

# Germans Declare War on Yugos And Invade Greece; Hitler Orders Attacks at Dawn

## Bulgaria Troops in Battle; Turk Border Menaced; British Blamed but Welcomes Opening of New Theatre; Italy Quiet

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division equipped with all the steel of blitzkrieg — plunged against the Greeks and Yugoslavs.

The nazi high command took the grave decision—one of many that have been made in the traditional quiet of the weekend—a few hours after the Russians, their erstwhile partners however silent, had made a compact with the Yugoslavs which clearly seemed designed to try to dissuade just such a step.

Just what this pact really meant remained unknown. On the face of it, the Russians had made a treaty of friendship and non-aggression, presumably containing no promise of military assistance, but certainly offering no comfort to those who listen quietly to the thunder of martial music in Berlin.

### British See Russian Action as Against Nazis

The British, slow as always to comment upon such fleeting developments of the new history, cautiously observed—through the British Press association—that Russia's action at the very least indicated an intention to throw a diplomatic log before the progress of the German machine in the Balkans.

Belgrade, the center of this new and curiously ghostly war—one of which the outside world knew very little hours after it started—was cut off early this morning from all telephone communication.

The situation, so far as could be learned, was simply this: the Yugoslavs, a strangely assorted people made a nation by Versailles and not willing yet to forget it, stood roughly a million strong—and more to count the uncounted thousands who seized whatever weapons were at hand—to defend as best they could a country of as many curious diversities as themselves.

They had planned, in all the long days of the assault upon their collective nerves which Berlin had directed to make them give up as the other little countries in the Balkans had done, to retire about midway down the country and there hold the mountains which in all history have been so hostile to invaders.

In this great developing struggle—one that was in some respects strangely alike the relatively little Balkan struggles of the last war that sent at last into a chill disaster the dreams of the kaiser—the British figured largely.

They had many new—and much fine equipment—in Greece—and indeed the German officials cried out at this in justifying their new march across Europe. Aside from this, the British Mediterranean fleet appeared to stand more or less supreme in the Mediterranean, and the actions of this Sunday dawn unquestionably set more and more convays in motion across the Mediterranean from Africa.

The British, taking the line that all that had happened had merely confirmed their expectations of this spring offensive along the Mediterranean, said simply that army, navy and air force were ready for the showdown.

In Africa still remained many imperial soldiers—the tough, shouting Australians and all the others who had run Mussolini's men out of most of east Africa and smote them hard in Libya.

The first report of direct action in the war—and it was a rumor which in the initial chaos of communications with Berlin, Belgrade and Rome could not be confirmed or knocked down, was that Belgrade had been bombed about 6 a. m.

The immense rush of complications started almost at once: The official wireless of Hungary, which is an axis member and has been a way of conquest for the nazi troops now reaching for Yu-

# Ford Plant--Leaders of Both Sides in Rouge Strike

Ford River Rouge plant



R. J. Thomas



James F. Dewey



Harry Bennett



Michael F. Widman, Jr.

CIO strike at the huge Ford Motor company River Rouge plant at Dearborn, Mich., ties up production there. Leaders of the strike called by the United Automobile Workers union, a CIO affiliate, are R. J. Thomas, president of the UAW, and Michael F. Widman, Jr., chairman of the UAW-CIO Ford organizational drive. Harry Bennett is the Ford personnel director. James F. Dewey is the Federal conciliator seeking a settlement. State police were dispatched to the strike scene as outbreak of violence occurred.

goslavia and Greece, alleged that Yugoslav troops had fired across the frontier at Hungarian troops. This had a sinister tone for the Yugoslavs, for it suggested that the basis might thus be laid for Hungarian troops to join the Germans.

What Italy was doing all this time was not clear early in the morning; her agents in Belgrade had long shown a great reluctance to see it come to war there.

Turkey, Britain's non-belligerent ally, maintained an uneasy neutrality that seemed likely to fall before many days.

LONDON, April 6. (Sunday)—(AP)—The air ministry issued this communique today:

Enemy activity Saturday night over this country was on a very small scale and confined to the southwest of England. A total of four enemy aircraft were destroyed during that night.

