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AXIS BITTER OVER NEUTRALITY REVISION

British Aircraft Carrier Ark Royal Sunk By Sub

Italian Sub Believed The Victor

Four-Year Old, $16,000,000 Craft Goes to Bottom While in Tow Toward Gibraltar; Personnel Loss 'Not Heavy.'

London, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The four-year old, $16,000,000 aircraft carrier Ark Royal was torpedoed late yesterday east of Gibraltar, probably by an Italian submarine, and sank early today despite a desperate effort to bring the listing giant safely to port.

She carried down with her an undisclosed number of her crew of about 1,600 men who remained abroad in the struggle to save the ship.

"A very large number of the ship's company was taken off," the admiralty said, and indications were that personnel losses were "fortunately not heavy."

The story of the sinking, pieced together from the admiralty's brief announcement and word in authoritative quarters was that the Ark Royal was not in action when she was torpedoed and that she was en route to Gibraltar.

The strong suggestion was that an Italian submarine was the victor, although there was no positive identification.

Many of the company remained aboard after the hit or hits and helped to keep the Ark Royal afloat, in tow, during the hours of darkness as she listed further and further. Many worked to the very end. She finally rolled under the sea short of Gibraltar and safety.

The loss was belated fulfillment of many a German claim, since the beginning of the war, that the carrier had been sunk.

The concise communique said that the 22,000-ton floating airfield sank while in tow after having been torpedoed.

She was the third aircraft carrier lost by Britain in the war and the newest of them all.

The $16,000,000 vessel was under the command of Captain L. E. H. Maund, but whether the commander was among the casualties was not made public.

Lost Plane Unreported

Teheran, Iran, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Soviet embassy said this evening that it still had no news of the plane in which U. S. Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt, Russian Ambassador Maxim Litvinov and scout a dozen others are reported missing en route here from Kuibyshev, Russia.

The British legation reported that an American woman journalist, Alice Moats, and an American magazine writer, Quentin Reynolds, were among the passengers.

The Russian embassy said it had received up to nightfall no report from either south Russian or north Iranian air fields along the route.

Officials cautioned against alarm, however.

Tighter Draft Rules May Be Needed

New York, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of selective service, said today that the present high rate of deferment in the draft because of dependents—approximately 70 per cent of those otherwise eligible—"may not continue to be so."

"The swift impact of events may quickly force a re-gearing of the machine, with the requirements of the armed forces paramount to all other needs," he told the annual conference of the Child Study Association of America. "Deferments are temporary, and it may become necessary to withdraw many of them in the national interest."

TANK SWEEPS THROUGH CAROLINA PINES

Smashing through an undergrowth of Carolina pines near Winnsboro, S. C., a medium tank of the First Armored force advances against enemy "Reds" in a First Army war games battle that pushed two regular "square" divisions back 50 miles in 30 hours.

REDS TAKE INITIATIVE

Japs Gird For Crisis

Drastic Measures Prepared for Opening of Parliament; Kurusu Report Awaited.

Tokyo, Nov. 14—(AP)—Japan strengthened her war machine today of the eve of a special session of parliament opening tomorrow in one of the gravest crises in her modern history.

The cabinet approved for submission to the diet an extraordinary war fund of 3,800,000,000 yen (normally $214,000,000) and the war office announced a drastic revision of conscription regulations, making scores of thousands of men hitherto exempted liable to early summons for military service.

These steps were taken as Domei quoted well informed Japanese circles as saying that revision of the U. S. neutrality law "certainly aggravates the situation not only in the Atlantic but in the Pacific."

Nevertheless many Japanese looked to Washington for signs of hope for the mission of Saburo Kurusu, special Japanese envoy, en route to the American capital for talks on the Pacific crisis. Major speeches in the diet were set for later dates, apparently to give more time for Kurusu to report.

State Employes Have Large Credit Union

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—Tucked away in one of the back offices of the Agriculture building is the State Employes' Credit Union. The agency, seldom heard of outside of Raleigh, has accumulated more than $541,000 assets in the four years of its existence.

Already the credit union, with 1,391 members, is one of the largest in the state. According to present indications it soon may become the No. 1 credit union of the entire South. For just recently the organization has begun to give more attention to the teachers of the state. There are approximately 25,000 of them and all are eligible to membership.

"I believe we have got the best field of any credit union in the South," said W. W. Jones, the organi-

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Quake Shakes Los Angeles Suburbs

Los Angeles, Nov. 14.—(AP)—A violent earthquake, the most severe in eight years, toppled bricks and cornices from buildings in suburban Los Angeles, sent guests fleeing from one damaged hotel, split a 55,000-gallon oil tank and damaged gas and power lines today.

Guests fled the 30-room, two-story Hotel Torrance in suburban Torrance as the temblor showered bricks into the street. Fire inspectors condemned the building and ordered the guests to find lodgings elsewhere. They said a few others buildings would be condemned.

The quake occurred at 12:42 a. m. (3:42 a. m. EST) and lasted from a few seconds to 18 to 20 in Torrance, Gardena and Long Beach, the hardest hit area.

