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YUGOSLAVIA IN TURMOIL OVER AXIS PACT

Joint Seaway Project Details Are Announced

Net additional cost to Dominion estimated at \$50,343,000

Raider 300 Miles off Nfld?

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, March 21 (CP)—Two British vessels may have been sunk by an enemy surface raider, 300 miles southeast of Newfoundland, the crews of two freighters which were recently told news-
Officers of the vessels said they had picked up wireless messages from the two British ships, and were being "shelled by a raider." Both ships picked up the messages. They said no further word was received and they were unable to determine the fate of the British ships.
The freighters which arrived here passed over the spot where the "shelling" was reported to have taken place on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland—only a few days before it occurred.
Prime Minister Churchill announced earlier this week that enemy battle cruisers and submarines had crossed to the American side of the Atlantic to prey on British shipping and had already sunk ships which were not travelling in convoy.

N.B.-P.E.I. ice cream makers in conference

MONCTON, N.B., March 21 (CP)—T. G. Martin, Saint John, was re-elected president today at the fifth annual convention of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Ice Cream Manufacturers.
Other officers re-elected included: J. P. Simonds, Charlottetown, vice president; J. P. Sutherland, Charlottetown, ex-treas., and W. L. Brenton, Charlottetown, executive member.
About 350,000 gallons of ice-cream were sold in the two provinces last year, one report revealed.

International At A Glance

By The Canadian Press
BELGRADE—Cabinet crisis menaces Yugoslav government's decision to surrender to Axis; three ministers quit, warning of internal disorder; section of army angry; signature of pact delayed.
CAIRO—Girabub, last oasis in Libya, falls to British forces; new victories in Somaliland, Ethiopia, Eritrea; Italian counter-assaults in Eritrea beaten back.
LONDON—British fliers raid Nazi submarine base at Loriet, France; Lady Astor helps in rehabilitation of hard-hit Plymouth.
ATHENS—Greeks in heavy action with Italians about Tepeleni; Benito Mussolini, Fascist leader and associate of Mussolini, reported killed in action in Albania.

Coming Events

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- *Rummage Sale—Trinity Social Hall, Saturday, March 22, 5 o'clock. L-131-3-19-21-22-24.
- *Dance at Wiltshire Hall Monday, March 24th. Proceeds in aid of Dartmouth Women's Institute. L-202-3-22-21.
- *Rummage Sale St. James Hall Saturday, March 29th, 6.30 Girl Guides Association. L-206-3-22-26-29
- *Red Cross Dance, "Graham's Road Hall" Monday, March 24th. L-190-3-22-21.
- *Don't miss Hartsville School Concert tonight. If not, fine Monday. L-174-3-22-11.
- *Reserve Thursday, April 17th for St. James Church annual tea and bazaar. L-207-3-22-11.
- *Annual Meeting Central Club, Brudenell Hall, 24th, 2 o'clock. All farmers invited. L. S. Seaman, Secretary. L-183-3-21-21.
- *Notice—All unpaid taxes in Memorial School District not paid by April 15th will be handed in for collection. By order of trustees, Peter Doyle, Secretary. L-220-3-22-21.

OTTAWA, March 21 (CP)—Joint development by Canada and the United States of the long-projected 2,000-mile inland seaway through the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes and of the tremendous power resources of the river basin today reached the legislative stage for the second time since 1934.
At Washington, President Roosevelt sent to Congress the agreement signed here Wednesday by which the countries undertake an immediate start on the huge project as one definitely associated with defence efforts.
The agreement stipulates that the entire project must be completed by Dec. 1, 1948 unless circumstances make it advisable, by mutual consent, to speed or retard any phase of the scheme. It is officially estimated that power developments in the International Rapids section will be completed in 1945.
Details of the agreement, and documents pertaining to it, were made public here in papers tabled in the House of Commons by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.
But the Canadian Parliament was not asked to ratify the agreement until after it has won the majority approval of the United States Senate and House of Representatives.
The agreement envisages construction of the entire seaway and power project, planned in the international rapids section of the St. Lawrence River, roughly between Morrisburg, Ont., and Cornwall, Ont.
This has been estimated by engineers to cost \$266,170,000, of which, for the financial information.
Power Development
For the moment, however, the two governments are concentrating on power development, in the international rapids section of the St. Lawrence River, roughly between Morrisburg, Ont., and Cornwall, Ont.
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Coastal town Under attack

A SOUTHWEST ENGLISH COAST TOWN, March 22 (Saturday)—(CP)—Many business houses and blocks of homes were blasted by German bombers in a continuous three-hour raid last night and early today with casualties believed to be heavy. Many persons were known to be trapped in wreckage.
Air raid precautions workers dynamited some buildings which had been bombed.
A newspaper executive said: "The raiders started coming over in terrifying numbers and dropping the heaviest explosives this town has felt."