## Steel Walkout Is Ordered

### CIO Leader Claims Lockout Is Cause; Senators Angry

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strike, among others, as being "purely for the purpose of speeding up the union organization effort." The Ford stoppage continued at a stalemate, with assembly units throughout the country closed along with the River Rouge plant, but Gov. Murray D. Van Wagoner of Michigan said that "things look bright" for a settlement before long.

A threatened strike in the Boston repair yards of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation, with \$1,000,000,000 of defense contracts, appeared averted when spokesmen for the state conciliation board announced that representatives of the company and a CIO union would confer again Monday in hopes of settling a wage dispute.

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP)—Southern coal operators in the eight-state Appalachian conference said Saturday night there was "no possibility of their becoming a party to a contract proposed by the northern operators for the reason that it would be unfair to their employees."

The announcement came as a subcommittee for the operators and the United Mine Workers, CIO, was preparing a contract designed to end a work stoppage which for nearly a week paralyzed production of the nation's soft coal and made 400,000 miners idle.

WASHINGTON, April 5. (AP)—Declaring that "tempers are getting pretty hot" over prolonged labor disputes, Senator Connally (D-Tex.) proposed legislation Saturday to give the government broad authority to take over plants where strikes "impede or delay" defense production.

The Connally proposal, similar in some respects to one offered by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval committee, would permit government seizure of plants where production is retarded "as a result of a strike or other labor disturbance of other cause."

"We have appropriated billions of dollars with which to purchase arms, munitions, ships and implements of war, both for ourselves and for Great Britain," the Texas senator said.

## US Army Day Celebrated

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en he loves and reveres, he cannot be defeated.

"The armed services stand as one service in the national establishment," said Rear Admiral G. Rowcliff, representing the navy at an Army day dinner in Washington.

The war department, meanwhile, reported a total of 1,124,000 men in uniform—491,000 regulars, 315,000 draftees, 280,000 national guardsmen and 38,000 reserves. A year ago, by contrast, only 225,000 men were under arms.

SPOKANE, April 5. (AP)—Spokane's own Army day celebration will start Sunday with a public inspection of work at Sunset Field, headquarters for the second air force, and continue through Monday with a parade and a special program as second-day features.

Felts Field, the municipal airport, also will hold open house. Army planes coming here for the event will be on display at Felts Field, as the Sunset runways are unfinished.

In the parade will be two of the army's new "Jeeps"—undersized but speedy armored reconnaissance cars. The machines were added to the equipment at Fort George Wright late this week.

## Ribbentrop Tells Foreign Press of Move

NEW YORK, April 6. (AP)—The National Broadcasting Co. transcript of German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop's statement to members of the foreign press in Berlin early today follows:

England is about to commit another crime against Europe. Considerable German troops have landed on Balkan soil. After the fiasco of Dunkerque, Britain is once again trying to carry the war into Europe. They have misled the government in Athens and a clique of intrigues in Belgrade have chosen to make common cause with the British.

The British and these intrigues have decided to put all of Greece and all of Yugoslavia at the disposal of Britain, as a starting point of a new campaign against Germany and Italy.

Germany has watched this intrigue and tried to bring Greece and Yugoslavia to see reason, and accept Germany's friendship. But all German attempts to establish friendship were without avail.

Our Fuehrer, Adolf Hitler, has now given his answer. The German army is marching, and has been marching since early Sunday morning.

These German armies will make it clear once and for all to Churchill and his notorious warmongering, intriguing allies, that Great Britain has no chance in Europe. I have handed on this morning a note to the Greek envoy to Berlin which will subsequently be read.

In conclusion, the chief of the press bureau of the foreign office, Dr. Schmidt, will read the declaration of the reich government to Yugoslavia. But first the message to the Greek government.

Here is the German note to the Greek envoy:

"Since the beginning of the war, which has been forced upon Germany by the declaration of war by Britain and France, the German government has always clearly and accurately stated her intention to confine military operations only to the countries of the west. And particularly to keep the Balkan countries out of the war.

"Just as clearly the German government has declared that she will confront every attempt by Britain to extend the theater of war with every means in Germany's power."

## FDR Keeps in News Touch

### Greek and Yugoslavia Ministers Declare: "We Fight and Win"

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subordinates there and at the White House telephoned newspaper offices to obtain reports for their chiefs. Hull also had remained in touch with his office throughout the dinner.

