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## Nazi-Yugoslav War Imminent

### Ford Assembly Lines Over Nation Are Idle

#### River Rouge Strike Hits Other Shops

At Least 118,000 Ford Employees Affected; Another 250,000 Workers In Steel Industry Threaten Strike Tuesday.

(By The Associated Press) Ford Motor Company assembly lines over America stood idle today as a result of a strike at the firm's River Rouge plant near Detroit. At least 118,000 men were affected by the shutdown.

Another 250,000 workmen in the steel industry faced the threat of workless days beginning at midnight Tuesday, unless a deadlock is broken in the negotiations between the U. S. Steel Corporation and its CIO employees over a new wage contract.

Still another 400,000 soft coal miners were out of production while negotiations continued toward a new labor contract. However, Dr. John Steelman, federal conciliator, predicted that some of the mines would reopen next week.

Representatives of the Allis-Chalmers Company and striking CIO workers met in Washington today for a conference with the defense mediation board. Issues include a union shop, wage rates and seniority adjustments.

The Ford strike hinges on a demand recognizing it as collective bargaining agent and covering wages and seniority and grievance procedure.

#### Labor Laws Sacrificed To 'Apathy'

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, April 5.—Legislative "apathy" was principally responsible for failure of the recent legislature to enact any labor laws sought by representatives of the labor group in North Carolina, according to an editorial in the March issue of "North Carolina Labor and Industry."

More than ordinary importance is attached to the editorial viewpoint of this publication because it is the official publication of the North Carolina Department of Labor and its expressions are generally taken as the opinion of Commissioner of Labor Forrest H. Shuford.

The editorial expresses belief that there wasn't even enough interest taken to stir up a good fight. "Even opposition, which might have brought out the value of the proposed legislation, was not sufficient to provoke a fight," it said.

The editorial deplored, particularly, failure to adopt at the least the

#### Steals Plane Plans



Count Joseph de Benque, 61, who served as a spy for Italy and France in the World War, is said by police in New York to have confessed the theft of 1,500 blueprints of airplane pumps used on military aircraft. The Count was arrested as a courier handed him the stolen prints.

#### Brains Now Are Listed

United States Registers Scientists to Aid in National Defense Program.

By CHARLES P. STEWART. Central Press Columnist. Washington, April 5.—Uncle Sam has started now to register brains, subject to draft in connection with his aid-the-democracies and home-defense program.



The idea is that physical fighters or prospective fighters need scientists to come out gadgets and methods to enable 'em to do their fighting at a maximum of efficiency. Dr. Carmichael is registering the scientists, and fitting 'em exactly into the brackets that they belong in. When an army or a navy or an aviation or a federal production agency encounters a problem which a super-expert is required to solve, it applies to Dr. Carmichael and he promptly designates precisely the right kind of a scientist to fill the bill. Thereupon said scientist automatically becomes a selectee.

I don't mean to say that scientists literally are conscripted—that they are penalized if they balk. They don't balk, though. They're willing conscripts. They're darned willing.

#### British Forces Gain Ground

Cairo, April 5.—(AP)—South African forces advancing upon Addis Ababa from the southeast have crossed the Awash river, about 90 miles from the capital, it was learned here today. It was officially announced that the British have entered both Addis Ababa and Adigrat in northern Ethiopia just across the border from Eritrea.

#### 718,000 Tons British Ships Sunk

Germany Reports Huge Total of Shipping Sent to Bottom During March by Sea and Air Forces Ranging Over Wide Areas.

Berlin, April 5.—(AP)—The German high command reported today that 718,000 tons of British shipping were sunk by Nazi sea and air forces in March. Summarizing the month's activities, a communique said surface craft destroyed 192,600 tons of ships, submarines 325,000 tons, and the air force roughly 200,000 tons.

Surface craft were said to have claimed victims in the English channel, the Atlantic and "overcast waters," while the U-boats were reported to have preyed on British shipping lanes as far as the west African coast.

"Furthermore," the communique asserted, "a large number of enemy merchantmen fell victim to mines which were laid by naval forces and the air force in waters nearby and far away."

Nazi submarines sank an additional 48,500 tons of shipping in a renewed attack upon a convoy from which ten ships, totaling 58,000 tons, previously were reported sunk, the Germans announced.

This morning, they added, a German combat plane attacked a British merchantman of 3,000 tons about 190 miles west of the Hebrides and left the ship in sinking condition.

Cairo, April 5.—(AP)—The British army's pincers closed tighter today around Massawa, Italy's red sea port in Eritrea, while other columns crossed the Ethiopian frontier from the northeast and closed in on Addis Ababa.

