

Churchill Says Russia Is Next

Also Warns Turkey of Possible Attack in Commons Speech

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If the great masses of weapons, munitions and instruments of war of all kinds made with the toil and skill of American hands at the cost of the United States and loans to us under the aid to Britain bill were to sink into the depths of the ocean and never reach the hard-pressed firing line."

Churchill reiterated his hope that Eire "may realize that it is as much in their interests as it is in ours that their ports and airfields should be available for naval and air forces which must operate ever farther into the Atlantic."

To France, "for whose cause we are contending no less than for our own," the prime minister said: "I must make it clear that we must maintain our blockade against Germany and rights of contraband control at sea which have never been disputed or denied to any belligerent and which a year ago France was exercising with us."

WASHINGTON, April 9—(P)—Even as Winston Churchill made an implied plea for more aid in the battle of the Atlantic, the United States announced Wednesday that it would turn over ten coast guard cutters to Great Britain.

The transfer was disclosed at the White House almost simultaneously with a prediction by the British prime minister to the house of commons that they would "soon be in action."

Like the 50 naval destroyers transferred last fall, the rugged craft are considered well suited to escorting harassed shipping convoys and to helping combat the U-boats which Churchill said were ranging ever farther westward in an effort to frustrate American lend-lease efforts.

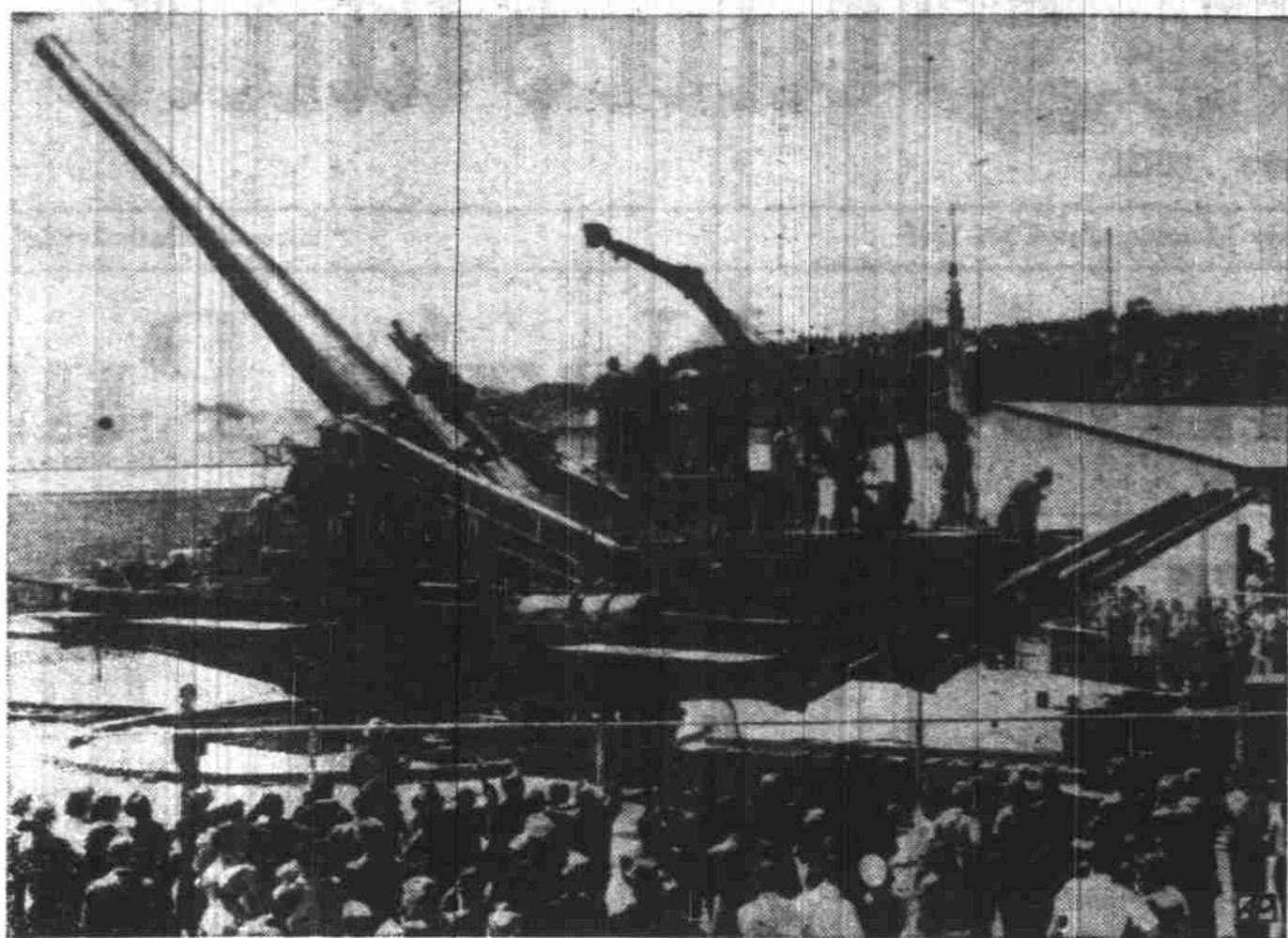
There was no hint of a decision, however, on the question of releasing additional destroyers to Britain or on the ultimate issue of using American warships manned by American crews to assure safe delivery of munitions to Britain.

