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## GOP Bloc Charges 'War Bill'

### Aid Measure Hit by Opposition in Senate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg of Michigan and Senator Clark of Missouri, the one a republican and the other a democrat, Tuesday appealed to a grimly earnest senate to reject the lease-lend bill because, they said, it would place the United States upon the brink of full involvement in the European war.

Senator Nye (R-ND) followed them with a demand that President Roosevelt disclose whether he is "entertaining the notion of a permanent alliance with Great Britain."

Nye, too, charged that the measure was a "war bill" and one which would put the United States "fully into the bloody business of licking Adolf Hitler."

To their entreaties Senator Johnson (R-Calif.), submitting a minority report from the committee on foreign relations, added a call for the measure's defeat. He asserted that it makes the president "a dictator or worse, a dictator with power to take us into war."

Roosevelt Discloses Plan For Home Defense System  
While the debate progressed, President Roosevelt disclosed to his press conference that he was sending W. Averell Harriman, financier and defense official, to England to act as what Mr. Roosevelt termed as a defense expediter.

Mr. Roosevelt also said he hoped to have ready in a week or two a home defense system under which women and men outside the draft age could assist in the defense program. He emphasized, however, that there was no intention of diverting large numbers of people from their normal occupations.

Clark, bulky and red-faced, usually one of the senate's most rapid speakers, slowly delivered a prepared address. Departing from his text at one point, he said:

"This is not a defense bill. This is a war bill. It is a bill to implement and put in motion processes which almost certainly will result in war. And if it results in war, we know that we are likely to emerge with a totalitarian form of government ourselves."

Vandenberg, holding his manuscript with his left hand and gesticulating energetically with his right, asserted the bill was "a potential and needless threat to peace and security of the United States." The measure would make President Roosevelt "power politician number one of the world," he said, and "the White House would become the GHQ (general headquarters) for the second world war."

Clark Heads off Debate For Opposition to Measure  
Clark had been delegated to lead off the opposition. He quickly got to the point of his address with an assertion that "far-reaching and calamitous effects" were to be expected from the measure.

"The title claims," he said, "that it is a measure to 'promote the defense of the United States.' It has no such purpose and no such effect. It is in fact a bill to authorize the denuding of American defenses; to authorize the suspension of any American law inconsistent with the dictatorial powers conferred in the act; to authorize the arming and feeding and plying of any country in the world at the expense of American taxpayers in the sole dis-

# Huge Anzac Force Masses at Singapore



RAF bombings preceded the massing of British forces for an assault on Cheren (1), on the route to Asmara and Massawa. The British claimed they cleaned out an Italian outpost at Kurmuk (2), paving the way for a new British thrust toward Gondar. The Italian high command said their forces had beaten back British on the Kenya border (3). The British reported they had pushed beyond the Giuba river toward Mogadiscio (4).

## German War Materials Poured Into Bulgaria

### Diplomatic Circles Report Hitler Prepares to Crack Down on Greece to Make Peace on II Ruce Terms

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Feb. 18—(Wednesday)—German war material has begun passing into Bulgaria over Yugoslav railways, it was reported reliably today as diplomatic circles heard accounts of redoubled German efforts to make Greece come to terms with Italy.

Long lines of sealed railway cars were said to have rolled over the German-Yugoslav frontier en route to Bulgaria as a part of the agreement reached in the interview at Berchtesgaden, Germany, last week between Adolf Hitler and Yugoslav Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic.

This passage of materials was one of the terms mentioned by Ziga Sol, a member of the Croat peasant party.

That Yugoslavia would maintain a strict hands-off policy regarding German action in Bulgaria was evidenced by reports from Sofia, that Premier Cvetkovic or some other high Yugoslav official was expected in Sofia soon to draft a reaffirmation of the Yugoslav-Bulgarian pact of eternal friendship.

Acting under the new Turkish-Bulgarian non-aggression pact—which diplomatic circles interpreted as immobilizing Turkey should the Germans move against Greece—the German minister to Athens was understood to have told the Greeks that the Germans wanted the Albanian war to end.

