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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BIG headlines today.

There is a military revolution in Yugoslavia. Seventeen-year-old King Peter takes hold, throws out the regent and members of the government who signed the axis and names the chief of the Yugoslav air service as premier with instructions to form a new government.

The new government REPUDIATES the axis signing.

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REMEMBER, at this point, that the sources of war news are NEVER PURE.

In the course of time—sometimes days, sometimes weeks—the approximate truth in regard to dramatic events, pieced together from various sources, becomes reasonably evident. As these words are written, however, this latest development in Yugoslavia is only hours old.

Caution prompts us to keep our fingers at least partially crossed a little longer.

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ESPECIALLY before drawing conclusions.

It has been evident from the beginning that Yugoslavia was an unwilling signer of the axis bond. In Hitler's eyes, an unwilling partner might easily appear as a liability rather than an asset. Still, considering the delicate balance in the Balkans, he might hesitate to use force without an excuse.

It is possible that the Yugoslav revolution might provide exactly the excuse he wants. It isn't impossible that his agents might have inspired it for that very purpose. Knowing that war and treachery have always gone hand in hand and that Hitler hesitates at nothing that promises results, one can't escape that thought.

If that should be true, we can't be left long in doubt, for events will follow fast.

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ON the other side of the question is the promptness with which Churchill proclaims that "the Yugoslav nation has found its soul; a revolution has taken place in Belgrade and the ministers who but yesterday signed away the honor and freedom of their country are reported under arrest."

The British secret service is not asleep. It must know much more than we know about what is going on in this diplomatic battle of the Balkans. What it knows it rushes to Churchill.

And it will be remembered that in the case of Rumania, where Hitler had events under control from the beginning, Churchill remained silent.

The promptness with which he speaks now is at least significant.

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TAKE another look at your map. What your map tells you CAN'T BE CENSORED. The news can be, and IS.

Your map will tell you that Yugoslavia is tremendously important in this present Balkan situation. In Hitler's hands, its historic military route down the valley of the Vardar will make the chastisement of Greece and the gaining of bases on the Mediterranean much easier.

As an ally of Britain, Yugoslavia would threaten the right flank of the Germans in any attack on Greece while Turkey, and possibly (if it seemed safe enough) Russia, menaced the left flank.

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IF Hitler means business in the Balkans and the Mediterranean, he can't overlook the challenge involved in this sudden shift of the scene in Yugoslavia.

If he doesn't move, and move rather swiftly, his inactivity will stir suspicion that the Balkan situation has become too hot for him to handle.

The War 25 Years Ago

By The Associated Press

March 27, 1916—First allied war council meets in Paris.

JEWS' PROPERTY TAKEN

BUCHAREST, March 27 (UP) The Rumanian government took over by decree tonight all urban property of Jews who were not Rumanian citizens prior to 1916, with limited exceptions. All rural property of Jews was taken over by the decree of last December 8.

HIXSON HELD IN DEATH OF ABNER M'NAIR

Young Indian Admits Shooting, Says He Defended Himself

Abner McNair, 60-year-old Indian, was shot and killed Wednesday night at the home of his son, Vard, near Bly.

Officers later took into custody Wilbur Hixson, 20, another Indian who, according to investigators, admitted shooting McNair but claimed the elder man had threatened him in an argument.

Gunplay in Kitchen

Hixson was arrested at his mother' home at Beatty by Indian Officer Bud Wilson, after Vard McNair reported finding his father lying mortally wounded on the threshold of the McNair house.

Sheriff Lloyd L. Low said that apparently no one except the two principals witnessed the gunplay, said to have taken place in the kitchen of the house.

Says Stopped Fight

Hixson told officers that he had intervened in a fight between Vard McNair and a white man named Eugene Howard, and that later Abner McNair accused him of fighting with Vard. It was then, he said, that the trouble started which ended in the gunplay.

According to the story pieced together from statements by Hixson and others, Hixson and Eugene Howard went Wednesday afternoon to the McNair house. Later they went to Bly, obtained a quart and a pint of

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All-Night Talks Set In Steel Strike

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Friday, March 28 (UP)—Agreeing to sit "all night if necessary," leaders of the steel workers organizing committee and officials of the Bethlehem Steel corporation resumed negotiations at 1:01 a. m. today in an effort to end a four-day strike which has curtailed production on millions of dollars of defense contracts

Headed by John F. Riffe, SWOC field director, and Howard T. Curtiss, strike director, the 15-man union delegation started their deliberations with the company representatives shortly after concluding a discussion of a Bethlehem proposal with federal and state mediators.

Federal Conciliator Thomas Lambert and Charles Kutz of the state mediation service entered the negotiations directly for the first time. Previously, they had conferred separately with union officials and company representatives.

