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**Weather**  
Increasing cloudiness today and Thursday with rain in northwest portion Thursday; little change in temperature. Max. temp. Wednesday 47, min. 32, river 8 ft., northeast wind.

## Byrd Stresses Economy Need, Farm Aid Bill

**Treasury Shortage, new Debt Limit Declared Only Alternatives**  
**Virginian Hits Back at Administration Men Urging Spending**

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(AP)—Senator Byrd (D-Va.) cautioned the senate against greatly increased appropriations today, lest the treasury's supply of cash be reduced to an imprudent level, or it becomes necessary to increase the legal limit on the national debt. He spoke as the senate slowly approached the session's first important test on the economy issue, with a bill pending to appropriate \$922,864,668 for the agriculture department and farm benefit payments. The amount was more than \$200,000,000 greater than the sum voted by the house and President Roosevelt's budget estimates.

Late this afternoon the chamber recessed without reaching a vote on the measure. Administration leaders, including Senator Barkley (D-Ky.) and Byrnes (D-Mo.), had contended that the increase could be safely taken from the \$1,600,000,000 of cash now in the treasury's working balance. Byrd called their attention to other factors involved. **Would Cut Treasury Balance, Warning**

He said that to avoid an increase in the debt limit, the budget submitted in January by President Roosevelt involved reducing that balance to \$500,000,000 as part of the government's regular fiscal plans for the year beginning next July. And he taxed Barkley and Byrnes with statements made in the debate that a balance of at least \$1,000,000,000 should be maintained at all times, for safety's sake. "I simply disagree, Mr. President," Byrd said, "to make clear in the record that under the budget as now presented to congress, the working balance will be reduced to an amount as low as this government could safely operate on. "As the senate from Kentucky, Mr. Barkley said yesterday, an adequate balance should at all times be maintained in the treasury of the government so as to meet all obligations coming due, and any further reduction in this working balance would not be in conformance with prudent fiscal operations. "We should, therefore, not expect to use any part of the working balance left on July 1, 1941, of approximately \$500,000,000 to pay any part of increased or new appropriations to be made by congress."

## George E. Glover Files for Judge

**Sublimity Man Is Fourth GOP Entry; Only one Demo Is Certain**

A fourth name was submitted at the county clerk's office for the republican nomination for county judge today—George E. Glover, of the Sublimity district, filed for that office.

Ahead of Glover in filing had been W. A. "Adolph" Heater, Lewis Judson and Arthur H. Moore.

Glover as a campaign statement promised: "Business of the office of county judge in a courteous, efficient, impartial, businesslike manner. It shall be my steadfast resolution to see that all requirements of law are strictly observed and enforced as they relate to the duties of the office."

On the democratic ticket, only Kenneth Bayne is now out for the judgeship but at least one other candidacy is expected. E. G. Neal, county democratic chairman, has announced that he will make a personal effort to get some party members being directed to dissuade both Bayne and Neal from going on the ballot and instead to give way to the candidacy of W. E. Savage, Keizer dairyman.

## Three Are Killed In Du Pont Blast

BATON ROUGE, La., March 19.—(AP)—An explosion at the new Evelyn Du Pont gasoline blending plant today killed three workers, injured several others and caused damage estimated by officials at \$100,000. The dead were Clifton Casey, 21, from New Orleans; J. Astin Hughes, 31, from Dallas, Texas; and Henry Kinberger, 23, from Plaquemine. Many more persons were treated at the plant and in downtown hospitals for burns and shock. The blast occurred at 1:21 p.m. (SCT) and was followed by three lesser explosions. Fire, started by the first blast, was brought under control before nightfall and north end of the building, recently completed at a cost of \$2,000,000, was blown out and the structure's steel frame was twisted badly.

## Film Player Is Held in Slaying



Irving Cohen, 37, of Los Angeles who played bit roles in the movies including one as a policeman, is shown after his arrest in Los Angeles in connection with the 1937 slaying of Walter Sage in Sullivan county, N.Y. His arrest was tied up with that of ten men in the Brooklyn, N.Y., "murder combine" roundup.—AP Telemat.