The implication was that the peace would have to be on Mussolini's terms and that if it did not

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## PGE Leads County Taxpayers In One Ear..

Marion county's largest single tax payer in 1941 will be the Portland General Electric company, which will contribute \$76,642.20 as tax on property appraised at \$1,823,810, County Assessor R. "Ted" Shelton revealed Tuesday.

Close behind the electric company will be the Southern Pacific railway company, he indicated, which will pay a tax of \$73,277.89 in spite of the fact that the assessed value of its property within the county is greater than that of the electric company, being \$1,968,451.

In sharp contrast the assessor reported that the smallest tax paid by any utility in the county is 23 cents, paid by line number 16 of the Marquam telephone company. Its assessed valuation is four dollars worth of line and transmitter.

Telephone Firm to Pay Third Largest Levy  
The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, the utility which serves Salem and much of the surrounding county, will pay a tax of \$45,077.88. The telephone

company's total property is assessed at \$910,968 in Marion county.

The Portland Gas and Coke company, the only gas utility operating in the county, will pay \$16,299.50 on \$315,588 worth of taxable property, Shelton reported, and the Oregon Electric company will pay \$9592.39 on property valued at \$279,960.

## Congressional District Plan Splits at Linn

### Benton, too, Goes to Southern Oregon in Committee Report

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.  
Bitter fights are on the schedule for the Oregon legislature today, when the house engages in a scrap over how to form a fourth congressional district and the senate battles over an administration-supported bill to permit bigger trucks to operate on the state highways.

The house reapportionment committee voted 7 to 3 Tuesday

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR  
3rd Readings Today  
House: HB 89, 227, 228, 229, 230, 232, 233, 252, 253; 315, 331, 365, 442, 460, 466, 469, 470, 471; SB 40, 57, 65, 66, 71, 107, 114, 116, 140, 187, 260.

Senate: SB 119, 121, 210, 229, 242, 243, 244, 272, 89, 90, 118, 122, 123; SJR 9; HB 101, 135, 145, 250, 270, 329, 363, 435, 8, 27, 31, 91, 159, 163, 231, 369.

Special Order  
Senate: SB 7, divided report on big truck bill, 10:30 a.m.

Public Hearings  
Senate: Assessment and taxation on HB 107 on tax exemptions, 1 p.m. today, room 302.

to create a fourth district including Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane and Linn counties, all of which now are in the first (Western Oregon) district. The plan would leave Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lincoln, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties in the first district.

The approved plan is the same as that proposed by the Lane county delegation, except that Lincoln county is placed in the

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## Aged Persons Attend Meeting

### More Than 200 Pack Room at Hearing on Pension Bill

The social security sub-committee saw 200 or more persons, mostly aged, pack their hearing room last night and heard some of them produce arguments in favor of a bill to provide pensions up to \$40 a month.

Theodore S. Nelson, secretary of the Oregon Pension federation, urged the legislature to "do something right now."

"Ninety per cent of Oregon citizens would be willing to pay a tax of one per cent on their gross incomes to pay these pensions," Nelson said.

Rep. Warren Erwin (D-Mult.) said, "I don't like the idea of piling up any more taxes, because the government's defense proposals will require more money."

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## Nazis Request Radio Program Raps, Praise

### NEW YORK, Feb. 18—(AP)—The nazi wireless, which last week asked for—and got—suggestions as to what Americans would like to hear on German radio programs, Tuesday night asked for more.

CBS reported that the wireless, not content with a flood of "special requests" including some for descriptions of Hitler's funeral or the bombing of the Berlin chancellery, repeated its appeal for Americans to cable their wishes—with charges collected.

"Don't spare any criticism that you may have," the announcer was reported as saying, "and of course if you have any praise, we are only too glad to receive it."

## Farmers Hear Chief's Talk

### State President Tells of Difficulties in Annual Message

Farmers who are dispossessed of their property by tax foreclosure drop into a lower scale of labor and create further social and economic confusion, Earl E. Libby, state president, told 500 delegates to the state Farmers union convention Tuesday.

Libby, giving his annual message, said farmers faced serious and increasing difficulties in competing with imported products.

