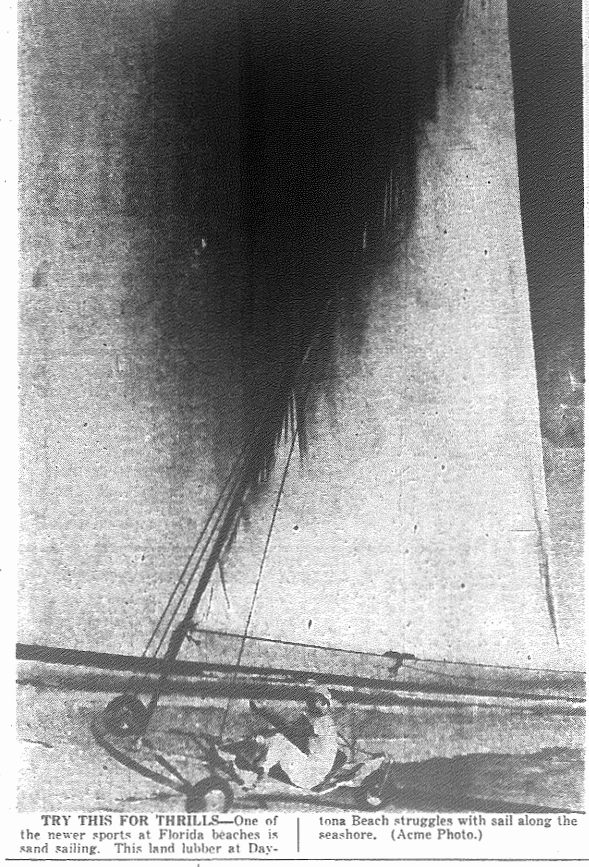


# CHINA SENDS MORE TROOPS TO MANCHURIA

## Russia Raises Issue Of Oil Concessions Against Iran



TRY THIS FOR THRILLS—One of the newer sports at Florida beaches is sand sailing. This land lubber at Daytona Beach struggles with sail along the seashore. (Acme Photo.)

### Says Britain Favored And Reds Barred

#### Iranian 'Fight' Talk Denied

By Associated Press

The Moscow radio struck anew today Iran, raising the issue of oil concessions.

Quoting the Soviet Government newspaper Izvestia, the radio said the Shah's Government was "defending the monopolist possession of British oil concessions in Iran" by refusing Russia similar holdings in Iran's northern provinces.

A Red Army vanguard which skirted Lake Urmia was reported in Tehran to have reached a position 60 miles southeast of Sanjbulagh, seat of the semi-autonomous Sheldom of Ghazi Mohamed, Kurdish chieftain.

IRANIAN DENIAL

The Iranian Minister of War, quoted in detail in delayed dispatches yesterday, as saying his troops would oppose any Russian move upon Tehran and that Iran would again go before the United Nations Security Council—denied the whole thing. He told newsmen the Iranian War Department interpreter "completely misinterpreted" his remarks.

However, United States officials said the Iranian Premier, Ahmed Qavam Es Saltaneh, had advised the U. S. State Department that Iran intended to return the case to the Security Council for re-examination. The Council will meet in New York March 25.

Diplomatic officials in Washington said assurances had been given both Iran and Turkey that the United States would back them against aggression in fulfillment of the letter of the United Nations Charter, but that "no blank check promises" or military commitments were involved.

Secretary of State Byrnes has repeatedly emphasized the determination of the United States to do everything possible to make the going concern. Submission of the Russian question to the body when it convenes in New York March 25 would be concrete evidence of the hope the nation places in the new world organization.

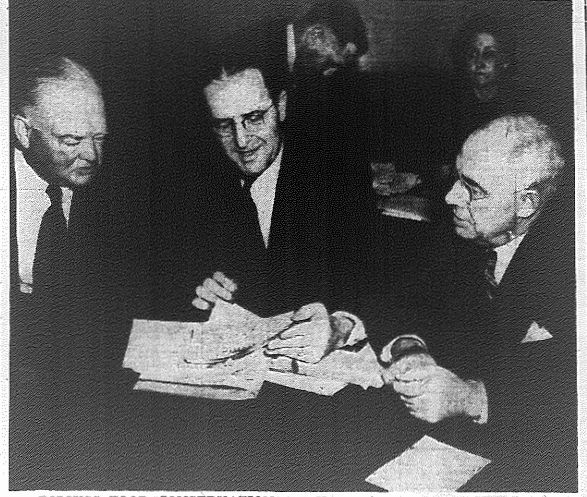
Despite the admittedly uneasy situation existing some congressional quarters said they were hopeful for a speedy and favorable solution of difficulties.

