

VICHY THREATENS USE OF ITS FLEET

Plans to Convoy 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 raiders on London two nights in succession during which casualties were heavy.

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.

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

Could Be Read 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 it 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 Pe-tain'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 reiterates her firm position against allowing food supplies to reach German 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 lost the 14th French ship since Jan. 1. The ship was a 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. Petain 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.

Darlan's statement may offer a clue 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 would lead to war with Britain, it would be natural that the pro-consul for Africa would be brought in 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 Tepelin area of Asia Minor.

In Africa the British drive against Italian East Africa made fresh roads in that Italian colony. A column from Italian Somaliland has pushed 135 miles into Ethiopia in a thrust toward the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad.

Axial comment on the Senate passage of the lend-lease bill was skimpy except for the always vocal Virginio Gayda, often a spokesman for 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 for the U. S. 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 speed completion of inventories and balance sheets, showing clearly what materials are on hand and on order both for United States defense forces and Britain.

The President reportedly had the outline of his lend-lease plan 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 new mosquito boats and submarine chasers, tanks, artillery, munitions and airplanes.

Some quarters have predicted that maybe all of the 45 ex-destroyers, now classified as special types, combat 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. Roosevelt, and the Office of Production Management, under William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman, will continue handling production and priorities.

There still was no indication whether the President planned to appoint one man to direct the program, or choose a council such as the World War Industries Board. There is also 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.

LIESE TAKES STAND. DENIES KILLING HUNT

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just let me off and I could walk to 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 downtown 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 police-man) but I couldn't get him. I walked around for a while and then took a bus to Ben Davis. Then I hiked-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 placed 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.

CATHERINE STONICH IS DEAD HERE AT 52

Mrs. Catherine Stonich, 52, of 912 N. Arnold St., died last night at City Hospital. She was a native of Australia 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 James 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 as for 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."

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

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dead victims were killed in the two train-automobile 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 Athanassian.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason were killed when a train hit their car at the Banner Ave. crossing in Ben Davis.

Miss Mashel was killed and her fiance 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 10 p. m. yesterday. The car apparently was being driven by Miss Athanassian, who, according to her uncle, A. H. Krikor, was a good driver.

Witnesses told deputy sheriffs that a freight train had just passed the crossing and that 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 trains 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 60 miles an hour at 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.

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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 Schreiber are said to include Harry Fenton, former State Republican Committee secretary and now a member of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission; Burrell Wright, former State Committee treasurer and attorney for some liquor interests; and Ewing Ewson of Vincennes, Seventh District chairman and leader of Southern Republicans.

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

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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.

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