Vice Parley Is Called

Federal Officials May Be Called In to Clean up Bragg Area, Commandant Says.

Raleigh, Nov. 14—(AP)—Federal officials may be called upon to wipe out prostitution and other forms of vice in the Fort Bragg area unless a marked improvement is immediately shown, Governor Broughton disclosed today.

The chief executive quoted Brigadier General E. P. Parker, Jr., commanding officer of the post, as saying that the vice situation in the vicinity of Bragg "has got to the point where it will be necessary to invoke provisions of the May act unless there is a marked improvement."

General Parker sent to the governor a formal request that a meeting be called of Fort Bragg officers and of representatives of the counties in the vicinity of the fort and the maneuvers area.

Under the May act, federal authorities can be called in to cope with vice, if the commander of a military post finds that local law officers are unable or unwilling to handle the situation.

Broughton announced that the conference requested by the post commander would be held at 11 a. m. in the hall of the house of representatives here.

Nazi Forces Driven Back

Twenty Villages Taken By Russians in Kalinin Sector; Breakthrough in North.

(By Associated Press)

Russia's armies before Moscow, pressing a tempestuous counter offensive, were reported today to have driven the Germans out of 20 villages in the past 24 hours in the Kalinin sector, while on the northern front, the Soviet radio said Red troops had scored a break through the nazi siege ring outside Leningrad.

Tass, the Soviet news agency, reported also that tank-led German shock troops had been thrown back from the outskirts of Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow after a bloody two weeks battle.

"The Germans were here yesterday. Today only their corpses are here," Tass said.

The news agency said the Germans hurled 15 consecutive tank attacks at the little village of Rudchenya, on the southern outskirts of Tula, and gained a temporary foothold before being smashed back with heavy casualties.

Soviet dispatches reported a series of smashing counter blows at Kalinin, at Maloyaroslavets, 65 miles southwest of the capital, and in the far north around the Arctic port of Murmansk.

The Soviet radio said the initiative in the 43-day old battle of Moscow

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Henderson 28; Warrenton 0

(By ROBT. M. FALKNER.)

Warrenton, Nov. 14.—Overpowering a scrappy Warrenton team, Henderson scored a 28-0 victory. The teams played a score less first half but Henderson showed its power in the third period and pushed over three touchdowns and added the points. The final touchdown came in the fourth quarter when Hurley Mills passed to Bill Allen for ten yards and score. Blue added the point. Co-captain Carlos Mills scored three of Henderson's touchdowns, running forty yards for one, returning a kick, and thirty-two yards for another.

Percy Riggan, ace Warrenton back, was declared ineligible and did not play.

FDR Tells Miners Closed Shop Rule Won't Be Ordered

Washington, Nov. 14—(AP)—President Roosevelt, asking the Coal Operators and miners and steel companies to continue negotiations to avert a strike at captive coal mines, told them today that "the government will never compel the majority of organized workers affected by the dispute to join the union.

"I say to you frankly," he said, "that the government of the United States will not order, nor will Congress pass legislation establishing a so-called closed shop."

The union is asking a union shop in the mines, which supply coal to steel mills, but by contrast, a closed shop requires that all employees become members of the union after a probationary period.

The closed shop, in labor parlance, provides that the employer may not hire any man who is not a union member.

The President asked the mine leaders and the steel representatives to give him a report on an agreement to continue production by Monday, or at least a progress report.

A spokesman for the mine workers announced soon afterward that they would accede to the request for three days of direct negotiation on the dispute.

Methodists Reaffirm Opposition To War

Report of Commission on World Peace Adopted Without Apparent Dissent in Closing Session of Durham Conference.

Durham, Nov. 14.—(AP)—**Reaffirming its opposition to war, the North Carolina Methodist conference today deplored "those measures which, whatever their purpose, have in fact brought our nation step by step to the verge of full participation in this war."**

Without apparent dissent, the conference adopted the report of the commission on world peace.

"We sympathize with the President and our other leaders in the grave responsibilities which are theirs," the report said. "But we would remind them of solemn assurances given to the American people that they would not be led into war.

"We call upon them to make every effort to redeem those pledges. We urgently request them to begin now to use the prestige and influence of this nation for the establishment of a just and enduring peace, achieved not by military force but by mediation."

The conference approved the drive to be made among churches for funds to aid the Fairmont church of Raleigh to erect a building. The Church now meets in N. C. State College auditorium and the conference was asked to aid in building drive because it serves about 1,000 college students.

Following the reading of ministerial appointments by Bishop Clare Purcell, the conference prepared to adjourn its five-day meeting.

Rev. Reavis Is Returned To Henderson

Rev. B. C. Reavis was returned for a third year to the pastorate of the First Methodist church of Henderson, by ministerial appointments read at the closing session of the North Carolina Methodist conference at Durham today.

