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War Moves To Threshold Of Western Hemisphere:

Nazis Extend Blockade Of Sea

Rioting Breaks Out In Yugoslavia

Anti-German Paraders Attacked

Police and Soldiers, Apparently Prepared to Meet any Situation, Quell Disorder; Many Arrests In Provinces.

Belgrade, March 26.—(AP)—Rioting broke out in the center of Belgrade at noon today in a protest against Yugoslavia's alliance with the axis powers.

Police and soldiers aimed to the north toward the scene and quelled the outbreak, which occurred a short time after Premier Cvetkovic returned from Vienna, where he signed the axis pact yesterday.

Many persons were arrested before police halted the fighting, which started when axis sympathizers attacked a parade of students bearing British and American flags.

The paraders already had marched through the business district, singing patriotic songs.

The students were mostly from secondary schools and formed the procession on their way home for lunch.

Authorities apparently were prepared to meet any situation.

Police and soldiers jammed court-yards throughout the city, ready to cope with any demonstrators who threatened to get out of hand.

The premier no sooner had reached the capital than he went into conference seeking to end the disorders which had been agitating the country for 24 hours.

The first step taken by authorities after the premier's arrival was to close several Belgrade public schools, where thousands of older boys destroyed pictures of Adolf Hitler and staged sit-down strikes.

Police cordons were stationed around some of the largest schools, and it was reported all might be eased until after the orthodox Easter, April 20, in an effort to avert further trouble.

Hundreds of persons already were reported under arrest in the provinces as a result of yesterday's demonstrations which threatened to reach grave proportions.

STEWART DOESN'T 'HAVE ANY DOUGH'

Indiana, Pa., March 26.—(AP)—James Stewart, who made a lot of money in the movies before he was called into the Army, telephoned his parents from San Pedro, Cal., and expressed the charges.

"I don't have any dough," explained the movie's number one actor.

He told his parents that he had a "swell first sergeant" and thought Army life "just fine."

Matsuoka In Berlin

Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka given tremendous ovation in German capital.

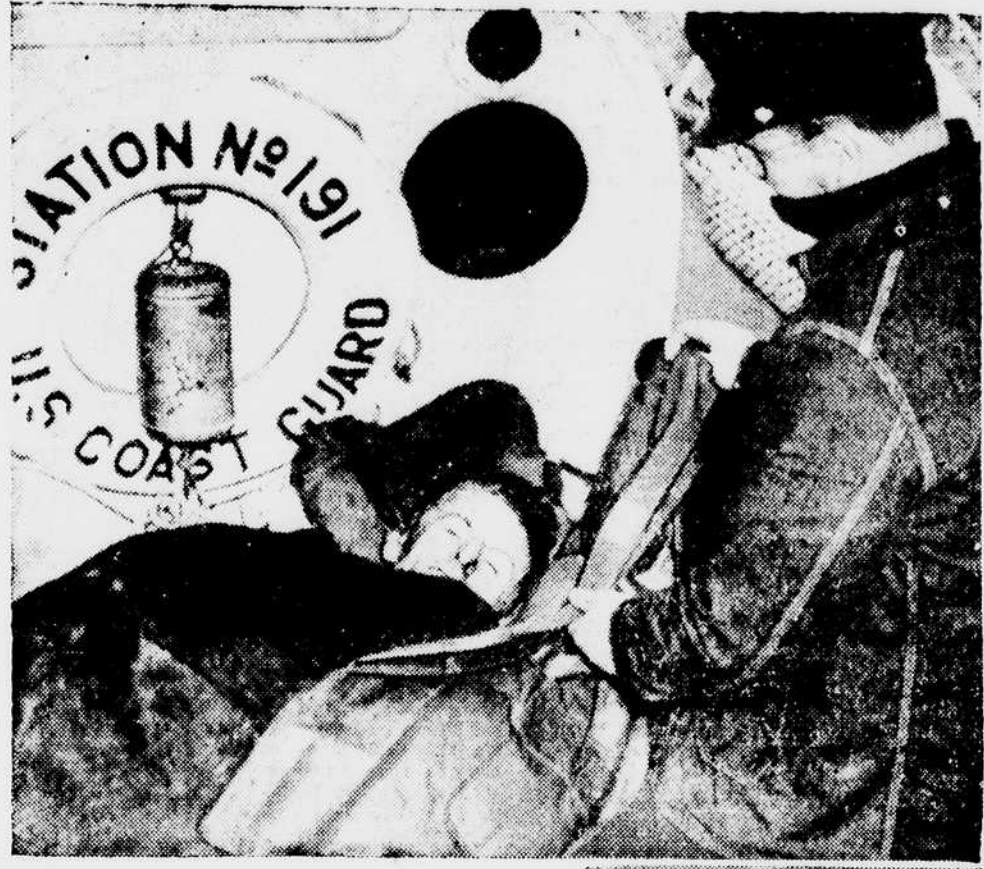
Berlin, March 26.—(AP)—Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka arrived in Berlin at 6 p. m. (11 a. m. e. s. t.) today for discussions which German commentators said were designed to make the three-power pact a more effective instrument for organizing the new order in Europe and the Far East.

