

VICHY THREATENS USE OF ITS FLEET

Plans to Convey Food,
If Necessary, Through
British Blockade

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ing from two directions, made a large-scale offensive sweep of German-occupied northern France, following attacks by the German raiding force on London two nights in succession during which casualties were heavy.

6. The Turkish Parliament met during the day and a statement on Turkey's position was possible. Yugoslavia was reported taking widespread defense measures and there were indications she might delay signing a non-aggression pact with Germany.

7. A peace agreement between French Indo-China and Thailand will be signed at Tokyo tomorrow the official Japanese Domei news agency reported.

Could Be Road to War

Unless Darlan has launched his government on a bluff in an effort to force the British to loosen the blockade his course appeared headed straight for sea clashes with the powerful Royal Navy. Such clashes might easily lead to open war.

Darlan did not go so far as the Paris statement but he did not escape attention that he is just back from Paris where he conferred at length with Laval and with German representatives of Adolf Hitler.

Even before Darlan made his statement today—a statement to newspaper correspondents in Pétain's presence—the German DNB news agency had quoted Fernand De Brion, Vichy Government delegate in Paris, to the same effect.

Darlan's statement was timed to coincide with a fresh restatement by Britain of her position on the blockade, a statement that reiterated her firm position against allowing food supplies to reach Germany occupied or dominated regions on grounds that this merely would prolong the war and delay the release of these countries from Nazi bondage.

Warning Conveyed to U. S.

Darlan asserted that he had conveyed his warning to U. S. Ambassador William D. Leahy for forwarding to Washington.

Darlan drew a contrast between what he characterized as the "generous" attitude of the Germans and the refusal of Britain to permit food to reach France.

The Nazi act which drew Darlan's praise was a German order allowing France to use 2,000,000 quintals (a quintal is 220 pounds) of French wheat. The wheat had been earmarked for use by the German Army.

Now, Darlan said, the Germans have graciously allowed France

permission to use this portion of the French food supply to feed Frenchmen instead of Germans.

The British, on the other hand, he said, have just seized the 14th French ship since Jan. 1. The ship was an empty freighter sailing to Madagascar from Dakar.

Such a state of affairs, Darlan said, cannot be allowed to continue.

Time Limit Indicated

Darlan indicated he will give Britain two or three weeks to reconsider her position before acting. But he said that the minimum need of France was 500,000 tons of wheat.

He then added that he had been walking in the country yesterday and had seen for himself that France's new wheat crop was spindly and would not feed the population during the coming year.

Due to the nature of the mysterious consultations in Vichy of Gen. Maxime Weygand, French commander in North Africa. If France is about to embark on a policy which may lead to war with Britain, it would be natural that the pro-consul for Africa would be means to confer on ways and means.

French refusal to grant Germany bases in North Africa might evaporate quickly in the heated atmosphere of new sea clashes with the British.

Gayda Criticizes U. S.

As the Turkish Parliament met there were reports that German dive-bombers have arrived in the Dodecanese Islands just off the Turkish Coast.

Athens reported fresh victories over the Italians in the Tepelina area of Albania.

In Africa the British drive against Italian East Africa made fresh inroads in that Italian colony. A column from Italian Somaliland has pushed 135 miles into the heated atmosphere of new sea clashes with the British.

Axis comment on the Senate passage of the lend-lease bill was skimpy except for the always vocal Benito Mussolini. He said it was equivalent to United States intervention in the war and might bring Japan in on the side of the Axis.

This possibility probably will be discussed by Japan's Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, who will leave shortly on a swing through Moscow, Berlin and Rome. He is expected to go as soon as the pact closing the Thailand-French Indo-China hostilities is signed tomorrow.

ARRANGE RITES FOR HYMANS

NICE, France, March 10 (U. P.).—Funeral arrangements were made today for Paul Hymans, 75, former Belgian Foreign Minister who died in exile Saturday. Hymans was one of the few who had served Belgium in both war cabinets of 1914 and 1940 and was one of the last living signers of the Versailles Treaty.

HOUSE TO HURRY O. K. ON AID BILL

F. D. R. 'Fireside Chat'
Hinted When Bill Reaches
Him Within Day or Two.

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former U. S. Ambassador to France and one of his advisers on European developments.

White House Secretary Stephen T. Early indicated any arrangements for a fireside chat are still problematical, but did say it was likely he would issue a statement in some form after signing the bill.

