NAZI TORPEDO-BOATS RAID BRITISH CONVOY

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'Tea Party' in the Rockies

It's tea as usual for these Canadians in the Rockies, as Bill Wellman and Bob Gourley soar over the sippers at the base of Sunshine Valley ski jump, near Banff, Alberta.

18 CRAFT SENT DOWN, CLAIMS NEWS AGENCY

2 Destroyers Among Lost Ships, Says High Command

BERLIN, March 8. — (UP)—German sources claimed tonight that 18 British ships, including two destroyers, have been sunk by air and sea attacks which included one of the most devastating torpedo boat assaults ever reported by, Nazi sources.

Total tonnage destroyed in the attacks was reported as 81,000.

A flotilla of light motor torpedo boats was said to account for 47,780 tons of this. Late reports by the official D.N.B., news agency said that the torpedo boats sank 12 ships, including two destroyers, off the British southeast coast.

The last report by D.N.B. was the third upward revision of the toll wrought by the torpedo boat attack since it was first announced. Two of the 10 merchant ships were said to be tankers, one of 8,000 tons and the other of 5,000 tons.

The D.N.B. agency said that in addition to merchant tonnage, the speedboats sank two British destroyers, each of 1,090 tons.

WAR TODAY

By UNITED PRESS

Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka of Japan prepared today for important consultations in Berlin, Rome and Moscow which may touch off the axis all-out spring offensive against Great Britain.

Matsuoka undertook his journey as Germany rushed to consolidate in the Balkans, preliminiary to what observers thought might be a bold campaign to attempt to break Britain's grip on the Mediterranean.

Opinion in some British and Balkan quarters was that a Nazi offensive against Greece from the new positions in Bulgaria may not be as imminent as has been reported.

Those quarters said Germany would need time to place her forces in position for the offensive, meantime increasing shipments of munitions of war and sweeping Jugoslavia into the axis.

READY TO FIGHT

However, Athens reports insisted that Greece was ready to fight to the death no matter what the odds. Turkey seemed to be on the sidelines unless directly attacked but was preserving freedom of action.

One Turkish source said that no help was expected from Russia other than possible moral support.

A novel thesis was offered by Premier Benito Mussolini's spokesman, Virginio Gayda. He said that the British imperial force in Libya had suffered "enormous losses" and that British and Greek troops were being rushed from Greece to bolster the fading British lines. He added that "whether these reports are true, they nevertheless prove that the British consider the Greek war lost."

Either en route to Berlin or on the way back, Japan's Matsuoka is expected to stop off in Moscow where he is also expected to exert the utmost efforts in an attempt to obtain his long-desired Soviet-Japanese non-aggression pact.

The Russian agreement may be a key to the whole axis far eastern plan before embarking on extensive projects in the south Pacific.

As Matsuoka prepared to leave on his long journey, Germany worked feverishly to bolster her Balkan front for another phase of the big spring offensive.

Those Balkan sources which are constantly setting dates and "deadlines" for various German moves today fixed upon Tuesday as the day when Jugoslavia would make a move drawing herself close to the axis sphere.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON. — Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, Dem., Mont., charged today, as the senate neared a final vote on the British aid bill, that "New Dealers who get their information from the food trough say we will be at war by April 1."

"This is not a bill to keep war away; it is a bill to permit the president to carry on undeclared war," he said.

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BUDAPEST, Hungary.—Bands of fierce, heavily armed Bulgarian Comitadjis were reported flocking across the frontier today to join the Greek army.

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BERLIN.—An official news agency dispatch from Bucharest reported today that severe damage had been done in the Buzau district of Rumania by an earthquake. Three hundred homes, a church and a school were destroyed at the town of Catalschul, it was said. The extent of casualties was not known.

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NEW ORLEANS.—The three-man crew of an army B-10 Martin bomber bailed out somewhere in the vicinity of New Orleans shortly after noon today when the plane ran out of fuel. From a description of the terrain over which the plane was flying when last reported by radio, airport officials believed the crew had bailed out over the dense swamps southwest of New Orleans.

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LONDON.—An air raid alarm tonight developed into one of the heaviest night anti-aircraft barrages London has heard in months and there were indications that German raiders are concentrating on the capital.

The night was bright and moonlight and the sky over Dover Straits was clear.