Matsuoka's train, which carried him from Moscow where he had talked with Josef Stalin, drew into the station as twilight descended on the city.

Streets had been blocked off and tens of thousands of citizens were on hand to give him a wild greeting.

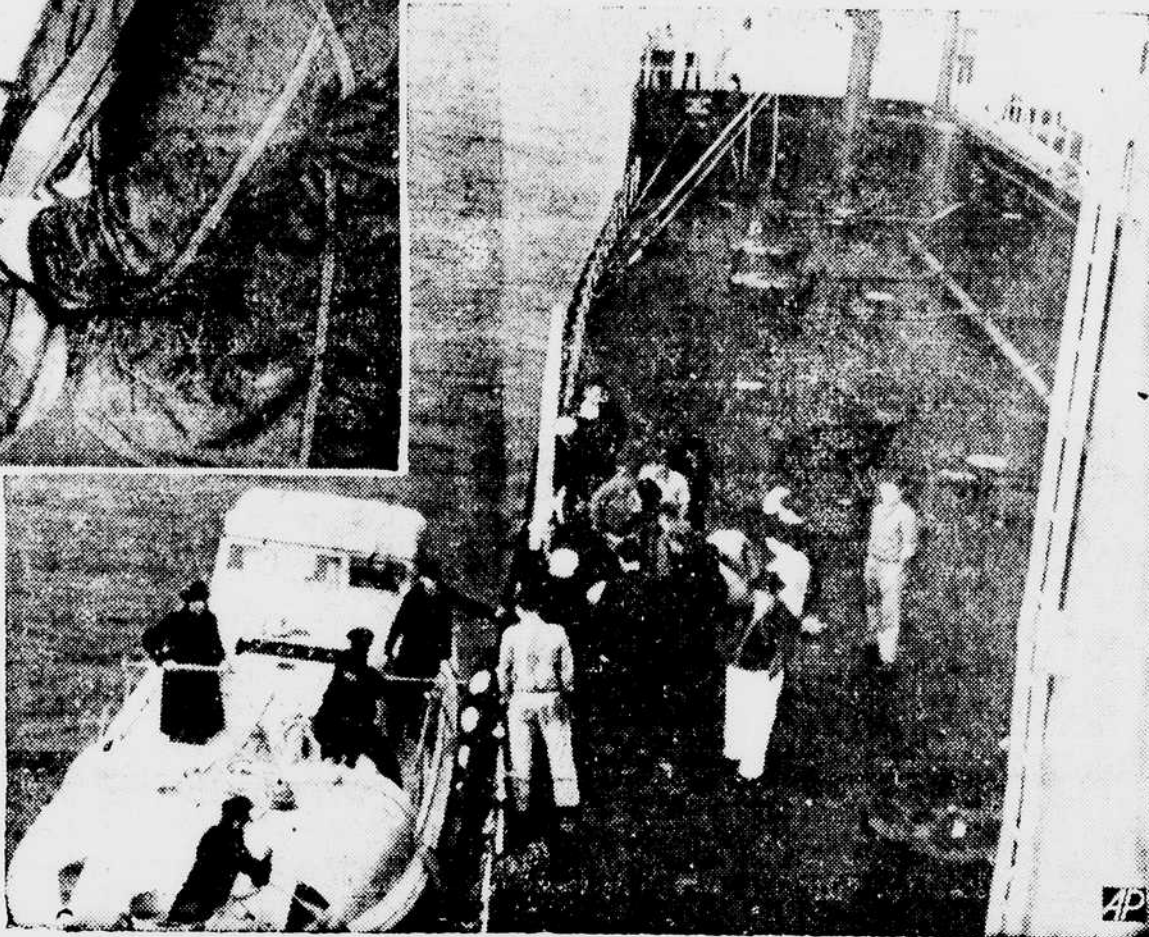
A spokesman for the German government, commenting on the visit, said it was "more significant than a

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Survivors of the oil tanker Cities Service Denver, which exploded off the coast of North Carolina, are being transferred (right) to a C coast Guard boat from the tanker Pan-New York which picked up 17 men from lifeboats at sea. The Coast Guard craft brought the survivors to Morehead City. (Above) Oscar Degerstedt of Two Harbors, Minn., one of two men badly burned in the explosion, lies on a stretcher aboard the Coast Guard boat after his rescue. Twenty members of the crew of the tanker are believed to have perished.

