the Albanian front against the Italians.

Germany is reported to have massed 16 divisions (about 240,000 men) along the Greek and Turkish frontiers, while the British were said to be moving troops north through Greece—the vanguard of 500,000 empire forces already famed or expected to land in the Aegean kingdom.

Mr. Winant Meets Mr. Churchill

America's ambassador to England, John G. Winant (right) talks with Premier Winston Churchill at the Pilgrims Society dinner in London, given in Winant's honor. It was at this dinner that announcement was made by Churchill that Nazi U-boats were on their way to American waters to torpedo ships on and supply ships en route to England.

Government Ready For Strike Action

Roosevelt Expected to Name Mediation Board Before Leaving on Vacation; War Department May Requisition Workers.

(By The Associated Press)

The Federal government was reported ready today to take definite steps toward eliminating strike delays in the production of defense equipment.

Before leaving for a southern vacation, President Roosevelt was expected to issue an executive order establishing a federal mediation board which will bring labor and management together to adjust their differences.

The War department, determined to get quick action shortly again at the Army air corps experimental plant operated at Wright Field, Ohio, was reported by a spokesman to be considering the possibility of taking the $6,000,000 building program into its own hands if a strike there is not settled quickly.

One source said the department might requisition building mechanics from the civil service rolls to complete the job.

At New York, CIO leaders and Mayor LaGuardia reached an agreement whereby the Transport Workers Union will resume negotiations with Manhattan's bus motor bus companies in an attempt to settle

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Income Tax Collections Soar Higher

Raleigh, March 19—(AP)—State income tax collections mounted steadily today toward the new record they will ultimately set this year, having already exceeded all previous fiscal year collections records.

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported that returns for March through yesterday totaled $9,434,451.67 as compared with $8,932,822.56 through the first 18 days of last March.

Returns for the fiscal year through yesterday, Maxwell said, totaled $12,347,350.13 as compared with $10,728,962.38 through March 18, last year and $12,007,105.64 taken in on incomes during all of 1939-40, the previous all time record.

Maxwell said collections for this fiscal year would certainly reach the $13,500,000 mark set for them in budget estimates and that they would likely exceed $14,000,000.

Convoy Plan Criticized

American Naval Experts Propose Lane of Destroyers Across Atlantic Ocean.

New York, March 19—(AP)—Shipping sources reported today that some American experts had advised the British to abandon the convoy system and establish a line of destroyers across the Atlantic in an effort to thwart the increasing German threat to vital war supplies from America.

American shipping experts were

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France Needs U. S. Food

Grenoble, France, March 19—(AP)—Chief of State Marshal Petain told his nation today that American aid is necessary for feeding France. He also announced that a new French constitution would be drawn only after European peace is concluded.

"I have no intent to tell you that the question of taxes, the lack of food and the depletion of stocks are the objects of all our preoccupations and we count much upon American aid," Petain said.

Speaking before a Grenoble audience and addressing the nation at the same time by radio, the chief of state said "my duty is to prepare for the time when France will become free again, a treaty of peace and a new constitution."

U. S. Spending For Arms May Exceed British

Washington, March 19—(AP)—The United States armament spending may soon equal or exceed Great Britain's present monthly war outlay of $1,500,000,000, if Congress votes the pending $7,000,000,000 lease-lend appropriation.

To get this tremendous production program into high gear as quickly as possible, congressional tabulations showed the government is pouring nearly $4,000,000,000 into airplane plants, shipyards, tank factories, and other industrial facilities.

Interested legislators said they were informed that by June the vast armaments production machine will be ready enlarged by the expenditure of more than $2,000,000,000 since the

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DRAFT EVADERS SENT TO PRISON

Fayetteville, March 19.—(AP)—Federal Judge I. M. Meekins today sentenced three Negroes to a year and a day each in prison upon conviction of evading the draft.

They were Murdoch McDuffie and John Wesley Smith, both of Robeson county, and Preston Williams of Harnett county.

Navy Fund Approved In Senate

Washington, March 19—(AP)—The Senate appropriations committee approved unanimously today $3,446,000,000 outlay—the largest in peacetime history—for the maintenance and expansion of the Navy in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

The House-approved measure, scheduled for Senate consideration tomorrow, carried $1,515,000,000 in appropriations and contract authority for new ships to speed up the construction of a two-ocean fleet. In-

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Generally fair; rising temperature tonight and Thursday.

British Gains Continue In Africa

Cairo, March 19—(AP)—British forces have captured additional "important positions" south of Cheren in Eritrea and repulsed Italian counter attacks with "serious losses" to the Fascists, the middle east command announced today.

"Further fortunes in the battle for Cheren," the war bulletin added.

The action was part of a campaign aimed at annihilating the Italians in the army's seven days ultimatum.

The occupation Monday of Jaga, it was announced today, and the capture of the middle east command general, cleared the way for the drive on Cheren.

Strikers Lose Appeal

Raleigh, March 19—(AP)—The state supreme court held today that a group of employees of the Nebel Knitting Company of Charlotte were ineligible for compensation during the period of five weeks last year when the mill was closed because of a strike.

The ruling was the court's first opinion interpreting the relation of labor disputes to the state's unemployment compensation law.

The justices in their decision upheld findings of the Unemployment Compensation Commission and of the Mecklenburg superior court.

The court ruled that the appeal of Joe Calcutt of Fayetteville, convicted on slot machine magnate, should take its regular place on the docket for all arguments the week of April 8.

