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## Weather

Partly cloudy tonight and Satur-  
day, occasional light rain. Little  
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wind, clear.

# Nazi Army Crossing Danube into Bulgaria

## House Passes Bill to Curb Auto Accidents

### Compels Drivers Involved In Crashes to Carry Insurance or Lose License

The house passed and sent to the senate today, by a 51 to 8 vote, a bill to provide that owners and drivers of automobiles involved in automobile accidents should have their drivers' licenses and license plates suspended until they prove their financial responsibility.

The bill would affect all persons involved in accidents, regardless of whether they are to blame. It was introduced by the house insurance committee.

The effect of the bill, opponents charged, would be to force every car owner to carry liability insurance.

Rep. E. C. Fribley (R., Baker), chairman of the committee, said the bill would reduce the number of accidents and reduce insurance rates.

He said that in New Hampshire, which has a similar law, the number of traffic fatalities has been reduced by 50 percent in three years, insurance rates have dropped 30 percent, and that 80 percent of the car owners now are protected by liability insurance.

Fribley said that in Oregon, owners have one chance in six each year of being involved in accidents, 74,000 of Oregon's 477,000 licensed drivers having been involved last year.

No Penalty Now  
"Today, if the reckless driver is caught, we fine him and let him go on his reckless way," Fribley said. "If this bill is passed it would drive some of them off the highways and give the public protection against the rest."

Rep. George R. Duncan (R., Marion) said the bill would drive many cars off the road and work a hardship against innocent car owners who could not afford insurance. He suggested an outright compulsory insurance law.

Rep. Phil Brady (R., Mult.) said 150,000 Portland laboring men who drive to work each day would be (Concluded on page 11, column 8)

## Bill to Place 'Private Clubs' Under Control

### Boivin Measure Puts Speakeasies Under State Liquor Board License

By Harry Crain

The way of the speakeasies disguised as "private clubs," such as the recently deceased Webfoot club of Salem, which survived three successful raids by state liquor agents only to succumb to a fourth, would be made difficult by a bill Rep. Harry Boivin, chairman of the house alcoholic control committee, today announced he would offer for introduction.

Coupled with Rep. John Steelhammer's pending bill to abolish the present system of liquor deliveries by messenger by state stores, Boivin's proposed bill would make it hazardous if not impossible for "clubs" serving liquor and mixed drinks to "members" from their "own bottles" to operate very long.

### Special Licenses

Boivin would require these places to secure special club licenses from the liquor control commission, which could be suspended or revoked by the commission at will, thus providing the commission with a much less cumbersome method of dealing with club law violators than raiding, prosecuting and convicting those who violate the laws relative to the sale of hard liquor.

Rep. Steelhammer's bill, which has been slumbering in committee for several weeks, would prevent pseudo clubs from so readily securing hard liquor for their "members" from state liquor stores by messenger.

### Emergency Clause

Boivin's bill is similar in principle to the club license bill passed by the last legislature, against which a successful referendum was invoked by Common Sense, Inc., which also for the very important purpose of confusing the voters—sponsored an initiative measure to repeal the Knox liquor control law. Both appeared on the ballot at the last general election with the result that the cautious and uninformed voters gave "no" majorities to both bills.

Boivin would guard against another such mix-up to defeat the will of the legislature by attaching the emergency clause to his bill, elevating it beyond the reach of those who would protect the unlawful clubs through another referendum attack.

The bill has the endorsement of the liquor control commission, in principle.

### Barbers' Bill Fought

Boivin said that he would seek to have the measure introduced as a committee bill, and that he and the liquor commission were not entirely agreed as to details of the licensing system to be set up. He said he favors adequate protection for those clubs which operate legitimately in providing mixers and service for bona fide club members who provide their own liquor, and that his plan is aimed at the bootleggers and speakeasies.