## In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

Well, children, it seems only yesterday that we were having the shortest day of the year and the winter solstice was upon us. The solstice of winter is gone, but the solstice of spring seems here at last. Any way tomorrow is the vernal equinox and we haven't been able to properly feed the last one. This is the time, as you'd know if you had looked it up as we did, that the axis of the earth is at right angles to the direction of Charles the Wicked, he with the cleft foot, that has happened only twice a year and as regular as clock work. So it's worth remembering. **Please try.** Before we leave this and go on to the next chapter, entitled "The Decline and Fall of the Buggy Whip," we might note that this day, when day and night are equal, is a holiday in several countries, including Hongkong, where it is the Full Moon of Tabauka. Does that answer your question? ♦ The census bureau would be spared a great deal of expense in Marion county if it would take our advice. We suggest the bureau just count the number of candidates and multiply by four. ♦ We heard carillon notes as we passed down State street yesterday. They seemed to be coming from the Methodist church and we knew pretty well there wasn't any carillon there, so we stopped to investigate. Sure enough, the bells were coming, clear and bell-like, from the old church tower. We poked our nose inside the front door, then, and nearly stumbled over a bunch of wires in the darkness. We'd almost stepped right into the chimes. The chimes, a rack with a two-octave range, were in the church vestibule and the sound was picked up by a microphone, amplified and went out through loudspeakers in the steeple. It was just kind of a trial installation, but the chimes, which are played from a keyboard, may become a permanent fixture. ♦ We just mentioned this in case anyone else was mystified by snatches of music coming from the church steeple mingled with a man's deep voice asking, in (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

## County Utility Hearing Is Set Here Thursday

**Organizing Plan for Showing Not Planned, Claim**

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Whether or not the Portland General Electric company and the Mountain States Power company would present adverse testimony for inclusion in the record at the time of the hearing was not definitely decided, inquiry here yesterday indicated.

The proposed district would include all incorporated municipalities and all other territory in the county with the exception of sparsely settled fringe areas. **Regular Meetings Held by Group**

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Should the hydroelectric commission decide from testimony presented at the hearing that there is a demand for formulation of a utility district program here, it will proceed to make cost and engineering studies. If its report is favorable, proponents of the district will circulate further petitions asking the commission to call a special election.

The sponsoring committee's plan is to have the election called to coincide with the general election next November. **New Pension Plan Measure Is Filed**

**Two per Cent Tax Would Be Placed on Checks, Bank Drafts**

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# British Bomb Sylt, German Air Base Seven Hours; Scapa Flow Is Avenged

**Cabinet Shifts Forecast, Both London, Paris**

**Daladier's "Confidence" Vote Actual Minority; Criticism Implied**

**Chamberlain Tells Aims; Hints at Air Attack Which Follows**

PARIS, March 20.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The chamber of deputies today, departing from a wartime policy of unanimity, voted confidence in the government of Premier Daladier with only 239 ballots for the cabinet out of more than 500 deputies. The vote was officially announced as expressing confidence in the government by 239 to one, but in addition to the single ballot cast against Daladier, about 300 deputies abstained. The motion of confidence urged Daladier to "take immediately and in all domains, measures indispensable to bring France's force to a maximum and to carry the war to victory in close accord with our allies." The vote came early this morning after a 12-hour secret session of the lower house of parliament in which critical members probed many questions to Daladier concerning his conduct of the war, particularly the failure of the allies to get aid to Finland before she was forced to sign a peace with Russia. The secret (Turn to page 2, column 1)

## Welles Winds up European Junket

**Neither Took nor Received any Peace Plan, Says Press Statement**

ROME, March 19.—(AP)—Sunner Welles finished tonight his swift circuit of war-torn Europe with the firm declaration that he has neither received nor conveyed any peace plan whatsoever during his 24 day tour; yet he was believed in possession of an inside account of what happened in yesterday's meeting of dictators in the Brenner Pass.

Welles, breaking the silence which he has maintained throughout the tour which brought him twice to Rome and took him to Berlin, Paris and London, said his task had been solely to gather information "for the president and the secretary of state as to present conditions in Europe."