Seamen Saved From Tanker



Ship's Crew Fought Fire

All Hands Remained on Board Until There Was No Further Hope For Trapped Men.

Morehead City, March 26.—(AP)—Although flames were shooting 75 to 100 feet in the air, all hands remained on the deck of the tanker Cities Service Denver until they were sure there was no hope for the 19 men trapped in the blazing fore-castle, a survivor said today.

"We wouldn't have left the ship if any of them had been alive," said Carl Matthews of Charleston, S. C., assistant engineer.

"We tried to get to them when they were shrieking and moaning, but it was like trying to sail a row-boat in a hurricane."

"We kept trying even after all shells and grenades had stopped. But no one could get there. We just couldn't see. So finally we got into the lifeboats."

"They were dead, all right. There couldn't have been anything left of them."

The Denver exploded and caught fire about 100 miles southeast of here Monday night. Seventeen of 22

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Local Units Win Tax Fight

Raleigh, March 26.—(AP)—Councils of North Carolina which have been fighting to place taxes on the commercially-used property of educational and charitable institutions won a signal victory before the State supreme court today.

The court ruled that a building in Reidsville known as the Citizens Bank building which is owned by Elon College and two houses in Greensboro owned by Guilford College are subject to taxation.

The list of other opinions follows: Jefferson vs. Jefferson, Beaufort county, no error; Barnes vs. Adcock et al. Wayne county, reversed; Warren vs. Pilot Life Insurance Co., Pitt county, affirmed; Brown vs. Daniel, Pitt county, new trial.

Strike Threats Listed To Defense Mediation Board

Italy May Lose Dodecanese Islands

With the British Battle Fleet off Crete, March 26.—(AP)—Bombardment and blockade are expected by the British to end Italy's Dodecanese Islands, where Italian garrisons face serious shortages of food and water supplies.

The twelve rocky islands, strong out like pieces in an unfinished jigsaw puzzle off the coast of Turkey, have been cut off from Italy for months by the British fleet.

The more important islands from whose harbor and surrounding bays Mussolini had expected to strike at Egypt and Greece, have been bombed recently, and the British navy has given them a severe shelling.

Serious shortages of gasoline and war supplies on the islands were given by the British as one reason for the dwindling in the past few months of Italian air attacks upon

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Calcutt Loses Court Round

Raleigh, March 26.—(AP)—Council for Joe Calcutt of Fayetteville lost a round today in his fight before the State supreme court to keep the former slot machine magnate from serving a term on the roads.

A motion of the defense to arrest judgment in the case was overruled. The State's highest tribunal rejected a plea of Calcutt's counsel that an indictment handed down by the Wake county grand jury last September be included in the record of the case on appeal.

The case is scheduled to come before the supreme court on formal appeal during the week of April 8. Action before the high court up to now has been to settle what the appeal record should contain.

NAZI DRIVE MAY START THIS WEEK

Belgrade, March 26.—(AP)—High neutral diplomats in Sofia, Bulgaria, reported over the telephone today that a Nazi attack on Greece from Bulgaria had originally been set for April 1, but might possibly be advanced to start this week.

Halifax Gives Views

British Ambassador Pictures Close U. S.-British Cooperation After War.

New York, March 26.—(AP)—Close post-war cooperation between the United States and Great Britain which would form a "magnet" to which other nations with "magnetic" views would be drawn was pictured today by Lord Halifax, the British ambassador.

"Nations with like ideas and needs of liberty and freedom would see in the British Commonwealth and the United States something to hold onto," Lord Halifax said at a press conference in which he amplified statements made in a speech last night.

"We would not exclude Germany for a minute," he told a score of more American and British newsmen "if she is willing to cooperate, with sincerity, with good will and with intention to become a good citizen of the world."

As to the form this cooperation might take, Lord Halifax said that would have to wait for discussions.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CARO' NA. Partly cloudy, not quite so cool tonight; Thursday mostly cloud.

Germany Threatens 'Answer With Deeds' To Dispute Of Act

New Crisis Is Studied At Capital

Washington, March 26.—(AP)—Summer Welles, acting secretary of state, said today that administration officials were studying all aspects of the situation created by Germany's extension of counter-blockade operations to within three miles of Greenland and thus to the threshold of the western hemisphere.

