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Yugoslavia Signs Axis Alliance

Defense Mediation Board Organizes

Appeal Made For Public Support

Chairman Dykstra Says Group Will "Endeavor to be Impartial, Completely Honest and Thoroughly Non-Political."

(By The Associated Press.)

The new national defense mediation board organized in Washington today, urging labor and management to prevent any further interruption of the defense program. It met as sporadic violence marked efforts of workers to enter the Bethlehem Steel Company's plant at Bethlehem, Pa., and the International Harvester Company McCormick works at Chicago.

Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, chairman, in a statement at the mediation group's first meeting said this was a time of "world crisis" and that if the United States "is to be an arsenal for democracy there must be uninterrupted flow of production from mine, mill and factory".

All eleven members were present. Chairman Dykstra urged the public to support the board in a policy that "the public welfare today requires each of us to subordinate a purely private or personal interest to the good of the country". He said the group would "endeavor to be impartial, completely honest and thoroughly non-political."

The board has no powers to compel settlement of labor disputes. The executive order creating it stipulated it might investigate labor disputes and publish the findings if necessary in an effort to settle controversies. Representative Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, has announced hearings will start in April on legislation to give it statutory powers.

President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina is a member of the board.

The CIO strikers at the McCormick plant in Chicago paraded nearby streets as non-striking AFL and unaffiliated workers entered. Police Captain John Stege said "goon squads" assaulted numerous workers going to their jobs and added that ten or more men had been arrested. Seven hundred police were on duty at the plant when it opened and 300 were added due to the violence.

Anti-Nazi Forces Look to Moscow

Belgrade, March 25.—(AP)—Anti-German elements in Yugoslavia protesting this nation's alignment with the axis apparently were looking to Moscow tonight for aid against nazi penetration in the Balkans.

Pamphlets scattered on Belgrade streets proclaimed that "Russia definitely is against the Germans' expansion in the Balkans."

Communists in Croatia, meanwhile, were reported being rapidly organized. For what purpose was not disclosed.

(The telephone connection between Belgrade and the Associated Press office in Bern, Switzerland, was broken at this point. Yugoslav telephones were put under strict censorship soon after the treaty signing at Vienna this morning.)

U. S. Pleased With Russian Declaration

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state, expressed the United States government's satisfaction today that Soviet Russia had given a new declaration of friendship to pro-British Turkey.

Welles told his press conference that at a time when so many nations had lost their autonomy and independence it was a matter of satisfaction to this country when a great power like the Soviet Union reaffirms its intentions of maintaining its "comprehensive" neutrality in event that a neighboring country were to suffer an attack.

Welles made this comment on the announcement that Russia last night

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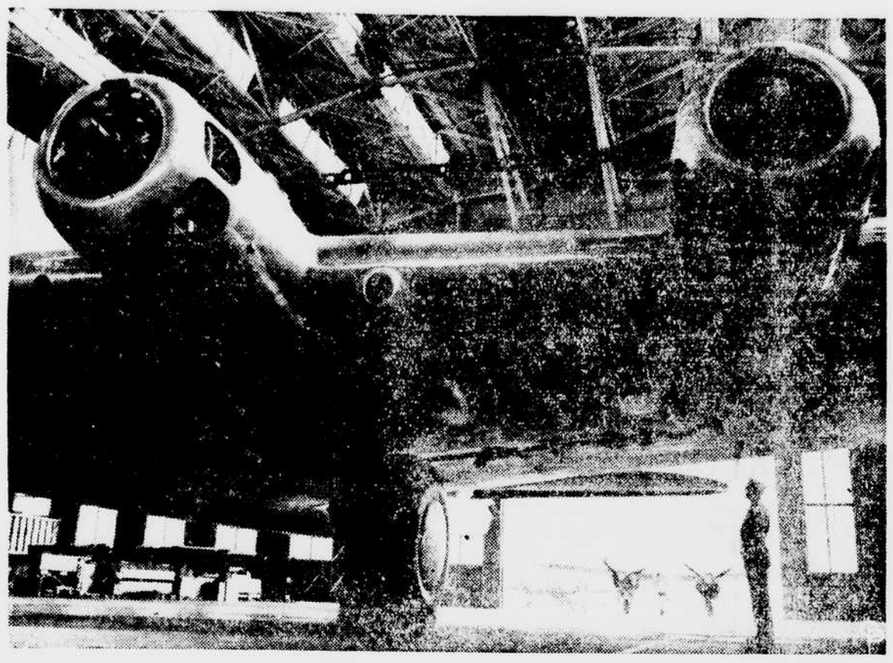
World's Largest Bomber Nears Flight Line



Grandeur and grace of the world's largest warplane, the Douglas B-19 bomber, are evident in this photo made in the Santa Monica, Cal., plant, where the great ship is nearing completion. Only two of the four engines of the eighty-two ton plane are shown, but an idea of the ship's immensity is gained from comparison with the regular Douglas attack bombers in background. The B-19 will be able to fly 7,700 miles non-stop.

