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## Yugoslavs Withdraw In Serbia

### Allis-Chalmers Plant Resumes Work

#### 24-Hour Schedule Adopted

United States Steel Plant Functions Normally as Strike is Called Off; Ford Workers Idle; Other Strike News.

(By The Associated Press.)  
The Allis-Chalmers factory at Milwaukee swung back into production of vitally needed military and naval orders today, while the United States Steel Corporation's giant plant resumed normal activity after the CIO withdrew an order which would have stopped work at midnight.

Some 400,000 soft coal miners remained idle, however, as a result of a snag in negotiations over a new labor contract.

President Roosevelt, meanwhile, was expected to discuss the general labor situation today with Philip Murray, head of the CIO.

To make up for time lost during a 26-day strike, the Allis-Chalmers plant went on a 24-hour daily basis so that \$45,000,000 worth of defense orders could be expedited. Under the settlement agreement worked out with the assistance of the national defense mediation board, an impartial referee will be named to arbitrate disputes, wage negotiations will be continued, and no strike or lockout may be held within a year.

The threatened walkout at 63 plants of U. S. Steel was averted by an agreement between CIO steel workers and the management to continue until April 15 currently deadlocked negotiations.

At Detroit, 85,000 employees of the Ford Motor Company remained idle as the result of a CIO-called strike at the River Rouge plant, but James E. Daway, federal conciliator, expressed confidence he could arrange a face-to-face meeting of union and management soon to discuss settlement of the dispute.

#### Axis Troops Occupy Derna

Rome, April 8.—(AP)—An official announcement said today that the Italian and German troops had occupied the Libyan port of Derna.

Derna is approximately 175 miles east of Benghazi, from which the British withdrew last week. A deep water port, it had been held by British forces since January 30.

The town is of strategic importance because it possesses large fresh water supplies vital to desert fighting.

The combined German-Italian drive to recover eastern Libya began approximately two weeks ago with the seizure of El Agheila, some 150 miles south of Benghazi. The British announced the withdrawal of their outpost detail from the city March 26, Benghazi later fell.

At least parts of three German divisions have been reported helping the Italians.

#### Average Tar Heel Family Is Still Largest In U. S.

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Wagoner Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, April 8.—The average North Carolina family is still the largest in the United States, according to figures from the U. S. Census Bureau which have just become available here.

Even so, the size of the typical Tar Heel group which lives in a single dwelling unit decreased almost half a person between 1930 and 1940, the figures show.

The census people frankly admit that the figures on "families" have no relation to groups which are composed of blood kin only. They simply take the number of occupied dwelling units in the state, divide it into the total population and come up with the result labelled as the size of North Carolina's average "family."

### Yugoslav Guns Move Towards the Front



The men and guns of the Yugoslav artillery are good. The country has plenty of these tough soldiers, but no surplus of guns or ammunition. Horses and donkeys can haul the guns through mountain paths where Nazi Panzer divisions may not even attempt to follow.

### Greeks Left Alone To Defend Section In Fierce Fighting

Greeks Report They Are Holding Firm at Rupel Pass, Guarding Struma Valley; German Armored Legions Said to Have Swept 30 Miles Across Thrace to Aegean Sea; Yugoslavs Capture Scutari in Northern Albania.

Bern, Switzerland, April 8.—(AP)—The Greeks were left alone today to defend a vital section of the Balkan front when Yugoslav forces withdrew in southern Serbia, but there were no indications despite evidently fierce fighting that the Germans had won any decisive advantage.

The Greeks said they were holding firm at Rupel Pass, where a German armored column sought to penetrate the Struma valley. The Yugoslav withdrawal was disclosed in a Greek general staff communique.

It did not say whether this was after contact with Nazi divisions smashing toward the Vardar river, but it admitted that the Greek left flank had been thrown into jeopardy in that sector where the Germans might be able to break through to flank Greece's Struma river line.

Despite the peril, the Athens war bulletin said, Greek troops "continued to fight with great self-sacrifice, defending the fatherland inch by inch."

