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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NO shooting yet (noon Saturday) in Yugoslavia or elsewhere in the Balkans. That is today's most important news.

WHAT has happened and is happening in Yugoslavia is clouded by censorship, but hints are showing through.

The upset in the government was apparently engineered by the Serbs, who are German-haters.

HITLER, an expert in such matters, has apparently chosen to try stirring these ancient enemies up against each other, hoping thus to divide and weaken Yugoslavia instead of trying to pulverize it with a swift blitzkrieg.

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Jap Ambassador In England Said 'Hostile Observer'

LONDON, March 29 (UP)—Lieut. Comdr. R. T. H. Fletcher, parliamentary private secretary to the first lord of the admiralty, today attacked the continued presence in Britain of the Japanese ambassador and his staff, charging there were "hostile observers in our midst."

"I see no reason why we should wear kid gloves or even three-ounce gloves in this matter," Fletcher said, "and tolerate what are presumably hostile observers in our midst when we are fighting the enemy with bare fists and knuckle dusters."

The Japanese ambassador, denounced by Fletcher, is Mamoru Shigemitsu. He assumed his post in October, 1938.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY
By The Associated Press
March 30, 1916 — Germans launch fierce new assault on Verdun.

F. R. ASSERTS TERRORISTS AT WORK IN U. S.

President Hits Nazis, Communists, Sounds Warning to America

PORT EVERGLADES, Fla., March 29 (UP)—President Roosevelt tonight warned America of peril from communists, nazis, defeatists and their dupes but proclaimed that Americans are transcending partisanship to defend democracy.

Lashing out at communists, nazis, and the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo alliance alike, Mr. Roosevelt asserted that enemies of democracy and their agents or dupes in this country are attempting to spread terror in America "to shatter the confidence of Americans in their government and in one another."

Summons Americans
The president summoned all Americans, whether democrats, republicans or independents, to rally to the defense of democracy. He warned that the task entails sacrifice—"you have to work overtime and work harder than ever before in your life."

That's where the diplomats still come in.

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Hall Can't Accept Government Offer

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 29 (AP)—A civil service job as junior shipbuilding inspector at Terminal Island, Calif., at a salary of \$1620 per annum has been offered Mr. Lindley Hall, University of Idaho official reported today.

MRS. SISEMORE DIES SATURDAY

Complications Follow Birth in Portland Hospital; Boy Lives

Marjorie Smith Sisemore, 30, wife of District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore, passed away at 3:57 p. m. Saturday, 3 minutes after she gave birth to a son at a Portland hospital.

All went well and the son, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces, was born at 3:19 p. m.

Shortly after the birth, heart complications developed and her death followed.

Child Well
The child, it was reported Saturday night, was doing well. The boy was named James Pelton.

Mrs. Sisemore served on the staff of the Klamath County chamber of commerce for nine and one-half years as assistant to Secretary Earl C. Reynolds, and was known to hundreds of people on the Pacific coast as "Marge," the name she signed to her "Good Morning" letters sent widely to travel agencies and chambers of commerce.

Mrs. Sisemore was born on (Continued on Page Two)

60,000 Soldiers to Maneuver in Games

SAN FRANCISCO, March 29 (AP)—More than 60,000 soldiers of the fourth army will concentrate for maneuvers at Fort Ord and the Hunter Liggett reservation on the central California coast May 24 to June 30, to engage in the greatest mimic warfare ever fought by troops on the west coast.

Maneuvers will involve 62,500 officers and enlisted men, including 40,000 now stationed in the Pacific Northwest, Lieut. General John L. De Witt, commanding general of the fourth army announced today.

Troops involved will be the 3rd and 41st divisions, comprising the ninth army corps stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., and the 7th division from Fort Ord, part of the third army corps.

Agents Here
Two department of justice agents were here Saturday, cooperating with Klamath Indian officers in investigating the McNair killing.

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Earthworm Test May Aid TB Cure

PORTLAND, Ore., March 29 (AP)—An experiment with earthworms in a tuberculosis-infected cranberry bog may produce a substance in the soil "which has a powerful action on germs," Dr. Kendall Emerson said yesterday.

The managing directors of the National Tuberculosis association, told the Oregon Tuberculosis association the substance might prove a disappointment, but added its discovery was a "gleam of light on an otherwise bleak horizon."

He said earthworms were placed in the soil after it had been liberally infected with tuberculosis germs. After living in the soil, the worms were found to be free of tuberculosis, alive and healthy, Emerson stated.

Guinea pigs will be tested next.

Governor Signs Liquor Measure

SALEM, March 29 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague signed today the bill which will give the state liquor control commission power to license and regulate drinking clubs.

The measure, passed the closing night of the legislature, was sponsored by the house alcoholic control committee.

