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FDR Gets First Buddy Poppy



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Carol Betty Wickman places the first 1941 Buddy Poppy in President Roosevelt's lap at the White House as the Veterans of Foreign Wars open their annual drive for relief funds. The little soldier is the daughter of a deceased ex-service man from Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Red Sea And Gulf Of Aden Re-Opened

Roosevelt Permits American Ships to Enter Zone, Going All the Way to Suez Canal; May Aid Munitions Shipments.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today reopened the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden to American vessels.

The Chief Executive announced at a press conference that he had taken out the stopper from the mouth of the waterway so that American vessels may now enter it.

The ships will be permitted to go all the way to the Suez canal, since Egypt is neutral territory. While American vessels are not permitted under the neutrality act to carry war supplies to belligerents, the President made it clear that cargoes destined for a neutral country could be carried up the Red sea and Gulf of Aden.

And he indicated there will be no tendency on the part of the government to explore the question of whether supplies consigned to a neutral might ultimately get to a belligerent.

As a matter of fact, the President said, he was not sure whether under the neutrality act it was forbidden for supplies sent to a neutral to reach belligerents ultimately.

Mr. Roosevelt made it clear that American vessels could use the Suez canal since only the Mediterranean sea of the waters in that area remains in the restricted combat zone. Ships could not sail out of the canal into the Mediterranean.

KEPT ON DUTY.

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—Oregon continuing Colonel John Dallas Langston, on active duty until May 26, 1942, were issued today by the War department.

Colonel Langston, a reserve officer, has been on duty for several months in the headquarters of the selective service system in Washington.

Abernethy Testimony Is Completed

Goldboro, April 11.—(AP)—Presentation of testimony was completed today in the trial of Charles L. Abernethy, Jr., New Bern lawyer charged with conspiracy to violate the election laws and attempting to interfere with election officials prior to the 1940 Third district congressional Democratic primary.

The defense rested at 11:05 a. m. and the state sent eight rebuttal witnesses to the stand.

Lawyer's arguments will begin at the afternoon session. The jury is expected to get the case late today or early tomorrow.

Most of the defense testimony was corroboration of previous witnesses and character testimony for the defendant and other witnesses.

Roland Herring of New Bern testified that he found between 50 and 100 ballots scattered at a street corner in New Bern May 16 and had reported the incident to W. B. Rouse.

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Balkan Battle Looms

General Motors Strike Threatened

Notice Of Intention Is Served

Shutdown of General Motors Would Affect 130,000 Workers; Federal Conciliator Assigned; Ford Settlement Is Expected.

(By The Associated Press) The Federal labor department announced today receipt of word from the General Motors Corporation that the CIO United Automobile Workers union had served notice of intention to strike if a new wage agreement was not negotiated before April 20.

A shutdown of General Motors would affect about 130,000 workers. The firm has millions of dollars worth of defense contracts. The labor department immediately assigned a conciliator to try to prevent a work stoppage.

Notice of the threatened strike, a labor department official said, was received in a telegram signed by B. D. Kunkle of the General Motors Corporation.

The union is reported to be seeking a wage increase. On the basis of a labor board election held last year, the union is the exclusive bargaining agent for the company's 130,000 production workers.

The new strike threat came as James F. Dewey, federal labor conciliator working at Detroit on settlement of the ten-day CIO strike at the vast Ford River Rouge plant, said he expected the complete settlement before nightfall.

Dewey made plans to leave for Pittsburgh by train at 5 p. m. and, when asked if that was an indication the strike would be ended by then, said "yes, I expect it to be; it should have been settled last night."

Earlier, Governor Murray D. Van Wagner of Michigan claimed progress on "the one remaining point" necessary to a settlement. He, Dewey and union officials were to confer during the morning.

Negotiations to settle the tieup of soft coal mines continued in New

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FDR Attacked By Fascists

Rome, April 11.—(AP)—Fascist propaganda renewed attacks on President Roosevelt today for what was described as "the ruin of Yugoslavia."

Colonel William J. Donovan, who toured the Balkans and middle east on a diplomatic passport as an unofficial observer, was called "Washington's Number 2 agent provocateur."

Newspapers echoed the words of Giovanni Amadio, editor of Il Telegrafo, of Leghorn, who said on the radio that "there is no doubt" the Yugoslav military overthrew the regime of Prince Paul "not only at the British suggestion but also under the influence, direct or indirect, of America."

Liquor Held Responsible For One-Third Of Arrests Made By Highway Patrol

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

Raleigh, April 11.—Liquor, through its baleful effects, was responsible for one of every three arrests reported to the highway patrol division as made by the highway patrol during the first quarter of 1941.

