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Yugoslavs Play for Time In Joining Axis Alliance

Belgrade Wants to Surrender by Degrees; Greeks Smash Italian Offensive

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, March 12.—Yugoslavia, the last Balkan state uncommitted to enter the great belligerents, has agreed "in principle" to sign up with the German-Italian-Japanese alliance, government circles said tonight, but wants more time before the pen is put irrevocably to the paper.

After hours of urgent conferences, Regent Prince Paul and his advisers were understood to have decided to give in, but made these counter-proposals to the German demands.

1. That Yugoslavia sign immediately only a declaration of friendship with Germany and thus be allowed a transition period before going all the way, to try to modify pro-British sentiment in this country in an effort to avoid possible internal trouble.
2. That the German and Yugoslav governments have a further discussion of Nazi demands for the demobilization of the Yugoslavian army, for a guarantee that the Yugoslavians will make "no military moves," and for the right to pass troops through southeastern Yugoslavia from Bulgaria into Greece.

This form of capitulation, it was understood, was made upon representations by military leaders to Prince Paul that military resistance was impossible since the country is all but surrounded by Axis areas.

German Demands.

The full list of the German demands, as reported here by a neutral diplomat, was this:

1. Demobilization of the Yugoslav army—against which it was understood the army high command was strongly arguing.
2. Complete German control of the country's economic life, transport, and communication.
3. The Nazi to have the right to ship war material through Yugoslavia, presumably reserving the lines in Bulgaria and Rumania for the movement of troops.
4. Germany to have the right to pass troops through this country, if deemed necessary—apparently a hard condition to the government here.
5. Yugoslavia formally to sign the Axis pact.

The long period of diplomatic maneuvering that preceded the government's decision made the entire nation nervous.

It was understood that Italy was taking a hand in applying the pressure.

The Germans themselves circulated threats that Yugoslavia must capitulate quickly or face the Nazi "might"—a reference which could have been intended to suggest invasion or even partition.

Rotary Club Enjoys Interesting Program

Neal Howard, Jr. Makes Timely Talk on Lend-Lease Legislation

Following the usual routine and an appetizing supper, Tuesday evening, members of the Farmville Rotary Club enjoyed a rare treat, presented by the program chairman, J. E. Moore, who introduced as the guest speaker of the evening, Master Neal Howard, Jr., 10 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Howard. Master Howard gave an interesting and timely talk on the Lend-Lease Bill, which was signed by President Roosevelt in the afternoon. Young Howard's speech is published here for benefit of readers.

Mr. President and members of the Rotary Club:

The most important date in American History is July 4, 1776. Who knows but what these figures 1776 will again play an important part in our history. For, this is the number of the House Resolution, better known as the Lend-Lease Bill.

The bill was introduced in both houses January 10 and passed the House February 3.

As passed by the Senate on Saturday the bill authorized the President and other government heads to:

- 1st. Manufacture in arsenals, factories and shipyards under their jurisdiction or otherwise procure any defense article for the government of any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States.
- 2nd. Sell, transfer title, exchange, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of defense articles to such nations after consultation with the Army chief of staff and Naval chief of operations, within the \$1,300,000,000 limitation on equipment on hand, or on order, and to such an extent as future Congressional appropriations or contractual authority permit.
- 3rd. To test, inspect, prove, repair, outfit, recondition, or otherwise place in good working order, defense articles transferred to foreign governments.
- 4th. To communicate to foreign governments confidential defense information concerning war equipment provided them.
- 5th. To release for export defense articles.

To allay some fears that the bill might bring the country closer to war, the administration wrote into the measure declarations that nothing in the bill shall be construed to authorize the United States naval conveying of merchant ships, the etc.

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British Raiders Bomb Nazi Base

Report "Successful" Attack Upon Kiel; Nazi Bombs Fall Over Wide Area

London, March 13.—British bombers, striking at the root of the new German submarine terror, Tuesday night blasted the big Nazi U-boat base at Kiel and nearby "wolf-pack" submarine plants, the Air Ministry reported.

The flashes of "heavy explosions" and the glare of a large fire were observed by R. A. F. pilots attacking the base, believed by British authorities to have a key role in the Reich's intensified submarine war.

Paratrooper R. A. F. planes also bombed the docks at the big North Sea port of Brunsbuten, two air storages in northwest Germany, an oil storage plant at Rotterdam and a factory near Utrecht. British fighters planes, on an offensive sweep, machine-gunned an airdrome in Northern France, destroying a plane about to take off.

In Berlin, the official D. N. B. agency admitted that the British dropped "a great number of bombs" on Kiel, but claimed that most of them fell in residential districts. The high command said a few civilians were killed or wounded.