LONDON, April 9—(P)—Lady Nancy Astor, Virginia-born member of parliament, declared in the house of commons Wednesday after Prime Minister Churchill's war review: "I was never prouder of my American blood in all my life than I've been lately. The prime minister and I have something in common. He is half American, I am wholly American. The two nations stand together and there is nothing on earth any foreign-born person can do that can affect us."

Huge Cotton Blaze

ALTUS, Okla., April 9—(P)—Fire in the traders cotton compress late today destroyed cotton valued at \$154,000.

Public Views Big Guns at Ft. MacArthur



Big guns at Fort MacArthur, Los Angeles harbor defender, were put on display for thousands of visitors in celebration of Army day at San Pedro, Calif. A gun crew went through a dummy drill on this large caliber coast defense rifle for the benefit of the public.

New Laws Interest Owners of Motor Vehicles in Oregon

The 1941 Oregon legislature passed 31 bills during the last session which directly affect motor vehicle owners and drivers according to the legal department of the Oregon State Motor association in a report compiled last week.

Most important in this group was senate joint resolution No. 11 which will protect the motor vehicle taxes paid by the motorist from non-highway use. The resolution refers to the voters of Oregon a constitutional amendment which when passed specifically earmarks all motor vehicle revenue funds for highways.

The resolution was framed and adopted through the suggestion of the Oregon State Motor association with other civic organizations asking for this motorist protection. The report cited the fact that in some states as much as fifty per cent of the motor fuel tax has been diverted from highways into uses entirely foreign to the interest of the automobile user.

The speed laws were the subject of much attention and enactments of the legislature will change the laws now governing cars on Oregon highways. The action of the legislature clothes the state highway commission with authority to designate speeds on any state highway and erect signs giving this speed. A state speed control board consisting of the secretary of state, the superintendent of state police and the chairman of the state highway commission with similar authority to designate speeds on country road or city streets was created.

The new law retains the "basic

rule" feature of the previous rulings but changes the enforcement and judicial setup.

The basic rule states that no person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and the hazard at intersection and other conditions existing. The new law establishes any speed in excess of 55 miles per hour (or other posted speed) as "prima facie" evidence of violation of the basic rule.

In other words, if an officer arrests a person for driving more than 55 miles per hour (or exceeding the posted speed) the burden of proof is upon the driver to show that he was exercising reasonable care and caution. However, if the arrest is made when the posted speed has not been exceeded, the arresting officer must prove that the motorist was driving the car in a dangerous manner.

Motorists renewing their driver's license this spring will find that the cost has jumped from one dollar to one dollar fifty cents for the two-year permit. The extra revenue will be put into a fund to pay the hospital bills of those hurt in accidents in the event that the bills are not paid by the patient within a period of ninety days, the Motor association report concludes.

Oregon Attracts Midwest People

Oregon is going to see a great influx of middle west residents during 1941 as they are looking toward the Pacific coast for their vacation trips, according to Burt Vanderwarf, director of the touring bureau of the Chicago Motor club, who was an Oregon visitor recently.

Vanderwarf made a personal which he inspected under the tour of Oregon vacation spots which he inspected under the direction of the State Motor association. His organization directs more tourist travel from the middle west than any other group.

"We have been very busy with inquiries regarding vacations already this year. From every indication Oregon and the Pacific northwest is going to see a great many of these folks. Our trip out here will enable us to give a complete and first hand account of what is to be seen in Oregon and we can send many more people to your state," Vanderwarf said.

After seeing Oregon, Vanderwarf went north into the Olympic Peninsula and British Columbia before returning to Chicago.

New Mexico Town Leads in Growth

WASHINGTON, April 9—(P)—Hobbs, N.M., was the fastest growing city in the United States among communities of 10,000 or more population the last decade. The census bureau reports that Hobbs has its title with a 1975.8 per cent gain. In 1930, there were only 598 citizens but in 1940 it had 10,619.