Seamen Die In Blast

British Sea Loss Lower

Admiralty Reports Returning of Blow for Blow in Battle of the Atlantic.

London, March 25.—(AP)—A British admiralty announcement today showed a drop in Britain's sea losses for the second consecutive week while she returned blow for blow in the battle of the Atlantic.

Twenty-three British and allied merchantmen totaling 71,773 tons were lost in the sea war in the week ended March 16, the admiralty says. Of the vessels, 17 were British, totaling 60,679 tons.

This compared with total losses of 93,632 tons the previous week and 141,314 tons the week before that.

The British declared that in the same period Britain's own naval and sea raiders were sinking almost three tons of axis ships for every four tons Britain and her allies lost.

Compared with the announced total of 416,000 tons lost to allied and neutral shipping in the five weeks up to March 16 the British and axis losses in that period were 300,000 tons.

This announcement gave no detail of how many axis ships had been sunk, but came at a time when the British had been reporting increasing success in bomb raids on shipping along the continental coast.

Senate Group Approves Farm Benefit Hike

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Legislation which its author said would add "about one billion dollars a year" to farmers income through higher government loans was approved today by the Senate agriculture committee.

The author, Senator Bankhead, Democrat, Alabama, said the bill was intended to place farmers "nearer a parity with labor and industry."

The 13 senators attending today's committee session, Bankhead said, were unanimous in approval.

Bankhead said his bill aimed at assuring producers of cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco and rice a "parity or fair exchange price" for their products through loans designed to serve as a "floor" under market prices."

Bankhead said that the government loan would represent "full

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Ruling Given On Wine Bill

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—The sale of "spiked" wines will be banned in dry counties on May 1, Attorney General Harry McMullan ruled today in an interpretation of an anti-wine law passed by the general assembly.

Licensed retailers in wet counties may continue to sell fortified wines up until July 1, he added, but after that date the sale of such beverages will be limited exclusively to ABC stores.

On July 1, drug stores, groceries, "A" grade cafes and hotels will be allowed to sell sweet wines in wet counties.

Three different dates were listed in the anti-wine bill passed by the 1941 General Assembly and McMullen was asked to interpret the new law by Cutlar Moore, chairman of the state ABC board. The dates listed were May 1, July 1 and July 15.

McMullan has not ruled yet on an apparent error in the law which would allow the shipment from a wet county to a customer in a dry county of more than gallon lots of fortified wine. Sponsors of the law intended the exemption to extend such shipments to less than gallon lots.

Waterway Faces Fight

Strong Congressional Opposition Forms Against Proposed St. Lawrence Project.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 25.—Over the project for a big ship waterway from the Great Lakes, via the St. Lawrence, to the Atlantic, a "fight right" ahead in Congress.

President Roosevelt's 100 per cent in favor of the development. In the first place, he wants to get lake boats to sea, to carry supplies to England, across the ocean. Some of them can navigate the river now, but their size has to be limited, to avoid scraping bottom and to get through the narrow channel and the Welland canal locks.

"Pooh!" answers the Transportation Association of America, opposing the project, "it'll take at least until 1947 to enlarge the outlet, and by then Britain's shipping emergency will be past."

Even so, argue the scheme's proponents, it'll be, commercially speak-

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18 Or 19 May Be Dead

Seventeen Officers and Men Rescued from Oil Tanker South of Cape Lookout.

Morehead City, March 25.—(AP)—Eighteen or 19 seamen were believed to have been killed late last night in an unexplained explosion sinking the 9,316-ton oil tanker Cities Service Denver about 91 miles due south of Cape Lookout.

The tanker, Port New York registered 17 officers and men after the explosion at 11 p. m. (EST) last night and the Coast Guard brought them ashore here today. Two of the 17 were badly burned.

