

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Fair tonight and Tuesday. Little change in temperature.
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UPHEAVAL

That's what looms for Hitler when he starts moving troops or war supplies through Yugoslavia to attack Greece. He has coaxed the government but not the resentful populace. Watch the NEWS-REVIEW service for explosive events.

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NAZI TROOPS SWARMING TOWARD GREECE

BRITISH AID BILL'S PASSAGE COMPLETED BY SENATE

Plane Will Rush Measure To Roosevelt

President Signs Naval Works Program; Lakes Pact Made With Canada

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—The senate passed and sent to President Roosevelt today a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to finance the administration's all-out British aid program. The vote was 67 to 9.

The appropriation, already passed by the house, was approved without change. During the two hours debate preceding the vote many senators who opposed the original lend-lease measure said they would vote for the appropriation to carry out the law.

Arrangements were made to fly the bill to the president, now cruising in southern waters.

Naval Bill Signed

President Roosevelt signed into law today two bills authorizing a \$340,526,383 naval public works program. The legislation includes funds for developments at Guam and Samoa in the Pacific and at the naval and air bases in the Atlantic acquired from Great Britain.

In testimony made public today by the senate appropriations committee, Budget Director Harold D. Smith testified that Britain had spent or obligated \$2,700,000,000 for defense equipment in the United States up to January 1.

"This would mean," Senator Adams (D., Colo.) remarked, "that the British spending would stop at \$2,700,000,000 and we would pick up the load and add \$7,000,000,000."

The committee learned from Secretary Stimson that needs of other nations, "notably the Greek government" were included when the \$7,000,000,000 total of

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written (11 a. m. Friday) Yugoslavia is reported to have decided to join the axis in some more or less limited manner not satisfactorily described in the dispatches.

There are hints of internal trouble over the decision. Four cabinet members are said to have resigned with Regent Prince Paul (Yugoslavia has a boy king) refusing to accept the resignations. Four anti-German generals are said to have been quietly pensioned earlier in the week—presumably to get them out of the way.

It sounds like typical German strong-arm work at the top.

GREEK quarters are described as "stunned" by the news, having been assured only a few days ago that the Yugoslav crown council would not take any action at this time despite insistent axis pressure.

Nobody should be stunned by ANYTHING that happens in the Balkans. The air down that way is thick with fear and treachery these days.

This writer's advice to readers is to keep their fingers crossed until the shooting actually starts.

BEFORE blaming the Balkan peoples too severely, consider their historical background.

For more than 500 years, while Rome was decaying, all they saw of government was the intrigue, the treachery, the assassination, the venal cupidity that accom-

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"Millions" Spent by Holiday Crowd in Roseburg



More than three hundred million dollars in phony money was spent by members of the big crowd pictured above in attendance at the auction held in this city Saturday as a part of the annual Spring Opening sponsored Friday and Saturday by the Retail Merchants committee and the Roseburg chamber of commerce. Merchandise items were sold on bids by a professional auctioneer, and small articles were bid up into the millions of dollars, affording a great deal of amusement to the throng attending the event.

John Busenbark Of Melrose Dies

John Busenbark, 89, a resident of Douglas county for the past 31 years, died at his home at Melrose today. Although in failing health, Mr. Busenbark had been active until very recently.

Born May 31, 1851, in Butler county, Ohio, Mr. Busenbark was engaged in farming in Illinois and Kansas prior to moving to Oregon in 1909. He purchased a large tract of land at Melrose, where, with the aid of his sons, he built up one of the most successful farms of the county.

Very active throughout his residence here in civic affairs Mr. Busenbark for 12 years served as community chairman for the farming communities of Melrose, Flournoy valley, Cleveland, Elgarose and West Roseburg in connection with the Red Cross roll call. He was prominent for many years in the work of the Melrose grange. He cooperated in numerous public affairs in Roseburg, and was particularly enthusiastic over all sorts of sports events.

He leaves four sons, Royce A., Tence D., David and John Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. L. E. Goodbourne, all residents of the Melrose district. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

The body was brought to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Runaway Visits Kin Here During Broadcasts

While radio stations in the state of Washington were broadcasting appeals Sunday from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miller of Bremerton for aid in locating their 13-year-old son, the youth, Gerald Jeffer Miller, was visiting in the Douglas county jail with his cousin, Raymond Weed, of Klamath Falls. Weed informed the officers that the boy was a runaway and he was placed in custody while relatives were contacted. His return home was being arranged today.

Incidentally, making arrests easy for officers would appear to be a family trait, as Weed was jailed Feb. 10 when he ran his automobile up the courthouse steps. He was released today after serving a jail term for drunken driving and paying the fine of \$100.

Jewish-Owned Shops in France "Administered"

VICHY, France, March 24.—(AP)—Fifty-nine more Jewish-owned shops in the German occupied zone of France were reported today to have been placed under French administrators, bringing the total to 1,432.