Speed Inventories

Other Administration aids speeded completion of inventories and balance sheets, showing clearly what materials are on hand and on order both for United States defense forces and Britain's.

The President reportedly has the outline of his lend-lease setup virtually complete, and work was being pressed steadily forward on its details.

Army and Navy equipment that has been catalogued in recent inventories as "surplus or easily replaceable" That may include naval auxiliary vessels, possibly some of the mainline destroyers, tanks, artillery, munitions and airplanes.

Some quarters have predicted that maybe all of the 45 ex-destroyers, now classified as special types, combatant naval strength figures, are scheduled for early transfer.

Advisory Group Planned

For the present it is expected that a special advisory group, composed of the Secretaries of State, Treasury, War and Navy will act as the policy-making group, headed by Mr. E. A. Tamm, and the Office of Production Management, under William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman, will continue handling production and priorities.

Harry L. Hopkins, the President's confidant who recently was appointed to the planning board of the OPM and has sat in on conferences of the cabinet group, is in a position to act as co-ordinator.

There still was no indication whether the President plans to appoint one man to direct the program, or choose a council such as the World War Industries Board. There also is the possibility that he might just try the present setup with someone like Mr. Hopkins working as unofficial liaison between the policy and production groups.

CATHERINE STONICH IS DEAD HERE AT 52

Mrs. Catherine Stonich, 52, of 912 N. Arapaho St., died last night at City Hospital. She was a native of Austria and had lived in Indianapolis for 30 years.

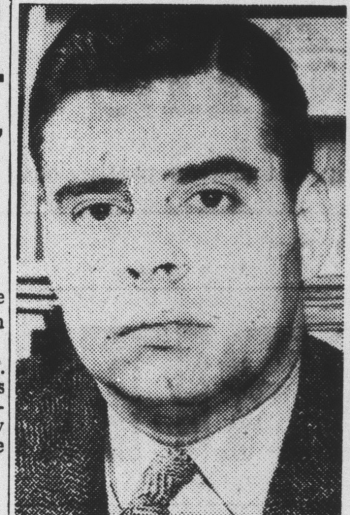
Mrs. Stonich worked for 12 years at the Link-Belt Co. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Funeral services will be there at 9 a. m. Wednesday and burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Mrs. Stonich is survived by her husband, Frank Stonich Sr., two sons, Frank Stonich Jr. and Harry Stonich, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Naumek, all of Indianapolis.

FARLEY BACK FROM TRIP

NEW YORK, March 10 (U. P.).—Former Postmaster General E. A. Farley said on his return from a tour of South American nations today that "there is no doubt we have their 100 per cent co-operation so far as hemisphere defense is concerned. I am as satisfied as anyone could be that the people of South America will follow the lead of President Roosevelt."

Heads Health Plan



Philip E. Asker Named to Direct State-Health NYA Program.

A state-wide health program for National Youth Administration project workers, to be headed by Philip E. Asker, Indianapolis, was announced today by Robert S. Richey, Indiana NYA administrator.

The project is sponsored by the State Board of Health and the Indiana State Medical Association and will provide examinations for all young persons employed on NYA out-of-school projects.

Dr. John Ferree, state health board head, and Dr. George Broder, in charge of local health administration for the board, are making facilities for some of the tests available.

Plans now are to begin the tests on NYA workers in Indianapolis, Bloomington, Terre Haute, Danville and Burns City, the tests to be made by local physicians.

The emphasis, Mr. Richey said, will be on a preventive and remedial program to step up the health rating of all workers. The Indiana program is part of a nation-wide project.

LIESE TAKES STAND, DENIES KILLING HUNT

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just let me off and I could walk to 29. That's what he did."

Liese testified that that was the last time he saw Mr. Hunt. He denied having a gun, denied having fired or having a gun at any time, denied shooting Hunt, robbing him or knowing how he was shot.

"I got a ride with a cattle truck into town, took a streetcar down town and walked east to the Circle," he said. "That's where I bought the paper."

"I called police headquarters to get my father (Patrolman George Liese, veteran Indianapolis policeman) and I couldn't get him. I walked around for a while and then took a bus to Ben Davis. Then I hitch-hiked to St. Louis."

Liese testified that Hunt had appeared to be upset that day.

Before the defendant took the stand, Judge Dewey E. Myers denied a motion for a directed verdict of acquittal.

The State rested its case this morning after its witnesses had named young Liese in Mr. Hunt's truck within a half-hour of the time his body was found, shortly after 4 p. m. that day.

