

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau
Showers tonight. Sunday part-ly cloudy. Cooler tonight.
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YUGOSLAVIA SHUTS BORDER AS WAR NEARS

YUGOSLAVIA
She may be locked in war with the axis by the time the next issue of the NEWS-REVIEW reaches you. Of equal interest are the probable attitudes of Turkey and Russia toward Hitler's Balkan plans. Watch for the big news next week.

Ford Motor Co. Closes All Assembly Plants in U. S. as Strike Situation Darkens

Steel Industry Facing Paralysis Spread; Coal Tie-Up Parley Continues

By the Associated Press
Ford Motor company assembly lines over America, sixteen in all, stood idle today as a result of a strike at the firm's River Rouge plant near Detroit. At least 118,000 men were affected by the shutdowns.

Three negroes were beaten in today's first outbreak of violence at the Rouge plant. Union pickets turned two of them over to state police. The pickets charged the men had threatened strikers with knives.

Despite the flare-up, Gov. Van Wagoner expressed the belief that "things look bright" for a settlement.

"I don't mean that this thing is going to be settled today or tomorrow," the governor said, "but things are promising."

The governor and 15 Detroit clergymen today asked the people of the state to pray for peace and successful mediation of the strike.

Another 250,000 workmen in the steel industry faced the threat of workless days beginning at midnight Tuesday unless a deadlock is broken in negotiations between the United States Steel corporation and its CIO employees over a new wage contract.

Still another 400,000 soft coal miners were out of production while negotiations continued toward a new labor contract. However, Dr. John B. Steelman, federal conciliator, predicted that some of the mines would reopen next week. Steelman also announced the appointment of a new mediation committee.

The move indicated that an end of the work stoppage, caused by a disagreement among operators and the United Mine Workers (CIO) over the terms of a contract to replace the one which expired March 31, was imminent.

These hundreds of thousands, engaged in industries holding billions in defense contracts, drew further public attention to the labor situation.

Communists' Hands Seen
Asked at his press conference yesterday whether there was communist activity in connection with the Allis-Chalmers strike, President Roosevelt replied in the affirmative. He de-

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Alternates Named On Mediation Body

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt issued an executive order today naming 10 men to serve as alternates on the national defense mediation board.

They will serve as board members whenever any of the original members are ill or unavailable for some other reason.

The white house said the necessity for the order was demonstrated when an alternate was needed to go to Milwaukee today for the opening of the Allis-Chalmers strike hearing.

The alternates follow:
Representing the public—George Stocking, University of Texas economist, alternate for Clarence A. Dykstra; Charles Wyzanski, Massachusetts attorney, alternate for William H. Davis; Walter P. Stacy, chief justice of the North Carolina supreme court, alternate for Frank P. Graham.

Representing employers—Robert Watt of Massachusetts, special representative of the American Federation of Labor, alternate for George M. Harrison; James Wilson of Ohio, another AFL special representative, alternate for George Meany; Emil Rieve of Pennsylvania, president of the United Hosiery Workers, CIO, alternate for Phillip Murray, and Clinton Golden of Pennsylvania, CIO steel workers organizing committee, alternate for Thomas Kennedy.

Representing employers—Gerard Swope of New York, alternate for Walter C. Teagle; John E. Connelly of New York, alternate for Roger D. Lapham, and Charles E. Adams of Pennsylvania, president of the Air Reduction corporation, alternate for Eugene Meyer.

Child Sobs Inquiry After Crash Kills Parents

VINITA, Okla., April 5.—(AP)—"What do they do with little boys and girls without mothers," sobbed Rosemary Meyer, 14, today a few minutes after her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry John Meyer, of Manchester, Mich., were killed in a car-truck crash.

Rosemary and her brother, Henry John, Jr., 12, were uninjured.

