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## Pencil of Destruction



This innocent-looking pencil is one of the gadgets demonstrated before law enforcement officials in New York by J. D. Parsons, FBI expert, in exposing tricks used by saboteurs. The pencil is filled with chemicals that generate a flame (inset) hot enough to burn through steel. Such pencils were frequently used during the World War to set fires on Allied ships.

# Nazis Test Defenses

## Mines Will Reopen Thursday

### Southern Producers Accept Plan

Group Agrees to President Roosevelt's Proposal to Negotiate Two-Year Agreement With Union; Pay Boost Granted.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers' union announced today that it had accepted a plan to re-open mines in the southern states. The plan, which was proposed by President Roosevelt, calls for a two-year agreement with the union. The plan also provides for a pay boost for the miners.

## Nazi Tanks Roll on Greek Railway Tracks



View of tanks shown down as expected by the difficult Greek terrain. Nazi tank columns have used railroads to speed their invasion. They are shown entering Larissa. In background is Pella castle fortress.

## Speed Boats Stage Fight In Channel

Engagement Between British and German Speed Boats and Heavy Cross Channel Bombardment Interpreted as "Feelers".

(By The Associated Press)  
A battle between British and German speed boats attacking all night the western "mines" coast of England was reported today as most long range guns on the French coast opened the heaviest cross channel bombardment of the war.  
The twin actions may have been "feeler" shots of the type likely to become general in an invasion attempt.  
The official German news agency declared several British speed boats were damaged in the clash.  
Apparently, however, Hitler's long-awaited storming of the British Isles was not in the immediate offing. It was pointed out in London yesterday that the royal air force had not concentrated recently on bombing German-held ports across the channel. This would indicate that the royal air force had not found any new massing of German troop barges.  
In the Balkans, Hitler's war machine—undelayed on land—was reported getting an assault on the island of Crete, 75 miles south of the Greek mainland in what might be a full dress rehearsal for an attempt to invade England.  
The island is the new governmental seat of King George II, who fled Athens last Wednesday.  
It also serves as a British base and presumably part of the British expeditionary force has landed there in its flight from Greece.  
The official German news agency asserted that five British ships totaling 18,500 tons were sunk by Nazi dive bombers yesterday in a passage between the Greek mainland and Crete.  
British guns returned the fire of the German channel batteries. Royal air force bombers dashed across the channel at the height of the shelling and many explosions of the French coast indicated they were pounding the Nazi gun emplacements.  
In North Africa, Premier Churchill's high command reported German and Italian scouting troops infiltrated heavily to cross the British-occupied ground. Scouting had made the Egyptian frontier from Libya.  
London officials countered with the assertion that the axis vanguard driving toward the Suez canal had been held in check by the harassing action of British patrols five or six miles east of Sidi Barrani.  
With the British expeditionary force (Continued on page two)

## NATIONAL DEBT RISE FORESEEN

Commerce Secretary Jones Predicts Nation's Debt Will Mount to Ninety Billion; "Plenty" of Sacrifices in Store.

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—James Jones forecast today that the national debt would mount to at least 90 billion dollars, and declared "there have not yet made any sacrifices."  
"But they are," he said, "in the form of taxes." The secretary of Commerce added in an address before the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce.  
"A few months ago we were worrying about whether we could afford to increase government borrowing authority above \$45,000,000,000," Jones declared. "It seems probable that it will grow to at least double that amount, even although we are going to do our utmost to keep it as low as possible."  
"Frankly, it has never occurred to me that we could not carry a national debt equal to a year's production and we build the national machine upon a case more debt."  
"But whatever amount we have to borrow we must contribute to the fight," he said, "by the emergency tax bill."  
The cabinet official declared that "such a move" would be supported for national defense with the next four years, and pointed out that the cost of maintaining the Army and Navy will amount to the organization are expanded.  
"We are not now beginning to have some idea," he said, "of what all this is going to cost, but only a rough idea because it will cost more than we now think."

## Industry Credited With Miracle

Philadelphia, April 29.—(AP)—American industry has performed a modern miracle of defense, declares President Walter Fuller of the National Association of Manufacturers.  
"Through the voluntary cooperation of free men we have made more progress in ten months than Hitler did in two and one-half years with his much vaunted dictator economy," Fuller said.  
Addressing 500 industrialists from the part of the "arsenal" region last night, the head of the Curtis Publishing Company pointed out that industry had absorbed \$13,000,000,000 in defense orders in less than a year and placed 99 per cent of them in production.  
"And our February survey shows that 86 per cent of the manufacturers expect to deliver on or before contract delivery dates," he added.  
By the end of 1942, Fuller stated, America will be "the unsurpassed arsenal of the world."  
And fortunately so, he continued. "Declarations that there shall be no war and no AEF" hide in the distance. Many people are saying that the war is nobody's business except shooting depends only upon an some foreign power wants to pull the trigger.

## Agreement Sought On Use Of Ships

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The United States and Britain yesterday sought an agreement to use their ships in the Mediterranean Sea to support the British and Greek forces in Greece.

## Stephen Early Criticizes Lindbergh

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Stephen Early, presidential secretary, today criticized Charles A. Lindbergh's resignation as a reserve officer in the Army air corps.

## Negro Due to Die in Lethal Chamber

Indianapolis, April 29.—(AP)—Indelbert Washington, 36, of Wayne county, will die today in the State penitentiary for the first degree murder.

## Navy Building Runs Ahead Of Schedule

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—Frankford Harold Clark, reporting that the Navy construction program is running ahead of schedule, asserted today that the United States would double its resources to the limit of its security.  
The statement, made at a lunch club meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce convention, immediately raised speculation as to whether transfers of naval vessels (Continued on Page Five)

## Churchill Rejects Suggested Cabinet

London, April 29.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill today rejected a suggested cabinet and called for a vote of confidence next week.

## No Change in Draft Law

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The War Relocation Authority today announced that it would not change its draft law.

## Tobacco Tax U.S. Near War Is Opposed

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The U.S. House of Representatives today passed a bill to increase the tobacco tax. The bill was opposed by many members of the House.

## Manufacturer of Chewing Tobacco Says Added Levies Would Cripple Industry

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—A manufacturer of chewing tobacco today said that proposed increases in the tax on the product would cripple the industry.

## Probation System Marks Its Hundredth Anniversary

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—The Probation Department today marked its hundredth anniversary. The department was established in 1841.

## TOBACCO GROWERS TO OPPOSE TAXES

Washington, April 29.—(AP)—J. E. Winslow, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, announced today that the organization would be called today to meet next week to oppose proposals to raise the taxes on manufactured tobacco, including cigarettes.

## WATER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Early, cloudy tonight and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.  
Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. April 29 to 7:30 p. m. May 3.—Heavy rain in south and central Florida most of period elsewhere generally fair, above normal temperatures.

## Three Years Old in State

In North Carolina the present juvenile court system is between three and four years old (it was set up by the 1937 legislation), but way back under in 1919 the Tar Heel state had the distinction of being first in the nation to create a statewide system of county juvenile courts. Under this system, provision was made for placing youngsters on probation and from passage of the act to July 1, 1940, a total of 47,716 juvenile delinquency cases have been formally heard. It is estimated that of this total, at least 17,300 children have been placed on probation.  
A total of 143 workers are now en-

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