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British Man New Balkan Line

Turkey To Withdraw Civilians From Istanbul

War Threat To Istanbul Now Serious

Government's Offer of Free Transportation of Population Into Interior Follows Closely on Nazi Pledge of Peace.

Istanbul, April 10.—(AP)—The Turkish government announced today that it "found it advisable" to withdraw a considerable portion of Istanbul's population.

The government offered to transport the people free into the interior.

The action was regarded as an indication of how seriously Turkey considers the threat of war to Istanbul on the European side of the Balkans, less than 100 miles from the frontier of Bulgaria, about 150 miles from the eastern section of Greece, both occupied by Germany.

The announcement followed only a few hours after the Rome radio broadcast a report that Germany's ambassador, Franz von Papen, announced to Turkey, had reiterated the assurance that Germany has no intention of attacking Turkey.

Istanbul lies on the European side of the strategic Bosphorus, link between the Dardanelles and the Black Sea. It is less than 100 miles from German-occupied Bulgaria.

J. D. Chalk Resigns

Resignation Has Nothing to do With Reorganization, Commissioner Declares.

Raleigh, April 10.—(AP)—John D. Chalk has resigned as game and inland fisheries commissioner of the State Department of Conservation and Development, a position he has held for seven years.

He had just returned to his office following an absence of several months during which he was recuperating from injuries suffered in an automobile accident.

"My resignation has nothing to do with the reorganization of the conservation board," he said.

WAR NEWS BANNED

Goldboro, April 10.—(AP)—The Goldboro News-Argus, announced today that "obeying the wishes of many of its readers, the News-Argus on Friday—Good Friday—will ban war and other terrible news from front page."

New Croat Government Announced

Budapest, April 10.—(AP)—The official German news agency announced today under a Zagreb date line the formation of an independent Croat state.

The agency said Yugoslav Vice Premier Vladimir Macek, speaking over the Zagreb radio, announced that Ante Pavlic, head of the Ustaeti terrorist organization which was said to have plotted the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia in 1934, would be chief of the new state.

Pavlic has been in Italy since he was condemned to death by the Yugoslav government on charges of plotting the assassination.

The German agency quoted Macek as saying he himself would participate in the new regime and reported that he appealed to the populace to display German and Croat flags on their houses.

U. S. EMBRACES GREENLAND IN DEFENSE AREA

Apple Queen



Mollie Foulkes Lee

A member of the distinguished Virginia Lee family, Mollie Foulkes Lee has been named the 1941 apple blossom queen of Winchester, Va., and will rule over the annual May fete. Queen Shenandoah 18th is 18 years old.

(Central Press)

Power Asked Over Ships

President Asks Authority to Take Over Foreign-Owned Vessels Idle in Ports.

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for broad statutory authority to take over "foreign-owned vessels lying idle in our ports."

His authority, he said in a message to the legislators, should be subject to the payment of just compensation.

Although the Chief Executive had asserted Tuesday that he would recommend legislation to permit the purchase or charter of 39 Danish vessels which had been taken into "protective custody" by the Coast Guard, the language of his message today was not limited to the Danish ships.

The President cited a provision of the merchant marine act of 1936 which authorizes him to requisition or purchase any American-owned vessel in time of national emergency or when the national defense makes it advisable. The section provides for a method of compensation.

"There does not appear," Mr. Roosevelt asserted, "to be any comparable provision with respect to foreign-owned vessels lying idle in our ports."

"In view of the growing shortage of available tonnage suited to our national needs, I am satisfied after consultation with the heads of the interested departments and agencies of the government, that we should have statutory authority to take over any such vessels as our needs may require, subject, of course, to the payment of just compensation."

Higher Livestock Prices Brighten Farm Prospects

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

Raleigh, April 10.—Increasing livestock prices and indications that farmers are taking advantage of the marketing opportunities offered by defense spending and location of defense projects in the state are brightening prospects for North Carolina farmers—particularly those in the east, where considerable gloom has been spread by the critical tobacco situation.