REDS MAY MOVE

Two legislators who asked not to be quoted by name told a reporter they would not be surprised if Russia takes the initiative soon in some move to ease the tension that has been created by her failure to withdraw troops from Iran on schedule.

"They have the timing of what form this possible action might take. Secretary Byrnes stuck to his contention yesterday that reports of Soviet troops moving toward Iran toward the Turkish border came from reliable persons, some of them American. The Russian news agency Tass had said the reports did not tally with reality. Despite this conflict of views.

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DISCUSS FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM—Seen in the Department of Agriculture at Washington as they confer on the coming voluntary food conservation program, to be effected in the U. S. to enable more food to be sent abroad, are, left to right: Herbert Hoover, honorary chairman of the newly-created Famine Emergency Committee; Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson; and Chester Davis, chairman of the committee. Hoover will fly to Europe to survey food needs in the war-torn countries. (Acme Photo.)

### Marshall Describes Situation As Critical

#### U.S.-Trained Men Embarking

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Gen. George C. Marshall today described the Manchurian situation as "extremely critical" and said additional Chinese troops are being sent into the area.

These troops include elements of 20 American-trained divisions that fought in Burma, he said, and they are "now embarking for Manchuria."

At the same time Marshall told a news conference that unity teams composed of American officers and representatives of Chinese Government and Communist factions have been able to "disolve nearly every difficulty" in areas where misunderstandings have arisen over the Chinese unification agreement.

AMERICAN FORCES REDUCED

Marshall said American forces in China are being rapidly and sharply reduced.

Meeting newsmen after conferences with President Truman and Secretary of State Byrnes yesterday, Marshall made an outright plea for strong American support for China—including material and presumably financial assistance—during the period of its efforts to establish unity between Nationalist and Communist forces.

Marshall declared that stability in China is essential to world peace and that the United States is best able to help China gain stability.

Marshall discussed the Manchurian situation only sketchily. In his news conference, which was held at the State Department rather than the War Department, since he now holds the position of Ambassador to China and intends to return to that post soon, he said that the Chinese Nationalist forces or 250 divisions include 20 American-trained divisions.

CHINESE DEMAND

Marshall's statements coincided with dispatches from Chungking saying that the Kuomintang (Nationalist) Party Congress had demanded quick restoration of Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria and immediate withdrawal of Soviet troops from the area.

Marshall described himself as "certain of the sympathetic interest of the American people in the restoration of conditions in China to the maintenance of peace in the Pacific and Asia."

NO AMERICAN OBSERVERS

Although he has just come from China and from Japan, where he saw Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Marshall said he did not know exactly what the position of the United States was since there have been no American observers there.

He made that comment when asked what the Americans, who recently pulled out of the city of Mukden, are evaluating all of the strategic North China area. Marshall said that he had established an American consul in Dairen, and he did not mention Stalin.

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### Storms Hit In Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. —(AP) —Tornadoes and high wind storms which struck Alabama early today killed at least four persons, injured seven others and caused widespread property damage.

Police Chief W. B. Davis of Demopolis, Ala., said a Negro woman and child were killed and six other Negroes injured in Marengo County, eight miles west of Demopolis when a tornado destroyed several farm houses.

ROUSES DESTROYED

In Sumter County, near Livingston, another Negro was killed, Mary, seriously injured when their home was destroyed by tornado winds.

Demopolis and Livingston are located in South-Central Alabama near the Mississippi line.

Andrew Ryns of Big Sandy, Ala., in Tuscaloosa county, near Birmingham, was killed and his wife, Mary, seriously injured when their home was destroyed by high winds.

Considerable property damage was reported throughout Central and Northern Alabama.

