

Yugoslavia Signs Pact; Balkan Showdown Near

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as wounded through her territory—which Greece has already warned Yugoslavia she would regard as a "hostile act."

Von Ribbentrop promised that Germany, Italy and Japan would respect Yugoslavia's sovereignty "for all time" and that "the governments of the axis powers during this war will not permit the marching or transport of troops through Yugoslav territory."

Authoritative London quarters, swiftly reacting to the completion of Hitler's latest "telephone conquest," said Britain reserved the right to attack any German troops appearing in Yugoslavia.

A reliable source in London said Germany had massed 800,000 troops in the Balkans to carry out a blitzkrieg attack and guard the soviet Russian frontier.

Earlier reports had estimated the British strength already landed at 300,000; Greek troops which could be diverted to oppose a Nazi invasion at 400,000; and Turkish troops massed on the Bulgarian frontier at 100,000.

With the Adriatic kingdom newly enrolled in the axis bloc, Hitler's Balkan armies were safeguarded from a possible flank attack from Yugoslav territory—thus clearing the decks for the long-expected "battle of the Balkans" which appeared ready to break at any moment.

Showdown Imminent

Observers saw these danger signals for a quick showdown:

1. Soviet Russia pledged benevolent neutrality to Turkey, in the event that Turkey is "obliged to enter the war for the defense of her territory." Turkey is Britain's non-belligerent ally and close friend of Greece.

2. Bulgarian reports said Greek and German troops had already clashed in frontier skirmishes.

3. Soviet war materials were reported flowing into Turkey, and reliable sources said Russia had halted shipments of vital oil supplies to Germany.

4. Russian army and naval forces, facing German forces in southeast Europe, were reported being strengthened.

5. British Foreign Minister Eden renewed Britain's pledge to fight at the side of Greece "until final victory is won."

Yugoslavs Bitter

Bitterly-expressed opposition to the pact within Yugoslavia indicated that mere signature by the diplomats might not be the final step in clearing the country for Nazi military use.

Streets in Yugoslav cities were littered last night with manifestos accusing Yugoslav leaders of a traitorous sellout; of bringing "certain shameful death for our country"; and threatening death to submissive government leaders.

Actual warfare was almost at a standstill.

Greek troops claimed to have inflicted heavy losses on Italians attacking yesterday near the Viosa river in Albania.

Air activity on England's southeast coast was described today as continuous but on a small scale.

Cloudiness over the Dover

strait favored hit-and-run tactics.

Three German planes roared out of low clouds at one time and dive-bombed ships with no apparent damage. British Spitfires chased them away, London reported.

Nazis Report Blows

Heavy bomb hits were scored by Nazi air raiders on a British battleship in the Mediterranean southwest of the Greek island of Crete, the German high command declared today.

An "enemy outpost boat" was destroyed there, the daily war bulletin said, and two large freighters, each of about 8,000 tons, were severely damaged in an air attack on a British convoy south of Crete.

Nazi raiders were said to have struck again at Valletta harbor on the British Mediterranean island of Malta "in the face of the strongest defense" and to have scored hits on anchored ships and loading facilities.

In attacks on England, the communiqué said, six barrage balloons were shot down, hangars, barracks and sheds were damaged on three airfields and, "in low altitude attacks, parked aircraft and bombing planes were machine-gunned."

Sea Toll Declines

A British admiralty announcement today showed a drop in Britain's sea losses for the second successive week, while she returns blow for blow in the battle of the Atlantic.

This compared with total losses of 98,832 tons the previous week and 141,314 tons the week before that.

The British declared that in the same period Britain's own naval and air raiders were sinking almost three tons of axis ships for every four tons Britain and her allies lost.

Compared with the announced total of 410,000 tons lost to allied and neutral shipping in the five weeks up to March 16, the British said axis losses in that period were 300,000 tons.

Reports reaching Belgrade said Germany had secretly dispatched nearly a quarter million troops into Italy to maintain order and prevent a separate Italian-Greek peace.

Marshal Graziani Quits

At the same time, it was officially announced in Rome that Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, chief of the fascist armies in north Africa, has resigned his command.

An official announcement said General Italo Gariboldi, chief of Graziani's staff in Libya, had been promoted to governor with command of troops in Libya.

Graziani organized the Italian advance into Egypt which was turned into a retreat when the British recaptured Sidi Barrani last December. He retained command throughout the British counter-offensive in which the Italians were driven from eastern Libya.

Strikers, Police Clash At Two Factories

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guard inside the gates. Pennsylvania state police were held in readiness.