The W. W. Bauer, a fished tanker, picked up the master and four other men and later began towing the stricken vessel into Morehead City.

A report from the Coast Guard cutter McLane said two Coast Guard cutters continued searching for survivors but that "there are believed to have been killed."

The explosion took place in the forecastle and the crew's quarters were blown open, the report stated. No cause for the explosion was given.

The four-funnel crewless vessel, a Liberty Ship built at Portland, Me., and Gulf Dry Dock at

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BROWDER TO SERVE PRISON SENTENCE

New York, March 25.—(AP)—Earl Browder, former general secretary of the communist party, surrendered today in federal court to serve a four year sentence for passport fraud.

His conviction was upheld last month by the Supreme court.

PETITION FILED

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Another petition in the appeal of Joe Calcutt of Fayetteville from a road sentence on charges of violating slot machine laws was filed in the state supreme court today.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly colder tonight.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. March 25 to 7:30 p. m. March 29—Weather mostly cloudy, moderate rains in south portion Wednesday and Thursday and over north portion about Thursday. Temperatures below normal at beginning of period, rising to normal at end of period.

Bethlehem Strike Meet Called

Clashes and Use of Tear Gas Mark Steel Strike as Moves Are Made for Settlement; Walkout Called Monday Afternoon.

Bethlehem, Pa., March 25.—(AP)—Moves for possible settlement were made today as clashes and the first use of tear gas marked a strike called by the CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee at the giant plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company, which has more than $1,000,000,000 of defense contracts.

Developments included:

1. A meeting was arranged between a federal conciliator, Steel Workers Organizing Committee officials and leaders of the employees representation plan.

2. Hoard Curtiss, district Steel Workers Organizing Committee head, announced a four-point program through which he said he hoped for "early termination" of the strike.

The walkout was called by the union at 5:30 p. m. Monday because, Curtiss charged, the employees representation plan began what he said was "an illegal" election. The Steel Workers Organizing Committee claims the employees representation plan is a company dominated union.

Curtiss said eventually 18,000 men would be out. There are 21,000 employees here, 18,000 eligible for union membership. The employees representation plan, however, claims 16,000 members.

Curtiss asserted that less than 2,000 of the usual shift of 8,000 men were in the plant today.

Tear gas was used by a city policeman to disperse pickets who thronged around an automobile driven by a company policeman as the car approached the main gate of the plant.

Several automobiles of work-bound employees were surrounded and turned away. A clash between police and strikers occurred as the police attempted to remove an overturned car that blocked one gate. Curtiss said several policemen had been "roughed up".

Aid Fund Bill Sent To FDR

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Vice President Wallace and Speaker Rayburn signed the $7,000,000,000 British aid bill today, completing congressional action on the measure.

At the White House officials said the bill would be flown to Miami, Fla., aboard a commercial plane leaving Washington at 3:45 p. m. (EST) and arriving at Miami in his evening. From there it will be flown by special plane to the President, now on a vacation cruise, for his signature.

The appropriation was passed last week by the House and yesterday by the Senate.

NYA PROJECT

Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—John A. Long, state NYA administrator, approved today a project to construct a curb market at Greenville to cost $14,160.50 and give employment to 60 youths.

Yugoslavian Funds Frozen

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today froze all funds of Yugoslavia in the United States.

This was announced at the Treasury shortly after Yugoslavia signed the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance.

No explanation of the freezing was given, but it has been the policy of the administration to tie up the funds of any country coming under the axis powers.

The action prohibited the use or removal of any Yugoslavian cash, securities, or other movable assets in this country. Commerce department experts estimated such Yugoslavian assets totaled $1,000,000.

Yugoslavia was the 13th nation whose funds have been frozen. The other nations have about $4,500,000,000 worth of funds in this country.

Takes $5,979 Cut

James Stewart

C. P. Phonephoto

Winner of the Academy Award this year, movie star James Stewart is shown in his new uniform following induction into the army in Los Angeles. He left a $6,000-a-month berth as an actor to become a buck private at Fort MacArthur at $21 a month.

Graziani Steps Down

Italian Marshal Resigns Command of North African Forces and As Libya Governor.

Rome, March 25.—(AP)—Marshal Rodolfo Graziani today resigned command of Italy's north African troops and the position of army chief of staff and governor of Libya.

An official announcement said General Italo Gariboldi, chief of Graziani's staff in Libya, had been promoted to governor with command of troops in Libya.

