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\$32,070,901,900 War Fund Asked

Churchill Says Nazi Ships Were Hit Arms, Lend-Lease And Shipbuilding Covered In Budget

Situation In Atlantic Is Eased

British Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced today that crippling aerial blows inflicted on the 26,000-ton German battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst in the battle of Dover Strait would keep the Nazi sea raiders out of action for some time and that "before they can again play any part in the war" new British ships would be ready.

Simultaneously, the German high command disclosed that British bombers have already begun attacks on Helgoland light, where the two battleships and the cruiser Prinz Eugen are reported to have taken refuge after escaping from their bomb-battered haven at Brest, France.

Churchill said the German flight from Brest, at the entrance to the English Channel, was "decidedly beneficial to us" and that "a threat to our convoys by the ships there is now removed."

Other good news for the United Nations came from the Russian war front as a bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged that Soviet troops had scored a breakthrough through German lines 50 miles southeast of Vyazma, on the Moscow front, and the Berlin radio conceded for the first time that the Red armies had advanced 180 miles in some sectors since the beginning of their winter offensive.

British high command asserted that the Russian breakthrough forces had been encircled and annihilated by counter-attacking German troops after heavy fighting, with 5,000 Soviet troops killed and 1,843 taken prisoner, but from the broad viewpoint the important thing was the admission of such an advance.

Republicans In Farm Bloc

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A farm bloc proposal to prohibit sale of government-held crop surpluses below parity price levels gained strong Republican support today and administration leaders conceded that Senate approval of the legislation was likely.

Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, said he would support the measure when it comes up later this week, and Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, indicated he was afraid he was leading a losing fight against it.

Just a Breeze for the Boys in Iceland



American soldiers somewhere in Iceland got their first taste of an arctic winter when a wind from the North Pole blew in at 85 miles an hour. The men in the picture are trying very hard to cling to Mother Earth. A warehouse was wrecked by the gale. (Central Press)

Japs Force Withdrawal In Burma

Japanese bomb and machine gun islands in Sunda Strait, blasting path for invasion of Java; Philippine front active.

Japanese planes bombed and machine gunned several islands in the narrow Sunda Strait which separates Java from Sumatra.

New Credit For Russia

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Official sources said today a new lend-lease credit of approximately \$1,000,000,000 was being negotiated for Russia.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Much colder tonight, near freezing temperatures in interior.

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Redden, entered for the party post by the governor, was the only person nominated for the chairmanship.

Aid To China Advocated

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Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Congressmen called today for all-out material aid to China as the quickest way to stem Japan, and pledged meanwhile that millions of American men and thousands of American planes eventually would dominate every battlefield.

Oil Industry Asks Curfew, Rationing

London, Feb. 17.—(AP)—British coastal command aircraft sank two small ships yesterday in the Bay of Biscay, it was officially announced today.

Vandenberg Urges Probe Of Ship Fire

Washington, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, demanded today that the Navy department make public all the "cold blooded facts" surrounding the burning of the huge liner Normandie.

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Unity Test After War

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