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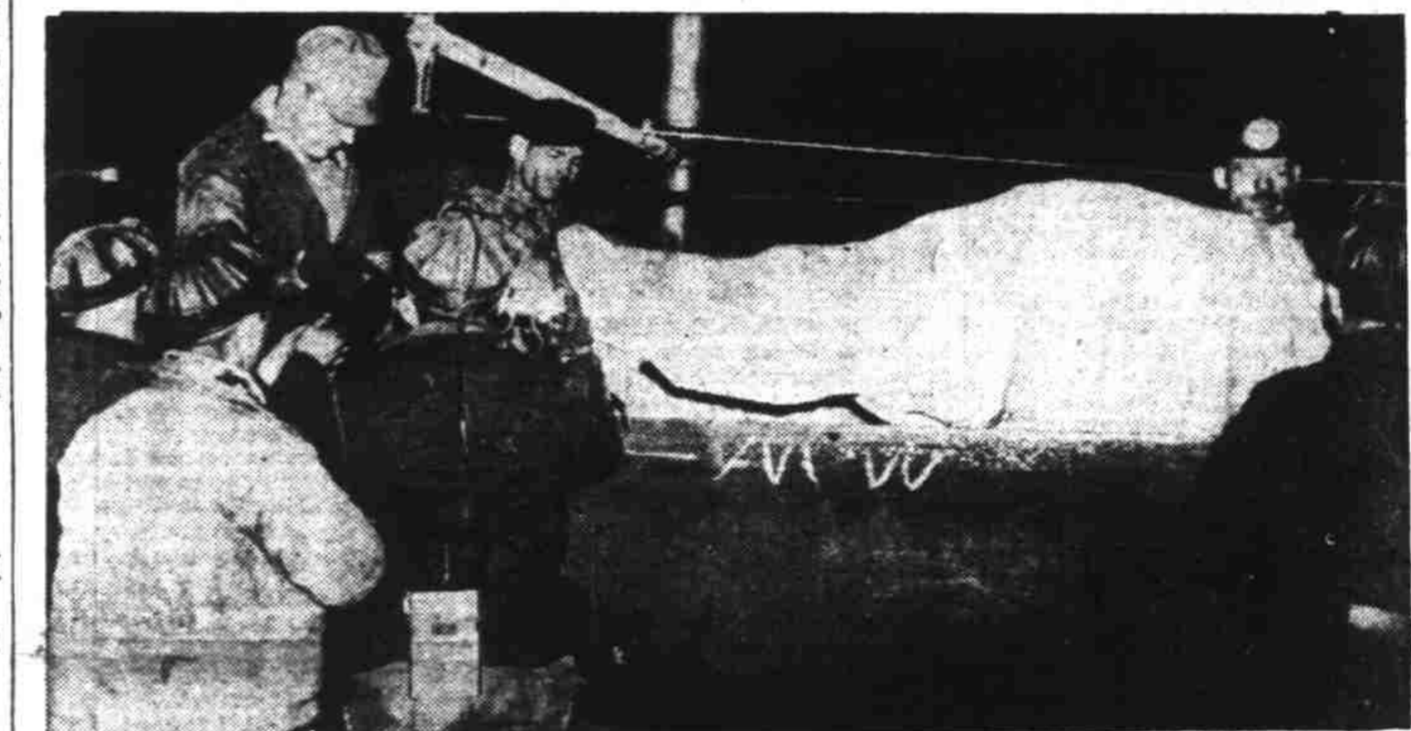
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## CONGRESS MAY PROBE OHIO MINE DISASTER



Hope for the 83 miners still entombed in the Willow Grove coal mine at St. Clairsville, O., following Saturday's explosion had been abandoned on Tuesday after 15 bodies had been recovered. One hunk had escaped or been rescued. Upper picture by INS shows wives and families of trapped workers waiting at the mine's mouth for bulletins from rescue crews. Middle picture shows blanket-covered body of John Marks, mine motorman, one of the first to be brought up. Lower picture, wires and relatives wait tearfully in company office. Two lower pictures AP Telemats.