Liese has been confined in the County Jail since Sept. 21, 1940. He was arrested after he walked into the office of Paul Rochford, his attorney, the previous day.

BOBBITT RISES AS G. O. P. BOSS

County Chairmen Back Him
As Jenner Influence
Takes Drop.

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stages, but wound up taking his directions from the Bobbitt group.

Leader of the Jenner faction which favored a "compromise" with Governor Schricker are said to include Harry Fenton, former State Republican Committee secretary and now a member of the Alcohol Beverage Commission; Burrill Wright, former State Committee treasurer and attorney for some liquor interests, and Ewing Ewison of Vincennes, Seventh District chairman and leader of Southern Indiana Republicans.

Bob Bobbitt's climb to power started after county chairmen urged a legislative program that would give them enough state jobs to hold their organizations together for the 1942 campaign.

County leaders passed that word along to their Republican Legislators and they, in turn, advocated to the Steering Committee, which passed the direction on to the chairman.

A "brain trust" started drafting party policies into bills. It was composed of several attorneys, led by Arthur Gillon, former Republican Attorney General, and Fred C. Gause, former Supreme Court judge. Although both have been mentioned frequently as behind-the-scenes leaders, they are regarded by most Republicans as legal "hired hands" who take orders from Mr. Bobbitt.

Chairman Clamor

Once this "ripper" program was started through the Legislature, the Bobbitt group was in control. Several Republicans balked when asked to react to the program. Some drastic provisions of the program. Even some of the seven lawyers favored bills toning down part of the program.

But the county and district chairmen, operating through Mr. Bobbitt, were clearing jobs.

A "check-off" system of the votes of each Republican legislator was started. The Representatives and Senators were warned that if they failed to go along on the party program, their voting record would be sent back to their county chairmen for clearing jobs.

That was the club that held them in line, for few of them cared to risk the "bi-partisan" label or be dropped by the organization just as the party was making a comeback after 10 lean years.

No Mystery to It

During the 61 days of the session, there were many guesses on just who the "real bosses" were. Some of Chairman Bobbitt's intimates were telling him what to do. "The real boss," they said, "is one of the biggest mysteries in the history of the Republican Party."

But the county chairmen do not hesitate in saying, "Mr. Bobbitt is the real boss."

One of the surprises of the factional lineup finds Judge Emmert and his followers supporting Mr. Bobbitt and his "decentralization, no compromise" stand 100 per cent.

Six months ago, his forces were not regarded as part of the regular organization and had fought some of the party leaders.

The Shelbyville judge has been mentioned frequently for the interim "attorney for the state" post created to function until an Attorney General is elected in 1942. This has been the bait for his support.

He has indicated he would accept the appointment if it is offered to him, but isn't sure that it will be.

Text of Lend-Lease Bill as Finally Approved by Senate

WASHINGTON, March 10 (U. P.).—Here is the text of the Senate-approved British aid bill:

(Section 1) An Act to promote the defense of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that this Act may be cited as "an Act to promote the defense of the United States."

Sec. 2. As used in this Act—

(a) The term "defense article" means—

(1) Any weapon, munition, aircraft, vessel, or boat;

(2) Any machinery, facility, tool, material, or supply necessary for the manufacture, production, processing, repair, serving, or operation of any article described in this subsection;

(3) Any component material or part of or equipment for any (agricultural, industrial or other) article described in this subsection;

(4) Any other commodity or article for defense.

Such term "defense article" includes any article described in this subsection; manufactured or procured pursuant to Section 3, or to which the United States or any foreign government has or hereafter acquires title, possession, or control.

(b) The term "defense information" means any plan, specification, design, prototype, or information pertaining to any defense article.

Sec. 3. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the President may, from time to time, when he deems it in the interest of national defense, authorize the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or the head of any other department or agency of the Government—

(1) To manufacture in arsenals, factories and shipyards under their jurisdiction, or otherwise procure (to the extent to which funds are made available therefor, or contracts are authorized from time to time by the Congress, or both) any defense article for the government of any country whose defense the President deems vital to the defense of the United States.

(2) To sell, transfer (title), exchange, lease, lend, or otherwise dispose of, to any such government any defense article, but no defense article not manufactured or procured under Paragraph (1) shall in any way be disposed of under this paragraph, except after consultation with the Chief of Staff of the Army or the Chief of Naval Operations of the Navy, or both. The value of defense articles disposed of in any way under authority of this paragraph, and procured from funds heretofore appropriated, shall not exceed \$1,500,000,000. (The value of such defense articles shall be determined by the head of the department or agency concerned or such other department, agency or officer as shall be designated in the manner provided in the rules and regulations issued hereunder. Defense articles procured from funds hereafter appropriated to any department or agency of the Government, other than from funds authorized to be appropriated under this act, shall not be disposed of in any way under authority of this paragraph except to the extent hereafter authorized by the Congress in the acts appropriating such funds or otherwise.)