Graziani, army chief of staff since October, 1939, was named commander of the army in Libya July 1, 1940, succeeding Marshal Italo Balbo, who was killed when his plane was shot down over Tobruk.

Graziani organized the Italian advance into Egypt which was turned into a retreat when the British recaptured Sidi Barrani last December. He returned command throughout the British counter offensive in which the Italians were driven from eastern Libya.

ARMY TRAINEES SENT TO BRAGG

Fort Bragg, March 25.—(AP)—Hundreds of selective service trainees, the first of 14,000 to be trained at the Army's giant field artillery replacement center here, began arriving early today.

The first group of 300 came from Fort Dix, N. J., and a second train load of 276 arrived from Camp Upton, N. Y. Others were expected to arrive later in the day from Fort Devens, Mass., and Fort Meade, Md.

Nazi Troops Not To Use Territory

Yugoslavia Specifically Exempted from Giving Military Aid to Axis; Signing of Pact Bitterly Opposed by Many.

(By The Associated Press)

With a solemn German pledge that no axis troops would march through her territory, Yugoslavia signed the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance in Vienna in ceremonies attended by Adolf Hitler.

Well-informed Vienna sources declared Germany specifically exempted Yugoslavia from giving military aid to the axis and guaranteed the Balkan kingdom's territorial integrity.

In this respect the terms of the pact averted a severe blow to the defense plans of Britain and Greece against an expected invasion of Greece.

A reliable source in London said Germany had massed 800,000 troops in the Balkans to carry out a blitzkrieg attack and guard the Soviet Russian frontier.

Earlier reports had estimated the British strength already landed or expected in Greece at 300,000; Greek troops which could be diverted to oppose a nazi invasion at 400,000; and Turkish troops massed on the Bulgarian frontier at 100,000.

Military observers said that free passage of German troops through Yugoslavia's Vardar river valley would have collapsed the British-Greek plan to stand along the 30-mile wide Struma river line—intended only to block an attack from Bulgaria—and compel them to fight along the 60-mile wide Vardar river front and possibly defend the whole 200-mile line from Albania to Turkish Thrace.

Except for the pledge that axis troops would not violate Yugoslavia's frontier, it was said, the pact is the same as those previously signed by Hungary, Rumania, Slovakia and Bulgaria.

An unofficial version of the document said Yugoslavia agreed to permit the transport of war and hospital equipment as well as wounded through her territory—which Greece has already warned Yugoslavia she would regard as a "hostile act."

Apparently timing her move to coincide with the approaching showdown, Soviet Russia pledged benevolent neutrality toward Turkey if the Turks fight in event of an attack, and was reported to have cut off all shipments to Germany and to have reinforced her western frontier garrisons.

Bulgarian reports said Greek and German forces already had clashed in minor frontier skirmishes.

Bitterly expressed opposition to the pact within Yugoslavia indicated that mere signature by the diplomats might not be the final step in clearing the country for nazi military use.

Streets in Yugoslav cities were littered last night with manifestos accusing Yugoslav leaders of a traitorous sellout, of "bringing certain shameful death for our country"; and threatening death to submissive government leaders.

Most Of Inaugural Address Proposals Made By Governor Have Been Enacted Into Law

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

Raleigh, March 25.—Looking back at the inaugural address delivered early in January by Governor J. Melville Broughton, it is no trouble at all to find that most of the proposals advanced in it are now part and parcel of North Carolina law.

Since the legislature adjourned this bureau has carried comprehensive stories dealing with legislative actions in the field of revenue and taxation, public schools, agriculture, conservation and development, governmental commissions established, and reorganization. The retirement system has also been explained in full and the effect it will have upon persons under its provisions outlined.

Therefore, it would be superfluous to go over again the Broughton inaugural in detail in order to compare its recommendations with the legislative translation into act.

On the other hand there are certain points of the inaugural which have been more or less overlooked in the general summation of legislative achievements—a few of them points upon which the legislature either did not agree with the governor or upon which, for one reason or other, the governor chose not to place emphasis enough to get favorable action. It has been so often stated that he got everything he asked for that repetition is getting monotonous.

Taking up a few matters, item by item:

Division: In his inaugural, as in all his pre-election talks, Governor Broughton emphasized that "funds collected for road purposes should be used wholly for these objectives and not diverted for uses unrelated to the road and highway program";

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