Pending this study, he declined to say what steps might be taken or whether the European combat zone might be extended to Iceland, now within the German blockade area, and thus exclude American shipping from that former Danish colony. No United States ships have been operating to Iceland, although ships of other registry have recently been plying between the island and New York.

Projects Favored

Army Engineers Recommend Spending \$105,000 on Two N. C. Waterway Projects.

Washington, March 26.—(AP)—Army engineers disclosed plans today to spend \$105,000 on improving two North Carolina waterway projects—Silver Lake and the channel from Manteo to Oregon Inlet—primarily for use of the Coast Guard.

The recommendations were included in published hearings on the annual appropriation bill for War department civil functions, reported to the House by its appropriations committee.

Representative Banner, Democrat, North Carolina, who appeared before the committee during its hearings, said the two projects would not only be of benefit to the Coast Guard but to any defense activity along the coast of North Carolina.

He specifically mentioned the proposed marine base on the New River, a proposed Marine air station on the Neuse river and a proposed ship base somewhere in the Albemarle Sound area.

The Oregon Inlet project would provide a shorter route from Manteo harbor to boats used out of Oregon Inlet for sea patrol. The estimated

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SUNK BY SUB

London, March 26.—(AP)—The British submarine Sturgeon has torpedoed and sunk an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast, the admiralty announced today.

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Browder Taken To Atlanta

New York, March 26.—(AP)—Manacled to two Negro prisoners and guarded by two deputies, Earl Browder, former chief of the communist party in the United States, left on a Seaboard line train for Atlanta, Ga., today to serve a four-year sentence in the federal penitentiary for passport fraud.

Browder, surrendered yesterday, several weeks after his conviction was upheld by the U. S. Supreme court.

Browder and the others occupied a drawing room. They were to reach prison tomorrow morning.

Under regulations providing five days off for each month of good behavior, Browder would be released, if he violated no rules, in three years and four months unless paroled earlier. He could ask for parole after serving one-third of his term.

No Immediate Comment from Washington; Two Coast Guard Cutters on Iceberg Patrol in Greenland Waters; Other News.

(By The Associated Press)

Germany threatened today to "answer with deeds" an extension of the sea blockade of Great Britain beyond Iceland to within three miles of Greenland—thereby formally moving the war zone to the threshold of the western hemisphere.

Two U. S. Coast Guard cutters were reported cruising in Greenland waters as part of the American iceberg patrol, and Washington authorities have repeatedly declared that Greenland is covered by the Monroe Doctrine.

The Germans said the blockade had been extended to include Iceland following reports that American ships had been unloading there for transshipment of U. S. war supplies to Britain.

No immediate comment was forthcoming from government officials in Washington. The United States is committed to defend the western hemisphere embraced by the Monroe Doctrine.

In the war at sea, the Germans asserted that Nazi long range bombers sank a 10,000-ton merchant ship in an attack today on a British convoy guarded by five destroyers, two cruisers and six patrol boats in the North Atlantic.

Another British freighter was said to have been left sinking 250 miles west of Scotland and the Nazis further claimed 5,000 tons sunk and 15,000 tons damaged in aerial assaults yesterday.

German leaders returned to their capital from Vienna for the next series of diplomatic maneuvers designed to better the axis position in the battle against Britain.

Flag-decorated, Berlin was ready to welcome Matsuoka, Japanese foreign minister, for talks the Japanese ambassador to Berlin declared "will contribute much toward strengthening our cooperation."

The hull in the air war continued London had its fifth consecutive night without a raid alarm.

Fund Approved For Army Use

Washington, March 26.—(AP)—With emphasis on defense work such as the Panama Canal, the House appropriations committee approved today a \$200,000,000 appropriation for the civil functions of the War department—rivers and harbors, flood control and the like.

For the canal, the committee recommended \$52,000,000 cash and contractual authority of \$79,000,000, after Brigadier General Glen Edger-ton, Panama Canal governor, reported that the third set of locks there probably would be completed in advance of the scheduled date, June 30, 1946.

The new locks are expected to facilitate quick movement of the Navy from ocean to ocean, including accommodation of larger battleships.

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Navy Yards Opened To British Ships

Washington, March 26.—(AP)—The opening of American navy yards for repair of damaged British men-of-war, military experts said today, may give England a great strategic advantage in her battle of the Atlantic.

The use of the naval repair facilities, authorized by the terms of the lease-lend act, would not interfere with the huge U. S. fleet construction program, it was said, but their availability would increase the British convoy efficiency in the western Atlantic.

Under the lease-lend provisions, it

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