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DEFENSE COST NEARS FORTY BILLION MARK

Disorders Sweep Yugoslavia

REFERENDUM ON ANTI-DIVERSION PLAN ADVANCED

Madison, Wis.—(P)—The assembly went on record today, 73 to 18, to submit to the voters in November 1942, a proposed constitutional amendment which would prohibit the use of state highway funds for general purposes.

It was the first house test at this session over a controversy which has been brewing for several months, and on the outcome may depend whether the assembly will produce new tax bills to finance an estimated state deficit of more than \$8,000,000 during the next two years.

Parties Join Forces A resolution incorporating the proposed amendment was approved at the 1939 session, and assembly Progressives and Democrats joined today with Republicans opposed to diversion in an effort to force a referendum on the question.

In the test roll call on engrossment the house advanced the resolution to the final step before adoption. It would have to be sanctioned by the senate before it could be submitted to the voters.

Assemblyman Elmer Genzmer (Dem.), Mayville, moved for suspension of the rules to send the proposal to the senate, but was unable to muster the required two-thirds majority. The vote was 56 to 34.

Defeat McBride Motion Previously the house had defeated, 52 to 39, a motion by Assemblyman John C. McBride (Rep.), Milwaukee, to send the resolution back to the judiciary committee.

Republican Floorleader Mark Catlin Jr., of Appleton, chairman of the judiciary committee, told the assembly the proposed amendment was not the answer to the dispute over diversion and would not help solve the state's financial problem. He said it would lead to a sales tax.

Opposed to Sales Tax Assemblyman Andrew J. Biemiller (Prog.), Milwaukee, who led a fight to force action on the resolution, said he would never approve a sales tax but there were other revenue measures, such as the one proposed by the Farm Equity union, which would be passed.

Assemblyman P. Bradley McIntyre (Rep.), Lancaster, co-chairman of the joint finance committee, argued that the highway department had credits on its books for all road money except \$2,000,000 appropriated by statute in 1933.

Biemiller asked McIntyre whether he thought the state would meet those obligations. McIntyre said he could not tell what succeeding legislatures would do.

Elect C. K. Crouse Exalted Ruler of Local Elks Lodge C. K. Crouse was named exalted ruler of the Wisconsin Rapids Elks lodge at the lodge election Tuesday night, heading a slate of officers who will be inducted April 8 into terms of one year. Mr. Crouse succeeds L. W. Murtfeldt as exalted ruler.

Other officers elected are: W. J. Conway Jr., esteemed leading knight; Edwin Martin, esteemed loyal knight; Robert Schill, esteemed lecturing knight; E. C. Brenner, secretary; M. F. Gauke, treasurer, and Earl F. Otto, trustee.

A class of four candidates was initiated into the lodge by the local degree team. They are Oscar Adler, Russell Hultquist, Kenneth Jensen and Ernie Smith.

FILES EXPENSE ACCOUNT County Superintendent of Schools S. G. Corey Tuesday filed with the county clerk his pre-election campaign expense account of \$653. He is unopposed for reelection and is the only county officer to appear on the April 1 ballots.

ON THE INSIDE NEWS IN PICTURES Yugoslavia signs pact, entering axis alliance—See Page 11. Two Michigan boys in custody for playing playmate—See Page 9. Gen. Garaboldi named successor to Graziani as chief of Italian forces in Africa—See Page 10. New Yorker wins name as playwright, quits restaurant job—See Page 16.

SPECIAL FEATURES Public thinks labor union leaders fail to cooperate with defense production, survey finds—See Page 9.

Jap Foreign Minister Accorded Elaborate Reception in Berlin

Berlin—(P)—Japanese Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka arrived in Berlin at 6 p. m. (10 a. m., C. S. T.) today for discussions which German commentators said were designed to make the three-power pact a more effective instrument for organizing the "new order" in Europe and the far east.

Matsuoka's train which carried him from Moscow where he had talked with Joseph Stalin drew into Anhalter station at twilight.

Great Throngs Greet Him Streets had been blocked off the tens of thousands of citizens were on hand to give him a wild greeting. The authoritative commentary, Dienst Aus Deutschland, commenting on the visit, said it was "more significant than a mere friendly exchange of opinions."

When Matsuoka begins conferences tomorrow with Adolf Hitler and other German leaders, the commentary said, they will "view problems from a worldwide perspective and will stabilize and clarify the pre-conditions for the fundamental reform of international life."

The German capital had a rousing welcome for the Japanese foreign minister, background by jubilation over Yugoslavia's entrance into the axis camp.

Hitler, Goering Not Present With the exception of Hitler himself and Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering, virtually all the top men in the government and the Nazi party were on hand to greet Matsuoka.

Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop welcomed him and led him to an automobile in which he was driven to Bellevue palace in the Tiergarten.

Five top-hatted diplomats were in the welcoming party, representing the junior partners of the tripartite agreement—Hungary, Rumania, Slovakia, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia.

The decorations were more elaborate than those seen on any other recent state occasion and culminated in a gigantic rising sun made of paper, white chrysanthemums and red poppies.

Close Schools, Factories Factories and schools were ordered to close early to give workers and children time to get in line along the route from the railway station to Bellevue palace—the Fuehrer's guest house for state visitors.

Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels urged Berlin residents to "decorate your houses with flags and personally take part in this historic event."

"Insoluble Union" "The reception accorded this distinguished Japanese visitor in the Reich's capital," Goebbels declared, "will most effectively demonstrate the insoluble union of nations bound together by the three-power pact."

Lieut. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima, Japanese ambassador to Berlin, said he had not "the slightest doubt that the foreign minister's visit will contribute much toward strengthening our (Japanese-German) cooperation."

Oshima envisaged world peace as a result of "the glorious final victory of Germany."

Last Rites Friday for Msgr. A. J. Dorrenbach Marshfield, Wis.—A procession of approximately 1,000, including 700 students of St. John's parochial school, this morning accompanied the body of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. J. Dorrenbach from the funeral home to the church edifice where it will lie in state until funeral rites Friday morning. Monsignor Dorrenbach died Monday night.

Several rosary services are planned and masses will be said Thursday morning at 6:30 and 8 o'clock. Marshfield city officers will be closed and business places, as far as possible, will be asked to close during the rites which will begin at 10 a. m. Friday. Several hundred members of the Roman Catholic clergy are expected here for the funeral of the late dean of Catholics of Wood, Marathon and Adams counties.

Begin Annual Audit of Wood County Records I. J. Carpenter and E. A. Strey, auditors of the state department of taxation, today began the annual audit of Wood county records. The examination of the books in the county's principal administrative offices, the highway department, Wood county jail, Home for the Aged and asylum, will cover the calendar year of 1940. The audit is customarily completed for report to the county board at the May organization session.

BELGRADE RIOT QUELLED; MANY UNDER ARREST

Belgrade, Yugoslavia—(P)—Sharp street fighting broke out anew tonight in Belgrade as public protests rose against the alignment of this country with the axis. There was fighting in at least eight points of the city, with police and soldiers in riot cars speeding from one scene to another in efforts to quell the violent disturbances.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia—(P)—Rioting broke out in the center of Belgrade at noon today in protest against Yugoslavia's alliance with the axis powers.

Police and soldiers rushed to the scene and quelled the outbreak, which occurred a short time after Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic returned from Vienna, where he signed the axis pact yesterday.

Many Persons Arrested Many persons were arrested before police halted the fighting.

CLASH AT SARAJEVO Sarajevo, Yugoslavia—(P)—More than 1,000 persons clashed with police tonight in the streets of Sarajevo, birthplace of the World War and a center of dissent against this country's new pact with the axis.

The paraders already had marched through the business district singing patriotic songs.

The students, mostly from secondary schools, formed the procession on their way home from lunch.

Authorities apparently were prepared to meet any situation.

Police and soldiers jammed court-yards throughout the city, ready to cope with any demonstrators who threatened to get out of hand.

Seek to End Disorders Cvetkovic no sooner had reached the capital than he went into conference seeking to end the disorders which had been agitating the country for 24 hours.

Accompanied by Foreign Minister Aleksander Cincar-Markovic, who also participated in the pact signing yesterday, the premier hurried from the station to his offices to confer at once with government leaders.

Vice Premier Vladimir Macko, who met the train with other cabinet ministers, followed the premier to report on disorders which flared in all parts of the country while the treaty was being signed.

Close Several Schools The first step taken by the authorities after Cvetkovic's arrival was to close several Belgrade public schools where thousands of older boys had destroyed pictures of Adolf Hitler and staged sit-down strikes.

Police cordons were stationed around some of the largest schools. It was reported that all might be closed until after the Orthodox Easter April 20 in an effort to avert further trouble.

The scene at the station, when Cvetkovic and his foreign minister stepped from their train at 9:40 a. m. (2:10 a. m., C. S. T.), was somber.

Hundreds of persons already were reported under arrest in the provinces as a result of yesterday's demonstrations.

Hint Nazi Attack High neutral diplomats in Sofia, Bulgaria, reported over the telephone that a Nazi attack on Greece from Bulgaria had originally been set for April 1 but might possibly be advanced to start this week.

Hold Mauston 'Human Bomb' at LaCrosse

LaCrosse, Wis.—(P)—Herbert Lowe, 28, who was described as the "human bomb" after he escaped from Mauston, Wis., officials in 1938 by threatening to blow them up with nitroglycerine, was captured here last night.