(3) To test, inspect, prove, repair, outfit, recondition, or otherwise to place in good working order (to the extent to which funds are made available therefor, or contracts are authorized from time to time by the Congress, or both) any defense article for any such government (or to procure any or all such services by private contract.)

(4) To communicate to any such government any defense information, pertaining to any defense article furnished to such government under Paragraph (2) of this subsection.

(5) To release for export any defense article (disposed of in any way under this subsection) to any such government.

(b) The terms and conditions upon which any such foreign government receives any aid authorized under Subsection (2) shall be those which the President deems satisfactory, and the benefit to the United States may be payment or repayment in kind or property, or any other direct or indirect benefit which the President deems satisfactory.

(c) After June 30, 1943, or after the passage of a concurrent resolution by the two houses before June 30, 1943, which declares that the powers conferred by or pursuant to Subsection (a) are no longer necessary to promote the defense of the United States, neither the President nor the head of any department or agency shall exercise any of the powers, conferred by or pursuant to Subsection (a); except that until July 1, 1946, any of such powers

may be exercised to the extent necessary to carry out a contract or agreement with such a foreign government made before July 1, 1943, or before the passage of such concurrent resolution whichever is the earlier.)

(d) Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize or to permit the authorization of conveying vessels by naval vessels of the United States.

(e) Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize or to permit the authorization of the entry of any American vessel into a combat area in violation of Section 3 of the Neutrality Act of 1939.

Sec. 4. All contracts or agreements made for the disposition of any defense article or defense information pursuant to Section 3 shall contain a clause by which the foreign government undertakes that it will not, without the consent of the President, transfer title to or possession of such defense article or defense information by gift, sale, or otherwise, or permit its use by anyone not an officer, employee, or agent of such foreign government.

Sec. 5. (a) The Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, or the head of any other department or agency of the government involved shall, when any such defense article or defense information is exported, immediately inform the department or agency designated by the President to administer Section 6 of the Act of July 2, 1940 (54 Stat. 714), of the quantities, character, value, terms of disposition, and destination of the article and information so exported.

(b) The President from time to time, but not less frequently than once every 90 days, shall transmit to the Congress a report of operations under this act except such information as he deems incompatible with the public interest to disclose. Reports provided for under this subsection shall be transmitted to the secretary of the Senate or the clerk of the House of Representatives, as the case may be, if the Senate or the House of Representatives, as the case may be, is not in session.

Sec. 6. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and accomplish the purpose of this act.

(b) All money and all property which is converted into money received under Section 3 from any government shall, with the approval of the director of the budget, revert to the respective appropriation or appropriations out of which funds were expended with respect to the defense article or defense information for which such consideration is provided, and shall be available for expenditure for the purpose for which such expended funds were appropriated by law, during the fiscal year in which such funds are received and the ensuing fiscal year (but in no event shall any funds so received be available for expenditure after June 30, 1946).

Sec. 7. The Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the head of the department or agency shall in all contracts or agreements for the disposition of any defense article or defense information fully protect the rights of all citizens of the United States who have patent rights in and to any such article or information which is hereby authorized to be disposed of and the payments collected for royalties on such patents shall be paid to the owners and holders of such patents.

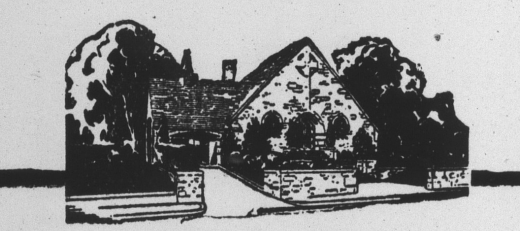
Sec. 8. The Secretaries of War and of the Navy are hereby authorized to purchase or otherwise acquire arms, ammunition, and implements of war produced within the jurisdiction of any country to which Section 3 is applicable, whenever the President deems such purchase or acquisition to be necessary in the interests of the defense of the United States.

Sec. 9. The President may, from time to time, promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry out any of the provisions of this act; and he may exercise any power or authority conferred on him by this act and through such department, agency, or officer as he shall direct.