Delegates were welcomed by Mayor W. W. Chadwick of Salem and Ernest Werner, Central Howell, president of the Marion county Farmers union, convention host.

National President James Patton and Jack Sutherland, vice president of the United Farmers of Canada, were present at the opening session.

Farmer Leader, Governor Will Be Chief Speakers  
Patton and Governor Charles A. Sprague will be principal speakers at the convention banquet Wednesday night.

Winners of the Junior Farmers (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Japan Blames US-Britain For Tension

### Nippon Acts to Allay Fears of Own People They're Near War

(Editor's note: Glenn Babb, who sums up the Japanese position and its repercussions over the world in the following dispatch, spent a dozen years in the orient as a far eastern correspondent of The Associated Press and as chief of bureau for the AP in Tokyo. Presently he is day cable editor in New York.)

By GLENN BABB  
Associated Press Cable Staff  
Japan attempted Tuesday to allay the fears of her own people that they are near war with the United States or Britain and to lessen the distrust with which her actions are regarded in many foreign capitals.

In the latter purpose she apparently failed as far as Washington and London were concerned.

A declaration by the Tokyo government insisting on its Pacific intentions and readiness to mediate in any trouble "anywhere in the world" met with comment in those two capitals that they were interested in deeds, not words.

From Tokyo came word today (Wednesday) that the declaration was considered there an attempt to place responsibility for future developments in the Pacific on the United States and Britain, to show them lacking in the "wise and generous statesmanship which is willing to listen to others' claims and contentions" for which the declaration called.

There was no indication from Tokyo that Japan was ready to

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## Freight Train Leaves Tracks

### MADRAS, Ore., Feb. 18—(AP)—A southbound freight train, thrown off the tracks by a faulty rail, piled up near here Tuesday, but no one was injured.

Officials said the rail threw 14 empty cars into a ditch, but the locomotive remained upright. A passenger train had passed over the spot 35 minutes earlier.

## Lobby Hobnobber

### Ex-Governor Charles H. Martin was a visitor at the capitol on Tuesday, looking in on the session and calling upon Governor Charles A. Sprague and other officials.

Tom Carlon, fire chief at Bend for approximately 20 years, and John Berning, fire chief at Redmond, were here on Tuesday in the interests of the firemen's measure.

Rand Meservey of Wedderburn and Larry Lucas of Agnes, both communities near the mouth of Rogue river, were on hand to oppose the measure which would reopen that stream to commercial fishing. That region attracts large numbers of sport fishermen from afar, they pointed out.

The bill which would require applicants for barbers' licenses to be high school graduates, passed Tuesday by the house,

## Quips, "Angles" and Personalities at the Capitol

"It might improve the lingo we have to listen to," Hosh said.

At present, newly-licensed barbers must be eighth grade graduates.

Harry Wiley, Linn county representative in the 1939 session who objected to all salary increase bills, was in town on Tuesday, but whether he was in the house in time to see his successor perform was not ascertained. At any rate Rep. Warren Erwin (D-Mult.) qualified for that role by orating for five minutes in protest of the bill increasing the Lincoln county treasurer's salary from \$800 to \$1200 a year.

Erwin said he would oppose such bills so long as the legislature "refuses to see the green light on pensions."

"My colleague has overlooked (Turn to Page 9, Col. 1)

## Asiatic Naval Base Reinforced as War Tension Increases

### Japan Makes Offer to Mediate but Sends New Navy Units to Siam Gulf; Greece Faces Decision

SINGAPORE, Feb. 18—(AP)—An Australian imperial force many thousands strong reached Singapore late Tuesday.

This was brought to this eastern bastion of the British empire the largest and most powerful reinforcement of men, guns and machines ever to arrive in a single convoy.

A few hours after disembarking at the Singapore naval base from great liners which had transported them 3000 miles under Australian and British naval escort, the Australian troops entrained for already-prepared defense stations of the Malayan peninsula.

The ordered calm of this great naval base was broken by a great uproar as gray vessels came alongside the docks. Bronzed Australians, jamming the rails and portholes, shouted down a band of a famous British regiment until it struck up "Roll Out the Barrel."