The British said the attack on Kiel, at the Baltic end of the vital Kiel Canal, was "quite successful," although not among the heaviest. The attack was the 33rd of the war, but the first this year. On previous raids targets at Kiel included the cruiser *Scharnhorst*, the canal, an oil depot and power stations, docks and naval yard installations.

It was understood that the raid was made upon Admiralty information that Kiel had been given a key role in the Nazi "Spring blitz" on British shipping. Kiel is believed to be the site of several factories making component parts for the new, tiny "wolf-pack" submarines and to be an assembly point for these craft, on which Germany largely bases hope of crippling British ocean transport.

No British planes were listed as missing from the various raids.

Meanwhile, German night raiders roamed widely over Britain last night and early today, but shortly after midnight no heavy attack had been reported.

The anti-aircraft barrage flared up in the London area at intervals, but no bombs were dropped on the capital. Relatively few fell elsewhere.

A Nazi bomber was shot down in flames on the Sussex-Surrey border. Home guards took one of the crew prisoners; the others were dead.

Bombs wrecked seven houses in a south coast town and damaged many others. Rescue squads dug in debris for persons trapped, but no serious casualties were reported. Another stick of bombs fell on a neighboring district, but caused little damage.

German planes were reported over the Midlands, the Mercyshire Area, East Anglia, northeast Scotland, South Wales and virtually all parts of England.

Tuesday night a northwest town had its heaviest raid in months and several other sections of the country were subjected to severe attacks by night raiders.

Crossing over the south coast, German planes scattered to objectives in northwest England, the West Midlands, South England, Northeast Scotland, South Wales, West England and the Thames Estuary.

Berlin reported that numerous fires and explosions were caused at Birmingham and a south coast "harbour town."

In the heavily-hit northwest town, the houses were evacuated in one district alone. Throughout the night rescuers struggled to relieve families trapped in their homes. There were a number of casualties.

In the west Midlands the raiders scattered incendiary bombs, following them with explosive missiles which hit many buildings. In a south coast town a movie theatre, a hospital and a workshop were damaged. Two German bombers were reported shot down during the attack.

The graves of a large cemetery were blasted open by bombs in the attack on a south coast town. Many houses also fell on residential districts. One shelter was hit and several persons within were killed.

In the attack on the northwest town many fires were started, but they were controlled quickly. In the Midlands, many were wounded and there were numerous homes.

Spokesman Says Nazis Prepared For Any U. S. Action

Germany Declared Not To Have Been Surprised by Passage of Lend-Lease Bill; Roosevelt Described As Unpredictable Man by Official German; Dared To Send One Convoy To Britain

Berlin, March 12.—The official German attitude toward the United States aid to Britain bill, a Nazi spokesman said today, may be summed up with the words:

"We are not surprised, but are prepared for anything."

More solemn than usual, the spokesman declared:

"Roosevelt is an unpredictable man. Let him send one convoy and xxx."

The sentence was left hanging.

"We are determined to torpedo everything that approaches England," the spokesman went on after a pause. "We will see. We are ready for anything, come what may xxx."

"As a matter of fact, the law's aims have been in operation a long time. They (the British) got 50 destroyers, but the fact remains that needed materials have not arrived in desired volume and we will see that they do not do so hereafter."

The German radio declared "the lease-lend bill was rushed through the Congress merely to make a showing of honesty whereas, in reality, the United States government is intent only upon the speediest acquisition of a maximum number of British possessions."

JAPAN'S BATTLESHIPS INCOME TAXES DUE. PROGRESS ON DEFENSE. LEASE-LEND REFLECTIONS. "MINISTRY OF DEFENSE" FACTS ABOUT THE BASES. DEBATE DELAYS CONGRESS. AIRPLANES AND ENGINES.

As the Senate last week continued its wrangle over the Lease-Lend bill, a review of congressional performance, as Congress entered its third month, showed that only three major bills have been enacted, including one raising the public debt limit to \$95,000,000,000 and eliminating taxes on securities, another appropriating \$12,500,000 to construct 200 cargo ships, and a third to provide \$175,000,000 for Army clothing.

The House, having finished its consideration of the Lease-Lend Bill several weeks before, has passed a \$1,415,901,522 appropriation for independent agencies, another \$1,246,594,498 for the Treasury-Postoffice supply bill, authorized \$245,229,500 for navy public works, including some construction on sites leased from Britain, and work at Samoa and Guam; passed a bill to permit the Federal Housing Administration to insure \$100,000,000 of mortgages for defense housing; and a supplemental appropriation of \$1,375,277,302 for Army housing and expanded work at naval bases, also including those on British island possessions in the Atlantic and on Samoa and Guam in the Pacific.