### Spain Replies To U. S. White Book

MADRID — (AP) — The Spanish Foreign Office, announcing a reply to the United States white book on Generalissimo Franco's regime, declared today that Spain maintained her "independence at all times during the civil war as well as the European war."

The Foreign Office said only two of the fifteen documents published by the U. S. State Department affected the United States because the others referred to the years 1940 and 1941 when the United States "like Spain was a neutral country."

Spain is lodging a complaint with the United States against "the form in which" the white book was published, it was announced.

A copy of the reply, which is reported to total 20,000 words, is to be officially delivered by diplomatic channels to the United States Embassy here and then made public some time next week.

The Spanish answer was approved at a meeting of Franco and his ministers at El Pardo Palace last night.

### Hal Boyle

Awad Has Only One Really Bad Habit, But His Feet Are Clean

By HAL BOYLE

CALICO — (AP) — Awad Hassan Aly has only one really bad habit. He likes to wash his feet in the kitchen sink.

That kitchen is a workshop and temple for Awad, who looks like a cross between "Amie" and the end man in a minstrel show. He is known variously as "Awad the Great," "Awad the First" and "The Tarboosh Kid."

MR. BOYLE

He is a fifteen-year-old or-

### Two Die In Berlin Blast

BERLIN —(AP)— German police headquarters said two persons were killed and two others seriously injured when explosions wrecked the midtown headquarters of German civilian and Russian military police today.

In their preliminary report the German police said more victims probably begin to appear as the debris of the shattered Alexander Kaserne building, digging by rescue squads was continuing.

Awad had to learn early this to fend first for himself. He was born in a village on the Asam-Sudan frontier. When he was one-year old his parents called in a local barber and he noticed the baby's face to leave afterward the distinctive scars were by these villagers.

His father died before Awad's memory begins and his mother died when he was ten. He came to Cairo and helped his brother cook.

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### Wearing Green

Sons Of Erin Parade Up Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK —(AP)— And the sons and cohorts of old Erin jumped the gun by a day and marched up Fifth Avenue today.

Some merry 75,000 wearers of the green trod up the avenue to the beat of drums and the strident pipes of the city's 112 St. Patrick's Day bands.

Lined along the famous thoroughfare were hundreds of thousands of friends of the Emerald Isle—resplendent in green bandannas, green neckties, green hats and other bits of green-colored clothing.

A brilliant March sun and cloudless skies greeted the jaunty marchers, headed by the veterans of "The Fighting Irish," the 165th Infantry, who saw action in the Gilberts, Solon and Okinawa.

Close behind were the veteran corps of the old 68th and Rainbow Division veterans.

Interpersed between bagpipe and other bands were representatives of all the city's Irish societies, religious groups and other organizations.

Fittingly, the parade was reviewed by Mayor William O'Dwyer—first Irish-born mayor since 1894 to be in the reviewing stand.

### Reds Charge U. S. Seizure

MOSCOW —(AP)—Pravda, in a dispatch from "Vladivostok," said today that the United States was removing highly valuable property from Japan to the United States.

A special Tass correspondent said his story was based on reports in Japanese newspapers and in the Tokyo edition of Stars and Stripes.

The dispatch in the Communist Party organ said the lost reported-seized by the Americans included platinum, gold, silver, jewelry and other property from a German warehouse, worth \$500,000.

Pravda quoted Japanese newspapers as saying that on Oct. 10, 1945, American military authorities took 650 pounds of platinum, some gold and upwards of 248 tons of silver from the Japanese military and naval ministries.

Stars and Stripes of Nov. 7, 1945, was quoted as reporting that American counter espionage police discovered and requisitioned a German warehouse in Tokyo, where they appropriated jewelry and other property.

Pravda quoted the Nippon Times of Feb. 8, 1946, as saying that the 24th Division had requisitioned 400 bars of silver of 75 pounds each.

"General MacArthur's Headquarters in Tokyo had reported these seizures at the time each was made. It said the Japanese and Germans illegally were holding the confiscated property, and had violated a MacArthur directive ordering that all such assets be reported."

"There was no indication the confiscated property had been sent to the United States. It was understood in Tokyo that such assets would be subject to Allied reparations."