Sec. 10. If any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any circumstance shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the act and the applicability of such provision in other circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to change existing law relating to the use of the land and naval forces of the United States, except insofar as such use relates to the manufacture, procurement, and repair of defense articles, the communication of information and other non-combatant purposes enumerated in this act.)

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7 Local Residents Killed in Week-End Traffic; 5 Die Here as Trains Strike 2 Automobiles

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dent victims were killed in the two train-auto crashes which occurred within an hour of each other.

Three victims died when the train hit their auto at 56th St. They were Mr. Levinsky, his daughter and Miss Athanasian.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason were killed when a train hit their car at the Banner Ave. crossing in Ben Davis. Miss Mashek was killed and her fiancé and another young woman were seriously injured, when their car left the highway early today near Logansport.

Mr. Rainbolt was struck by a car last night at 38th St. and Emerson Ave.

The accident at the New York Central Railroad and 56th St. occurred shortly after 5 p. m. yesterday. The car apparently was being driven by Miss Athanasian, who, according to her uncle, A. H. Kriker, was a good driver.

Witnesses told deputy sheriffs that a freight train had just passed the crossing when the Levinsky car and another car started across, apparently unaware that another train was approaching.

Frank Barnhart, 1501 W. 25th St., and J. B. Taylor, 1431 W. 26th St., told the deputies they were sitting in their car, waiting for the train to pass when they saw the other two cars go onto the crossing.

The first car, they said, got over the tracks just in time. Seeing that the second car was not going to stop, they blew the horn of their car as a warning. When the train struck the auto, the bodies of the three persons were hurled onto the front of the engine.

Charles Johnson, 1629 Lexington Ave., engineer, said the train was going 80 miles an hour the time it did not stop until it was about 38th St. where the bodies of the victims were taken from the front of the engine by the train crew.

So many phone calls poured into the Sheriff's office from persons along the right of way from 56th St. to 38th St. that deputies at first thought there was more than one accident.

The City Hospital ambulance had to go across a field to reach the scene. Hundreds of Sunday motorists who either saw the accident or arrived at the scene shortly after

blocked all roads in the vicinity for nearly an hour.

Mr. Levinsky, who used but never legally adopted the name of Lavine, and his family returned Saturday from a motor trip to Florida.

Mr. Kriker said that Mr. Levinsky asked him and Mrs. Levinsky to go along on the ride after they had eaten dinner at his home, Cooper Road and 61st St.

Both he and Mrs. Levinsky declined he said, but told Mr. Levinsky to take his car, although the Levinsky car was there, too. He said he did not know who was driving when they left, but said that he believed they were on the way home at the time of the accident.

Before they left, Miss Athanasian put out food for the supper. She had been keeping house for her uncle since Feb. 1, coming here from St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason were on their way to pick up their two small grandchildren to attend the Lyndhurst Baptist Church when they were killed.

Mr. Mason was driving north on Banner Ave. The St. Louis to Indianapolis train which struck the car was going 70 miles an hour, according to Engineer Henry Altken, 62, Terre Haute. He said he did not see the auto until it was on the tracks. The wreckage was carried three quarters of a mile.

This crash also attracted hundreds of persons, and blocked all roads leading to the scene. Mr. and Mrs. Mason would have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this month. Mr. Mason had been a carpenter at the Indianapolis Bleaching Co. for the last 15 years.

Mr. Rainbolt was struck by an automobile driven by Lowell Burnett, 30, of 2165 College Ave. Mr. Burnett said he did not see Mr. Rainbolt in time to avoid the accident. He added he swerved his car in an effort to miss the pedestrian.

Mr. Rainbolt was identified today by his son-in-law, Viggo Dahl, with whom he lived. A daughter, Mrs. Hazel Wampler, who lives next door, said she last saw her father about 11 a. m. yesterday. The scene of the accident was several miles from his home and none of the family could explain his presence there.

Mr. Burnett was told to report at the Coroner's office to make a detailed statement.

Miss Mashek and her fiancé, James P. Slayman, 22, of 68 Caven St., and Miss Geraldine May, 20, of 4316 E. Michigan St., had motored to Chicago to visit Miss Mashek's mother up Saturday and were on their way home when about 2 a. m. today their car went off Road 35 near Logansport at a sharp turn.

Miss Mashek was killed instantly and Mr. Slayman and Miss May were cut and bruised. The Cass County Hospital, Logansport, described their conditions as serious.

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