Pickets Cheer

At the conclusion of the earlier discussion with SWOC leaders, the mediators had expressed

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Slain

Abner McNair, Indian, was shot and killed Wednesday night near Bly. Wilbur Hixson, whose mother was at one time married to McNair, is held in the case.

MEDIATORS TO HEAR 4 CASES

Secretary Sends Order Certifying Disputes To Board Action

WASHINGTON, March 27 (U.P.) Clarence A. Dykstra, chairman of the national defense mediation board, tonight ordered immediate board action in four labor disputes holding up armaments production.

The disputes were turned over to the board earlier in the day by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, who said that normal efforts to end the walk-outs had been unavailing. It was the first time the recently - established board had been called into action.

Plants Named

The disputes involve strikes at four International Harvester company plants, the Universal Cyclops Steel company, Bridgeville, Pa., the Vanadium Corporation of America, also at Bridgeville, and the Condenser Corporation of America, South Plainfield, N. J.

Dykstra issued his instructions by telephone from his Madison, Wis., home, to Board Secretary Ernest P. Marsh. He told Marsh

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British Aid Bill Signed By President

ABOARD U.S.S. BENSON AT SEA, March 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt, aboard the yacht Potomac on a fishing - vacation cruise, signed the seven billion dollar British aid bill at 10:50 a. m. EST, today.

His action makes the huge fund immediately available to establish the United States as the "arsenal" of nations fighting aggression.

Accentuating the record-breaking speed with which congress voted the money, the bill was sent by airplane to the president's yacht.

Even before the signature made the measure final, defense officials were bending to the task of channelling the funds into America's mushrooming defense industry.

KALPINE FILES FOR ELECTION TO END STRIKE

CIO, AFL Each Claim Majority; Replies Written By Leaders

As the management filed a formal request for an NLRB election to settle the majority questions in the Kalpine labor situation, CIO and AFL unions fired blistering statements Thursday.

Both unions are now claiming a majority of the 70 employes of the Weed highway plant, which was struck by the CIO union on March 4.

The dispute flared into the open when the AFL union declared Wednesday night that a majority of the Kalpine employes had designated that union as bargaining agent. The CIO union, which has repeatedly claimed it had a majority of the employes, fired a broadside charging collusion and a scheme to break the strike.

Back came the AFL Thursday night with a hot answer to the collusion and strike - breaking talk, asserting the CIO was accusing the AFL of CIO tactics.

Meanwhile, the Weed highway plant remained idle, although the company suggested that operation be resumed until the NLRB can settle the dispute. Only incident at the plant was a peaceful demonstration by the CIO picket line.

Here is the company statement on the affair:

"Our company is now in a position where each of the two unions claims a majority of our 70 employes has designated it as bargaining agent.

"From the beginning of this controversy the company has offered to have the majority question determined by an election. The CIO, which struck the plant on March 4, has refused to consent to an election.

"Now that this unexpected demand comes to us from the AFL we have no alternative

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British Take Cheren, Key African Town

LONDON, March 27 (AP) — Cheren, key center of Italian resistance in Eritrea, has been captured by British siege forces, according to a special communique broadcast from Cairo, and this was authoritatively confirmed in London.

(Other reports direct from Cairo were that the British had "entered" the city).

An official announcement here said, "It is announced in authoritative circles in London that Cheren has fallen."

CAIRO, Egypt, March 27 (AP) British troops have entered Cheren, key city of Eritrea, it was officially announced tonight.

It was also announced that British forces had entered Harar, walled city 25 miles from the all-important Addis Ababa-Jibuti railway in Ethiopia.

Cheren, strongest point of Italian resistance in east Africa, had been under siege by British forces for weeks, defended by 35,000 Italian troops.

With command of this mountain town, the British would have domination of the railroad running to Asmara, the Eritrean capital 42 miles to the southeast.

Asmara and Massaua, Eritrea's only big seaport, are the next objectives of the British drive through this oldest of Italy's east African colonies.

FORCED LANDING

DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 27 (AP)—Officials of the Nacozari Railway, running south from Douglas into Sonora, Mexico, today verified reports that Wilbur Shaw, noted race driver, made a forced landing last night at Purica, a Mexican village, 7½ miles north of Nacozari, Sonora.

TRANSPORTS PASS

MADRID, March 27 (AP)—The passage of numerous British troops transports through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean in recent weeks was described by Spanish press dispatches from La Linea today.

German Nationals Fleeing As Jugoslavia Celebrates

CIO Demonstration at Kalpine Plant

Striking members of the Plywood, Veneer and Door Workers council early Thursday morning gathered on the picket line near the shut down Kalpine Plywood company plant in what was announced as a mass demonstration, bearing placards affirming the union's determination. The incident came as conflicting statements regarding a union majority were issued by both the AFL and CIO.