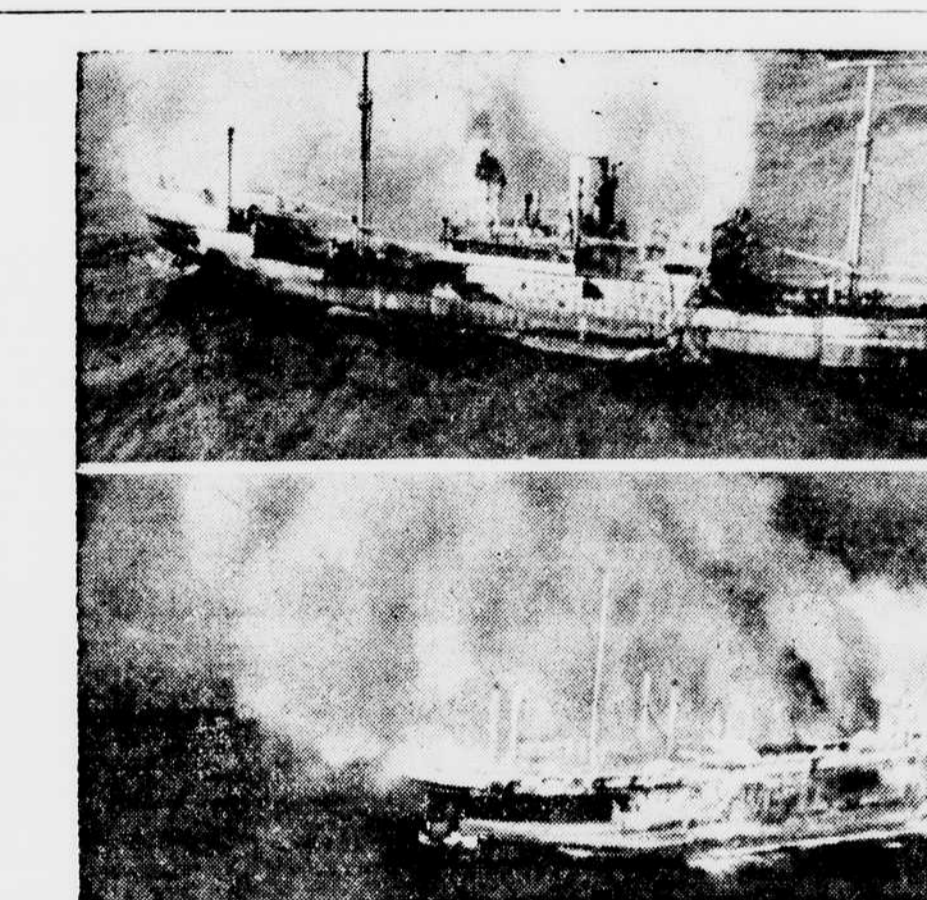
Adigrat is 40 miles east of Addis Ababa, scene of the Ethiopian rout of the Italians in 1896 and the place where the Italians won their first victory in the invasion of 1935. It is about 80 miles south of Asmara, captured capital of Eritrea.

(A Reuters—British news agency dispatch to London said Adis Ababa had been occupied.)

Italians were streaming south by the main roads south of Asmara toward Addis Ababa, but occasional light fighting in attempt to ambush pursuing forces.

The total number of prisoners counted after the fall of Asmara now stands at 4,000 Italians and 600 native troops.

#### Axis Ships Set Afire Off Costa Rica



These pictures were made from an airplane over the harbor of Puntarenas, Costa Rica, as the Italian motor liner Fella (bottom) and the German freighter Erenach (top) burned fiercely. Both ships were pronounced a total loss and the 120 seamen and officers were pulled in arson charges. The vessels were set afire after the United States took over Axis and Danish ships in U. S. ports.

### Congress On Vacation

#### Heavy Raid On Bristol

London, April 5.—(AP)—Rebels of German bombers attacked the oil-bombing west coast port of Bristol for hours last night and early today in a raid described there as "heavy but not one of our biggest." Damage to industrial establishments and a number of casualties, including two dead, were acknowledged as the result of a bomb and machine gun attack today by a single raider on a northeast Scotland coast town.

Bristol reported only one person killed and two seriously wounded. The British said damage was "nowhere extensive."

London had one brief alert which lifted before 10 p. m. (11 p. m. e. s. t.) but the city completed its 14th consecutive bombless night.

New York, April 5.—(AP)—A two-man subcommittee representing both management and union in the bituminous coal negotiations was named today to "edit a contract" and present it to the full negotiating committee Monday morning.

Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the U. S. conciliation service who earlier had said some of the soft coal mines idle for nearly a week would reopen Monday or Tuesday, announced the appointment of the new committee.

Washington, D. C., April 5.—(AP)—The Senate will take up the bill to create an alternate board for the bituminous coal industry today.

They will accept a four-man body, which will be the original negotiating committee, but it is impossible for some other reason.

#### Italians Sink Two Steamers

Rome, April 5.—(AP)—Italian bombing planes sank two steamers totaling 11,000 tons and damaged several other smaller vessels in an attack on shipping in the harbor of the Greek island of Corfu.

The Italians declared they also had bombed an air base on the Greek island of Crete, setting fire to one grounded plane and damaging others. They acknowledged the loss of one plane.