Plymouth Battered in Fierce raid

PLYMOUTH, Eng., March 21 (CP)—Plymouth piled high the sand bags and manned the air-raid pumps tonight, prepared for another test of flame and blast such as it endured last night at the hands of the Nazi raiders.
Many sections of this normally immaculate southwestern port, first glimpse of England for many travellers from overseas, were without heat and water as a result of the fierce raid which set serious fires, and cost the lives of uncounted men, women and children.
Lady Astor, member of the House of Commons for the Sutton division of Plymouth since 1919, directed firefighters at her Plymouth home through the raid; then took over the mayor's post in the absence of her husband, Lord Astor, who is suffering with influenza.
Eye-witnesses who have seen the condition of other English cities after such raids as that of Thursday night, said Plymouth, a city of some 210,000, already had made an amazing return to near-normal.
The Germans struck last night only a few hours after the King and Queen left Plymouth, following a tour of inspection.

FORSEES DARK AGE

BIRMINGHAM England (CP)—Bishop E. W. Barnes says he foresees a possible "new order" 1,000 years in the future and the approach of another "dark age" but he believes Christian principles will survive and emerge dominant.

The Strategists Confer



Prime Minister Mr. Churchill and Lt. Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton are completely absorbed in their study of a military map at Canadian Corps Headquarters.

Officer Believes Only Three Ships Lost In Convoy

Earlier reports credited five ships to submarines in raid in the Atlantic

Greeks repulse Tank thrust

ATHENS, March 22 (Saturday) (AP)—An Italian tank thrust in the central sector of the Albanian front was repulsed by Greek forces Friday, the Greek Government spokesman announced early today.
He said two tanks were hit and the whole formation retreated. The high command said one of the tanks was destroyed.
Otherwise, action was restricted to artillery fire and infantry patrols.
The spokesman credited one Greek patrol with capturing 15 prisoners, including an officer, in a daring penetration of the Italian lines.

Ribbentrop Predicts victory

MUNICH, March 21 (AP)—Foreign Minister Ribbentrop at a reception to Dr. Laslo de Bardossy, Hungarian Foreign Minister, tonight repeated German assertions that the Reich will win a complete victory this year.
"We are convinced the year 1940 brought a decision in favor of Germany and her ally, Ribbentrop claimed. The year 1941 will bring conclusive evidence of this, and developments of this year will force our opponent to admit his defeat."

Expect the Pope To substitute Quiet Easter Mass

By George C. Jordan Associated Press Staff Writer
VATICAN CITY, March 21 (AP)—The Pope is expected to substitute quiet Easter Mass in his private chapel for the usual elaborate ceremony in St. Peter's.
Although His Holiness' definite plans have not been announced, usually reliable sources said that because of war conditions he had cancelled the usual mass and the blessing of the throngs from the balcony.
It was the first time in nine years that the Easter ceremonies have been cancelled and the second time that the present war has curtailed a major church festival. Last Christmas Eve, the mass was shifted to daylight hours because of the blackout.

U. S. plans for 4,000,000-man army

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—An additional outlay of \$4,113,153,017 for the United States army and navy, including funds for new plant capacity sufficient to supply a 4,000,000-man army "on a combat status" was recommended to the House of Representatives tonight by its appropriations committee.
About half of the sum would be a direct cash appropriation with the balance in contract authorizations for which Congress would have to provide the funds later, possibly this year.
The committee explained that roughly half of the army's \$3,778,392,254 share was earmarked for new projects. The balance originally had been included in the war department's brief estimates for the fiscal year starting July 1 and were transferred to this bill to expedite the program.
New data on how Germany's new "panzer" divisions were used in the conquest of France are being studied by the U. S. army general staff. Congress learned, in connection with plans for possible greater expansion of the army's armored force.