Crazed Inspector Deals Ruin In Aviation Plant

BENDIX, N. J., April 5.—(AP)—The Passaic Herald-News said in a copyrighted article today that a civilian employee inspector had run amok in the Bendix Aviation corporation plant here, destroying machinery and models valued in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and setting back production of some articles as much as four months.

Neither Bendix officials nor the federal bureau of investigation office at Newark would confirm or deny the story.

The plant is devoted to precision instruments for aviation, among them parts of the secret bomb sight.

The Herald-News said the inspector launched his attack at the lunch hour last night. Stunned at first, employees had to knock him unconscious to subdue him, the newspaper related. He was taken to a psychopathic ward, it added.

The Herald-News said unofficial estimates of the damage ranged as high as \$250,000.

He was described as a man of old American stock.

Sprague Files Two Bills, Vetoes Three

SALEM, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Governor Sprague had cleared his desk today of 1941 legislation after filing the free textbook and Multnomah county registration probe bills to become laws without his signature.

The textbook bill extends to children enrolled in private and parochial schools the free textbook privilege now enjoyed only by students in the public schools.

The governor signed a bill revising the logging truck formula to permit increasing the combined weights and loads from 54,000 to 68,000 pounds.

He vetoed bills recreating the soldiers and sailors commission and appropriating \$5200 for the arid lands experiment station in Sherman county.

Exercising the right of item veto, the governor approved the sundry claims bill with the exception of Mrs. Rose Swanson, whose husband was killed while serving as an attendant at the eastern Oregon state hospital.

Negro Student Elected Head of College Class

TACOMA, April 5.—(AP)—Don Carlos Stephenson, a colored student at the College of Puget Sound, today was elected president of the sophomore class. Members of the college faculty said it was the first time in the history of the institution a colored student had been picked to head a class.

Stephenson, 27, is pastor of the Allen African Methodist church and the only colored student at the college. Faculty members said he was elected after a heated campaign in which his oratorical ability finally brought him victory.

He recently returned from California where he entered the semi-finals of the Pacific Coast college speech tournament. His subject was the place of the Negro in American life. Stephenson grew up in the south and once observed a lynching there, he said.

Tacoma Kidnapers Rob Two Victims of \$6,911

TACOMA, Wash., April 5.—(AP)—Two bank robbers who kidnaped two Pierce county employees, robbed them of \$6,911 in cash and checks and left them blindfolded in an isolated area, with their hands bound, were sought today by authorities.

The loot included \$4,800 in cash of the county welfare department. The victims were Joe Lee, 37, a county auditor's office employee, and Gene Ryan, 39, of the county welfare office. They said they were starting for a bank with the funds when two men entered the rear seat of their car and pressed what felt like pistols against their heads.

New Incident Strains Nazi, American Tie

Arrest of U. S. Embassy Clerk in Berlin Brings Demand for Explanation

WASHINGTON, April 5.—(AP)—The United States today awaited an explanation from the German government of the arrest of an American clerk in the embassy at Berlin—the latest in a growing list of trouble-provoking incidents accompanying a steady deterioration in German-American relations.

Secretary Hull ordered representations made to the German foreign office after disclosure that Stewart Herman, an embassy employee, had been detained "apparently without prior notification or explanation to the embassy."

Although Herman was released after several hours questioning, officials here were understood to consider his arrest a breach of the diplomatic courtesy existing between officially friendly nations.

Reprisals Seen

When Herman and six other Americans—all since released—were arrested the German police admitted that their action "might have some connection" with reprisals for the coast guard's seizure of two German merchant ships in United States ports after discovery of a widespread sabotage plot.

There is no doubt in informed quarters that Germany's antagonism stems primarily from American aid to Britain and encouragement of other threatened nations to resist Nazi aggression.

American seizure of German ships, detention of Nazi crews on immigration and sabotage charges, and Secretary Hull's flat rejection of German protests—together with the cumulative effect of numerous preceding incidents—have further embittered Nazi feelings.

However, diplomatic circles here express doubt that Germany plans any very drastic action in the immediate future.