Berlin Bombed By RAF Raids

Greeks Fight on With British Rushing to North From Athens

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Athens was raided by German planes Wednesday night. Magnetic mines were dropped in the harbor, but the Greeks said no damage or casualties resulted.

The Yugoslavs said German planes had raided the Yugoslav cities of Kragujevac, Kraljevo, Raska and Sjenica.

One force swept down to the Aegean sea west of Salonika, seized that strategic port. At the same time to the north, in middle Yugoslavia, other nazis struck westward across the country—pushing the steel snouts of their armored divisions against the apparently disorganized resistance of the Yugoslavs—toward a junction with the reactivated Italians in Albania which appeared almost certain to be completed sometime Thursday. By nightfall, the Germans were within 15 miles of the Albanian frontier.

Position of Gravest Peril To Yugo, Greeks, British The position thus was one of the gravest peril for the Yugoslavs and Greeks and perhaps to the British field forces, who were not yet in action.

Greek communications with the Yugoslav allies were gone; Yugoslav communications and transport were substantially paralyzed, through the capture by the nazis of the strategic middle cities of Skopje and Nis.

Aside from being isolated from the Greeks to the south, and thus faced with the necessity of going on alone, the Yugoslav army was itself split up by the Germans into three sections—one above the westward line of steel thrown by the nazis across the country; a second in the area between Nis and Skopje; the third south of Skopje.

The jubilation axis press published declarations to the effect that the Suez canal, Britain's vital link between east and west, was the next objective, and such a thrust by land evidently would mean a German-Italian attack on Turkey, a British ally still non-belligerent.

Even the nazis saluted Greek valor, a military commentator de-

First of Army's New Tank Fleet



First of hundreds of tanks soon to augment the army's mechanized forces is this 25-ton war machine, shown at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds, where it was demonstrated. Here, John D. Biggers (left) of OPM, and Major C. M. Wesson, chief of army ordnance, inspect the iron monster, which mounts a 75 mm. and a 50 mm. cannon and five machine guns.

claring that the Metaxas line of the Salonika defense had turned out to be "tougher than France's Maginot line."

Bunkers 6500 feet high had to be attacked with frontal assaults, he said. All available reports indicated that the invading Germans had died by the uncounted thousands.

Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, was in ruins, the government announced in an extraordinary paper issued at Athens which denounced the Germans as more barbarous than "the most primitive invaders" ever known in the Balkans.

The city, the Yugoslavs declared, was bombed over and over after it had been evacuated of any sort of military force, and the streets were left "littered with the bodies of the dead—women, children and old men." German pilots were formally accused of having machine-gunned men and children as they fled the homes set ablaze by German bombs.

All evidence suggested Wednesday night that it was air power that was proving a decisive factor in Yugoslavia; that the German dive bombers and fighter planes were responsible for the extraordinary speed of the German advance over difficult terrain.

Board Opposes Service Unit

Opposition to erection of a service station at the southeast corner of Capitol and Center streets was made by the state board of control Wednesday in keeping with a policy set by the 1939 legislature to prevent location of any but buildings devoted to educational or aesthetic purposes near the state capitol group.

The proposed building on a lot owned by Breymann Boise and Asa Eoff would be subject to local option provisions of the zoning ordinance. Other protests besides

In One Ear . .

—Paul Hauser's Column

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the commander of the Buena Vista ferry for a lifeboat. Even with the Wheatland Ferry keeping all enemy craft bottled up below Marion county waters, he says, the Buena Vista craft hasn't had the courage to go beyond the three-mile limit.

War News Briefs

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thrown back. The broadcast was heard by NBC.

TAMPICO, Mexico, April 9—(P)—The Mexican merchant marine flag of red, white and green—without the eagle of the naval ensign—was hoisted with ceremony Wednesday on the expropriated axis vessels in this port.

Naval, military and municipal authorities witnessed the removal of the axis standards and the running up of the Mexican colors.

SANTIAGO, Chile, April 9—(P)—The Chilean government has informed Denmark that seizure of three Danish ships refuged in Talcahuano was within her rights as a neutral American republic. Replying to Danish protests, a Chilean note said the action was in accord with the declaration of Pan-American republics in 1939 "that they should not be burdened with painful" consequences of the European war.

MEXICO CITY, April 9—(P)—It was reported here Wednesday night that preliminary negotiations were now under way between Mexico and Canada to establish diplomatic relations for the first time in their history. Canada now has a trade commissioner here, but he does not hold diplomatic status.

the state's have already been filed with the city engineer.

Eoff and Boise said Wednesday that they wish to lease the property, but have not as yet completed negotiations with any oil company.

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