WASHINGTON, April 6. (Sunday)—(AP)—Constantine Fotitch, Yugoslav minister to the United States, asserted today in a broadcast carried by the National Broadcasting company that his fellow countrymen "will fight with unbroken faith to final victory in the great cause of justice, liberty and human decency."

Fotitch and Semon Diamontopolis, Greek minister to the United States, were attending the Gridiron dinner when they heard of Germany's declaration of war against their respective countries.

"All I can say is that, although we never have wanted war with our neighbors and have tried everything humanly possible to preserve peace, our dignity and our national integrity, we shall accept the destiny imposed on us by a ruthless aggressor," Fotitch said.

Diamontopolis said "as in the previous World war, Greece is again on the side of the Yugoslav people. With the help of our allies and with the moral and material support of this great democracy, we shall fight to the last and win."

LONDON, April 6. (Sunday)—(AP)—The British declare today that the opening of the German spring offensive in the Balkans confirmed their expectations and asserted the army, navy and air force were ready to back the policy of hitting the enemy wherever he appeared. Soldiers nearest to the new theater of war are General Sir Archibald P. Wavell's veterans of the African campaign. Officials were silent about dispositions of these men, but the public put its own interpretation on the withdrawal from Cirenaica and Hitler's assertion that he was ready to fight "until the last Briton left this part of the European continent."

## Spring Vacation Starts at WU

Spring vacation is the order this week for Willamette university students, who will return to the campus Monday, April 14, to face a busy schedule of events. Biggest item for most of the senior class, and some juniors, will be oral and comprehensive exam-

## US Air Corps Plan to Take Enlisted Men

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candidates must have at least two years' college education or its equivalent.

Some officials believe, however, that only by following the example of Germany and Great Britain in making pilots of enlisted men can the army attain its objective of 30,000 fliers a year.

The existing rate of 12,000 annually was reached only last month when a class of 2091 cadets started training. The contemplated expansion would require monthly classes of some 5000 fledglings—about half of whom normally would be "washed out" before graduation—and advocates of lower standards have argued no such number of youths meeting existing qualifications can be obtained.

The prospective change in policy by the army air corps may be put into effect in the summer.

## In One Ear . . .

—Paul Hauser's Column

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the goods. The goods were two pairs of burlap socks. A Seattle fur company made the socks and charged the army 30 cents a pair. The army wants to try them out in Alaska. The fur company hasn't figured out what it will do with its 60 cents.

It is the hope of all that soon the world may say "Zora puce bit-ce dana," which is Serbian meaning "The dawn is breaking—I see the day," according to the amazing mayor of New York, who actually speaks the language.

## Suffers Fractured Hip

Mrs. Mary Keithley, 87, route one, Aumsville, was taken to the Descombes hospital Saturday night for treatment of a fractured hip suffered in a fall at her home. She was reported "resting easily" at an early hour.

## Bond Issues Before Council

### Action Set, Condemns Land, Sets Exam for First Aid Captain

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council cleared away all required action on purchasing additional land and removing hazardous obstructions around the airport preliminary to civil aeronautics authority expansion of the field at a special meeting a week ago.

The airport committee of the council, headed by Alderman Tom Armstrong, is still awaiting word from Washington on whether the CAA will accept the proposal that it pay for removal of obstructing buildings on the Williams Brown property adjoining the field as damages. Congressman James Mott assured Armstrong in a telegram Saturday that he would urge favorable and speedy action on the matter.

Another matter which the council will have before it will be a request from the civil service commission that it be given authority, not specified in the civil service code, to hold a competitive examination among firemen for the post of first aid captain left vacant by call of Captain Charles Charlton to duty as a naval reserve.

## Salem Students Selected at Music Meet

Prominent parts in the selected high school band and orchestra at last week's Northwest Music Educators' conference in Spokane were taken by Salem high school students, Vernon Wiscarson, instrumental director, said Saturday.

Sana Millett was assigned to the first violin section of the orchestra.

## War News Briefs

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the response that the lines were "temporarily" cut. Early morning telephone communications with Belgrade were cut.

NEW YORK, March 6. (Sunday)—(AP)—The European conflict broke out on a new battlefield—the Balkans—today on the anniversary of that shock declaration of war that shook the world 23 years ago.

It was on April 6, 1917, the United States declared war on Germany and widened the World war to its fullest scope.