Agreement Permits Establishment of Air Bases; Roosevelt Says Pact Assures Island Will Remain Danish Colony.

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The United States embraced Greenland within its hemisphere defense system today under an agreement permitting establishment of air bases, and President Roosevelt said it was proposed to make sure the big island would remain a Danish colony.

The Chief Executive said in a formal statement that the present setup, which in effect brings Greenland under the protection of this government, "is a new proof of our continuing friendliness to Denmark."

An agreement to place the island within the scope of America's plans for cooperative defense of the western hemisphere was signed yesterday by the President and by the Danish minister, Hendrik De Kautman, who, Mr. Roosevelt said, acted on behalf of the Danish king.

In handing the President's statement to reporters, Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said the agreement had been consummated after the United States "had received information that German planes have been flying over Greenland."

Greenland, he said, has been placed in exactly the same category as any other Atlantic island owned by non-American powers. The agreement, the secretary asserted, is in complete accordance with terms of the Monroe Doctrine and with a declaration signed by the 21 American republics at Havana.

In that latter declaration the republics agreed that no foreign possessions in the western hemisphere should be transferred to the flag of another foreign country.

Abernethy Wins A Point

Goldboro, April 10.—(AP)—A charge of receiving stolen property against Charles L. Abernethy, Jr., of New Bern was dismissed in Wayne county superior court today.

The charge was brought in connection with alleged violation of the election laws before the 1940 primary, in which Abernethy was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress.

The court ruled the state had failed to show larceny of property and therefore there could be no receiving. Motions to dismiss charges of conspiracy and attempt to interfere with the election officials were denied, however.

The state completed testimony in the case today. Before testing, Solicitor Claude C. Canady sent three more State witnesses to the stand. They were William Dunn, chairman of the Craven county election board, and Thomas L. Creedon and James W. Powell, both of the S. B. I. at Raleigh.