Although German armored legions were said to have swept 50 miles across western Thrace to the shores of the Aegean sea, driving an iron wedge between Greece and Turkey, the Nazi high command acknowledged tough going on the southeastern front and made no specific claims of gains.

It reported only that the German attack "was effectively continued" despite difficult terrain, blocked roads and "tough enemy resistance."

The Ankara radio reported heavy German losses in the opening blows on Greece and Yugoslavia.

Italy, too, evidently was impeded in Albania by Yugoslav capture of Scutari, an apparent effort by the Yugoslavs to cooperate with the Greeks in squeezing the Italians out of Albania.

Capture of Scutari was claimed in advices reaching the Yugoslav legation here. They said the Italian town of Zara on the coast also had fallen to the Yugoslav army.

If the Yugoslavs and Greeks can join forces in Albania, the Ankara radio predicted, Italy will be unable to save ten per cent of her troops there.

At the same time, the Germans declared their mechanized forces operating from bases in Romania, Bulgaria and Hungary had penetrated 30 miles into Yugoslavia in some places in the wake of a devastating air attack.

There were no indications, however, that the invading Nazis had captured any major centers of resistance on either the Greek or the Yugoslav fronts and all reports, even from Berlin, made it evident that both embattled nations were making a determined fight.

The Yugoslav legation here said Yugoslav troops had captured Scutari in northern Albania in a thrust against the rear of Italian forces engaged with the Greeks at the front.

### Second Note From Nazis

Secretary Hull Declines to Reveal Nature of New Note on Ship Seizures.

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today that Germany had sent a new note regarding its protests over the seizure of German merchant ships and crews in the United States.

Hull declined to give the nature of the new communication except to say that it was connected with the seizure of the ships which were taken into custody on grounds of sabotage.

From other sources, however, it was learned that the new note supplied supporting data for the German claims that the United States had violated international law and a treaty of friendship and commerce between the two countries.

At the same time the note was said to have told the secretary of State that his note rejecting previous Nazi protests had failed to make clear the legal basis for prosecution of German crew members.

Hull last week flatly rejected both Italian and German protests.

He declared that no civilized nation could tolerate widespread sabotage of foreign vessels in its ports.

Hull said today the Italian government had not yet sent notice of compliance with the American request for the immediate withdrawal of the Italian naval attaché in Washington, Admiral Roberto Luis, who was accused by President Roosevelt of ordering at least part of the sabotage by Italian crews.

## German Thrust Gaining Speed

### Shipping Toll Heavy

Britain Revises Reports, Making Two Weeks' Record Highest of Year.

London, April 8.—(AP)—Failure of Axis ships to turn up sent British, allied and neutral shipping losses for two of the past five weeks to approximately 150,000 tons each—the heaviest toll in the battle of the Atlantic—authoritative sources declared today.

The average weekly loss of shipping during March was placed by the admiralty at 98,000 tons.

Amended losses for the week ended March 2 listed 30 ships totaling 150,700 tons, the biggest loss of any week this year. For the week ended March 16 amended losses were given as 27 ships of 146,933 tons.

Losses declined during the week ended March 23 to 17 ships aggregating 99,141 tons, the admiralty reported.

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### RAF RAID ON KIEL IS HEAVIEST MADE

London, April 8.—(AP)—British bombers carried "the heaviest load of bombs ever dropped on Germany in a single night" in last night's attacks on Kiel, the air ministry news service reported tonight.

"Hundreds of tons of high explosives and over 30,000 incendiaries" were rained on the German port and submarine building yards in a five-hour attack, it was stated.

### Strike Legislation Opposed By Mediation Board Member

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—Laws to prohibit strikes were opposed today by a defense mediation board official on the theory they would make "slaves" of working men.

"There is no use in America producing defense materials," William H. Davis, vice chairman of the board, said, "if it is a nation of slaves."

Davis testified before the House military committee which is investigating the national defense program.

"History has shown," he said, "that any military establishment that has to depend on slaves to produce its defense materials is inevitably destroyed."

"To tell a man that he could not strike," he said, "is to tell him that you must work against your will."