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SALEM, Ore. — The house today defeated 31 to 28 a sales tax measure sponsored by Rep. Frank Lonergan, Rep., Multnomah.

Senate Rejects Ban on Transfer of Warships

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(UP)—The administration steamroller in the senate crushed an attempt to prohibit transfer of new American warships and naval planes under the British aid bill and drove toward final blackout of the measure, possibly late today.

The senate defeated, 56 to 33, an amendment which would have barred such transfers. It was sponsored by Chairman David I. Walsh, Dem., Mass., of the naval affairs committee, and was one of the last major opposition challenges to the administration.

Prior to the vote, Sen. Millard E. Tydings, Dem., Md., urged senators to be "honest" in the debate and admit that Britain wants American men as well as material aid. Tydings, a supporter of the bill, backed the Walsh amendment on the ground that this country should not weaken its own first lines of defense.

Administration spokesmen had urged rejection of the Walsh proposal on grounds that it would "scuttle" the measure and deny Britain possible needed aid, such as destroyers.

Both Walsh and Tydings pointed out that ships and large planes take considerable time to replace, unlike other types of arms and munitions, and that their transfer to Britain might deplete the U. S. fleet seriously.

Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky predicted a final vote late today without major changes in the present form of the measure. He said house concurrence in senate changes would be sought, rather than a house-senate conference and its customary delays.

The senate, by a voice vote last night, rejected an amendment to the bill which would have called for the immediate deportation of Harry Bridges, west coast C. I. O. leader.

LANGLIE HOLDS WHIP HAND NOW

OLYMPIA, March 8.—(UP)—Gov. Arthur B. Langlie today signed SB102, giving Attorney General Smith Troy full control over all attorneys in various state departments and agencies.

It was the first bill of the Democrat majority's six-bill governmental reorganization program to reach the governor. It was regarded as innocuous since the constitution already grants such control to the attorney general.

Otherwise, the "reorganization" program appeared to have all but collapsed.

This being the 55th day of session, all bills passed over the veto now on can be vetoed after adjournment sine die on Thursday. With this veto threat hanging over them, the Democrats can still pass more bills to transfer Langlie's powers to Democrat elective officials, but are virtually certain of having them vetoed.

Local Officials See Blackout in Seattle

Among Bremertonians who journeyed to Seattle last evening to witness Seattle's six-hour blackout were Mayor Homer R. Jones, Police Chief Charles Lewis, Capt. R.O.D. Murphy, Lt. Art Morken and Patrolman Irving G. Sullivan.

Bremerton's official party were guests of Seattle blackout officials, observing activities in blackout headquarters in the county-city building and from the top of the Smith tower.

Obtain Permits To Erect Three Homes

Permits for the construction of three new residences were issued today by the city building inspector's office.

A $5,000 residence of five rooms and bath will be constructed at 1522 Bayview Drive by E. W. Stitch, contractor, for Walter Taylor, owner. Mrs. Lloyd Hartley will build a $3,000 home at 608 Wilbur ave., while Mr. D. Lanway will construct a duplex, estimated to cost $2,500, at 1408 Winfield ave.

Britain Builds 480 Ships During Year

GRANTHAM, Eng., March 8.—(UP)—Large and small warship construction for the year ending April 1, will total 480 vessels, Sir Victor Warender, financial secretary of the admiralty, said today.

In a speech opening War Weapons Week, he said that new vessels represent "over five times as many as during any year" since the commencement of the naval rearmament program."

Certify Four More As School Directors

Four more rural school directors were certified today at the office of the county school superintendent, as follows: Esther Schaffert, Silverdale; Carl Voeliger, Central Valley; Mrs. Walter Koch, Bremerton, and Mrs. Lillie S. Eddy, Chico.

CORNERSTONE OF STRUCTURE TO BE PLACED

New Eagles Building Ceremony Slated For Sunday

With three charter members on hand, the Bremerton Eagles lodge will lay the cornerstone of its new $62,000 building at 6th st. and Washington ave. tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock.

Jack Martin of Manette, Jim Phillips of Bremerton and William Moffatt of Seattle are the three charter members of the Bremerton aerie, organized in 1901, who will be present for the ceremony.