NEW REGIME OF PETER II AGAINST AXIS

U. S., British, Greek Flags Wave Above Delirious Carnival

BELGRADE, Friday, March 28 (UP)—German nationals began fleeing Jugoslavia early today as rejoicing throngs celebrated, with wild shouts of "Down with Hitler!" a bloodless army revolt which overthrew the government responsible for Jugoslavia's adherence to the axis alliance on Tuesday.

The new regime, headed by Gen. Richard Dusan-Simovitch of the army, sped mobilization measures to bring 1,500,000 men under arms in defense of the nation's "dignity and sovereignty" and against any German armed reprisals.

New Regime Debates

While the new regime debated whether to repudiate the axis pact signed at Vienna Tuesday in the presence of Adolf Hitler, Jugoslavia's 15,700,000 people staged a delirious carnival of joy beneath a fluttering of United States, British and Greek flags.

The people cheered wildly 17-year-old King Peter II who at 3 a. m. yesterday—an hour and a half after the start of the bloodless, clock-like coup d'etat—proclaimed himself king with full powers.

Almost every member of the old government which capitulated to Hitler's demands by means of a "compromise formula" sealed at Vienna was seized and imprisoned and Prince Regent Paul, attempting to flee from Belgrade, was intercepted and returned under guard.

Late last night, however, the new government's hold on the nation was so solid—with helmeted troops, tanks and machine-guns in the crowded, shout-filled streets of Belgrade—that many of the leaders arrested early Thursday were released from custody.

Prince Paul, ousted from his regency along with the government, was permitted to leave by train for Greece at 11 p. m. with his Grecian princess, Olga, "in accordance with his own wishes."

Premier Released

Ousted Premier Dragisha Cvetkovitch and Foreign Minister Alexander Cincar-Markovitch, who signed the axis pact at Vienna, were released from imprisonment at army general staff headquarters at 11:20 p. m. and allowed to go home. They still were under "house detention," it was understood, pending a decision of the government as

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Senator Seeks U. S. Convoys

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) With Germany's unrestricted sea war zone extended to the edge of the American hemisphere, Senator Glass (D-Va.) called today for the use of United States navy convoys if nazi surface or submarine raiders attempt to sink lease-lend shipments of military supplies bound for Britain.

The peppery Virginian minced no words. "If they interfere with us," he told reporters, "we ought to shoot the hell out of them. I am for convoys if Germany sinks our goods."

The stand taken by the 83-year-old senator, however, found no ready backing among his colleagues on the foreign relations committee. Most of them ruled out convoys, barring an imminent or actual state of war.

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PORTLANDER IN DORRIS WRECK

Warehouse Executive Critically Injured, Brought To Hospital

R. E. (Bob) Manning, 44, vice president and northwest manager of the Lawrence system, nationwide field warehousing concern, was in a critical condition in Hillside hospital late Thursday following an automobile accident which occurred late Tuesday five miles south of Dorris between Macdoel and the turnoff of the Sam's Neck road.

Manning was given treatment at Gray hospital in Dorris and Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock brought to Hillside by Ward's ambulance. His condition was slightly improved Thursday but he remained semi-conscious.

Pinned by Car

Manning was alone in his car at the time of the crash which occurred when the machine left the highway, rolled over six or seven times, threw him free from the car and then pinned him beneath the wreckage. The car was 80 feet from where the skid marks on the pavement were noticed. Passing motorists found Manning several hours after the accident occurred.

It is thought the machine's right front tire was blown, causing the machine to careen from the highway.

Manning is a native Portlander and well known in financial and market circles in the city.

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Law Intercepts Firewater Try At County Jail

Frank Farris, Indian, was foiled in an apparently altruistic attempt to supply an inmate of the Klamath county jail with firewater Wednesday.

Farris was reported to have been trying to send up a bottle of wine from outside the jail by a string which an inmate dangled hopefully down to him. It was said the bottle did not reach its destination and that Farris was taken into custody.

Justice of Peace J. A. Mahoney tried the case Thursday, found the defendant guilty on a charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, and meted out a stiff fine of $500 and a six-month sentence against the Indian, but suspended both provided Farris leave the state. Judge Mahoney said the Indian did not belong in Oregon.

U. S. Promise Of Aid Sent To Jugoslavia

WASHINGTON, March 27 (U.P.) The United States today threw its moral support behind the new anti-nazi Jugoslav government and promised the newly constituted regime of young Peter II material aid under the lend-lease act in any fight against aggression.

The action, disclosed by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles was by far the most open and significant by the United States in the explosive Balkan situation.

