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## Turkey & Bulgaria Enter Into Pact Yugoslavia to Pursue Course Favored by Germany Hurricane and Fire in Spain Make 30,000 Homeless

### NON-AGGRESSION PACT IS RELIABLY REPORTED SIGNED BY TURKEY AND BULGARIA

UNDATED, Feb. 17 (AP) — The last big obstacle to a German march through Southeastern Europe to the Mediterranean was apparently removed as reliable informants in Sofia reported that Bulgaria and Turkey reached a non-aggression pact and the assurance that Turkey will stand aside and may be the keystone to fit together all the military and diplomatic preparations that Germany has made for the Balkan offensive. There is not much Bulgaria or Turkey could do about it if Germany decided to send an army through them to reach the Dardanelles or Greece, but Turkey has the power, at least to contest the Nazi onslaught, if it chose to. The Turks have long been the storm center of the war power politics.

The Germans used diplomatic pressure to keep Turkey on the sidelines and the British made Turkey a potential ally by pledging aid for the defense of Turkish integrity. So far Turkey has been an enigma like big, neighboring Russia. Neither have made a clear-cut stand on what their course would be in the Nazis, already perhaps 600,000 strong in Rumania, received orders to march.

British sources acknowledged the accord means to sharp blow to British influence in the Balkans. Some diplomatic observers felt that the odds against Greece will become so great, her victories over Italy, notwithstanding, chose to. The mere threat of a German blow, might force her to capitulate.

### British Hint Their Saboteurs Are In Italy

UNDATED, Feb. 15 (AP) — The barest hints that some British parachutist saboteurs are still hiding at the foot of the Italian boot, to seek to strike a crippling blow at the home front of Britain's Fascist foe, emanated from the British ministry of information.

It was said unformed troopers in an unspecified number were dropped recently in southern Italy with instructions to "demolish certain objectives connected with ports in that area, and some have not returned to their base."

The Italians said yesterday that all the British were captured.

It was also announced that the RAF fired oil installations at the port and works of Gelsenkirchen the inland port for Duisburg in Ruhrport in western Germany. An authorized spokesman in Berlin said the British flew over 22 communities but attacked only one intensively.

### LORD HALIFAX PAYS RESPECTS TO SECRETARY HULL



First official act of Lord Halifax as he assumed duties of British Ambassador in Washington was a call on Secretary of State Cordell Hull (right). Halifax had just handed a sheaf of papers to Hull. Hull remained in Washington when the President abandoned custom to greet Halifax and bring him ashore aboard the yacht Potomac.

### FIRE IN WAKE OF HURRICANE FORCES 30,000 PERSONS FROM HOMES IN SPAIN 62 ARE DEAD

MADRID, Feb. 17, (AP) — The San Sebastian radio reported that 30,000 persons were forced from their homes by gigantic fires which swept Santander yesterday and today in the wake of a disastrous hurricane which claimed at least 62 lives in Spain and Portugal. The flames are still blazing but the fire fighters are believed to be gaining the upper hand. Among the hundreds of buildings reported destroyed and damaged in the Bay of Biscay

port city was the Bank of Spain, cathedral, government revenue office and customs house.

The losses by fire, which meager reports by way of ships' radio in the harbor said, were started when an explosion occurred aboard an oil tanker moored in the harbor. It was estimated between 9 and 13 million gallons of oil in the tanker blaze were reported down into the city by a high wind.

### Yugoslavia Will To Adopt Course Germans Desire

UNDATED, Feb. 15 (AP) — Premier Dragisa Cvetkovic of Yugoslavia and his foreign minister returned to Belgrade from Germany after a three-hour conference with Hitler yesterday. Both refused to make a statement but sources close to the premier indicated that Yugoslavia will probably adopt a course more in accord with German desires.

### FIRST FATALITY IN ACTION OCCURS TO AMERICAN EAGLE SQUADRON, WITH THE RAF

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP) — The first fatality in action in the American eagle squadron, fighting with the RAF, occurred with the death of Edwin Orbison, aged 23 of Oklahoma, who was killed while chasing a German plane, on a training flight. He was buried in a village

churchyard close to the flying station. The squadron adjutant said "Everybody thought highly of him and he took to a fighter as a duck takes to water." One other American member of the squadron was killed previously in a flying accident.

### Spring Floods And Storms Ravage Europe

BERN, Switzerland, Feb. 17 (AP) — Spring floods and storms ravaged the breadth of Europe and already killed or injured hundreds of persons from Portugal to Yugoslavia an extending in a lighter degree through the Danube Valley to the Black Sea.

Belgrade reported that Yugoslavia's Lake Scuteri was rising and seven buildings are already under water at Batchak. Floods destroyed many dwellings and threatened others as Rumanian Territorial waters for 15 miles north and south of Constantia were declared dangerous for navigation.

### WENDELL WILLKIE MEETS WINSTON CHURCHILL



Wendell Willkie (left) shook hands with Prime Minister Churchill in London and had lunch with the British war leader. In center is Eddy Gilmore of the Associated Press London staff.

### German Flotilla Claims 14 Ships

BERLIN, Feb. 15 (AP) — The flotilla of German warships which were reported in the last two days with the sinking of 14 British ships, in one convoy left one vessel afloat to serve as a rescue ship for the other crews, DNB news agency said. All the merchantmen were armed and defended themselves vigorously, but no German ship was hit. A DNB reporter on one of the German ships said the fight was so quick and decisive that after the first ten minutes five of the British ships were in a sinking condition. The attack was made Sunday off Portugal.

### Japanese In The Americas Told War Not Likely

TOKYO, Feb. 15 (AP) — The cabinet information bureau advised Japanese residents in North and South America not to be alarmed "at the irresponsible sensational reports in increasing tension between Japan and the United States" asserting it is not warranted to jump to a hasty conclusion as "any such eventuality as war."

### Greeks Crack Down on Fascists

UNDATED, Feb. 15 (AP) — The Greeks reported cracking down on Italian lines at several points in Albania.

### British Occupy Important Port

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (AP) — After long artillery preparation, the British announced the occupation of the important port of Chaisma in Italian Somaliland.

You can't plow a field by turning it over in your mind.

### Capt. Bangs, Former Nome Skipper Dies In Seattle

SEATTLE, Feb. 15 (AP) — Capt. Frank L. Bangs, aged 85, former master of the trading ship J. P. Abler of Nome, died yesterday at his home here. A Masonic service will be held Tuesday. He was a watchman for the port of Seattle for several years until his retirement 8 years ago. He is survived by a son, Norval of Seattle.

There is only one excuse for war and that is protection against something worse than war.

From the very beginning man's progress has been the result of his desire to live beyond his income.