Among four other bills signed was one to prohibit pollution of the McKenzie river and its tributaries in Lane county.

New General for Italy's Old Cause



From Berlin comes this radiophoto of Italo Gariboldi, (center with mustache), who succeeds Marshall Rudolfo Graziani, (right), is chief of German forces in Africa.

HIXSON HELD IN 1ST DEGREE

Federal Arraignment On Murder Charge Scheduled Saturday

First degree murder charges were filed by federal officers Saturday morning against Wilbur Hixson, 20-year old Indian held in the fatal shooting of Abner McNair, his ex-stepfather.

Hixson was scheduled for arraignment in Bert C. Thomas' United States commissioner's court Saturday afternoon.

The young Indian has retained J. C. O'Neill as his attorney. O'Neill said Saturday he would ask for a preliminary hearing before Thomas.

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Alarm Issued as Mistake Found in Medical Tablets

CHICAGO, March 29 (AP)—Hundreds of federal inspectors, aided by physicians, were engaged today in tracking down 410,000 medicinal tablets which, the American Medical association said, had been contaminated in manufacture.

The association disclosed that phenobarbital, a powerful sedative drug, had been inadvertently used in the manufacture of the tablets, which were issued by a New York drug firm as sulphathiazole.

Sulphathiazole, a derivative of the sulfanilamide, is used in the treatment of pneumonia and certain infections. The association emphasized that the vast majority of this drug now on the market is unadulterated and safe to use at the direction of a physician.

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the AMA Journal, issued a statement to physicians and druggists to be on the lookout for the adulterated drug which could be distinguished by the lot number MP 029. It was distributed by the Winthrop Chemical company of New York, Dr. Fishbein said.

"Records already available from Missouri and Kentucky indicate a considerable number of patients who received this product suffered severe narcosis, but practically all recovered without ill effects," Dr. Fishbein said.

"Records also indicate the possibility that patients with pneumonia who received this drug died. Rapid loss of consciousness in patients receiving sulphathiazole should indicate need for prompt determination of the nature of the product administered."

Kalpine Case To Be Heard By Conciliator

An announcement from AFL headquarters Saturday that a U. S. department of labor conciliator will arrive here Monday to investigate the Kalpine Plywood strike situation highlighted an otherwise calm day in the current local labor quarrel.

According to M. T. Pavolka, AFL organizer, a telegram was dispatched to the labor department in Washington Saturday morning asking that a representative look into the Kalpine matter with a view toward effecting a settlement. A return message from Portland the same afternoon notified Pavolka an agent would be present Monday.

His arrival will coincide with that of a National Labor Relations Board man who will be here in response to an appeal Friday by the Klamath County chamber of commerce to the NLRB.

Presumably, the board's report (Continued on Page Two)

Governor Vetoes Cornett Road Bill

SALEM, March 29 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague vetoed today Friday a bill by Sen. Marshall Cornett (R-Klamath) which would have given county courts authority to vacate or relocate county roads on or near airports.

The governor said in his veto message that he had been advised by his legal advisor, Ralph S. Hamilton, that the bill "appeared unconstitutional."

Senator Marshall Cornett said Saturday that the airport road bill vetoed by the governor Saturday was prepared for the senator by the attorney general's office. The governor vetoed the bill because he was advised it "appeared unconstitutional."

Hitch Develops
At Washington a hitch developed in the defense mediation board's plan to hold its first hearing on one of the four labor (Continued on Page Two)

Senator Says Recent Europe Coup May Lessen Jap Threat

WASHINGTON, March 29 (UP)—Chairman Walter F. George, (D-Ga.), of the senate foreign relations committee, said tonight that Yugoslavia's rebuff to Germany will make Japan more reluctant to attack Britain's vital lifeline base at Singapore.

"Japan will not make the mistake of Italy in assuming an early termination of the war entirely favorable to Germany in view of the events of the last 30 days," George said in an interview.

Diminished
"The probabilities of an attack by Japan on Singapore have diminished rather than increased in the last several weeks and events in the Balkans since the arrival of Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka in Berlin make it further doubtful that Japan can be induced or forced into an attack on Singapore or a direct attack upon English forces."

Formidable Defense
George said that Japan apparently has been under pressure to attack the British base for a long time. Had she wished to do so, he said, Japan would have struck before the British garrison was strengthened. Now, he said, the empire forces have a formidable defense and although he declined to comment on how the United States would react to a Japanese assault on Singapore, another official said he believed that we might send Britain aid "in a volume not heretofore contemplated."

"Japan cannot lose sight of Russia and possibly aggressive Russian intervention if Japan should be induced to attack Singapore without assurances of a speedy and favorable termination of her campaign," George said. "There is certainly nothing in the European picture at the present moment to reassure Japan while her premier is in Berlin."

