

JUGOSLAVS AWAIT 'WAR ANY MOMENT'

'Crisis Grave,' Says Berlin; Eden Reported Already In Belgrade.

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The American Embassy in Rome were protected by detachments of helmeted soldiers, police and plain-clothesmen today.

The protection was provided against students who staged a big pro-Axis, pro-Japanese demonstration and shouted in the streets against the "plutocratic democracies."

The demonstrations were conducted in celebration of the arrival of the Japanese Foreign Minister, Yosuke Matsuoka, who arrived in Rome last night. He told newspapermen that he would like to visit the United States but his schedule will not permit it.

London understood that Gen. Siegmund von List, commander of Germany's Balkan Army, had gone to Berlin for instructions in view of the Jugoslav crisis.

The British also believed that Germany was bringing fresh pressure on the French, hoping to obtain use of the French fleet to make up for the losses suffered by the Italian fleet.

The British suspected that the Germans were attempting to utilize the Franco-British differences over blockade and convoy matters to provide an excuse for obtaining the French warships.

The British reported that a heavy raid was carried out by the Royal Air Force against Bremen, Emden and Rotterdam last night in which a new and unusually devastating type of high explosive bomb was employed. The Germans said only slight damage, including some fires, was caused by the R. A. F.

The Luftwaffe attacked a northeast British coast town last night with high explosive bombs and inflicted considerable damage.

In Eritrea, the British claimed to have advanced 30 miles along the 60-mile road between Keren and the capital, Asmara. The Italians said that the British had brought up reinforcements, but that fighting was continuing; the British said Italians were fleeing.

BOSTON REQUESTS BOOK BAN

BOSTON, April 1 (U. P.)—A resolution requesting that J. P. Marquand's latest novel, "H. M. Pulham, Esquire," be banned here because it attacked the character and decency of Boston womanhood by innuendo was presented today to Mayor Maurice J. Tobin. The resolution, unanimously adopted by City Council, asked that Police Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty take immediate action.

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AXIS SCUTTLES SEVEN VESSELS

Nazis Protest U. S. Seizure As 'Violation of Human Rights.'

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Under personal instructions from President Roosevelt on the grounds that they might be damaged by their crews to prevent their use by the United States or Great Britain.

Today the Treasury revealed that 26 of the Axis vessels had been sabotaged before the seizure and it was indicated that the crews might face charges of violating the 1917 Espionage Act, which made it a felony to sabotage ships in American ports, even for the owners of the ships.

The 875 members of the crews of the Axis ships were already in custody, charged with overstaying their 60-day leaves in American ports. Danish seamen were permitted to remain on their ships.

Usually reliable sources reported meantime that the German and Italian notes of protest, delivered to the State Department late yesterday, demanded prompt release of the 30 Axis ships and the 875 men aboard them.

Although the Treasury announced that the French ships, including the \$80,000,000 luxury liner Normandie, were under surveillance, the French claimed that they would not be taken over by the United States.

The Vichy Government claimed to have had a cable from Secretary of State Cordell Hull saying there was "no question" of seizure of the 18 ships, and Gaston Henri-Haye, French Ambassador to the United States, made a similar statement after a conference with Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles. Neither Mr. Welles nor Mr. Hull confirmed the French claims.

Official Washington circles expressed increasing belief that the seized ships would be requisitioned as a part of the U. S. merchant fleet, although Speaker Sam Rayburn (D. Tex.), after a conference with President Roosevelt, said that no final determination had been reached, particularly since it would take some time to repair some of the ships.

U. S. AND MEXICO SIGN AIR BASE USE PACT

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U. P.)—Mexico and the United States today signed an agreement for reciprocal use of existing air bases in the two nations as a means of strengthening Western Hemisphere defense.

The agreement was signed by Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and the Mexican Ambassador Francisco Castillo Nájera. It must be ratified by the Senates of both Mexico and the United States.

NOW YOU SEE IT—AND NOW YOU DON'T

'Twas truly an April Fool joke—but not very funny—that the Legislature played on 67 county sheriffs. A law was passed giving them \$400 for the upkeep of their cars. They needed the money right away so the Legislature said they could have it April 1.

But there was no "emergency clause" on the bill and the sheriffs can't get their money until the Acts are published, probably in June.

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U. S.-NAZI CRISIS DUE IN 60 DAYS

Capital Betting on War by June With or Without Declaration.

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building U-boats and long-distance bombers "with all his might and main." Also a number of warships, including two 35,000-ton battleships—the Bismarck and the Tirpitz. With all of these the Nazis were expected even then to risk everything for a knockout.

Today Hitler's situation is deteriorating rather than improving. Accordingly he has more reason than ever to take risks to end the war quickly. If he doesn't end it quickly he may find that victory has eluded him altogether.

But President Roosevelt has given Britain and the world his solemn pledge not to stop until Hitler is defeated. Thus the Roosevelt train and the Hitler train are racing toward each other on the same track, and few believe a collision can be long averted.

While Hitler is saying American aid will never reach Britain, the President's slogan is: "We must—and will—deliver the goods!"

The betting here is that the United States will be in the war by June or thereabouts. Some believe the United States, by its acts, will virtually force Germany to declare war. Like the seizure of the Axis ships, the transfer of warships to Britain, returns to British warships in U. S. Navy yards, and other aid-to-Britain developments. A majority, however, seems to believe the shooting will just begin without a declaration of war by either side. For almost everyone appears convinced that if we "deliver the goods" to Britain, as Administration spokesmen say we must, then we must use our Navy and air force for convoy purposes, whereupon the shooting would start automatically.

PLAN 72,400 HOMES IN DEFENSE AREAS

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U. P.)—The Government is building homes for 72,400 defense workers and their families, officials said today.

The Federal Works Agency, the Navy, the Defense Homes Corp., the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Farm Security Administration and various local housing authorities are doing the job for which more than \$280,000,000 has been made available for the current fiscal year.

Beware!

Flat Iron Awaits Next Prankster at 4841

W. Morris St.

IF YOU ARE the premature prankster who started the April Fool parade to 4841 W. Morris St. yesterday, lie low.

Mr. Francis Ball has a flat iron in her hand!

"I was just minding my own business in my own home, yesterday," she said, "when—"

The grocer brought \$2.60 worth of food.

The druggist brought \$2.11 worth of pop and candy.

Two cleaning establishments called for dresses.

A hatchery arrived with 100 chicks.

A coal dealer brought a ton of fuel.

A feed store delivered 100 pounds of rabbit food.

An ice cream company brought some goodies.

An appliance store came to fix the refrigerator.

Of course, Mrs. Ball didn't order anything, didn't make any fun calls or didn't have any fun at all yesterday.

"I don't know who played the joke on me," she commented. "But it won't be good for them if I find out."

"I'm going to iron today."

Just Jesting

ALL SEMBLANCE of decorum was thrown to the winds in the two criminal Municipal Courts today when a couple of deputy prosecutors forgot to look at the calendar.

The prosecutors were George C. House, in Court 4, and Louis Adams, in Court 3. The same set of circumstances occurred in both courts.

The prosecutors were calling off the names of defendants listed on affidavits.

"Ima Full! Ima Full!" shouted Mr. Adams in Court 3 and Mr. House in Court 4. When "Ima" didn't respond and the courtroom rocked with laughter, the judges took a hand.

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