Almost one in every nine persons reported arrested by the patrol was charged with drunken driving.

In all, the patrol reported 2,252 arrests, of which 962 were for drunken driving, an offense for which arrests were exceeded only by the 1,446 for public drunkenness and the 1,238 for speeding. Operating with inadequate

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Greenland Air Bases To Be Built

Washington, April 11.—(AP) One day after including Greenland within the American hemisphere defense system, President Roosevelt signed today a resolution affirming a policy of non-recognition of any transfer of western hemisphere land from one non-American power to another.

He acted as word circulated that the Army and Navy would begin work immediately on construction of air bases on Denmark's big northern island without waiting for formal leases to sites.

Complete forging of this northernmost link in the chain of fortifications to guard Atlantic approaches to the Americas was reported to be considered of utmost importance in official quarters, especially since German warplanes were said to have flown over the big Danish island within the last three weeks.

The German flights were disclosed by Secretary Hull yesterday in announcing an agreement for the defense of Greenland signed by himself and the Danish minister here. The flights occurred on March 27 and 28, Hull said.

Because the flights raised the possibility of significant German military interest in the island, indications were that the fortification work would be pressed as rapidly as supplies and equipment could be transported.

Ford Strike Is Settled

Governor Van Wagner Announces Settlement; Work to Be Resumed Monday.

Detroit, April 11.—(AP)—Governor Murray D. Van Wagner announced today that the Ford Motor Company strike had been settled.

"The strike has been settled," the governor said.

He issued a statement which said "our prayers for peace have been answered because there was a will for peace."

"This is an historic step in establishing industrial peace in our country. A basic American sense of fair play prevailed around the conference table and brought results at a time when every good American citizen must place his country ahead of himself."

"The Ford Motor and the UAW-CIO officials have set an example for the nation in their willingness to meet around the conference table to give and take and to make possible this settlement."

I. A. Capuzzi, attorney for the Ford company, announced the "plant will re-open as much as it is one Monday."

SOVIET ARMY ORGAN SAYS HOPE REMAINS FOR BALKAN UPSETS

Moscow, April 11.—(AP)—The Soviet Russian army organ, Red Star, said today that Yugoslavia and Greece still maintained possibilities to resist despite German advances.

The loss of Salonika cannot have a decisive effect on the development of the operations, the organ said, and even though Yugoslavia has been split from her allies by the German armies, she still can maintain contact with Britain and Greece by sea.

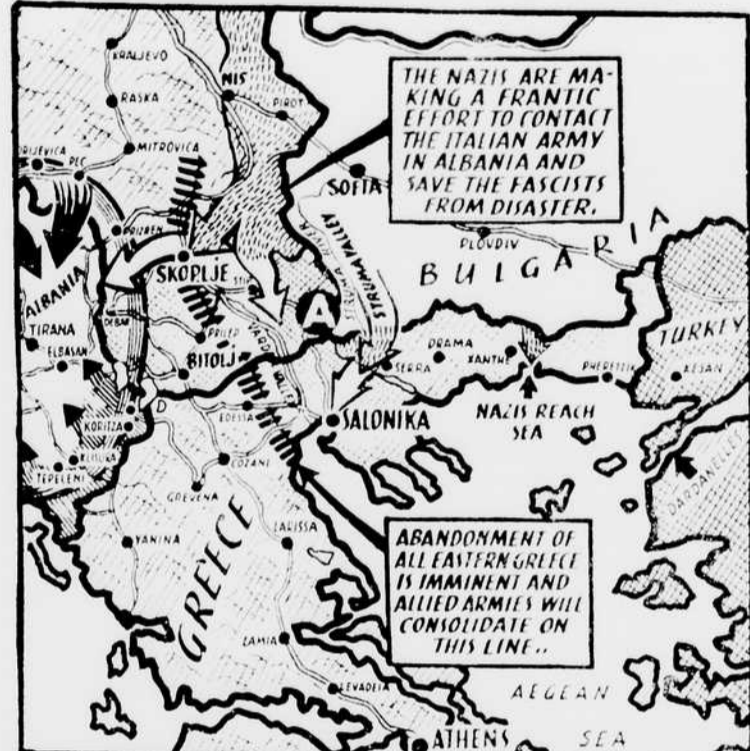
Greece has a number of favorable mountainous border defenses, said Red Star.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; showers in extreme west portion by Saturday night; not much change in temperature.

Extended forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. April 11 to 7:30 p. m. April 16.—Generally fair weather indicated except scattered showers Monday and Tuesday; temperatures will be above normal.

