

U-BOATS KEEP EYES ON U. S. SUPPLY LINE

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The surprise isn't in British Premier Churchill's announcement that German U-boats and battle cruisers have been operating on what he refers to as "the American side of the Atlantic," but in the fact that they haven't been found in these waters before.

Germany, Italy and Japan—the triple alliance—have made it emphatically clear that they consider the United States already in the war because of our all-out aid to Britain. A natural corollary is their presence on our side of the fence.

Of course, their saying so won't put us into the war unless they back their charges with action. When they start sinking ships 1500 miles off our coast, however, it certainly creates what might be described euphemistically as a delicate situation.

Herr Hitler has declared that every ship—bar none—carrying supplies for Britain will be sunk. He has decreed that no American supplies must reach England.

Emphasis would seem to have been given this declaration by British admiralty figures issued Tuesday for Anglo-allied merchant shipping losses. For the week ending March 9 they were

Bundles for Saving American Aircraft Downed at Sea



These are flotation bags designed to save Uncle Sam's land planes and their occupants if forced to descend on large bodies of water. They're being assembled at Goodyear's Akron plant for immediate use.

given as 98,232 tons, and for the previous week 141,314. These figures were contrasted with weekly losses averaging 75,000 tons in February and 33,000 in January.

That's something for the allies to worry about. If England doesn't get supplies she will be hungry in a few months and her vital industries will have to close. In other words she will be beaten.

Britain feels that the way to

defeat the German submarine campaign is to supplement her navy quickly with more American warships. Assuming our non-belligerency, that could be done in either of two ways:

1. By lending more American naval ships to the British to man and operate under the union jack.

2. By sending our ships out under their own stars and stripes to act as patrols to convoy merchantmen.

There seems to be no alternative. Actually, too, while Britain could man a considerable number more ships, she probably couldn't man a sufficient number soon enough to meet the emergency. That rather puts it up to our Uncle Sam to consider how far he wants to go.

Now any warships which are conveying or patrolling in the submarine-infested Atlantic lane are liable to be damaged or sunk. This means that if American warships should be used under their own flag, and one of them got torpedoed, we should sure enough be in the war, officially or otherwise.

Well, forewarned is forearmed. I might add that this is intended as my farewell appearance in this column in the role of a spirit-doctor whose medium tells him that we Yankees are right out in the no-man's land of this conflict.

Once as correspondent in France during the World war I was in a British general headquarters car which was driven right into the middle of no-man's land by mistake. We retreated in some haste, in the belief that machine-guns are no respecters of sitting birds or non-belligerents. I dare say the same would be true of the operators of a torpedo-tube aboard a nazi submarine.

A new method to train pilots consists of manipulating the controls in a cockpit of a dummy training plane. For the first lessons, the stick and foot controls are locked together, forcing the student to coordinate hands and feet.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST GROWTH PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, March 20 (AP) — The report of the national resources planning board, sent to congress this week by President Roosevelt, asserts that from the long range view the growth of the Pacific southwest "has just begun."

Suggesting a broad program of planning and development for the region, which includes the states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah, the report warns, however, that future expansion "should avoid repeating the waste and errors of the past and be directed toward sound and enduring development."

Among other things, the board, after long study, reported that:

Acres of irrigated land could be doubled and crop production greatly increased when needed.

With better forest protection and sustained yield management more than 3,000,000,000 board feet of lumber, compared to the present average annual production of about 2,000,000,000 feet, could be produced yearly without depletion.

Greatest need of the northern California-Klamath basin was said to be the completion of studies required for a comprehensive long range plan for coordinated development of land and water resources that would provide more water for irrigation, domestic and industrial uses; provide low cost electric power and supply future power demands; provide for propagation and conservation of fish life in such manner that both multiple purpose dams be constructed and valuable fish resources preserved; maintain harbors and provide improvements required by ocean navigation; conserve and develop land and water for recreational purposes.

Crime Shortage Slows Road Work

PORTLAND, March 20 (AP) — Sheriff Martin T. Pratt believes in national defense, but said today it was causing him a headache.

He explained that Multnomah county's road work program was being slowed up because "men are too busy working to commit crimes."

"We need at least 60 men to operate the Kelly Butte work camp and at the present time have only 43," the sheriff said. "If the jail roster becomes

Grandmother in Jail for Rustling Resumes Battle

SALEM, March 20 (AP) — A 61-year-old grandmother serving a four-year term on a cattle-rustling conviction opened a new fight yesterday for freedom.

Mrs. Myrtle A. Garner filed a writ of habeas corpus charging there were no women on the jury list in Curry county at the time of her conviction in 1939.

She alleged county court members left off the names of women with deliberate fraudulent intent, and thus she was not convicted through due process of law.

Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan granted the writ and set April 10 as the date for a hearing.

Langell Valley

Mrs. Warren Mason of Klamath Falls spent last weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Teare.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith were visitors at Malin and Merrill on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McFall have a new sedan, purchased recently.

Mrs. Effie Gilman and son, Clarence returned Thursday from a few days at Marysville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Leavitt and children were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pepple at Bonanza. The occasion was the eleventh birthdays of Ted Pepple and Cal Leavitt. Gilbert Joyce who celebrated his eleventh birthday on Wednesday was also a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg Thomas and children visited Sunday at the Al Dearborn home.

Mrs. Lucille Campbell, Mrs. Grace Revell, Mrs. Charlotte Fitzbaugh and Mrs. Eva Roberts spent two days last week in Klamath Falls to learn to make mattresses and be instructors in Langell valley.

All Balkans an Armed Camp as War Flares in Albania



Italy, visited by Mussolini at front, await melting of mountain snows to start big push.



Yugoslavia stalled signing with axis, has 750,000 troops.

With millions of troops lining Balkan borders, sights trained on threatened foes, southeastern Europe is today the armed camp mapped above. Meanwhile, new action has flared in the Italo-Greek conflict as Italian troops begin prelude to spring offensive in Albanian theater enlarged at left.

Scandinavia Films To Be Re-shown at Covenant Church

Two thousand feet of technical moving pictures will be shown at the First Covenant church on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. Some of these pictures were shown a couple of weeks ago and it was then requested that they be shown again for the benefit of those who had not seen them. They are taken mainly in Sweden and the other Scandinavian countries during the summer of 1939. Rev. Frykman, who took the pictures, returned

to New York just two days before the war began.

The Rev. A. T. Frykman was to speak Thursday evening at the Covenant church. Two vocal duets were to be sung by Mrs. Wesley Emel and Marian Anderson with accordion accompaniment. A meeting will also be held on Friday night with Rev. Frykman speaking and Mrs. Franklin Ratson rendering the special music. The church is located at 823 Walnut avenue. The public is invited to attend the meetings.

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