Other Acts Recounted
A diplomatic survey shows, (Continued on page 6)

Rains, Winds Damage Crops In California

Sacramento, Napa Rivers Go On Rampage; 2 Men Perish in Landslide

By the Associated Press
Flood waters went on a rampage in northern California today in the wake of a lashing rain-storm which extensively damaged crops and caused two deaths in a spectacular landslide.

Napa's 8,000 residents were expecting any moment to see the rising Napa river inundate the business district and perhaps repeat the havoc of a flood last year which chased 150 families from their homes.

The Sacramento river had reached its highest stage of the season. Indications were that it might break over its banks and flood sections between Red Bluff and Knights Landing.

Dave S. Murdock, 69, and William P. Shores, 70, lost their lives when the Shores cabin, built on the side of Tamalpais canyon in Marin county near Mill valley, was carried to the bottom by a landslide.

First, a mighty Redwood crashed across the house-top and trapped them in the kitchen, where they were sitting with Murdock's 70-year-old wife and their son. The son managed to rescue his mother but could do nothing for the two men.

Crops Suffer
After a hasty survey of reports from agricultural sections, George

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Roseburg High School Student Wins First Prize in State Essay Contest



Miss Alyce Carolyn Moon, Roseburg Senior High school student, is pictured above receiving formal announcement from Ralph L. Russell, special deputy grand master, of her victory in winning first place in a state-wide essay contest sponsored by the Oregon Grand lodge, I. O. O. F., as part of its Americanization program. The first place carries a cash prize of \$25. Honorable mention was given Miss Josephine Wright of Days Creek.

Miss Moon's essay, on the subject "Americanism vs. Alienism," was given first place in the Douglas county contest, but was eliminated for the county prize in the event it was selected as the state winner.

Anita Young and Bertha Moon, the latter a sister of the first place winner, who took second and third places, respectively, in the county contest, receive prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 from the Roseburg lodge, the Rebekah lodge co-operating. Seven essays

were sent from Roseburg to be judged in the state contest.

The Odd Fellows lodge has been making a widespread patriotic campaign in connection with the current national defense program. Special Deputy Grand Master Russell reports that in Roseburg and vicinity the local lodge has furnished more than 2,000 individual lapel flags and has presented portraits of George Washington to six of the principal high schools.

British Army's Pincers Closing Tighter Around Massaua, With Italians in Rout Elsewhere; Nazi Ships, Ports Bombed

KHARTOUM, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, April 5.—(AP)—The imperial British army's pincers closed tighter today around Massaua, Italy's Red sea port in Eritrea, while other columns entered both Adawa and Adigrat, in northern Ethiopia just across the border from Eritrea.

Adigrat is 40 miles east of Adawa, scene of the Ethiopian's rout of the Italians in 1896 and the place where the Italians won their first victory in the invasion of 1935. It is about 80 miles south of Asmara, captured capital of Eritrea.

Italians in Rout
Italians were streaming south by the main roads south of Asmara toward Addis Ababa, but occasionally halted in attempts to ambush the pursuing forces.

A "free French" pilot who flew over the whole area yesterday said he counted 400 trucks tearing south on the road toward Makale.

"They gave the impression they were just running for it," he said, and appeared to be making no preparations for a large-scale stand.

Seeking a cleanup of east Africa that would release troops for other theaters of war in north Africa and the Balkans, the British had advanced nearly two-thirds of the distance from Dire-dawa, where they cut the Addis Ababa-Jibuti rail line a week ago today.

At the same time a middle east RAF communique announced that Australians battled against Germans in north Africa and shot down six of the Nazi machines and damaged others in dogfights yesterday and the day before.

CAIRO, April 5.—(AP)—Germans and Italians advancing east of Bengasi in Libya are being successfully held by the British and the situation is well in hand, officials said tonight.

NAZI BATTLESHIPS AGAIN TARGET OF BRITISH FLIERS

LONDON, April 5.—(AP)—The air ministry declared today that sticks of heavy bombs straddled the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in a British attack on Brest last night.