Police Chief Herman Rick said Lowe admitted his identity after being picked up on a minor hit and run driving charge.

Lowe is wanted for an attempt to escape prosecution on burglary charges, Rick stated, and will be turned over to a United States district attorney's deputy.

Rick said Lowe falsely registered for selective service at Iron Mountain, Mich., under the name of George McLeary of North Platte, Neb. In 1933, under the name of John Mazer, Lowe was sentenced from here to one to two years at the state reformatory.

COUNTY DRAFT QUOTA BOOSTED

The local draft board today received notice from state selective service headquarters that the April quota from this district has been increased from 24 to 25 men.

Notice of the one-man increase came as the board, up to noon today, added four more volunteers to the list of those who have signified intention of enlisting under selective service from this district.

New volunteers are Amos DeCarah, 22, of Wittenberg; Benedict Klappa, 24, and Robert Ryan, 24, both of Wisconsin Rapids, and Frank J. Warren, 35, of Chicago.

Warren, the board expected, would be transferred from his Chicago district in order that he might volunteer from Wisconsin Rapids.

Eighteen volunteers are ready for the April 6 induction, and the board was hopeful today that the needed seven additional would turn up to extend the "all-volunteer" record of this district which has seen previous quotas filled without drafting men from the selective service list.

Receive Statewide Notice The Wisconsin Rapids district has received statewide notice of the record—unique in Wisconsin.

Marshfield, Wis.—The north Wood county draft board announced today that three volunteers are listed for the April induction of 18 men from this district. They are Elmer Blonien, 25, and Elmer T. Gerlach, 30, both of Rudolph, and Clarence E. Fuller, 26, Pittsville.

JOIN STATE CO-OP Madison, Wis.—(P)—Memberships in the Wisconsin Electric Co-operative, a statewide organization, were granted today to the Polk-Burnett and Adams-Marquette co-operatives.

Nazis Extend Sea Blockade to Western Hemisphere Threshold

(By The Associated Press) Germany threatened today to "answer with deeds" any dispute of her action in extending the sea blockade of Great Britain beyond Iceland to within three miles of Greenland—thereby formally moving the war zone to the threshold of the western hemisphere.

Coast Guard on Patrol Two U. S. coast guard cutters were reported cruising in Greenland waters as part of the iceberg patrol, and Washington authorities have declared repeatedly that Greenland is covered by the Monroe doctrine.

The Germans said last night the blockade had been extended to include Iceland following reports that American ships had been unloading there for trans-shipment of United States war supplies to Britain.

U. S. Officials Silent No immediate comment was forthcoming from government officials in Washington. The United States is committed to defend the western hemisphere embraced by the Monroe doctrine.

In the war at sea, the Germans asserted that Nazi long-range bombers sank a 10,000-ton merchant ship in an attack today on a British convoy guarded by five destroyers, two cruisers and six patrol boats in the north Atlantic.



PICKETS OVERTURN A CAR—Pickets at the Bethlehem Steel company laid hands on an automobile attempting to enter the plant at Bethlehem, Pa. They rocked it and turned it over, removed food which they said had been destined for workers who remained in the plant, and then righted the car. The driver was then ordered to quit the grounds. Federal mediators sought to end the strike called by CIO steel workers organizing committee.

Troopers Smash Picket Lines at Bethlehem Steel Company Plant; Stand Guard at Gates

Bethlehem, Pa.—(P)—More than 100 picked Pennsylvania state police stood guard to enforce "peaceful picketing" today, after smashing massed picket lines at the parent plant of the Bethlehem Steel company. Workers picketed in and out of the mills without incident.

Shouting warnings and waving riot sticks, the troopers—many of them mounted—cleared all nine entrances last night of pickets established by the C. I. O. Steel Workers organizing committee.

No Strike at Johnstown Meanwhile, across the state in Johnstown another threatened strike at the company's Cambria plant, where 10,000 men are employed, failed to materialize. There are 21,000 workmen here.

Colonel Lynn G. Adams, state police commissioner who led the troopers last night, said today that "the ones making the trouble are last night of pickets established by the C. I. O. Steel Workers organizing committee."

PROTEST TO CITY COUNCIL Chicago—(P)—Strikers from the International Harvester company McMorick works marched to the city hall in the loop today to carry their complaint against "police violence" directly to the floor of the city council.

Spokesmen contended the police "brutally assaulted" strikers near the plant yesterday and that the police were being used to "break strikes."

Charge "War Hysteria" Opponents of the measure contended it was a result of "war hysteria" and Senator Anthony Gawronski (Dem.), Milwaukee, declared it would put innocent workmen in the same class with saboteurs.

