

## WAR DANGER OVER EUROPE SEEN GROWING

Complications Multiply as  
Spanish Revolt Nears  
Climax.

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might hit the Deutschland. Rebel sources at Gibraltar reported that the commanding officer of the Deutschland visited Gen. Francisco Franco, rebel chief.

2. The Paris newspaper *Coeuvre* asserted that letters from Milan to Italian exiles in Paris said that 36 varnishers of the Breda airplane factory worked July 26 and July 27 painting out insignia of 12 bombing airplanes which left at 11:30 p. m. July 27 for Sardinia and that 18 bombers left from other airports. French information is that bombing planes of Italian type seen over Morocco were from Sardinia.

3. Jean Longuet, French Socialist leader, urged the Spanish government to charge Italy before the League of Nations with violating the League covenant by aiding the rebels.

### Charge Treaty Violated

4. French sources charge that the rebels have violated the French-Spanish Moroccan treaty by recruiting and arming native Moroccans and sending them by airplane to Spain to fight the government.

5. At Rome, the first reaction, in closely controlled newspapers, to the French plea for neutrality, was a blast of denunciation of the plea as a camouflaged move to permit the French Left Wing government to arm the Left Wing Spanish government.

## REBELS REPULSED IN ASSAULT ON VALENCIA

Daring Attempt to Cut Off Madrid  
From Sea Is Foiled.

### BY LESTER ZIFFREN

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MADRID, Aug. 4.—An audacious rebel attempt to seize Valencia and cut Madrid off from the sea was disclosed today coincidentally with new, forceful government measures to combat the rebellion.

A small, daring group of army officers tried to seize control of the Valencia garrison. Had they succeeded, they might have doomed the government to defeat. Valencia, on the east coast, is at the other end of the railway jugular vein from the capital to the sea. Its loss could have proved fatal.

The Valencia revolt was quickly suppressed. It was announced, and the loyalists retain firm control.

### Controls Railways

No less important than this revelation were three government decrees promulgated this morning, that:

1. Authorized the government to take provisional control of four great railway lines serving all Spain except the far south.

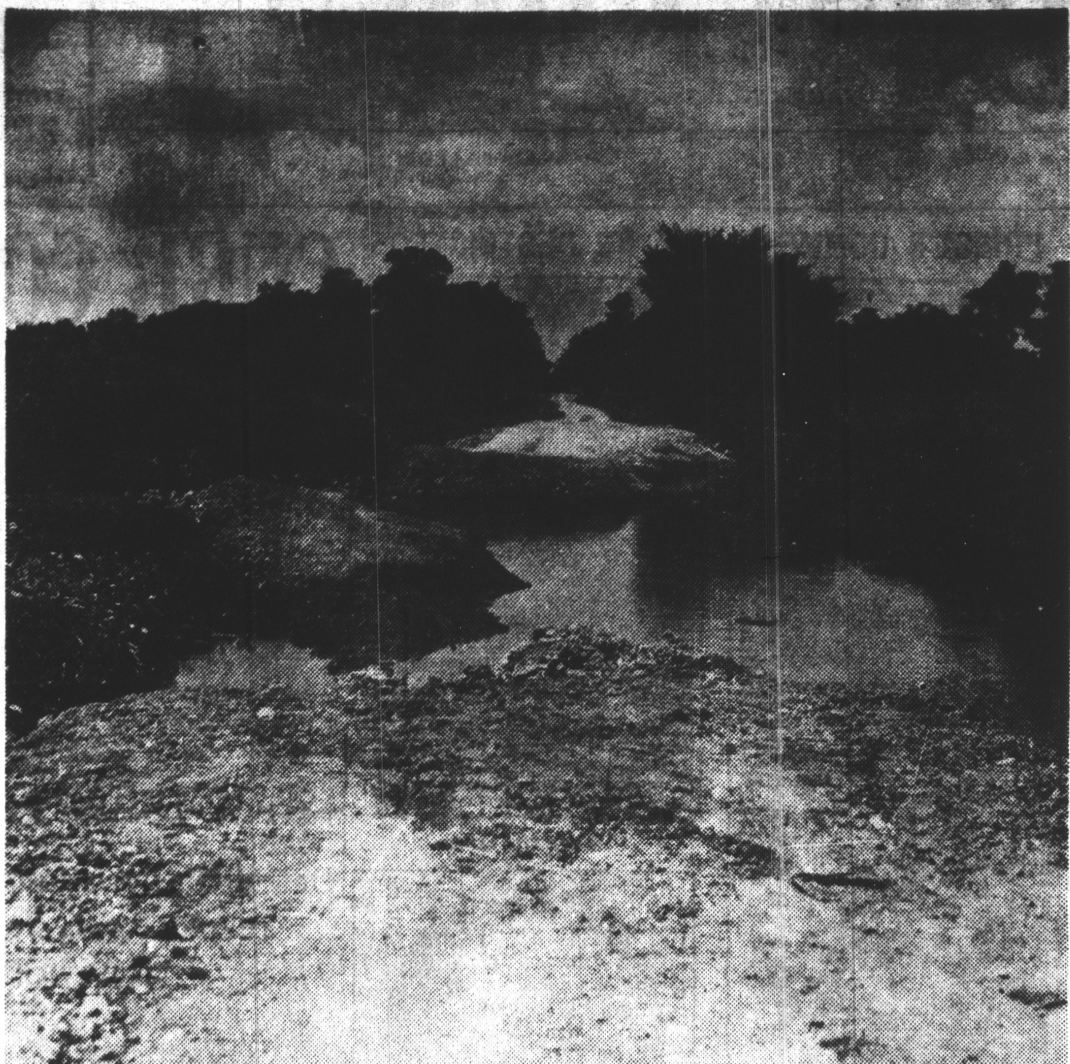
2. Authorized the Ministry of Interior to assume charge of the requisitioning, distribution, and control of all motor transport in the country.