The court made no ruling today on the question of whether a one year jail sentence imposed on Calcutt in Wake superior court last De-

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Dies Charges Communist Activities

Washington, March 19—(AP)—Representative Dies, Democrat, Texas, told the House today that a communist party fund sent a man to California "for the express purpose of attempt of our national defense."

The chairman of the special committee investigating un-American activities asserted that the nation faces a peril created by the agents of Stalin who have been so tenderly coddled recently.

He said he held up a letter at the Hotel Willard, Aug. 27, 1940, addressed to Earl Browder, Communist party leader in Englewood, Colo., which he said was in contravention of the Hatch act.

Asserting that the Office of Production Management had immediately placed the schedule of aircraft production in the hands of Communist Eugene Eggert, Dies declared that Eggert was a member of the Harvill unit.

"We have on record against Eggert," he said, "the statement that he went to California for the express purpose of the communist party." The party he said, realizes that its supporters in the United States cannot be trusted to support Russia openly in the event of war between Russia and Germany, and therefore has ordered its members to "sit tight" and "keep quiet."

Declaring that the Communist party is dedicated to the overthrow by force and violence of the government of the United States, Dies said that "the party is not interested in the welfare of labor, but only in the destruction of our democratic institutions."

Dies said that the committee has in its possession a letter from Earl Browder, Communist party leader, to Eggert, dated Aug. 27, 1940, in which Browder said:

"Comrade Eggert, I am sending you herewith a letter of introduction to Comrade [illegible] who is going to California to [illegible] the work of the party there. Please help him in every way you can."

Dies said that the letter was addressed to Browder at the Hotel Willard, Washington, D. C., and was signed by Comrade [illegible].

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Senators Propose Farm Strike

Washington, March 19—(AP)—Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, proposed today that farmers refuse to plant crops this year unless they get parity prices.

Bilbo told a senate agriculture committee considering a bill to support farm prices that he would introduce a resolution to that effect.

He said he would suggest a general strike of farmers, and that the strike should continue until the government agrees to pay prices for farm products that will give farmers the same purchasing power they had in the years 1909 to 1914.

Bilbo's proposal came at a hearing before the senate agriculture committee on a proposal to support farm prices at 85 per cent of parity.

Chairman Bankhead (Democrat, Alabama) interrupted Bilbo to say that the committee was considering a bill to support prices at 85 per cent of parity, and that Bilbo's proposal was not before the committee.

Bilbo replied that he was aware of that, but that he wanted to make his proposal a matter of record.

Senator Gillette (Democrat, Iowa) told Bilbo that he thought the senator's proposal was "unwise."

Bilbo replied that he thought it was unwise, too, but that he was going to make it anyway.

School Children Are Less Affected Than Professionals By 1941 Laws

Daily Dispatch Bureau
In the Sir Walter Hotel
By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, March 19—Careful analysis of all the legislation of the 1941 General Assembly relating to education reveals that most of it will affect the school "professionals" and "professors" much more than the hundreds of thousands of school children in North Carolina.

This is not by way of saying that the legislation will not indirectly, at least, benefit the children; but it does place a big, black question mark after the exuberant praise dished out by Governor J. Melville Broughton, Dr. Ralph McDonald and Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin.

Each of these has proclaimed and acclaimed in words substantially to this effect: "The legislature of 1941 has done more for the public schools than any legislature in the history of the state."

Without challenging their opinion, it can be pointed out that of more than half a dozen so-called "major" school achievements of the legislature, only one will have any immediate meaning by the next school year's effect on the youngsters who go to school. Another may possibly be made moderately effective for the 1942-43 term, but not before.

It can also be pointed out that two of three proposals vitally affecting the children were defeated.

Passing from generalities to specifications, the school legislation and proposed legislation may roughly be divided into three classes: (1) that directly and vitally concerned with the children; (2) that chiefly affecting teachers and other public school employees and officials; (3) that concerned with the general public school policy and program.

Obviously there must be some overlapping under these classifications; but in general the 1941 legislation falls about like this:

Affecting the Children:

(1) Without doubt the increase in appropriations for vocational education will rank highest in this class. The Assembly voted $600,000 for the first year and $710,000 for the second year of the coming biennium—almost twice as much as has been spent by the state in the past—and a start in accord with the recommendations made by vocational education experts.

With this money available, there will be set up hundreds of additional classes in vocational training of all kinds. Director Browne, of the vocational division, has not yet worked out any details of the new program—in fact he is this week confined to his home by illness—but it

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Abundant Political Jobs Create "Mountain Feud" For Prize Of Prestige In State

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In the Sir Walter Hotel
By LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, March 19—Political observers around the capital city have been much interested and sometimes amused by the maneuvering of political leaders from the mountain counties during the closing weeks of the General Assembly and since. The prize of stake is political prestige rather than mere connecting with the payroll.

There is no secret about the fact that the westerners want two big [illegible] along with a vehicle [illegible] jobs. They think chairmanship of the highway commission belongs to the west this time, and they claim also the director of conservation and development. So far, all the mountaineers agree and present a solid front.

But when it comes to personnel to fill these appointments there is very definite divergence of opinion. Furthermore, the state is made fully conscious of the fact that there are several cities and counties in the

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COUNSEL PERMITTED AMERICAN NEWSMAN ARRESTED BY NAZIS

Berlin, March 19—(AP)—Leland B. Morris, United States embassy counsellor, was authorized today to designate an official of the consulate to talk with Richard C. Hottelet, American newspaper man held since last Saturday on charges of suspicion of espionage.

Hottelet was expected to have his first interview tomorrow with the official.