DIGNITARIES ATTEND

Other dignitaries who will be present include Ted Hedger of Spokane, state Eagles president; E. W. Bigelow of Seattle, district organizer; J. W. McArthur of Tenino, district manager; Mayor Homer R. Jones of Bremerton, who will give the address of welcome; J. W. Bryan, Jr., of Bremerton, former state Eagles president, who will serve as master of ceremonies; B. H. Branch, architect, and Bert Miller, contractor on the building.

The cornerstone will be laid near the door on the veranda entrance on the 6th st. side. A platform will be erected for the official party.

EAGLE OFFICERS

Officers of the local Eagles lodge, who recently sold their old building at 6th st. and Pacific ave. to Mrs. Sophia Bremer, are the following: P. W. Jacobson, president; Joe Starosky, vice president; Pete Kinen, chaplain; Carl Hudson, secretary; Bill Gates, treasurer; R. A. McNutt, junior past president.

The building committee is composed of the following: Floyd Burdick, Lloyd Whitehall, Bud Gossett, Frank Cohen, G. A. Ring, J. W. Bryan, Jr.

A special meeting will be held at the old hall at 2:30 tomorrow to initiate a class of new members.

UNION PROTEST SENT TO F. D. R.

By UNITED PRESS

The Steel Workers' Organizing Committee threatened today to disrupt production on $1,500,000,000 worth of national defense orders for a second time unless President Roosevelt takes immediate action to compel Bethlehem Steel Co. to comply with terms of a settlement reached just one week ago.

S.W.O.C. representatives sent a telegram to the president with copies to members of the Office of Production Management charging that the Lackawanna, N. Y., Bethlehem management had refused to receive a union committee appointed to negotiate pending grievances in accordance with the O. P. M. settlement.

The dispute was the largest involving defense industries. Strikes are in progress at 23 plants and four U. S. army projects.

The farm equipment workers' organizing committee (C. I. O.) threatened to extend its strike, now in progress at four middle western plants, against the International Harvester Co., which has orders for tractors and other equipment for the army worth $10,000,000. Negotiations on the dispute were adjourned indefinitely last night.

A jurisdictional dispute between two A. F. L. unions was revealed to have disrupted partly construction of the Chrysler Corp. $20,000,000 tank arsenal at Detroit. The strike was over who would install machinery, the Carpenters' or Machinists' union.

M'Namara, Convicted Bomber, Dies in Pen

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Cal., March 8.—(UP)—James McNamara, union leader sentenced to life imprisonment for bombing the Los Angeles Times building in 1910, died today in San Quentin prison after a lingering illness.

McNamara entered the prison hospital Feb. 13 for a series of operations. One was for a cancerous condition, another for an abdominal obstruction. A third operation was planned but his condition prevented it.

Extension of Guard Training Held Likely

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(UP)—The war department may ask congress to extend the year of federal training for the national guard by another six to 12 months, unless the international situation eases, authoritative sources said today.

These quarters said that the matter of an extension was under consideration in view of the fact that the national guard may not have had enough time to become thoroughly in mass maneuvers and modern combat methods.

Betty Stoffel Will Reign As Ski Queen

Betty Stoffel will be queen for two days when she reigns during festivities of the Bremerton Ski celebration March 22 and 23 at Mount Rainier.

Miss Stoffel, attractive daughter of Mrs. Agnes Stoffel, Naval ave., was chosen from a group of popular young candidates by dancers attending the Ski dance at Pearl Maurer's pavilion last evening.

Miss Jean Busby and Miss Jeanne Callow were selected as princesses to form Miss Stoffel's royal court, and they, too will take part in the numerous activities planned for the two days.

COUNTY'S JURY PANEL IS DRAWN

Jury panel for the spring jury term of Kitsap county superior court was drawn this morning at the office of the county clerk in the Port Orchard courthouse. The jury term will begin April 14.

Those drawn were as follows:

District 1 — Halvor Halveson, Clarice Webster Rose, Mrs. N. N. Torvich, Alfred Paulson, Antone F. Olson, Edward A. Freese, Bennie Bjelland, Frank Carriere Jr. and Leo Baldwin, all of Poulsbo; Louis M. Mathison and Ida Anderson, Kingston; Arthur C. Odden, Suquamish; David V. Hilstad, Manette; and James B. Chandler and Florence Paulson, both of Star Route 1, Bremerton.