On the Balkan War Front



Despite the heroic efforts of a Greek "suicide" army, Nazi-Italian troops have captured the Greek port of Salonika, a feat which the Germans tried in vain to accomplish in the World War. The seizure followed a two-pronged drive down the Struma Valley (A). The Allies are abandoning eastern Greece, falling back to the defensive line shown on map, while Germany seeks to relieve Allied pressure on the Italian forces in Albania. (Central Press)

No More Destroyers To Be Transferred

Jap Policy Peaceful, Konoye Says

Tokyo, April 11.—(AP)—Premier Fumimaro Konoye, in a highly significant statement, reiterated today that Japan's south and east policy was "purely economic and peaceful" and insisted that Japan would not use force to realize her ambitions.

Konoye, whose statement was made at a press conference with Japanese reporters, appeared optimistic regarding U. S. Japanese relations.

He acknowledged, however, that Japan's membership in the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis and continuation of the China conflict were obstacles in the path of a completely amicable relationship between Tokyo and Washington.

"Do you think that United States-Japanese relations will get worse?" he was asked.

"I do not think so," the premier replied.

Henderson Heads Bureau

Washington, April 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today an executive order creating an office of price administration and civilian supply to be headed by Leon Henderson.

The agency, the President said, has been set up under the office of emergency management in the White House and would continue to emphasize production of the consumer.

He said provision was made for consumers to obtain supplies of materials left over after military needs.

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Babson Is Not Worried Over Money Situation

By ROGER W. BABSON. Copyright 1941, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.

Washington, April 11.—Tax returns and tax payments in March shattered all previous records. However, the taxes collectible this year will be far short of our requirements. Not only are our defense charges increasing rapidly, but the outlay of the civil departments of government has risen over \$3,000,000,000 in the past ten years. Washington

British And Nazi Forces 'In Contact'

German Panzer Divisions Knife Clear Across Lower Yugoslavia to Threaten Greece From Northwest; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.) British expeditionary troops were reported today to have "re-established contact" with Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg invaders in north Greece as Nazi panzer columns knifed clear across lower Yugoslavia to threaten Greece from a new direction—the northwest.

The London radio said German forces were advancing into the Aegean kingdom through the Bitoli gap in Yugoslavia at the border.

It was apparently in this sector that a great and perhaps decisive battle between the Germans and British was developing.

The British radio said German troops were attempting to fight their way through the gap under heavy RAF attacks.

The BEF communique issued in Athens said briefly: "German forces in northern Greece came into contact with British and imperial troops on April 10."

In Berlin, the German high command asserted that the serb army in southern Yugoslavia was "destroyed" and that Nazi columns plunging northward toward Belgrade from Nis "are in close pursuit of the serbs."

Unconfirmed reports had previously listed Belgrade as captured, but the high command report would indicate that the bomb-smashed Yugoslav capital still was holding out.

In Budapest, a semi-official telegram from Istanbul said many members of the Yugoslav royal court had arrived by plane in Turkey and that 17-year-old King Peter II was expected to follow.

The boy King Peter seized the throne in a bloodless coup March 27, two days after the pro-axis regime of Regent Prince Paul had signed Yugoslavia into membership in the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance.

A Swiss newspaper, the Geneva Tribune, said in a dispatch from Berlin that Belgrade had fallen.

A BEF communique said that Nazi panzer forces had reached Yantiza, 20 miles northwest of captured Sarajewo, but that "resistance to the German advance is stiffening in southern Yugoslavia."

The British communique said the situation in eastern Macedonia—the locale of the so-called Greek "lost army" trapped by the German seizure of Salonika—was "obscure, but characterized by the magnificent resistance of the Greeks."

President Roosevelt had claimed officially that the Greeks east of the Danube and Drava rivers, 800,000 Greeks had been taken prisoners.

Budapest, April 11.—(AP)—The Hungarian army has marched into Yugoslavia to reclaim territory lost in the World War.

An army report said Magyar troops had crossed the frontier between the Danube and Tisa rivers, as well as the triangle in between the Danube and Drava rivers.

The Hungarian nation was informed of this step, taken yesterday, with publication in morning papers today of a proclamation of Regent Admiral Nicholas Horthy.

The proclamation said formation of an independent Croatian state in the north left Yugoslavia "dissolved into several parts."

This act left Hungary the "duty to take again in our own hands the care for Hungarians living in the territories stolen from us," it said.

Under the treaty of Trianon in 1920 Hungary lost perhaps 500,000 of her Magyar population to Yugoslavia in the Banat region.

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