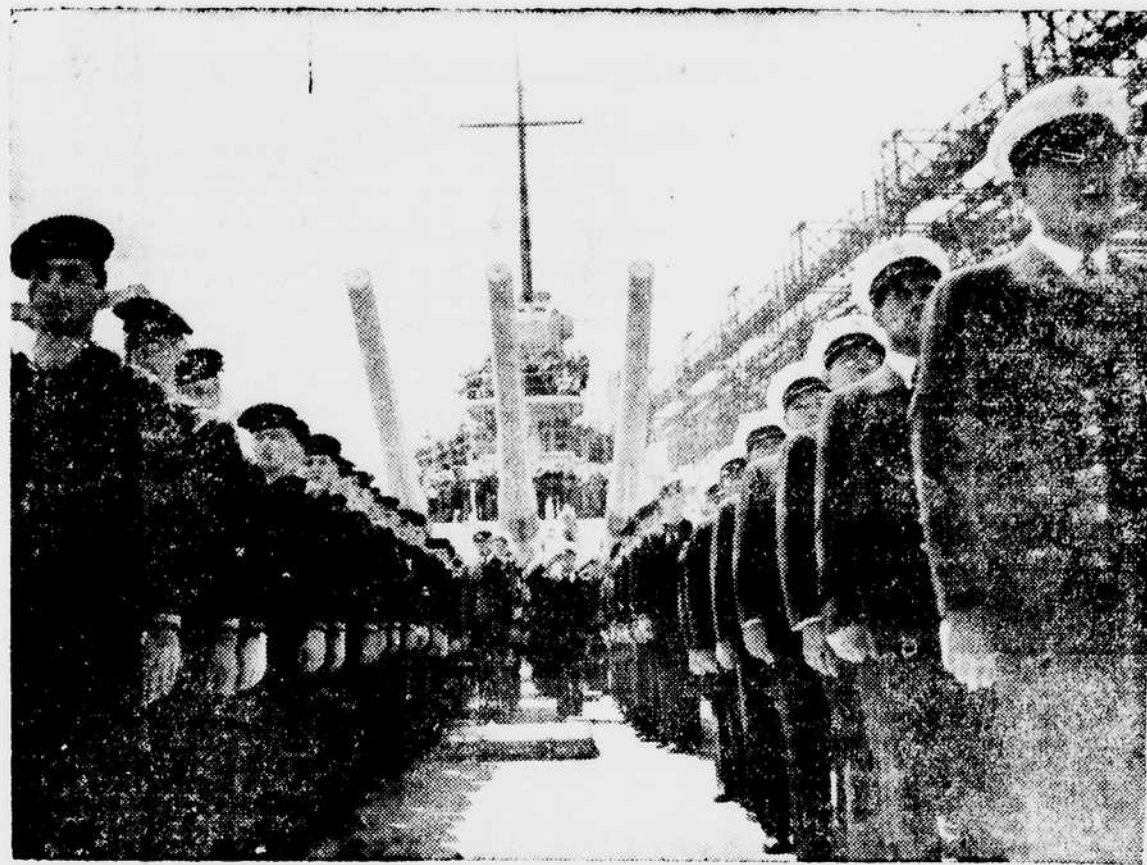
COAST RAIDED

Dover, April 10.—(AP)—A large number of British planes apparently raided Nazi-occupied France today. Observers on the coast saw many planes returning from the direction of France and saw smoke and flames rising in the region of Cap Gris Nez.

T. L. Stuart, junior statistician of the State Department of Agriculture, has called attention to the increasing prices for livestock and livestock products last month; while N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, is perhaps the most recent authority to point to the opportunity defense projects have afforded eastern farmers who might otherwise be ready on the spot as a result of reduced in-

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U. S. Commissions World's Mightiest Battleship



Here is a general view of the ceremony as the 35,000-ton battleship North Carolina was commissioned in Brooklyn Navy Yard, six months ahead of schedule. Three of the dreadnaught's nine 16-inch guns, pointing out beyond the superstructure, form an impressive background. The North Carolina is the first of 17 new battleships to join the United States fleet.

RAF Raids Berlin

Large Fires Started In German Capital, British Report; Other Cities Bombed.

London, April 10.—(AP)—British air raiders dropped "powerful high explosive bombs" in the center of Berlin last night and started large fires, the air ministry announced today.

Overnight attacks also were made on an aluminum plant in Germany-occupied Norway and a radio station in Denmark, the British declared.

They acknowledged the loss of eight planes in the operation and in daylight assaults yesterday on Breslau and other targets, but declared that German bombers were downed in heavy attacks last night on the English Midlands and northeast.

The Berlin radio, in a broadcast heard by NBC and CBS in New York, said the cities of Birmingham and Newcastle were the chief targets of the German air raiders.

It was the first British raid on Berlin since March 23. An informed source said that while the attack was not comparable in size with Monday night's assault, on Kiel, "it would have been felt."

Smaller forces of British night raiders were said to have struck at two cities near Hannover.

New Taxation Questions Follow Court Decision

Supreme Court Decision on Property Owned by Eleemosynary Institutions Did Not Cover All Possible Situations.

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Raleigh, April 10.—When Chief Justice W. P. Staley recently wrote the unanimous opinion of Supreme court that the test for tax exemption of property owned by "eleemosynary" institutions is the use to which it is put and not the character of the organization owning it, there was a somewhat general belief that the subject was about settled.

But the Staley words were clear, clean-cut and cogent, but it now turns out that they did not cover every possible variation of

Union Agrees To End Ford Strike

New Lebanese Government Is Formed

Three Point Proposal for Settlement Accepted by CIO Union; No Word From Ford Officials; Progress Made In Coal Parley

Detroit, April 10.—(AP)—The United Automobile Workers (UAW) accepted today a three-point proposal for settlement of the Ford Motor Company strike, which Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner said today would end the controversy.

The governor, in the presence of union officials, read a letter in reply to him from R. J. Thomas, union president, which said the UAW-CIO accepted the proposal and would recommend its adoption at the meeting tonight of Ford Rouge plant workers.