Braving the threat of stiff fines for violating the by-laws of the Barbers' International union, which forbids lobbying against a bill sponsored by a local union, independent barbers of the state are nevertheless making known their opposition (Concluded on page 11, column 6)

## Nazi Troops in Spain To Aid Relief Work

Madrid, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—German troops—reported to be only five small detachments—marched into Spain today. The German troops were said to be on a completely peaceful mission for the purpose of aiding Spanish reconstruction as a result of the devastation of last week's hurricane.

It was said here that the troops constituted only five small detachments from the German occupational army in France.

It was said here that the troops would proceed to Santander to aid in the reconstruction of that city which was damaged by the hurricane and a fire which followed.

It was said that the troops were sent across the border after Foreign Minister Ramon Serrano Suner accepted the offer of Germany for aid in reconstruction work. The units which crossed the bor-



Maxim M. Litvinoff

## Stalin Purges Max Litvinoff

Moscow, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—The communist party removed former Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff and three others from the party's central committee today for "failing their duties" and warned the heads of seven commissariats that similar action would be taken against them unless their work "improves."

Paulina Karpovskaya Zhemchuzhina, wife of Premier-Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, was dropped as a candidate for the central committee. She formerly was commissar of the fish industry and vice-commissar of the food industry.

(Litvinoff, a supporter of the league of nations and collective security, was supplanted on May 3, 1939, by Premier Vyacheslav Molotov, who subsequently negotiated the Russian non-aggression pact with Germany.)

The party congress, now in session here, served notice on M. M. Kaganovich, former head of the aviation industry, that "unless his work improves in his new post and he fulfills the tasks entrusted to him by the party government, he will be removed from membership in the central committee and from responsible posts."

Similar warning was given to M. F. Denisov, commissar of the chemistry industry; I. P. Sergueyev, munitions; S. S. Dukelsky, sea transport; Z. A. Shashkoff, river transport; A. A. Ishkoff, fisheries, and V. V. Bogatireff, electrical industries.

## Fly Bombers Coast to Orient

Washington, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—The British embassy announced today that "aircraft are being flown" to its forces in the far east from the west coast of the United States.

Although indicating that powerful bomber reinforcements were being sent to the British at Singapore, the embassy declined to give any further details.

"We can say nothing about the numbers, types, or routes of these aircraft," an official said.

The embassy statement followed reports that Consolidated and Lockheed bombers were being flown from San Diego to Singapore via Hawaii.

Some officials indicated the flight of Consolidated bombers was likely because they are large, long range ships, but Lockheed spokesmen doubted whether their ships had enough for the long over-water hops.

The British long ago disclosed they were buying four-motored Consolidated ships for long range bombing duty.

## Roosevelt Raps Publication of Defense News

### Question of Ethics, Morals, Patriotism Raised by Printing Testimony

Washington, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt said today he considered the disclosure of what was intended to be secret testimony before a senate committee yesterday by General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, as hurtful to national defense.

The president told a press conference that it raised a question of ethics, morals, and patriotism on the part of committee members and editors, publishers and broadcasters who printed reports of Marshall's testimony.

The chief executive said it was a question for the American people to consider. At the conclusion of lengthy questioning on the subject he said it was purely a voluntary matter, that he was not thinking about censorship, but that he was merely putting it up to the people as a nice question to think about.

### Senators Talked

(Information about General Marshall's testimony yesterday was given to the Associated Press by members of the senate military committee before whom he testified.)  
Marshall was reported by some members of the committee as having said that the Pacific fleet was being bolstered with an unspecified number of army and navy planes and as having described the Pacific situation as serious.

Asked to clarify the accounts on Marshall's testimony, the president said he read them in the newspapers at breakfast this morning.

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The British aid bill, he contended, would "further deplete" these defenses by permitting the transfer of existing war equipment and by channeling new production toward Britain and her allies.

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## NLRB Orders Ford To Reinstate 142

Washington, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—The national labor relations board today ordered the Ford Motor company to reinstate 142 employees at its Richmond, Calif., plant and to award them back pay for the period of their alleged discriminatory discharges.