Other Italian air formations were said to have attacked Greek troops on the Aegean front from low altitudes.

#### MEDIATION BOARD ALTERNATE NAMED

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today named an executive order body to help bring about a settlement in the bituminous coal negotiations.

The alternate mediator, Walter R. Reuther, president of the United Mine Workers, said he would accept the position if the government would agree to a four-man board.

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#### Important Work Waits

House Recess Taken Earlier in Week, Senate Agrees to Stop Work Until April 14.

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—With important defense measures out of the way, members of Congress were leaving Washington today for a week's spring vacation before tackling the controversial questions of new taxes, convicts and labor disputes.

The House recessed earlier this week until April 14 and the Senate arranged to transact no business until that date, although it will hold two perfunctory sessions next week.

Majority Leader Harley told senators they were to be in session until April 14, but he said he would not be in the Capitol until after Easter.

When Congress settles down to business again it is expected to work many weeks on a new revenue bill which probably will place heavier burdens on virtually all classes of taxpayers.

Another bill which has been agreed to is a measure to raise a total of \$1,000,000,000 in new revenue and several legislative bills asserted that more money than this sum is needed to offset big defense expenditures.

The Senate question, one that has been debated incessantly ever since the aid to Britain program was initiated, is pending before the Senate foreign relations committee in a resolution by Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, to prohibit the use of American washbasins in protecting shipments abroad.

Washington, April 5.—(AP)—In the role of observers, American Army officers may ride along with British pilots when the first new American-made four motor bombers raid Germany.

Reporting this today, authoritative sources explained the observer's assignment would be to report to the air corps on the performance of the long range craft under actual combat conditions.

With a similar mission, American naval officers have been stationed for months on ships of the British fleet in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

#### Diplomatic Relations Have Ceased

Premier Simovic's Cabinet Holds Extraordinary Session, But No Statement of Foreign Policy Is Issued.

(By The Associated Press) War between Germany and Yugoslavia appeared today to be only hours away.

Yugoslav government circles said the zero hour was at hand, a neutral diplomat in Belgrade declared the diplomatic stage of relations between the two countries had ended, and authorized foreign office sources in Berlin said that for all practical purposes German-Yugoslav diplomatic relations had ceased to exist.

Premier Simovic's cabinet held an extraordinary session overnight for discussion of what an official source said was the "critical foreign question."

Yugoslavia's frontier with Germany and Italy and the Nazi-dominated countries of Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania were reported sealed.

In Rome, however, Virgilio Gayda, fascist spokesman, said the axis powers had given Yugoslavia a few more days to make peace with Germany and Italy to escape attack.

Nazi troops, in mechanized force, massed on the Hungarian frontier only 100 miles north of Yugoslavia's capital. Yugoslavia sent thousands of men to the border, and radio reports from Budapest, picked up in New York, said Yugoslav anti-aircraft guns had opened up on unidentified planes which crossed the line.

Yugoslavia's government took over the railroads and King Peter ordered mobilization of "the entire military might of the kingdom."

The Yugoslav cabinet held an unprecedented four and one-half hour meeting, which ended at 2:30 a. m. (4:30 p. m. e. s. t. Friday) and a semi-official source said the "critical foreign question" had been discussed, but no statement of foreign policy was issued.

In Budapest, Hungary, reports said the Yugoslavs had mined bridges and roads at the border and a motorized Yugoslav division was said to be stationed across the frontier "ready for attack."

A German motorized division was reported concentrated near the Hungarian frontier.

Berlin and two street police headquarters during the night and a special decree forbade anyone to leave the city without a police permit.

#### British Bombs Straddle Nazi Battleships

London, April 5.—(AP)—The air ministry declared today that attacks of heavy bombs straddled the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in a British attack on Brest last night.

A communique said all stores at Brest and industrial targets in the Rhine also were bombed.

The attack on Brest, 49th of the war, was the third since Sunday, when the British first reported the presence of the big German battle wagons in the Nazi-occupied French port.

"The ship could be clearly identified in the moonlight and the attack was pressed home with great resolution," the air ministry communique said. "Some of our aircraft bombed from very low levels and good results are reported."

"Near one of the battleships a large fire broke out and other fires were started among boxes of oil and warships."

#### Leaf Supply Now On Hand Is Largest In History

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, April 5.—Outlook for North Carolina tobacco farmers has not been at all improved by an announcement from the bureau of agricultural economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture that the supply on hand is the largest on government record.

Total for 1940-41 was estimated at 2,144,000,000 pounds, compared with 2,106,000,000 for 1939-40 and 1,740,000,000 for 1938-39.

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Clearing cooler tonight; Sunday fair, cooler in east portion.

Seeking a clean up of east Africa that would release troops for other theatres of war in north Africa and the Balkans, the British have advanced nearly two-thirds of the distance from Direddawa, where they cut the Addis Ababa-Djibuti rail line a week ago today.

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