British War Fleet Battles Italians

NAZI RECORDS IN JUGOSLAVIA BEING BURNED

Diplomatic Severance Said Near; Russia Congratulates King

BELGRADE, March 29 (UP)—The soviet government was reported tonight to have sent congratulations to the new Yugoslav regime as the German legation here burned its archives, the customary diplomatic preliminary to severance of relations.

The soviet telegram was said to have stated the people of Yugoslavia have again "shown themselves worthy of their glorious past."

Yugoslavia thus faced indications of soviet approbation and German disapproval of her new government.

Told To Leave
All German nationals were reported to have been given urgent instructions to quit the country within 24 hours.

From reliable sources it was learned that the government is preparing a declaration of Yugoslavia's attitude toward foreign nations—the declaration which Germany is awaiting with such patience.

This declaration, it was said, will make these points:

1—Yugoslavia desires to remain in peace and maintain the best of relations with all her neighbors.

2—She can not accept any status which might be considered to limit her integrity or independence.

The legislation sought to burn its papers this afternoon, the usual preliminary to severance of diplomatic relations.

At the same time an urgent "letter of advice" was transmitted to all German citizens in Yugoslavia telling them to return to Germany within 24 hours, if possible.

Auto Strikers Won't Return

Enforcement of OPM Settlement Asked By Union Workers

By The Associated Press
CIO United Automobile Workers voted in Milwaukee today to continue their strike against the Allis Chalmers company "until the government compels the company to accept" a settlement proposed by the office of production management.

The vote was taken at a closed meeting while other employees were back on the job. At the request of the federal government, the huge plant resumed operations yesterday on \$45,000,000 of defense orders.

Little Opposition
Announcing the vote, Arthur Richter, union attorney, said there was only a sprinkling of opposition to prolonging the strike. The government had asked the men to return to work while negotiations for a settlement continued.

In Chicago, an official of the International Harvester company announced that the company had cancelled its plan to reopen on Monday the Chicago tractor plant and the plant at Rock Falls, Ill. He said the reason for the decision was lack of union cooperation.

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Gen. Dusan-Simovic (above), chief of the Yugoslavian air forces, took over as premier and formed a new Yugoslav government after King Peter II, 17-year-old monarch, took over the reins of the government.

Mussolini's Naval Power Said Beaten

Six Warships Badly Damaged in Biggest Engagement of War

By WALLACE CARROLL
United Press Staff Correspondent
LONDON, March 29 (UP)—A British war fleet pounded the Mediterranean sea tonight hoping to close in for a death blow upon an Italian naval squadron already badly shattered by the sinking or damaging of probably six warships in the greatest sea and air engagement of the war.

The big battlewagons of Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham raced at forced draft in an attempt to smash almost the final vestige of Italian naval power before it could reach the protecting shelter of shore batteries on the Italian mainland.

Bag Listed
Already, the British reported, in a sea and air encounter which began yesterday in the Ionian waters of the eastern Mediterranean, Italy has suffered:

One 25,000-ton Littorio class battleship badly damaged; two to four cruisers badly damaged and two possibly sunk; one or more destroyers shattered or sunk.

The crushing naval defeat was inflicted at a moment when Britain feels certain Italian morale is at its lowest ebb since start of the war.

The Italian empire in Africa is regarded here as in the final stages of disintegration with Italy clinging only to western Tripoli with the aid of paratrooper troops and apparently unable to make any move which will prevent early and complete British control of east Africa.

Turn for Worse
In Albania Italy's plight has taken a sudden turn for the worse as a result of the Yugoslav coup d'etat. It was pointed out should Yugoslavia move into the war as an ally of Britain, it would be a comparatively simple and quick operation for Greek and Yugoslav troops to overrun that portion of Albania still in Italian hands.

At this ebb-tide of fascism, Cunningham's eastern Mediterranean war fleet finally succeeded in coming to grips with that elusive portion of Benito Mussolini's navy which has not been previously encountered by British warships and war planes.

Reports of what followed are not yet complete since the admiralty said the engagement was still "in progress" when its statement was made.

Great Encounter
But sufficient details were received to make plain it was one of the great sea encounters of the war and Italian sea power had apparently been reduced to a negligible factor by the guns (Continued on Page Two)

Washington Keeps Eye on Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—The United States today watched fast-paced developments in Yugoslavia for the answers to explosive questions vitally affecting the war's threatened sweep into southeastern Europe and Asia.

Diplomatic quarters here, analyzing each move in the Balkan drama, predicted that the whole future course of the conflict, and possibly American repercussions as well, would be influenced deeply by what happens to the Nazi-defying Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

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