Republican Floorleader Maurice Coakley, of Detroit, told the senate the measure was not concerned with the Alis-Chalmers strike but applied to all industries having defense contracts. He said Herman Seide, president of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, agreed to the bill after adoption of an agreement which upholds the right of workers to strike.

SINK NAZI TANKER London—(P)—The British submarine Sturgeon has torpedoed and sunk an 8,000-ton German tanker off the Norwegian coast, the admiralty announced tonight.

Initiate Three Into DeMolay Chapter Here Three candidates, Fritz Bender, Robert Kade and Wesley Fowler Jr., were initiated Tuesday night into the Wisconsin Rapids chapter, Order of DeMolay. The initiatory degree was conferred by a degree team from Stevens Point, who were accompanied by other members of the Stevens Point chapter.

The meeting heard reports by committees planning the 10th annual DeMolay spring ball which will be held in Lincoln field house April 18. Refreshments were served by the advisory board at the close of the meeting.

Page Ripley; Greg Rice Unfit for Army Duty South Bend, Ind.—(P)—Greg Rice, who hasn't lost a race at two or three miles in two years, is physically unfit for army service, selective service officials disclosed today.

Rice, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, holds the two and three mile run records and was the winner of the 1940 Sullivan award. Draft officials said a triple hernia makes the stocky distance star unfit for military service.

AWAIT SIGNATURE OF FDR AS SPUR TO NEW EFFORT

Washington—(P)—Awaiting word that President Roosevelt had signed the \$7,000,000,000 British aid appropriation at sea, the capital found today that the cost of the enormous national defense program had almost reached the \$40,000,000,000 mark.

Actually, an OPM tabulation showed, the authorized and proposed United States expenditures since June 1, 1940, have totaled \$20,177,800,000, including the British aid appropriation. An additional \$3,511,000,000 in orders have been placed here by Great Britain in that period.

Signal for New Effort The president's signature on the huge aid appropriation measure was generally expected to be a signal for a new intensification of effort to get those dollars transformed into the necessary supplies as rapidly as possible, and to get those supplies delivered to Britain and American armed forces.

Same saw a hint of a stepped-up aid tempo when defense officials late yesterday ordered 200 tons of magnesium—an ingredient in incendiary bombs—ready for Great Britain by April 1.

Other Consignments Secured This was the first lease-lend consignments whose character was officially disclosed. Authorities have made known that other shipments of supplies were either on their way or being prepared, but details were withheld on the ground that military information was involved.

Defense officials already have done considerable advance work in preparing to handle the new flood of orders that the \$7,000,000,000 aid appropriation will loose, and to integrate them, as far as possible, with army and navy purchasing programs.

Congress, meanwhile, kept working away today on national defense appropriation requests on which legislative action has yet to be completed.

Asks More Army Funds The senate appropriations subcommittee, which has been considering a joint army-navy \$4,073,813,074 supplemental appropriation, received President Roosevelt's request for an immediate \$312,871,000 increase in army funds to be spent largely on new military posts and the expanding air corps.

Appearing before the subcommittee yesterday, General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, was reported to have urged the appropriation of the additional funds so that the army could step up its airplane pilot training program from its current goal of 12,000 new pilots a year to 30,000.

Urges Forest Works Authority for State Madison, Wis.—(P)—A forest works authority which would supervise the use of tax delinquent land in northern Wisconsin for forestry purposes was proposed to the legislature today by Assemblyman Henry J. Berquist (Prog.), Rhinelander.

Berquist introduced a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 annually to the proposed agency, which would be headed by a director appointed by the governor for a six-year term. The director would have authority to lease the lands for 10 to 20 cents an acre, which would be paid to the holders of the tax titles.

Half of the appropriation would be taken from the state highway fund and used for roadside beautification and "living" snow fences. The remainder would be financed by increasing fishing, hunting and trapping licenses from \$1 to \$1.50 annually.

2 Flee Police; Burn to Death in Auto Waterloo, Iowa.—(P)—Roaring flames of the automobile in which they were fleeing from highway patrolmen burned two boys to death near here today.

Patrolmen said they were closing in on the speeding car whose occupants they sought to question in connection with a New Hampton, Iowa, burglary when the machine collided with another, upset and caught fire. The automobile had been stolen here.

Police Chief Hugh R. Crumrine said the boys were identified as Eugene Rose, 18, and David Dyer, 16, both of Waterloo.

THE WEATHER For Wisconsin: Partly cloudy tonight; Thursday snow flurries, sleet or snow, colder except extreme southeast; moderate shifting winds becoming fresh northerly Thursday.

Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 37; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 15; temperature at 7 a. m., 31.

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