District 2—Anna Mae Padilla, Mabelle E. Hamilton, Elmer G. Johnson, E. T. Vaughn, E. W. Summer, R. E. Ross, Hazel William and Thomas H. Rebanks, all of Port Orchard; Glenn Moore, Burley; Sophie Pederson and W. C. Smith, Olalla; Martin Olsen, Creosote; A. J. McLean, Rolling Bay; Mrs. J. Bendrick, Gorst; Blakely, and Ruby Selfors, Port Madison.

District 3—John Akas, Rte 2, Box 166-D, Bremerton; Sadie J. Prichard, 1528 7th st.; A. W. Dewes, Rte 2, Box 425, Bremerton; Allen D. Clark, Rte 2, Box 1525, Bremerton; Mrs. R. B. Rasmussen, Star Route 1, Box 74; W. J. Rowline, Rte 2, Box 457; J. Lone Reynolds, Rte 1, Box 6; Walter E. Moore, Star Route 1, Box 170; Fred V. DeLong, Rte 2, Box 310; Sam Snare, Rte 2, Box 278-D; Mrs. Walter McInnis, Rte 2, Box 133; Joseph A. Hendricks, Rte 1, Box 586; Kathryn Martin, Rte 2, Box 485; H. E. Parker, Rte 2, Box 401; Walter J. Collier, Rte 1, Box 401.

DEATH CLAIMS DELLA GIBSON

Word has been received of the death in Olympia yesterday of Mrs. Della Gibson, 74. She died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Getty.

Mrs. Gibson, long-time resident of Post Orchard, had recently moved to Olympia to reside with her children, also former Port Orchard residents.

The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Mills and Mills chapel in Olympia.

Surviving besides the daughter, Mrs. Nina Getty of Olympia, are another daughter, Mrs. Hattie Clapp of Marysville; two sons, Frank Weaver of Marysville and William Weaver of California; a step-daughter, Mrs. Vivian Hudson of Bremerton; a step-son, Frank Hudson, of Port Townsend, and a step grand-son, Floyd Hudson.

Blast Rocks Seattle Mill, Breaks Panes

SEATTLE, March 8.—(UP)—The Bethlehem steel mill here was rocked yesterday when hot slag exploded as it hit a vat of water.

Windows were broken in a score of houses within a radius of two blocks, but there was little damage to the mill itself. One bystander suffered a cut on her hand from flying glass.

HOUSE OKEHS 3 MILLIONS TO HELP SCHOOLS

Measure Is Sent To Senate; Will Aid Defense Areas

OLYMPIA, March 8.—(UP)—Legislative clocks were stopped today on the 55th day of session to permit house and senate to rush through long calendars of their own bills before the official noon deadline.

Clocks were halted at 11:40 a.m. The house passed and sent to the senate an emergency grant of $3,000,000 for school buildings, principally in national defense areas. The vote was 77 to 21. The state social security committee would have authority to say where the money would be spent.

The house today refused to force from rules committee the redrafted merit system bill and the chain store tax bill.

The merit system bill had been worked over to include provisions of Gov. Arthur B. Langlie's bill and the measure filed by the state federation of labor.

JERKS REJECTION

The house appropriations committee tried to reduce the emergency grant to schools to $1,000,000, on plea of Rep. Tom Montgomery, Dem., Pierce, chairman, that the state already faced a terrific load of appropriations.

He favored a motion to give the entire $4 million asked, and pointed out the budget gave the social security committee two millions to be used in work projects, which in past years had gone largely to schools.

Rep. Paul Thomsen, Dem., Cowlitz, demanded the fund be raised and earmarked for schools and the motion was put lost on a move to give the state board of education control of funds.

U. S. WILL HELP

The federal government plans to allocate about $3,500,000 for schools in defense areas, Montgomery said, arguing the state need not appropriate so much.

Sen. Paul Kelly, Dem., King, attempted to blast out of the senate rules committee a bill levying a personal net income tax but the senate refused to bring it out for a vote.

Bills passed in the senate's morning session included ones giving county commissioners more control over county welfare offices, transferring crippled children program to the health department, appropriating $11,966,218 in highway funds, adding the attorney general and state auditor as members of the state land board, and authorizing cities to convey land to the government for reclamation purposes.

BUDGET OKEHED

The legislature moved swiftly and smoothly toward its adjournment, sending the $176,000,000 omnibus budget bill to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie for his signature.