Blood Test Ordered in Drunken Driving Case

Arnold Charles Kast, 26, a logger from Drain, was in custody today on a charge of drunken driving. Kast demanded a blood test and arraignment was postponed pending receipt of a report on the test made at the state laboratory.

Radio Dial Changes Ordered by U. S. For March 29 Affect Oregon Stations

Radio station frequency changes ordered by the federal communications commission to go into effect at 3 a. m. March 29 will affect all but two Oregon stations.

KOAC, Corvallis, on 550 kilocycles and KGW, Portland, on 620 kilocycles will remain unshifted.

The News-Review station, KRNR, will drop on the dial from 1500 to 1490. Other Oregon changes follow:

Table listing radio station frequency changes for various Oregon stations including Old, New, and specific frequencies.

To Cut Interference The changes, affecting about fifty million radio push buttons, are being made in conformity with Mexico's ratification last year of the North American regional broadcasting agreement reached at Havana in December, 1937. The agreement, signed by Canada, Cuba, Mexico and the U. S., was designed to permit the 150 North American stations "to operate simultaneously with a minimum of interference."

Slayer of His Mother Pays Penalty in Noose

WALLA WALLA, March 24.—(AP)—Denzel Davis' last thoughts were for his young wife and their 3-year-old daughter as he paid with his life early today on the gallows of the state penitentiary for the ice-pick slaying of his mother.

The 24-year-old Seattle man, in a last minute statement from the death chamber, asked the forgiveness of his wife and daughter. Earlier he had expressed disappointment that he did not have an expected final interview with them.

Chicago Police Massed

At Chicago 1,386 policemen, nearly a fourth of the city force, were marshaled for the reopening of the McCormick works of the International Harvester company, closed for three weeks by a CIO strike for union recognition, wage increases and other demands. An AFL organizer said

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Banks in Shanghai Bombed; Ten Slain

SHANGHAI, March 24.—(AP)—Ten persons were killed and at least 56 injured today in terrorist bombings of two Chungking-affiliated banks, and United States marines began a patrol of American property nearby.

An unexploded bomb two feet long and a foot in diameter was found in the Farmers' bank, another Chungking-affiliated institution in the international settlement.

All casualties were Chinese. Many of the injured were in such serious condition it was feared they would not recover.

One explosion which wrecked the building housing a branch of the Central Bank of China in Bubbling Well road in the international settlement killed three and injured at least 35.

Two bombs, one explosive and the other incendiary, blew out the interior of a Bank of China branch at the Canidrome Doo racing track in the French concession, killing seven and injuring 20.

The bombings followed arrests of 130 Bank of China employees last week by the police ministry of the Japanese-supported Nanking regime in a move described as retaliation for assassinations of officials of the Nanking Central reserve bank here.

Accord Ends Two Defense Work Strikes

Three Other Production Fronts, Including West Coast Area, Threatened

By the Associated Press The office of production management chalked up strike settlements in two plants with vital defense orders today after a week-end of intensive effort, but storm clouds hung over three other defense production fronts.

CIO representatives at the Harvill Aircraft Die Casting corporation at Los Angeles agreed to halt a ten-day-old strike last night after reaching agreement with the management on demands for union recognition and wage increases. The disputants agreed to continue negotiations on other issues and to submit them to arbitration if still deadlocked later.

This strike had caused great concern to the OPM because the company's production was essential to the operation of eight Pacific coast aircraft plants. The walkout had involved 350 of the plant's 425 employees.

Striking CIO workers at the Aluminum Company of America plant in Edgewater, N. J., also agreed to resume work today and continue negotiations over wage increase and overtime pay demands. The OPM had requested that this be done. The plant hires 3,000.

On the other side of the defense labor picture were these developments:

At Bethlehem, Pa., the CIO steel workers organizing committee stood ready to walk out of the Bethlehem Steel company plant if officials of the employees' representation plan tried to conduct a scheduled election today. The SWOC claims the E. R. P. is a "company union." A representative of the E. R. P. said the election would be conducted anyway. Bethlehem has 18,000 employees and a billion in defense contracts.

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G. O. P. Heads Refuse to Let Martin Quit

Chairman's Resignation Rejected; U. S. Declared "Staggering to War"

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—The republican national committee today received the resignation of Chairman Joseph W. Martin, Jr., and promptly rejected it unanimously.

Martin, the house minority leader, told the committee in executive session that when he accepted the chairmanship it was "with the expectation I would be relieved upon the conclusion of the campaign."

Martin earlier declared that the United States was staggering "along in the direction of war" and "face to face with the possibility of national bankruptcy."

Under the circumstances, he said, the responsibility of the republican party was to "police and audit the new deal administration to protect our country from financial, political and social bankruptcy. . . . The scandals of 1918 must not be repeated."