At the time his reply was given, the governor said he had received no word from Ford officials. Before the UAW letter was read, Thomas had by agreement that "in addition" to the reply the union already had agreed to accept of the Rouge gates for the local training school.

"I'm very glad I appreciate them doing that," the governor said. "I'm glad to see the hands shaking with Thomas Van Wagoner said, 'I'm very happy and I'm glad even though that you've agreed these things from the start. I want you to know I have tried to be fair to both sides in this.'"

Thomas replied, "I think you have done as fine a job as anyone in the country could in trying to get the company and the union together."

(By The Associated Press) The coal camp and the Ford Motor Company strike dragged on unsettled today, but it without some prospect of early solution.

Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner of Michigan expressed renewed hope for a quick end to the strike at the Ford Rouge plant near Detroit. He said he had a fine talk with Henry Ford and had telephoned President Roosevelt yesterday to outline developments.

"All parties are aiming for a quick settlement of the strike with a single-mindedness of purpose," the governor declared.

Although details of a proposed new contract between Ford Motor Company and CIO United Mine Workers were reported unacceptable to some mine owners, Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the United States conciliation service, declared "Sufficient agreement has been reached to assure the country that there will be no danger of a coal shortage."

Mechanized Forces Rush To Position

Flame-throwers, Tanks and Armored Cars Speed Toward Decisive Battle With German Blitzkrieg Invaders.

Bern, April 10.—(AP)—The British were reported filling in a new defense line across the Greek peninsula today, rushing flame-throwers, tanks and armored cars north from Piraeus, the port of Athens, for a decisive battle with German blitzkrieg invaders.

Strong British reinforcements were said to be arriving in southern Greek ports from Africa.

(Presumably, many of these troops were brought from the Libyan desert campaign in north Africa, where a skeleton defense force has fallen back under the onslaught of combined German and Italian contingents.)

With Greece split between eastern Thrace and northern Macedonia engulfed in Adolf Hitler's drive to the east, the British were reported to be running a new line extending from a point south of Salonika to the Albanian port of Chimara, on the Adriatic sea.

Although the Greeks asserted the remnants of their western army, encircled by the Germans north of Salonika, still were holding out in a fight to the death, it appeared that all hope for stemming the Nazi push hinged on the new defense line.

Reports from the front indicated that Yugoslavia would be compelled to fight a separate battle.

Italian dispatches early today said the German and Italian armies, driving into southern Yugoslavia from opposite directions, were "on the point" of joining hands. A Budapest newspaper said they had made contact.

The meeting was expected to take place not far from the Albanian-Yugoslav border west of Skopje, strategic city at the head of the Vardar river valley leading to Salonika.

The Yugoslavs, meanwhile, were making a desperate effort to cut through the Italian lines in Albania and join hands with the Greeks near Lissa, Albania, but they were said to be still some 50 miles from their objectives.

One Yugoslav column, driving down along the Albanian coast, was reported attempting to force a crossing of the Mati river, about 31 miles north of the Albanian capital of Tirana, capturing Scutari and Alessio in a 35-mile advance.

Some dispatches from Turkey hinted the possibility that the British air force and fleet might seek the use of bases in Turkey for operations against Thrace. These dispatches, read, would be in accordance with the manner in which the Germans used bases in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria for attacks on Greece and Yugoslavia.

Transporters Diverted To New Service

Washington, April 10.—(AP)—The War department disclosed today that all Army passenger and freight transporters had been diverted to move troops and supplies between the United States and overseas possessions and bases.

Undersecretary Robert P. Patterson announced at the same time that a complete censorship had been imposed on all military information on all overseas bases.

Twenty-six combination passenger-cargo ships and freighters which comprise the Army transport service have been shifted to the new assignment.

In addition, the War department has chartered ten freighters and Patterson said he had asked the maritime commission for more ships.

"Our greater activity in Hawaii, the Philippines, the Canal Zone and new Atlantic bases require full use of the transport service vessels," Patterson told a press conference. "The diversion involved suspension of the Army's passenger and freight transport service, long in operation between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, Hawaii and the Philippines, by way of the Panama Canal."

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.