Unprecedented in recent sessions was the house of representative's action last night approving the budget without amendment, following the senate's lead of a night before. By passing it before the 55th day, lawmakers made sure Langlie would have to sign it or veto Lieut. Gov. Victor A. Meyers' $7,200 "maintenance" grant in the budget before adjournment.

Besides the budget, the house approved by 94 to 1 vote Langlie's petroleum products tax bill and sent it to the senate. Also

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Postoffice Staff Grows as Business Climbs 70 Pct.

Bremerton's ever-expanding postal business rocketed upward during February, when a 70 per cent gain in postal receipts was registered over the corresponding month a year ago.

The 70 per cent gain was the largest ever shown in the history of the Bremerton postoffice, and it concentrated attention on the postal business as an index of the city's rapid growth.

Receipts for February, 1940, totaled $9,134.63 as against $15,-811.96 for last month. The first two months of 1941 brought postal receipts of $31,321.19, as compared to $19,717.57 for the first two months of 1940.

Twelve additional postal workers have been employed in recent months at the Bremerton office, bringing the total crew to more than 50 persons. Eight of the 12 new men are clerks, and four are letter carriers.

Names of the new men: Frank Grundloffer, Arvith Christiannen, Richard Thompson, Jack Banks, Lyle Holmes, George Armitage, Walter Fry, Clarence Daugherty, Donald Price, Earl V. Benskin, Paul W. O. Bence and Stewart McIntyre.

F. D. SPEAKS ON THE AIR AT 6:45

President Roosevelt will address the farmers of the nation over all major radio networks tonight at 6:45 p.m. (P.S.T.) on the eighth anniversary of the administration's conference that founded the New Deal farm program.

Vice President Henry A. Wallace and Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard also will speak.

Farmers' organizations throughout the county will hold dinners to celebrate "Farm Day" and hear the radio address.

BLACKOUT TEST RULED SUCCESS

It was 10:30 last night. The lights of Seattle glared high into the sky and far out across Puget Sound.

Suddenly, a hundred sirens wailed. A-i-r R-a-i-d.

Lights went out, and in 10 minutes, Seattle, with a population of 368,000 was in darkness.

Air raid wardens with "ARP" armbands scouted every block, looking for stray lights. Motorists stopped their automobiles at curbs, and switched off motors and lights. Pedestrians mashed out their cigarets.

High overhead, airplanes droned.

Observers said the first complete practice blackout in a big city of the U. S. was a "complete success."

There were some things impossible to black out. There was, for instance, a half moon. Lights gleamed brightly at the big Boeing aircraft plant and the Todd-Seattle shipyards on Lake Washington, both so busy on national defense orders that they could not stop for 15 minutes for a practice blackout.

The most popular place in town was a ballroom which had advertised a "blackout dance"—15 minutes of waltzing without lights.

Jose Serrano Dies

MADRID, March 8.—(UP)—Jose Serrano, famous composer, died today. He had long been ill.

SCHOOLS' NEEDS TOLD CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 8.—(UP)—The army and navy today asked congress to provide $115,000,000 for "imperative" school facilities for 204,265 children expected to be located at or near army and navy posts by September.

In a formal report to the senate, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Acting Secretary of Navy James Forrestal said that existing school facilities at or near army posts "cannot possibly" accommodate that number of children.

Meanwhile, the public health service announced that it would open a special school here April 1 to train physicians, engineers, nurses and laboratory technicians in special health problems likely to arise near army cantonments and in new defense areas.

Ambitions of Stalin and Hitler Clash

Since the imperial days of the Hohenzollerns and the Romanoffs, German and Russian statesmen have coveted this prize—the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus. The power politics of 1941 again bring these ancient enemies into conflict, as Stalin rebuffs Hitler by stewing diplomacies over Bulgarian capitulation to Nazi demands. While Nazi occupation of Bulgaria may be only prelude to Greek thrust, Hitler's troops have come within 90 miles of three crossroads of southeastern Europe and Asia Minor and the Fuehrer may be tempted to seize them from the Turks.

Bremerton Sketches — By WILL DANCH

"Are you sure Bill Briggs is a truck driver? I listen to him every chance I get hoping to pick up a few good words but he's always a perfect gentleman."