Cutter Collects Heavy Ice Coat—Members of the Coast Guard cutter Escanaba began removal of a heavy coating of ice the vessel collected during a Lake Michigan crossing from Grand Haven, Mich., in a gale and subzero temperatures, to Chicago. — Associated Press Photo.

## Senators Attack British Aid Bill

Washington, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Carrying on the fight against the British aid bill, Senator Brooks (R., Ill.) declared today that it represented "a leap toward dictatorship" which would "involve us in active, personal, fighting participation in war."

Brooks, in an address prepared for senate delivery, said that senators could not shirk their responsibilities by giving President Roosevelt the powers contained in the legislation.

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## RAF Bombs Albanian Bases

Athens, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Seven axis fighting planes were reported by the RAF today to have been shot down by the fighter escorts of British bombers which raided Berat and Tepeleni, in Italian-held Albania yesterday. The British said they lost none.

Severe damage resulted from the raids, the daily communique said. "A particularly heavy raid was made on Berat where barracks were badly damaged, followed by explosions," it said. "At Tepeleni enemy stores and troop concentrations were successfully attacked and much damage and confusion was caused."

"Our bombers were escorted by fighters on these raids and in engagements with the enemy seven of their fighters were shot down with our loss to our aircraft and other enemy aircraft were severely damaged."

## British Drives Extended Far In East Africa

### Military Council Held at Cairo to Plan Middle East Campaign

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—British general headquarters announced today its forces invading Italian Somaliland had forced a new crossing of the Juba river north of the original bridgehead.

The Juba river had been the chief line of Italian resistance to the British offensive into this southernmost of Italy's east African holdings.

The communique also announced capture of 5,576 Italian colonial troops and 745 Italian regulars on the Eritrean front in the last month.

### Prisoners Taken

"In addition many prisoners have been taken in the areas of the Blue Nile, the Upper Nile and in the Gollam," the communique said. These areas are in Ethiopia.

One hundred and seven medium Italian tanks were reported captured or destroyed in the recent battle south of Bengasi, in Libya—hundreds of miles northwest of the east African front. Little activity has been reported lately from Libya.

The inventory of captured material still is unfinished.

"Our troops have again successfully forced the river Juba north of the original crossing," the communique said of the Somaliland offensive.

War Policies Planned  
The river traverses the western end of Italian Somaliland from north to south, the mouth at Chisimaid which now is in British hands. The first crossing took place near Gelbi, north of Chisimaid.

Far reaching decisions on British war policy were forecast as Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, chief of the imperial general staff, began a first-hand survey of the situation in the middle east.

Informed sources attached the greatest significance to the arrival of the two British leaders here yesterday when developments in both the Balkans and Africa appear to be nearing a crucial stage.

The presence of the British officials all but overshadowed reports of current activities on the African war fronts.

## Nazis Claim Blasting Of British Shipping

Berlin, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—About 45,000 tons of British shipping were blasted by German air raiders yesterday, informed nazis reported today.

Ten ships were said to have been affected, three of which the high command reported sunk. These, the daily communique said, totaled 11,500 tons.

DNB, official German news agency, added a fourth vessel to this toll, saying a merchantman of 3000 to 4000 tons was hit off the British east coast by a plane whose crew watched the vessel sink.

There was speculation that this re-shuffling of the air force was made possible by continued bad weather over the continent which had kept British bomber commands idle recently.

The British air force is known to be slightly overmanned with fighter as compared with bomber pilots, due to the rush last summer and fall to get defensive planes in the air to counter intensive German air attacks on the island. Lately the emphasis has been on increasing the bomber force.

## Australia Ready To Defend Singapore

London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies of Australia warned Britain today of "elements of danger" in the Pacific and declared no nation must think that Australia is "unwilling or incapable of defending herself."

Japan now has "obligations to those who are at present our enemies," declared Menzies, who arrived here from Lisbon yesterday after inspecting Australian troops in Africa.

He asserted that Australia had "accepted specific responsibilities for a share in the defense of Singapore."