Addressing a closed meeting of the national committee called to discuss organization problems, Martin, the house minority leader, asserted in his prepared speech that there was a genuine need for national unity in forwarding defense plans, but said this must not be achieved by destroying the two-party system.

Willkie "Not Interested" Before the national committee convened, Wendell L. Willkie, the party's nominee in the recent presidential nomination disclaimed the "slightest" interest "at this time in the candidacy of anyone for any office in 1942 or 1944."

Willkie's statement was occasioned by reports, circulated on the eve of the meeting, that he was "not interested" in the 1944 nomination for president. These reports led to speculation that he would back Governor Harold E. Stassen of Minnesota for the nomination when the time came. "Such talk is pure nonsense," was Willkie's reaction. He cited the gravity of world affairs and the enormous defense problem, commenting: "The sooner partisan politics is adjourned and talk of candidacies and petty ambitions discontinued the better off every one will be."

Committee members seemed agreed that Willkie should continue to be regarded as the titular head of the party, although some leaders were not in sympathy.

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Forest Safety Program Drawn For Congress

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—A congressional committee which investigated the nation's forest problems outlined today a 12-point program to check what it described as "ruthless destruction of our forests."

The first recommendation was for extension and intensification of cooperative protection against fires by increasing a federal authorization for preventing and fighting fires from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000 a year.

Other recommendations were: Agreements for cooperative management of intermingled public and private forest holdings; rental of forest land to the government for rehabilitation work; federal cooperation with states to encourage and develop farm forest cooperatives; extension of forest research work; increase to \$10,000,000 the federal authorization to aid states in acquiring forest lands; an investigation of pulpwood purchasing by paper mills; provision for a forest credit system to make long-term low interest loans to private forest and naval stores operators; extension of cooperative protection against forest insects and diseases; an "equitable" contribution to local governments to compensate for taxes on forest land removed from tax rolls through federal acquisition; acceleration of the federal acquisition program in forests, and increase appropriation for cooperative farm forestry.

A heavy movement of German troops through the Struma river valley in Bulgaria toward the Greek frontier was reported in unconfirmed Balkan dispatches today as Yugoslavia's Prince Paul, overriding angry protests against submission to Germany, prepared to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance.

Senate Rescinds Ban On Buying of Argentine Beef

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—Reversing a previous vote, the senate approved today a proposal to permit navy purchases of canned corned beef from Argentina.

The proposal, offered as an amendment to the naval supply bill, failed on a tie vote of 32 to 32 last week. Vice President Wallace was not present to break the tie.

Without objection, the senate today approved a motion to correct the roll call to make the vote 33 to 32 in favor of the amendment, after Senator Russell (D., Ga.) had told the senate he had voted for the amendment but that his vote had not been recorded.

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Yugoslavian Heads Yield, People Angry

Greece, Britain Join in Warning; Turkey, Soviet Reach an Agreement

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 24.—(AP)—Pamphlets strewn tonight in the streets of Belgrade threatened assassination for government leaders who had agreed to sign Yugoslavia as a member of the three-power pact.

"Those government leaders who have agreed to the axis demands are traitors," the leaflets said.

"Those who risk the heads of 16,000,000 people must understand the risk to their own heads."

"These traitors must be prepared to face the fate of those who have betrayed Yugoslavia in the past."

By the Associated Press

A heavy movement of German troops through the Struma river valley in Bulgaria toward the Greek frontier was reported in unconfirmed Balkan dispatches today as Yugoslavia's Prince Paul, overriding angry protests against submission to Germany, prepared to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance.

Military experts have said the Struma river valley would be the likely portal for Adolf Hitler's expected attack on Greece.

Official German quarters in Belgrade said Yugoslavia would have to sign up as a partner—just as Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Slovakia have done—rather than as merely a passive member.

Presumably, this would give Germany the right to march Nazi troops through the Balkan kingdom via the Vardar valley—strategic gateway for an invasion of Greece.

Greece, Britain Warn Yugoslavia against any "hostile act" in cooperating with Germany, and the British minister in Belgrade addressed a note to the Yugoslav government appealing to the regency not to "betray" Yugoslavia.

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I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



RAY WRIGHT, above, of Days Creek, and a fine Percheron stallion owned by him. "He's six years old," Ray informed me, "and weighs about eighteen hundred at present. As you see, he's not fat—I have used him to put in my grain crops this spring. He's a splendid worker in harness—or out of it!"

Earlier in the day I visited Ray I had seen at Earl Sumner's farm a colt from this stallion. Two years old, sixteen hundred sixty-four pounds in weight, he was almost a dead-ringer for his sire.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner manage the big Marsters-Newmer date prune orchard a few miles east of Canyonville. Most of their time is directed towards the care of the orchard; but I don't mind telling you that they raise some tremendously large and tender white chickens which fry extraordinarily well. (No, Doc, their