Rev. J. K. Worthington will again be pastor of the City Road and White Memorial churches. Rev. T. W. Lee was returned to the Middleburg charge, and Rev. G. W. Mathison comes from Monroe to assume the pastorate of the Vance charge.

Other appointments for the Raleigh district include H. I. Glass, district superintendent, Tar River circuit, W. J. Keel to Granville charge; P. Pegg, Oxford circuit; J. L. Smith, Oxford, C. F. Heath, Louisburg; F. D. Hedrick and Franklinton, S. F. Mercer. The Louisburg circuit is to be supplied with a minister.

Appointments for other districts included:

Rocky Mount district—District superintendent, L. C. Larkin; Bethel, T. G. Phillips; Conway, L. C. Brotherton; Elm City, W. M. Howard, Jr.; Enfield, R. D. Callaham; Farmville, M. S. Hollers, W. F. Slaters; West Edgecombe, C. B. Peacock, supply; Kenly, G. B. Starling; Littleton, H. L. Lattimore; Macclesfield circuit, D. D. McKenzie; Middleburg, L. B. Pattishall; Middleburg, T. W. Lee; Nashville, D. M. Sharpe; Norlina, W. T. Phipps; Northampton, W. L. Maness; Rich Square, P. F. Newton; Roanoke

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Thrift Can Beat Increased Living Costs, Babson Says

By ROGER W. BABSON

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Babson Park, Mass., Nov. 14—I know something about "cost-of-living" indices. When I was assistant to the secretary of Labor I had a hand in making the government cost-of-living index then in use. The U. S. bureau of labor's present index is complete but impractical. It prices 198 different goods and services. Rents are priced in 33 cities for a varying number of dwellings where wage earners and clerical workers live, depending upon the size of the city, from 450 in Manchester, N. H., to 2750 in New York city.

What's In The Index?

The cost-of-living index is made up by combining a separate index for each group of expenditures. The food group is derived from such items as cereals and bakery products; meats, fish, and poultry; eggs and dairy products; fruits and vegetables; fats and oils; sugar and beverages. "Cereals" include white flour, macaroni, corn flakes, and corn meal; whereas "fruits and vegetables" include apples, bananas, oranges, green beans, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, onions, potatoes, spinach sweet potatoes, as well as the canned and dried varieties.

Other groups cover clothing, rent, fuel, electricity, house furnishings, insurance, and miscellaneous. There is an index for each of the 33 cities covered. Thus, the index is not meant to represent the cost-of-living on

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, warmer tonight.

Weather forecast for the period beginning 7:30 p. m. Nov. 14 and ending 7:30 p. m. Nov. 21—Showers Florida and southern Georgia first part of period, otherwise little or no precipitation; temperatures rising to near normal Carolinas and Georgia first of period and above normal middle of period with cooling tendency toward end. Above normal Florida.

Repealer Acclaimed By British

Germans Declare Bluntly That Next Few Days Will Show Danger of Action; 'They're Coming Over,' London Paper Says.

(By The Associated Press)

Bitter reaction exploded in the capitals of the axis alliance today over revision of the United States neutrality act, with the Germans declaring bluntly that the next few days would show what a dangerous path the American Congress has taken.

In Rome, fascist quarters voiced a similar theme, asserting that Congress action in permitting U. S. ships to enter the blockade zones soon would result in attacks on those vessels.

On the other side of the picture, the London Daily Express put a banner headline over the story, saying:

"They're coming over!"

In Tokyo, Japan's attitude was expressed by the news agency Domei, which quoted well informed circles as declaring that the revision "aggravates the situation not only in the Atlantic but in the Pacific" and that "the stage is set for commencement of a shooting war."

Authorized Berlin quarters charged President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull with duping Congress by a false representation of facts, and said that in any case Germany would shoot at American ships carrying munitions.

The British public and press acclaimed the action as a step toward fuller American collaboration in the war. Authoritative quarters said it would "refresh and reinvigorate the will of the British people to fight

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LABOR SITUATION CALLED 'DISGRACE' BY LEGION HEAD

New York, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Lynn Stambaugh, national commander of the American Legion, said today it was "a disgrace to the nation and an insult to the American people that President Roosevelt had to appeal to John L. Lewis for postponement of a strike."

"There should be no repetition of the President of the United States writing three letters to a labor leader begging that a strike be postponed," Stambaugh said at a press conference.

Miners Vote To Stay Out

UMW Policy Committee Commends Resignation of CIO Officials From Mediation Board.

Washington, Nov. 14—(AP)—The policy committee of the United Mine Workers voted today to continue the UMW's fight for a union shop in the coal mines which supply the nation's big steel mills.

The committee directed the union's executive officers to "continue their efforts to secure a settlement" in the controversy to conform to the provisions of the Appalachian agreement.

Under this agreement, all commercial soft coal mines have granted a union shop to the CIO union. The defense mediation board recently rejected the union demands for a union shop in the steel companies' coal mines.

The committee adopted a resolution commending and approving the action of Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy and other CIO officials in resigning from the mediation board as a result of the board's decision in the mine case.