"Whether in relation to troops, aircraft or ships we pursue a policy of defending ourselves in an area where there are elements of danger in 1941," the prime minister said with emphasis.

Making what he called "a report on Australia," Menzies disclosed the magnitude of the commonwealth's war effort.

This year, he said, 51 warships will be built there, 26,000 pilots and gunners will be trained and the Aus-

## Motorized Corps Moving South From Rumania

### Danube, Free from Ice, Crossed at 17 Points by German Forces

Budapest, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Unconfirmed reports reaching here from Belgrade today said that German troops had been crossing the Danube from Rumania into Bulgaria at 17 points since noon. These troops were reported concentrating on the Bulgarian side of the river.

It was reported, also without confirmation, that Bulgaria had called an additional 100,000 troops to the colors.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Nazi pontoon bridges in considerable number already span the Danube between Rumania and Bulgaria, a leading Balkan diplomat said today, and the passage of troops and equipment south "is a matter of days, if not hours."

The river was virtually ice-free and the Nazi motorized expeditionary force on the Rumanian side showed every evidence of getting ready for a move into Bulgaria.

Columns of these troops are moving south through Rumania toward the river border, military dispatches said.

Foreign legations in Sofia heard reports tonight that Soviet Russia was making a last minute effort to forestall a German entry into Bulgaria, but there was no confirmation in official quarters of the countries chiefly concerned.

Legation Prepares  
The United States legation in Sofia had a number of placards printed in English, Bulgarian and German, saying "This building is property of the United States" and displaying the American flag and seal.

Simultaneously, the general staff of Germany's Balkan army was said to have moved from Bucharest to (Concluded on page 11, column 4)

## Britain Moving Air Force Units

London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Britain was reported today to be moving additional air force units to Africa, Greece and the far east to counter German aerial assistance to Italy and asserted Japanese threats in the Pacific.

New contingents of pilots from empire training centers and new reserves of bombers and fighters coming from the United States were said to be making this diversion of a portion of Britain's air strength possible.

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## Russia Continues Aid to Chungking

Chungking, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—China's foreign minister Wang Chung Hui declared today that Russia's aid to General Chiang Kai-Shek is expected to continue at full strength and expressed doubt that Russia and Japan will sign any non-aggression agreement in the near future.

Russia, he said, prefers to maintain her present "favorable position" in the far east and hence an agreement with Japan which would modify the soviet relations with China does not seem likely.

Wang reiterated Chinese denials that the soviet has presented any demands to the government of General Chiang Kai-Shek concerning the relations between the central government and Chinese communist groups.

## Swansea Again Bombers' Target

London, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Swansea bore the brunt of German air attacks last night for the second night in succession.

The raiders caused fires, damage by high explosive bombs and casualties.

London itself had three raid alarms before dawn today.

Belatedly the admiralty reported destruction by the minesweeper Bramble of one of two German warplanes which attacked her simultaneously yesterday.

The plane, it said, was seen to dive into the sea and exploded under water. There were no survivors and the Bramble suffered no casualties.

The press association reported that there was "extensive" damage in Swansea among commercial buildings and business premises.

"A big crater in one street was caused by a high explosive bomb which wrecked fronts of buildings containing shops below and offices above and the shops on the opposite side of the street suffered badly," the agency said.

"In another part of the town a whole row of workmen's dwellings were set alight by incendiary bombs but the firefighting services extinguished most of the outbreaks before the fires got complete control."

## U-Boats Preparing For Big Offensive

Berlin, Feb. 21 (U.P.)—Dienst Aus Deutschland, a source close to German officialdom, said today that Nazi submarines were sinking comparatively few British ships because "many of the (U-boat) crews now are engaged in preparation for the big offensive which Hitler proclaimed."

"The commentary's reference apparently was to the fischer's January 30 speech on the eighth anniversary of his rise to power. Hitler said:

"At sea, U-boat warfare will begin this spring, and our opponent will realize there also that we haven't slept."