A conference was arranged between a federal conciliator, SWOC officials and leaders of ERP, which the SWOC contends is a company-dominated union.

Two agents of the United States conciliation service were at the scene.

Police, Goons Clash

The CIO strikers at the International Harvester McCormick plant in Chicago paraded nearby streets as non-striking American Federation of Labor and unaffiliated workers entered. Police Captain John Stege said "goon squads" assaulted numerous workers going to their jobs and added that 10 or more men had been arrested. Seven hundred police were on duty at the plant when it opened and 300 were added due to the violence.

There were no pickets at the actual gates today, and picket shacks had been torn down over night. Leaders of the farm equipment workers organizing committee had issued a call for a "mass mobilization" of CIO unionists at the plant gates today.

Yesterday the AFL men marched to work in a body to reopen the strike-bound plant, with protection of the police and a court injunction limiting the CIO pickets to 10 to a gate.

Police this morning drove crowds of CIO men and sympathizers back a block from the gates, after several thousand CIO members and sympathizers paraded streets near the plant, yelling and jeering at non-striking AFL and unaffiliated workers filtering into the factory.

The national board has no powers to compel settlement of labor disputes. The executive order creating it stipulated it might investigate labor disputes and publish the findings if necessary in an effort to settle controversies. Representative Vinson (D., Ga.) has announced hearings will start in April on legislation to give it statutory powers.

Eleven Hurt in Blast At Portland Factory

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Bonneville. Ordinarily it manufactures agricultural chemicals but lately had turned to production of forms of chlorates used in munitions. Workmen said they did not think the company held any defense contracts. Company officials could not be reached immediately.

Firemen fought the fire that followed the blast for several hours, using gas masks as smoke poured from the flaming structure.

Houses for several blocks around the plant, which is located in a semi-residential section of northwest Portland, were damaged. Hazel Zimmer, Chipman bookkeeper, suffered bruises and slight burns in the blast. Her condition was not serious.

Browder Surrenders to Begin 4-Years in Prison

NEW YORK, March 25.—(AP)—Earl Browder, former general secretary of the communist party, surrendered today in federal court to serve a four-year sentence for passport fraud.

His conviction was upheld last month by the U. S. supreme court.

A \$2,000 fine imposed on Browder was paid.

Phillip J. Hoffman Dies After Sudden Collapse

Phillip Jack Hoffman, 33, died suddenly this morning at his home at 735 Second avenue, Roseburg. He died within a few hours after a collapse.

He was born in North Dakota, Nov. 12, 1907.

Surviving are his wife and five children.

The body has been removed to the Roseburg Undertaking company parlors. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Portland Excursionists Welcomed in Roseburg

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charge of arrangements, outlined the program for the day.

Resources Stressed County Judge Morris Bowker spoke on the physical characteristics of Douglas county and its industries and resources. V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua National forest, told of recreational resources. J. Roland Parker, county agricultural agent,

spoke of the county's agricultural activities and stressed particularly the importance of the county in the matter of livestock, in which it holds first place in the state. Harris Ellsworth outlined the county's timber resources and possibilities for future industrial expansion.

Following the program, the visitors were given a short period in which to visit places of business throughout the city and cars then were provided to take them on tours in and around the city of Roseburg. The Portland men were brought back in time for additional visits with Roseburg business and professional men prior to the luncheon with the Kiwanis club at noon.

The party came by train early this morning, and left in specially chartered buses at 1:30 o'clock for Eugene, where a program will be enjoyed tonight.

COIN-IN-SLOT TYPEWRITERS

Patrons of Typelin's post office insert coins in the slots of post office typewriters and are able to use these instruments for 10 minutes, thus doing away with post office pens.

Portland Bank Acquires Prineville Institution

PRINEVILLE, Ore., March 25.—(AP)—The First National bank of Prineville has been sold to the First National bank of Portland, Harold Baldwin, president of the Prineville bank, said today.

The Prineville bank, the only bank in Crook county, was founded in 1887 by the late T. M. Baldwin.

Spaugh Garage Purchased By J. I. Blessing

Purchase of the Spaugh garage, 130 South Stephens street, Roseburg, by J. I. Blessing, who has been serving as manager of the business for the past few months, was announced today. The purchase was made from Alba Spaugh, who now is serving as a foreman for the Douglas Aircraft corporation at Culver City, Calif.

Mr. Blessing came to Roseburg last October from Salem, where he operated an automobile repair and service business for several years. He has had many

years of experience as an automobile mechanic and also is an expert in diesel engine repair and service, radio repair and motor tune-up. He plans to make a specialty of automobile tune-up work and will install special equipment for that purpose.

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