3. Created volunteer army battalions, recruited from the present Workers' Militia, of men between 20 and 30 years of age.

The low rumble of distant artillery fire was heard in the environs of the capital this morning after days of comparative quiet.

It meant the resumption of heavy artillery shelling in the mountains north of the city.

Don't Look Now, But That Road's Gone Again!



Here's a peek-a-boo road, snapped by a fast-moving camera in the act of disappearing before Works Progress Administration workers get back on the job. It is at 56th-st near Keystone-av (or it was

when the picture was taken) and has been a seven-year headache to Marion County road builders. Two days before this picture was taken it was possible to drive trucks over the road and not wet a tire.

BY JOE COLLIER

THIS will serve to notify Works Progress Administration workers, due again Aug. 6 at their project on 56th-st and Keystone-av, that in their absence their road has disappeared again.

Two days ago, when they left, you could drive a truck over it. Now it's all under water—and there's been no rain.

It might be explained to the lay public, unfamiliar with recalcitrant 56th-st in that neighborhood, that the WPA men will not be surprised, or even discouraged.

Fifty-sixth-st has been a problem road for seven years. Every time they build a road over a section of it about 75 feet long, the road stretches, yawns in the twilight, and disappears during the night.

The section is a peat bog, only one in Marion County. The peat, a fluffy, irresponsible substance, is about 32 feet deep. When they put dirt in it, the dirt merely spreads out on the bottom, nudges the peat up, and lets it go at that.

THERE'S a lot of water underneath. If you stand on the peat surface with a fishing pole 30 feet long, you easily can send it into the substance to the hilt.

Seven years ago Marion County tried to build a road over the spot to connect Keystone-av and College-av. Three times it had a road surface visible. Three times it sank. In all, there have been around 20,000 square yards of dirt and gravel put into it.

WPA tried old auto chassis lately. But they sank, too—seven of them. The peat bog, filled with grade A peat that could be used for an ideal top dressing for gardeners and truck farmers, or could be pressed into bricks and

burned, is called by the old inhabitants Bacon Swamp.

A MAN named Bacon owned it years ago, but he disappeared. Now most of it belongs to the widow of an Indianapolis physician. She spends her time in California and has no control over the disappearing land.

Several years ago a horse driven out from the city and turned out to graze, was so incautious as to venture into the place. When it was sighted by its owner it was knee-deep in peat and going down. People who knew the horse, its owner, and the bog, took things in hand.

They cut rushes and branches and gathered straw and laid a path across the marsh. They explained that in the first place the horse couldn't turn around; in the second it would have only sunk deeper if it had tried to.

It took them all day, practically, to make a safe carpet for the beast, which thereafter never went near the place.

THREE years ago and before, when the water was higher in the land, the children used to burn off the grass to the water line just before a freeze and use the place for ice skating. In the last two years the water line has been too low.

Two years ago the bog caught fire. It burned off and on, for two months. At night, wisps of smoke would catch the starlight and through the roar of a million

or so frogs, more fanciful of the neighbors said they could hear a faint banshee wail.

There are a full contingent of snapping mud turtles in the bog, which act as policemen. There are plenty of insects, and besides the disappearing road, they have defended their empire successfully against invasion.

WPA officials are not going to fool around with the thing much longer. They are going to set piling on each side of the proposed road and then fill it in. That always works, they say.

Right now the road is busy sinking and doesn't know what's in store for it.

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