## Ten More Bodies Are Brought Out After Mine Blast

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., March 19.—(AP)—An immediate congressional investigation of the Willow Grove coal mine disaster was proposed today while cleanup squads continued a weary struggle through blast born debris. Ten additional bodies were brought out raising to 18 the number of known dead. No hope was held for 53 men still missing. Members of the house mines and mining committee suggested the inquiry after Rep. Earl R. Lewis, democrat of Franklin, visited the scene of Saturday's explosion and asked a sub-committee to come here. Opening the conference, Ross McIntyre, Portland chamber of commerce president, declared: "Commerce is dying on the Pacific. With ships being removed at an alarming rate for service on other routes, it is up to us to assist in solving the problem." An appeal, prefaced by a declaration that the committee represents all districts and industries in Oregon and Washington, was wired to Emory S. Land, maritime commission chairman. It read, in part: "One and only objective of organization is to petition maritime commission for early action to relieve acute emergency now existing in intercoastal and coastwise shipping. This is creating economic paralysis and increasing unemployment in basic northwest industries so largely dependent on water transportation."

## Brooklyn Slaying Probes Reopened

NEW YORK, March 19.—(AP)—Reopening of two sensational Brooklyn gang killings was announced today by District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer as he pressed his investigation into a "murder-for-cash" syndicate in which officials have attributed at least 30 assassinations. O'Dwyer said he was reopening the murder cases of Frankie Yale, once a friend of "Seaface" Al Capone, and of "Joe the Boss" Massarja, both of whom were shot down in Brooklyn "rob-outs." Investigators said O'Dwyer had obtained evidence linking both slayings with the same syndicate members of the murder ring. The telegram was signed by A. [illegible]

## Shipping Shortage Deplored At Hearing; Relief Is Asked

TACOMA, March 19.—(AP)—Pointing out lack of intercoastal cargo space is causing "economic paralysis" in the Pacific northwest, port, chamber of commerce and industrial executives of Oregon and Washington appealed to the United States maritime commission tonight to supply additional ships "to relieve the acute emergency." "The sale of ships . . . has severely curtailed space to and from all Atlantic coast and gulf ports, as well as Pacific coast ports. Industries adversely affected include pulp, canned goods, wool, dried fruit, salmon, wheat, flour, grain, matches, lumber, plywood and iron."

## Son Sought After Slaying Revealed

SEATTLE, March 19.—(AP)—The stabbed, beaten and trussed body of attractive Mrs. Harriet Redding, also known as Mrs. Arnold, 45, was found this afternoon in a kitchen cupboard of her bungalow north of the city, and tonight a murder warrant was issued against her son. Justice Guy B. Knott issued the warrant against Donzel Davis, the 23-year-old son of Mrs. Arnold, by an earlier marriage upon complaint of Deputy Prosecutor Charles Ralls. Ralls swore out the complaint after saying Davis, 20-year-old, charged wife, June, had made a statement to him that Davis had told her earlier in the day that he had killed his mother.

## Hangars Burn; Blasts Reveal Damage Heavy

**Ammunition Dumps Blown Up, Danish Witnesses Infer From Sound**

**Planes Freight Cargoes Of Explosive Across 350 Miles of Sea**

LONDON, March 20.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The air ministry announced at 8 a.m. (11 p.m., PST Tuesday) today that only one plane had failed to return from the night-long sustained raid on the German island of Sylt, signifying the end of the attack. The ministry communique said: "Attacks made on Hornum (a military base on Sylt) last night, were spread over a period of about seven hours. All our aircraft have returned safely with the exception of one which is overdue and must be presumed to have been lost. "Information now available shows that damage reported earlier is very extensive and includes direct hits on airways and hangars."

LONDON, March 20.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Britain unleashed a dramatic heavy attack on Germany's Sylt island air base which for more than seven hours last night and today blasted at burning hangars, workshops and airways in by far the longest and most sustained air attack on the war. Hitting back at the Nazis for their 85-minute raid last Saturday on the admiralty's anchorage in Scapa Flow, British bombers were declared by the air ministry at 3 a.m. (5 p.m. PST Tuesday) today still to be freighting their (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

## Five-Man Labor Board Proposed

**Hoffman Proxy Vote Aids in Rejecting Move to Abolish Tribunal**