First Admission

It was the first open admission the United States had promised aid to Jugoslavia. Axis newspapers previously had printed and bitterly commented on reports such promises were made in an effort to dissuade the deposed Jugoslav government from signing with the axis.

The United States action followed swiftly a pledge of aid to the new government by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Vichy reports Russia had made formal notification she would be forced to re-examine her relations with Germany if nazi troops violate Jugoslavia's frontiers.

Action Taken

Specifically, the United States took this action in connection with the new Jugoslav government:

1. American Minister to Jugoslavia Arthur Bliss Lane was instructed to advise the new government at Belgrade President Roosevelt is enabled in the interest of this country's own defense to render effective material aid to nations seeking to preserve their independence and integrity against aggression.

2. Welles instructed Lane to convey the United States' assurances to the new Jugoslav regime.

3. Lane also was instructed to tell the new government its for-

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Crowd Gapes As Worker Dangles High On Rope

CHICAGO, March 27 (UP)—For 20 minutes today, thousands of pedestrians gaped at Fred Bunnel, 33, dangling from a rope 250 feet above the street.

A gust of wind caught Bunnel, an electrician, while he was preparing to work on a sign high above a downtown intersection. He fainted and fell, but a safety rope gripped his right leg.

While traffic jammed below, fellow workmen threw out ropes and carefully drew him to a platform.

Bunnel, revived, took the day off.

BUSINESS SOLD BY OSTENDORF

L. L. Lombard to Take Over Operation of Motor Firm April 1

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Sale of the Ostendorf Motor company, Dodge and Plymouth dealer here, to L. L. Lombard and W. W. Shipley was announced Thursday by Ed Ostendorf, veteran Klamath auto dealer.

The firm, to operate in the present quarters at 424 South Sixth street, will be known hereafter as Lombard Motors, and will handle the Dodge and Plymouth dealership here.

Takes Over April 1

Lombard will be in active charge, taking over on April 1. He formerly had the Dodge and Plymouth agency in central California, and has been more recently with a San Francisco accounting firm which has handled accounts for some of the biggest automotive companies on the coast.

Shipley will not be active in the business here. He has been with Dodge for over 25 years. He formerly held the distributorship for northern California, including Modoc and Siskiyou counties. After 15 years there, he sold and went to Portland,

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U. S. Gets Lease On Naval Bases

LONDON, March 27 (AP)—The treaty formally leasing naval bases to the United States in the western hemisphere in exchange for 50 destroyers was signed today at Prime Minister Churchill's No. 10 Downing street residence.

Work already has been started by the United States on improvement of the bases which were acquired September 3 and the destroyers have been in the service of the British navy for months.

FIRE PROBED

HALIFAX, N. S., March 27 (AP)—Canadian naval officials sought to learn today from 22 survivors the cause of a fire which destroyed the patrol ship Otter off this port yesterday morning and sent 19 members of the crew to their deaths.

SON BORN

LOS ANGELES, March 27 (AP) An eight-pound son was born this morning to Margaret Sullavan, film actress. She and her husband, Theatrical Agent Leland Hayward, have a 3½-year-old daughter, Brooke.

Churchill Sure Jugoslavia Will Throw Out Axis Pact

By FREDERICK KUH
United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, March 27 (UP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, expressing confidence the new Jugoslav regime would renounce the axis pact, today promised "all possible aid and succor" from the British empire—"and, I doubt not, in its own way from the United States."

British circles rejoiced at the news from Belgrade. The Jugoslav coup d'etat is considered the gravest diplomatic setback Germany has suffered since the war began. Jugoslavia's choice now is said to lie between complete neutrality and collaboration with Britain. Even Jugoslav neutrality would afford Britain marked advantages.

"Found Its Soul"

Churchill marched into a conservative party rally this morning, late, and announced dramatically:

"Early this morning Jugoslavia found its soul. A revolution has taken place at Belgrade and the ministers who but yesterday signed away the honor and freedom of their country are reported to be under arrest."

At a luncheon meeting of the Trades Union council and the British Federation of Employers, attended also by U. S. Ambassador John G. Winant, Churchill said he believed the new Belgrade regime would renounce the axis pact.

Aid for Turks

After pledging complete British aid to the new Jugoslav regime, Churchill added, "If the Turks are attacked we will give all the aid we can."

Turning to the war as a whole, he said if the democracies emerge victorious from the war "there will be an electric atmosphere in the world which may render possible an advance toward greater and broader social unity and justice than otherwise would have been achieved in peacetime in a score of years."

Of the battle of the Atlantic, Churchill said: "I cannot doubt that before many months I shall be able to declare to you that it has been decisively won . . ."

He remarked the last remnants of "Italian tyranny" would soon be removed from Africa.