Howe refuses 'Free hand' to Any official

OTTAWA, March 21 (CP)—Munitions Minister Howe told the House of Commons today that no official can be given a free hand in the direction of any branch of war production or in the spending of public money.
He was replying to suggestions that some person be given a free hand in aircraft production as Lord Beaverbrook was in Great Britain. Mr. Howe said Lord Beaverbrook had to get approval for his expenditures from the British Treasury.
The discussion took place as the House gave second reading to the \$1,300,000,000 war appropriation bill and then discussed the measure in committee of the whole.
Mr. Howe assured the House the program of building Avro-Anson planes under Government-owned Federal Aircraft Limited was in "complete running order" and prospect of getting planes on schedule was as good as could be expected with a plane not yet in production.
Several men who have joined our department have come in with the great idea of having a "free hand" in aircraft production. The idea of authority without responsibility seems to be the great goal of men who enter government service but no man would have government company has that kind of a free hand.
Conservative Leader Hanson suggested that the Minister review the whole situation regarding Anson Aircraft and said the program was not as satisfactory as it might be. He suggested the action desired was obtained in the not distant future a lot of the criticism already uttered might be forgotten.
Mr. Howe said the Government had not yet closed the door on the proposal to erect a short-time broadcasting station, worth between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, with a large annual charge for operation.
This, he explained, would be the cost of a station which could broadcast propaganda around the world. The British government had been consulted about this, but the cost in Canada was not necessary for war purposes. Some time, the Minister said, he hoped Canada would have a government station, perhaps a smaller one costing about \$500,000 which would be sufficient for peacetime purposes.

Name committee to Study problem of Canadian Sailors

OTTAWA, March 21 (CP)—Clarence Gillis (C.C.F. Cape Breton South) told the Commons' pensions committee today that "the need should be the guide" in awarding compassionate pensions in cases deemed "specially meritorious."
Length and merit of service now govern such awards, said Brig.-Gen. H. F. McDonald, chairman of the Canadian pension commission, and Mr. Gillis said he felt a broader interpretation should prevail. Many widows were entitled to consideration.
Cyrus MacMillan, (Lib. Queen's P.E.I.), chairman of the committee, named sub-committees to study and report on compensation for injuries to civilians caused by war, to study and report on the question of Canadian seamen serving on ships of other than Canadian register, and to handle matters concerning procedure, correspondence and delegations.

President's yacht Awaits fine weather

ABOARD U. S. S. BENSON, PORT EVERGLADES, Fla., March 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt rode salt water tonight but he was not getting far on a fishing trip.
The White House yacht, Potomac, lay at anchor behind the harbor breakwater, while waiting for favorable weather before going into the open Atlantic.
Navy officers late today continue to say the sea was rough, out to the harbor, but to observers on shore the weather did not appear unduly bad. Small craft were leaving the harbor and freighters plied the sea lanes outside.
Speculation began to develop whether adverse weather: was the only factor delaying the start of the cruise and whether the President might have received word that some development in the world situation was imminent and so did not wish to put to sea.

Escaped Nazi Prisoners taken By U. S. Officers

OTTAWA, March 22 (Saturday)—(CP)—Interment officials announced early today that two German prisoners of war who escaped last night from the prison camp at Fort Henry, near Kingston, Ont., had been apprehended by United States authorities.
The officials said the prisoners—two German navy officers whose names were not disclosed—had been caught before they reached the American shore of the ice-covered St. Lawrence River, but they were across the international boundary line which is in midstream at that point.
As a result, they said, the American authorities who made the capture declined to turn them over to Canadian officials.
The interment spokesman said that the names might possibly be released later today, but that it was unlikely.
It was not known immediately whether any effort would be made to have the men returned to Canada.

Fascists Fail In Counter-blow

CAIRO, March 21 (AP)—Another unsuccessful counter-attack by assault units of the 35,000 Italians defending besieged Cheret in Eritrea, cost the Fascists "serious casualties and a number of prisoners," the British middle East command announced tonight.
The garrison commander and 800 soldiers were taken prisoner, it was announced.
The oasis' stubborn garrison had been reported under siege since last December when the British troops drove into Libya, but the communique tonight said it had only been under observation while more important operations were carried out.
Recently, the British command said, "an opportunity arose finally to clear up the situation," so a detachment of British and Australians attacked Gharab yesterday.
Capitulation came this afternoon. The capture was the high-spot of the day's varied developments in the far-flung African campaign.
Another Italian counter-attack from British-besieged Cheret in Eritrea cost the Fascists "serious casualties and a number of prisoners," the British command announced.
In British Somaliland, Hargeisa

Sprinkled Potton

LONDON (CP)—It is announced that during evacuation of Dunkerque British army surgeons sprinkled subphosphamide in power form on wounds and burns and found this method of application successful.