In response to questions about the causes of current defense strikes, Davis said that so far as he had seen in his own work there were no "sub-

versive" elements in defense strikes but that on the other hand the causes has been "as plain as the nose on your face."

The witness said both industry and labor needed a "keener" consciousness of their responsibility.

Davis, in making this observation before the House military committee, said that he saw signs of "real penetration to both sides" of the idea of responsibility.

Answering questions, he expressed opposition to legislation outlawing jurisdictional and union organization strikes and declared that he is "utterly opposed" to compulsory arbitration of defense disputes. He likewise opposed a compulsory "cooling off" in advance of strikes.

Replying to Representative Kilgley, Democrat, Texas, Davis expressed favor for "a thorough-going system of collective bargaining" as established in national policy under the national labor relations act.

### CIO Head To Detroit

Philip Murray Goes Into Immediate Conference With Ford Representatives.

Detroit, April 8.—(AP)—Philip Murray, president of the CIO, came here unheralded today and went into immediate conference with representatives of the Ford Motor Company, whose giant River Rouge plant has been closed by a United Automobile Workers CIO strike for nearly a week.

Murray, who came here at the request of Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner, was understood to have met with Harry H. Bennett, personnel manager of the Ford company, general counsel for the company and others.

Whether his arrival on the strike

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### Defense Roads Bids Asked

Raleigh, April 8.—(AP)—Bids were requested by the highway department on the D-1 of a 100-mile road improvement project expected to be launched in the vicinity of proposed Marine Corps bases at Fort Lee and Onslow counties, said Highway Engineer W. Vance Dyer today.

Bids will be opened, probably on Friday, on the engineering and construction of R. C. route 207 from Granton to Arapahoe in Pamlico county.

Dyer said a survey had been ordered to determine the need of relieving curves on U. S. 17 from the Onslow county line to New Bern, 25 percent, no funds are available for this project, he added, but the highway department wishes to get "ducks in a row" so that the work could be undertaken without delay if the federal government should pay for the money.

No other surveys in the vicinity have been undertaken yet, Dyer said.

Fast road improvements in defense areas were forecast recently by Governor Broughton, who asked the highway commission to make a careful study of roads needed in the vicinity of the two Marine Corps bases.

The governor pointed out that President Roosevelt was sponsoring a \$237,000,000 appropriation for defense roads and said North Carolina probably would receive a substantial allotment.

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### FDR Cables Aid Promise To Yugoslavia

Washington, April 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt cabled young King Peter II of Yugoslavia today assurances of all material assistance possible and his earnest hope "for a successful resistance to this criminal assault" upon the Balkan nation.

The president's message follows: "The people of the United States have been profoundly shocked by the unprovoked and ruthless aggression upon the people of Yugoslavia.

"The government and people of

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### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, probably showers tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

### Navy Bomber Is Missing

Norfolk, Va., April 8.—(AP)—A big naval patrol bomber with two officers and eight enlisted men aboard was missing at sea today somewhere off the northeastern Atlantic coast.

Despite a far flung air and surface search by the Navy and Coast Guard, the only clue to the disappearance of the great winged fragment of a radio message received at the naval operating base here.

According to Navy headquarters in Washington, the message on the missing craft's wave length reported that a plane was down at sea and that a life boat was being searched.

### British Raid German City

Berlin, April 8.—(AP)—Bombs dropped by British raiders struck a residential section on outskirts of a north German coastal city last night, killing some civilians and injuring others.

Fires started by the raiders were extinguished quickly and no military damage was done, it was said.

Several hundred German night raiders were reported to have battered war essential objectives in various parts of England, inflicting heavy damage on several ports and industrial plants.

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### Swiss Are Warned By German Writer

Berlin, April 8.—(AP)—Switzerland was warned today by Karl Megele (German commentator who sometimes voices the opinion of the foreign office) to take note of what has happened to Yugoslavia.

The prominent journalist called attention of the Swiss to results of inner unrest in Yugoslavia which, he said, "sabotaged a foreign policy of common sense."

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