Considerable interest has been aroused by the new issue of Jane's Fighting Ships which has just been published in London. The volume is considered an authority on naval matters. It reveals that Japan and Germany are busy expanding their navies with some emphasis upon battleships.

According to Jane's, the Japanese launched three 40,000-ton battleships last year and have two more under construction. In addition, three pocket battleships of around 15,000 tons have been launched and a fourth is under construction. The new German 35,000-ton pocket battleship, the *Admiral Hipper*, will be ready for action next year.

Troops' Arrival At Davis Delayed

Bad Weather Keeping Construction of Firing Center Behind Regular Schedule

Washington, March 12.—The War Department is hoping to begin the movement of troops into Camp Davis on April 15, rather than on March 15 as originally scheduled, it was stated authoritatively today.

Officials, nevertheless, stressed that this date is only tentative and it may be necessary to delay even further the assignment of the major portion of the troops to be stationed at the new anti-aircraft firing center.

Weather conditions were cited as the major factor in the postponement. Details on the progress of the work are not available here.

Service troops probably will begin to arrive in relatively small numbers late this month, officials stated, but emphasized that this, too, would depend on construction progress during the next few weeks.

They held out little hope that the main body of troops could begin moving in until at least April 15 and possibly not then.

WORK ON LAST BUILDINGS STARTED AT FORT BRAGG

Fort Bragg, March 12.—Work has been started on the last of the 2,652 buildings in the \$54,000,000 expansion program at Fort Bragg, it was announced today by Lieut. Col. Lawrence L. Simpson, constructing quartermaster.

He said that the entire program, designed to provide facilities for 67,000 soldiers, will be completed "well within" schedule, or before June 15.

The constructing quartermaster's office said that the first big reduction in the Fort Bragg pay roll is expected to come about April 1, when some 12,000 men will be laid off.

There are about 23,000 civilian employees engaged in construction at the post. Of these, 22,430 are on the pay roll of the T. A. Loving Constructing Company.

displacement.

If the report of the Japanese battleship program is correct, it appears that Japan will have in the near future fourteen or fifteen battleships in addition to the pocket battleships mentioned. In view of the fact that the United States has only twelve battleships in the Pacific, it will be apparent that the completion of the Washington and the North Carolina, within the next few months, will do no more than equalize the fleets of the United States and Japan. If next year, however, the United States is able to commission the four other 35,000-ton battleships now under construction, this country will have a reasonable superiority over Japan in battleships.

This week, millions of Americans will discover that it costs money to prepare a nation for national defense, although, it must be admitted, the average taxpayer can expect additional burdens in the years to come. With Saturday the deadline for filing income tax returns, the average person is interested in a few changes which Congress made in the law. Personal exemptions were reduced from \$2,500 to \$2,000 for heads of families, and from \$1,000 to \$800 for single persons. In addition, Congress added a ten per cent "defense tax" to all income taxes. This means that if your tax figured \$30, you add an additional \$2 for the defense tax.

We have several times, in this column, pointed out that much progress is being made on the national defense program. While there has been a period of delay, due to the necessity of constructing new plants, large-scale production of war necessities is under way in 1941. This does not mean, however, that the United States can afford to take its time in preparing for complete defense. In the training of an Army and the manufacture of supplies and equipment, everything should proceed as rapidly as possible because the nation faces an unknown factor, the matter of time. No one knows what might happen in the war in Europe, and no one knows when the United States may be called upon to protect itself.

Debate on the Lease-Lend Bill has been in our opinion somewhat sidetracked, especially on the part of our readers. Finally, we are glad for the allegation that the bill will establish a permanent national commission, that it will guarantee the fundamental liberties of the citizen.

FDR'S Request For 7 Billion Goes To House

COUNTRY CLUB TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY NIGHT

Members of the Farmville Country Club and their out-of-town guests will again hold Open House in the lounge of the Club, Saturday evening, from 9 until 12 o'clock.

This social feature was started two weeks ago and those attending greatly enjoyed the opportunity for social contact which it provides.

It is the desire of the committee in charge that a larger number of the members will participate in the Open House event every other Saturday evening and enjoy the privileges of the club house.