Mobilized Serbs Protest Move To Bow To Dictators

Cabinet Ministers resign in protest; German authorities reported angry over delay in signing agreement.

BELGRADE, March 22 (Saturday)—(AP)—Mobilized Serb soldiers singing songs of the First Great War paraded in the provinces last night while Yugoslav Government heads vainly sought to solve a crisis arising from an attempt to put this Versailles Treaty-built nation in the Axis fold.

Regent Prince Paul and his Premier, alive to the dangers of serious internal disorders, still were unsuccessful early today in their attempt to form quickly a complete pro-Axis cabinet that would approve the plan of modified alliance with the Axis. The Serb Peasant Party leaders bitterly oppose the plan.

Here in the capital anti-Axis students met near the royal palace and played "Tipperary," the famous British marching song of 25 years ago.

The uproar caused by grapevine-leakage of the Government's intention, which was opposed vigorously by three resigning cabinet ministers, forced Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic and Foreign Minister Aleksandar Cincar-Markovic to delay their scheduled departure today for Vienna where they had planned to sign an agreement with the Axis Sunday.

This hitch caused great indignation in German circles. Likelihood of delay—or of more than mere delay—was raised by the angry objections of three Serb cabinet ministers who resigned rather than approve an anti-British accord with Germany and her allies.

The army rank and file, too, was angry. Prince Paul, head of the Yugoslav Regency, ordered the ministers to withdraw their resignations, but they firmly refused, and Paul tonight reluctantly accepted their withdrawal from the government.

Government sources predicted it would be impossible for the Premier and Foreign Minister to leave before Monday or Tuesday.

Before going to bed early today the Premier ordered Dr. Ivkovic, vice-governor of Croatia, to hurry here from Zagreb. It was reported that Ivkovic would be offered one of the three cabinet posts.

Under the Yugoslav constitution any agreement, such as the proposal to join the Axis must have the unanimous approval of the cabinet ministers. Customarily the ministerial vacancies are filled with members of the same party—but observers considered it unlikely that any prominent member of the Serb Peasant Party would join a pro-Axis cabinet.

British circles took heart at the anti-Axis manifestations of the Serbs. He instructed Cvetkovic and Vlocevic to hasten back to try to fill the three vacancies quickly with compliant ministers. These two went into conferences late tonight in hope of cutting as short as possible a crisis which might rip Yugoslavia at its racial seams.

A fourth Serb minister of the

Cape Breton Sailor tells of Sea attacks

NORTH SYDNEY, N. S., March 21 (CP)—A sailor from this town, in a letter received by relatives today, told of the sinking of three merchant ships in a convoy in which he sailed from Gibraltar to Britain.
The merchant seaman, John Stacey, said submarines and dive bombers attacked the convoy three times. Missiles from the planes several times fell so close to his ship that "we rocked just like a dory in rough water."
The Nazi airmen machine-gunned crews of the sinking vessels as they tried to launch lifeboats and rafts, he wrote. "The Germans literally sprayed them with fire," he declared "and stories of Nazi cruelty appear indeed to be true."
But, he added, the convoy was not molested after escorting British destroyers and planes had picked it up.

GOT NAZIS HOT ENOUGH

AMSTERDAM (CP)—Telling the crowds his clothing ration cards didn't give him sufficient clothing a Hollander paraded the main streets in top hat, and loincloth. The Nazi police clapped him in jail.

THE EASIEST JOB IN THE WORLD IS DIGESTING THE HOLE IN THE DOUGHNUT

TORONTO, March 21 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawn	19	28
Victoria	44	53
Edmonton	20	36
Regina	24	39
Winnipeg	19	35
Toronto	19	38
Ottawa	11	37
Montreal	16	31
Quebec	8	35
Saint John	14	38
Halifax	19	35
Charlottetown	8	29

FORECAST
Maritime East: Fresh or strong winds; partly cloudy with net much change in temperature; scattered snowbursts.
Synopsis: The weather has been fair with slightly higher temperature in Ontario and Manitoba, while light snowfalls have occurred in southern Saskatchewan. It has been fair and comparatively mild in Alberta.
BOSTON, March 21 (AP)—Forecast for New England—fair, no decided change in temperature Saturday and Sunday.
High tide this morning at 6:44 and this afternoon at 6:07.
Sun sets this evening at 6:14 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:59.
New moon March 27 4:14 p.m.
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.
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