The troops landed amid fears that Britain might have to face a Japanese thrust in the far east timed to coincide with a German push in Europe.

Japanese Naval Units Rushed to Gulf of Siam  
Reports from Saigon, French Indo-China, said Japanese naval units had been heavily reinforced in the Gulf of Siam, and a Dutch authority forecast land and sea blows at both Singapore and the rich Netherlands East Indies in the "very near future."

In Tokyo, Japanese officials represented themselves as willing to mediate in any conflict in the world while attributing far eastern tension to Britain and the United States.

Washington suggested deeds, not words, on Japan's part might alleviate the Pacific situation, and Japan's axis partner, Germany, dismissed the mediation offer as without significance.

Little Greece apparently faced the tragic alternatives last night of making peace with Italy on Premier Mussolini's terms or combining her small army with British land forces to meet an imminent German attack.

With German planes reported flying daily over Greece, axis diplomacy was directed at pointing out these factors to Greece:

Nazi mechanized troops are less than 200 miles from her borders; Bulgaria and Yugoslavia will not oppose passage of those troops or the establishment of Nazi air bases; Turkey will remain immobile.

British efforts to hold Greece firm against the axis rested on these factors:

British Cash Rush Flows to Greece  
British troops and planes can be rushed from Africa to Greece now that Italy's threat there has been removed; that there still was no definite assurance that Turkey (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

London reports fourth American member of RAF lost in action against Germany.

Two juveniles were arrested Tuesday by city police and held in jail, clearing the robbery last Friday morning of W. H. Henderson, Salem publisher, at his home, 1134 Madison street. The name of another 16-year-old boy, admittedly involved in the case but not held, was not disclosed by police.

Earl Junior Bonney, 16, Fairhaven avenue, and LaVerne DuMond, 18, 910 Wilbur street, were arrested on justice court warrants charging assault and battery. Bonney was in the county jail and DuMond in the city jail.

Young Burbons to Meet THE DALLES, Feb. 18—(AP)—State officials of the Young Democrats of Oregon have set the annual convention for The Dalles on April 25, 26 and 27.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18—(AP)—Jesse Jones told a congressional committee Tuesday that "we're nearly in the war," but immediately had the remark stricken from the record. President Roosevelt commented later that it did not mean anything.

ISTANBUL, Feb. 18—(AP)—Turkish newspapers lauded the Turkish-Bulgarian declaration of non-aggression Tuesday as an assurance of peace in the Balkans. They emphasized that the declaration in no wise conflicts with agreements with other countries—meaning Turkey's alliance with Britain.

LONDON, Feb. 18—(AP)—Two flights from the American eagle squadron have joined the RAF "in action" against Germany. It was reported officially Tuesday and Eagle Pilot Officer Vernon Charles "Shorty" Keogh of Brooklyn was lost on patrol.

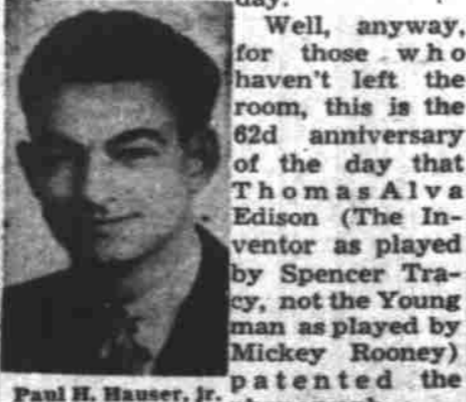
ROME, Feb. 18—(AP)—Italians declared Tuesday that pro-fascist Ethiopians were organizing to help them fight the British and claimed to be holding their lines generally both in Albania

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## Italian Troops on March



Fascist soldiers march through snow and ice to the front fighting line in Albania. If the Hitler proposed truce becomes effective these men will be sent to Africa, it is reported.



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There are some that say it was a fatal mistake. This includes some patrons of restaurants which pay the rent with juke boxes, Sir Oliver Beecham, the noted English conductor, and our next door neighbor who says we play the darn thing too loud.

Edison, who used to take cat naps all day long so he could (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)