Washington Farm News

AGRICULTURAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR MARCH

(By Bureau of Agricultural Economics)

1. Farm cash income higher in 39 states in 1940 compared with 1939.
2. Farm employment increasing as new season gets underway; some acreage changes expected; good season ahead.
3. Census shows fewer but larger farms in United States now as compared with a decade ago.
4. Consumers spent 14.3 billions for food last year; farmers received 6.2 billions. Improved consumer demand forecast for 1941; prices to farmers, costs, income to rise.
5. Good consumer demand points poultry prices higher; eggs also to average higher this year.
6. Exports continue far below previous volume.
7. Dairy industry continues to expand; number of cows largest since 1935; production of milk and dairy products to set new high record.
8. Supply of flue-cured tobacco largest on record.
9. Cotton mill consumption at new high records; exports small; prices supported by Government loans.
10. 1941-42 wheat supply may total 1.2 billion bushels. Tentative plans announced for marketing quota referendum.
11. Cattle slaughter to increase this year; fewer hogs coming to market; early lambs in good condition; favorable price outlook for new wool clip.
12. Government buying helps relieve fruit markets of large supplies.
13. Potatoes plentiful at low prices; supplies of truck crops to increase this month and next.

LOANS

Farmers obtained nearly 161,000 emergency crop and feed loans in 1940 for a total of \$19,470,625, according to figures released recently by the Farm Credit Administration.

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Money Asked To Carry Out Fixed Policy Of Government; Quick Action On Measure Asked

Washington, March 12.—President Roosevelt sent to Congress today a request for a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to carry out a "fixed policy of this government to make for democracies every gun, plane and munition of war that we possibly can."

In a letter to Speaker Rayburn transmitting detailed estimates of the budget director for the \$7,000,000,000 expenditure, Mr. Roosevelt asserted:

"I strongly urge the immediate enactment of this appropriation."

The chief executive declared that America has felt that "it was imperative to the security of America that we encourage the democracies' heroic resistance to aggressions by not only maintaining, but also increasing the flow of material assistance from this country."

The President's request for the biggest peace-time appropriation bill in the nation's history went to Congress less than 24 hours after he signed the bill into law and approved the first list of supplies to be shipped to Britain and to Greece.

The appropriation estimate broke the \$7,000,000,000 into various categories, of which the largest by far was \$2,054,000,000 for "aircraft and aeronautical material, including engines, spare parts and accessories."

Other categories were: \$1,243,000,000 for ordnance, including armor and ammunition; \$1,250,000,000 for agricultural, industrial and other commodities and articles; \$362,000,000 for trucks, armored cars, automobiles, tanks and other motor vehicles; \$629,000,000 for ships and other water craft; \$260,000,000 for miscellaneous military equipments; \$752,000,000 for facilities and equipment for the manufacture of defense articles; \$200,000,000 for testing, inspecting, repairing or otherwise putting in good working order any defense articles for the government of "any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States."

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GREENS CLAIM ITALIAN ATTACKS ARE REPULSED

Athens, Greece, March 12.—Italian counter attacks said by a Greek government spokesman to have been ordered by Premier Mussolini himself—the heaviest of the Albanian war—have been smashed with enormous Fascist losses, Greek informants reported from the front today.

The Italians struck at six points along the line with the greatest force thrown into such an action since the war began, and were thrown back everywhere, Greek dispatches said, adding that the Greeks were in fact able to seize new positions in the heights northwest of Tepeleni.

Information that it was the Duce himself who sent his army forward was attributed by the Greek spokesman to captured Italian soldiers.

They reported, too, the spokesman added, that Mussolini had set next Saturday as the deadline for his general to "do something."

Among the prisoners taken yesterday, this official informant said, were Blackshirt officers who said that Mussolini had been in Albania in the central sector, for five days.

"The Italians," the spokesman summed up, "displayed great activity yesterday, having attacked over a 20-mile front (about 12 miles) front, with large forces."

The attack was violent and supported by every possible means. All our troops repelled the Italian attacks, including heavy losses. At several points we were driven with dead

Air Defense Net Set Up In State

Air Corps Organizes Civilian Observers In Eastern Carolina Area

Raleigh, March 13.—An air warning service has been organized in Eastern North Carolina as part of the Army Air Corps plan for defense of eastern metropolitan areas. Juns Ross of Greenville, Air Corps Legion defense chairman for this region, announced yesterday.

The service in North Carolina which will be named mostly by ex-service men, is part of the elaborate plan the Air Corps has drawn up to provide warnings for the heavily industrialized section of Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, etc.

An area from Morhead City to South Boston, Va., was organized this week by Ross and Lt. Harold Waggner, Air Corps officer from Mitchell Field. It is the first of its type organized in this State. Ross said, though others will be set up for defense of other sections.

Civilian Observers.

The plan calls for civilian "spotters" or observers to be on call at all times. If a raid should be expected, the observers would report by telephone or radio any they see, reporting the number of flights, direction, height, direction of flight, etc.

Calls on the telephone or radio would be answered by a central station in Norfolk, Va., and relayed to

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