### Churchill Puts Issue Up To Reds

By NATHAN POLOWETZKY

NEW YORK —(AP)—Winston Churchill called upon the Soviet Union last night to insure continuance of war-born sympathy of the English-speaking world for the Russian people by submitting its international problems to the United Nations Security Council.

"If the Soviet Government does not take advantage of this 'Anglo-American sentiment,' he said, 'it is, on the contrary, they discourage it, or they chill it, the responsibility will be entirely theirs."

DARDANELLES TEST

The doughy wartime leader of Great Britain said Russia's failure to evacuate Iran should be threatened out in the council's forthcoming New York meeting, and he warned that an early and great test for the UNO would come from Russian pressure against Turkey.

(Washington sources said last night that Iran already had informed the United States that it would ask the UNO to reopen the Iran-Russia situation at the Security Council meeting which opens here March 25.)

Churchill made the first public disclosure that America and Great Britain had offered Russia at the Potsdam Conference "a joint guarantee of the complete freedom of the Dardanelles Straits in peace and war, whether for merchant ships or ships of war."

"To this guarantee Turkey would gladly have subscribed," he continued, "but we were told that that was not enough. Russia must have a fortress inside the Straits from which she could dominate Constantinople."

But, this is not to keep the Straits open but to give power of closing them to a single nation. This is out of harmony with the principle urged by the United States representatives of the freedom of the great waterways of Europe, the Danube, the Rhine, and other rivers which run through so many different countries.

"At any rate, there was the offer, and I have no doubt it is still open, and if Soviet Russia still persists in putting pressure on Turkey, the matter must in the first instance be pronounced upon by the United Nations Security Council."

"Thus early will come a very great test for the world organization on which so many indeed I might say all, our hopes are founded."

The talk, in which Churchill was expected to answer critics of his Fulton Mo. speech and possibly refer to Generalissimo Stalin's "warmonger" charges against him attracted as much public interest as some of his speeches during Britain's dark days in 1941. However, he did not mention Stalin.

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### California Area Rocked

LOS ANGELES —(AP)— The earth continued to twitch today, but western sped repairs to the Los Angeles aqueduct, caved in by Southern California's most severe earthquake since 1933.

Settling sheets still were felt on the Mojave Desert some 150 miles north of here, where occurring the only damage from a tremor scientists said was comparable to the Long Beach disaster thirteen years ago this month, or the equally severe Santa Barbara quake in 1925.

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### Bottleneck Cited Bowles Scores Home Building Obstruction

WASHINGTON —(AP)— Chester Bowles said today a housing "bottleneck" that must and will be broken "is the substitution of a multitude of a reactionary few" in the construction industry.

The Stabilization Director said that over the country there are countless able experienced building contractors eager to get going on the Government program for 2,700,000 new homes during the next two years.

Veterans' Bowles added, are "fed up with the trailer camps; many are forced to fall back on these days."

"As soon as it became apparent that the Government was determined on a hard-shelling housing program," Bowles said, "the business-as-usual boys got active—but in the wrong way."

"They wanted to keep homes scarce—and shoot prices up. Like a plague of seven-year locusts they swarmed into the halls of Congress, pleading to restore the bill to its original form. It will provide 'adequate housing'—at reasonable prices—which can set in motion a lasting home building boom such as this country has never seen."

### WEATHER

Official Weather Bureau Forecast

Showers and thunderstorms today and mild tonight. Sunday mostly cloudy.

Temperature at 3:30 today: 61 High and low last 24 hours: 76; 57

Sunrise today: 6:21 Sunset tomorrow: 6:21

Professor Maxwell's Advance Predictions

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| DATE   | TEMP. | WIND | MOON |
|--------|-------|------|------|
| MAR 17 | 68    | 18   | 19   |
| MAR 18 | 72    | 20   | 21   |
| MAR 19 | 75    | 22   | 23   |
| MAR 20 | 78    | 24   | 25   |
| MAR 21 | 81    | 26   | 27   |
| MAR 22 | 84    | 28   | 29   |
| MAR 23 | 87    | 30   | 31   |

(The News presents Professor Maxwell's advance weather forecast as an interesting feature. It is not a guarantee of the actual weather, but it is a useful daily feature, but points out that the official forecast remains the word of the U. S. Weather Bureau.)