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP)—A broadcast on the wavelength of the Budapest radio, heard here by Vladimir Macek, Croat peasant leader and vice premier of the Yugoslav government, is to leave for Rome to confer with Italian leaders. The radio said the trip would be made in the near future. No further details were given.

NEW YORK, April 5. (AP)—Hungary has been "obliged to take certain measures" because of the concentration of "considerable Yugoslav armed forces" along her frontier, the Budapest radio announced tonight in a broadcast heard by CBS. The radio said Hungary was following events in Yugoslavia with "the very closest attention."

# Here's Text of Adolf Hitler's Declaration of War

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have done everything to bring about a peaceful settlement.

"We pray to God that He may lead our soldiers on the path and bless them as hitherto.

"In accordance with the policy of letting others fight for her, as she did in the case of Poland, Britain again tried to involve Germany in the struggle in which British hopes that she would finish off the German people once and for all, to win the war and if possible to destroy the entire German army.

"In a few weeks long ago the German soldiers on the eastern front, Poland, swept aside this instrument of British policy. On April 9, 1940, Britain again attempted to reach its goal by a thrust on the German north flank. The thrust at Norway.

"In an unforgettable struggle the German soldiers in Norway eliminated the British within a period of a few weeks.

"What the world did not deem possible the German people have achieved. Again, only a few weeks later, Churchill (Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain) felt the moment right to make a renewed thrust through the British allies, France and Belgium, into the German region of the Ruhr. The victorious hour of our soldiers on the west front began."

### Already War History How Armies Victorious

"It is already war history how the German armies defeated the legions of capitalism and plutocracy. After 45 days this campaign in the west was equally and emphatically terminated.

"Then Churchill concentrated the strength of his empire against our ally, Italy, in Africa. Now the danger has also been banned from the African theatre of the war through the cooperation of Italian and German units.

"The new aim of the British warmongers now consists of the realization of a plan which they had already hatched at the outbreak of the war, and only postponed because of the gigantic victories of the German army.

"The memory of the landing of British troops at Salonika in the course of the first World War also caught little Greece in the spiderweb of British intrigue.

"I (Hitler) have repeatedly warned of the attempt by the British to land troops in southeastern Europe. And I have said that this constitutes a threat to the German reich.

"Unfortunately this warning went unheeded by the Yugoslav nation. I have further tried, always with the same patience, to convince Yugoslav statesmen of the absolute necessity for their cooperation with the German reich for restoration of lasting peace and order within Yugoslavia.

"After long effort we finally succeeded in securing the co-

operation of Yugoslavia by its adherence to the tri-power pact, without having demanded anything whatsoever of the Yugoslav nation except that it take its part in the reconstruction of a new order in Europe.

"At this point the criminal usurpers of the new Belgrade government took the power of the state unto themselves, which is a result of being in the pay of Churchill and Britain.

"As in the case of Poland, this new Belgrade government has mobilized decrepit and old people into their inner cabinet. Under these circumstances I was forced immediately to recall the German national colony within Yugoslav territory.

"Members and officers of the German embassy, employees of our consulates in Yugoslavia, were daily being subjected to the most humiliating attacks.

"The German schools, exactly as in Poland, were laid in ruin by bandits. Innumerable German nationals were kidnaped and attacked by Yugoslavs, and some even were killed.

"In addition, Yugoslavia for weeks has planned a general mobilization of its army in great secrecy.

"This is the answer to my eight-year-long effort to bring about closer cooperation and friendship with the Yugoslav people, a task which I have pursued most fastidiously.

"When British divisions were landing in Greece, just as in World war days, the Serbs thought that the time was ripe for taking advantage of the situation, for new assassinations against Germany and her allies.

"Soldiers of the southeast front: Now your zero hour has arrived. You will now take the interests of the German reich under your protection as your comrades did a year ago in Norway and on the west front. You will do just as well on the southeast front.

"In doing this, your duty, you will not be less courageous than the men of those German divisions who in 1915, on the same Balkan soil, fought so victoriously.

"However, we all pursue no other ultimate aim than to win freedom for our German people and to secure a living-space for the German family (this is still Hitler's order of the day to his army of the southeast).

"The prayers and thoughts, the very life of all Germans, are again in the heart of every German soldier.

"Berlin, April 6, 1941. (Signed) Adolf Hitler, Commander in Chief."

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