A communique said oil stores at Rotterdam and industrial targets in the Ruhr also were bombed.

Diplomatic Stage Ended; General View

Opening Battle Expected On Hungarian Frontier, Where Nazis Mass Army

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 5.—(AP)—Yugoslav relations with Germany ebbed swiftly today and the Balkan kingdom appeared on the verge of war.

Government circles declared gravely that the "zero hour" had arrived and a neutral diplomat with close government connections asserted "the diplomatic stage has ended" with the "new stage" just a matter of days or hours away.

(Authorized foreign office sources in Berlin, echoing these ominous words, said that for all practical purposes German-Yugoslav diplomatic relations have ceased to exist.)

Yugoslavia's frontier with Germany and Italy and Nazi-dominated Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania were closed.

(The Hungarian official news agency said in Budapest that Yugoslavia had suspended all Danube river traffic in the section fronting Yugoslav territory.)

Telephone connection with Bulgaria and Rumania were severed. It was difficult to get calls through to Germany and Italy and only diplomatic calls were accepted for Hungary.

Military Units Astir
Squadrons of Yugoslav fighter planes roared over Belgrade shortly after noon and headed toward the Hungarian border, where Adolf Hitler is reported to have massed huge Nazi forces.

Foreign legations in Belgrade said that, in addition to German and Italian frontiers, the trooped borders with Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria had been sealed. (Albania, fascist territory where Italians and Greeks were fighting, was not mentioned specifically.)

The most likely explosion point apparently was the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier.

With Yugoslavia virtually encircled by the axis and axis satellites, only her border with friendly Greece on the south and the Adriatic coast on the west remained open.

ITALY BLAMES BRITAIN FOR NEW CRISIS IN BALKANS

ROME, April 5.—(AP)—The axis has given Yugoslavia a few more days to make peace with it to escape attack, it was indicated today in an editorial by Virginio Gayda, authoritative journalist of fascist Italy.

Gayda's statement appeared a few hours after it was reported in diplomatic circles here that the Italian-Yugoslav frontier had been closed.

Accusing Britain of seeking to form a new front against the axis in Yugoslavia, Gayda wrote in Il Giornale D'Italia that "the

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Fire Razes Bend Methodist Church

BEND, Ore., April 5.—(AP)—Fire, fanned by high winds, destroyed the First Methodist church last night. The blaze apparently originated in a motor room, part of a circulating heat system.

Included in the loss was a memorial pipe organ installed three years ago. Officers of the congregation said the building was covered by insurance.

The Bend church was the last one regularly served by Rev. Charles A. Edwards, chairman of the Douglas county selective board. Dr. Edwards, on a transfer from the Roseburg pastorate nine years ago, served the Bend church for three years, then retired from active ministerial duty. The edifice, of brick veneer, was built about 20 years ago and was valued at \$45,000. Dr. Edwards states. Its present pastor was Rev. John B. Coan, who served the South Methodist church in Roseburg years ago when it was located on the present junior high school grounds.

Another Roosevelt Reports For Duty



Saluting smartly, Ensign Franklin Delano Roosevelt Jr., reports for a year's duty with Uncle Sam's navy aboard the U. S. S. Mavrant at Boston navy yard. A member of the naval reserve, F. D. R., Jr., volunteered.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



THE GROUNDS lying south of the Rose school, which shows in the background in the picture above, bounded by South Jackson, Hamilton and Waite streets, in process of being leveled off for "park" purposes.

These lots are former county, and city property furnished the American Legion auxiliary for improvement for public use by that organization.

The auxiliary plans the planting of borders of trees and the installation of some playground equipment for the use of the many children who, it hopes, will find it a convenient place for play.

Auxiliary members have been working on this project for years and it speaks marvelously well for their courage and tenacity that the work now being done was even commenced. What a wall of casual indifference they