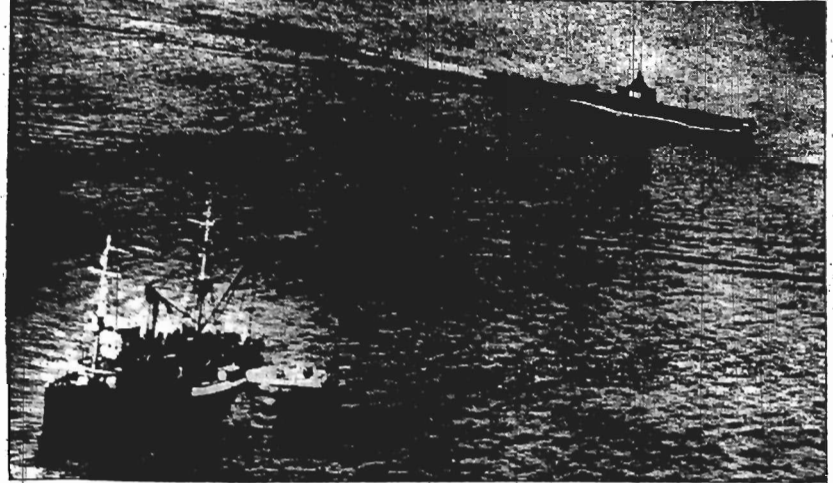


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## SUBMARINE RESTS IN 440-FOOT GRAVE AS SEARCH IS CONDUCTED



TOMB OF O-9—The United States navy rescue ship, Falcon (left), with launches alongside and with the assistance of a submarine (right) searches the Atlantic 20 miles off Portsmouth, N. H., for the United States submarine O-9, which carried its two officers and crew of 31 to their deaths in 440 feet of water on a practice dive. Navy officials said yesterday salvage efforts probably would be abandoned due to the extreme depth.

### HITLER MOVE CAUSES SENSATION IN CAPITAL

Government Officials Unprepared For Development. Aid Question Raised.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(AP)—Germany's move against Russia created a sensation in diplomatic quarters here tonight and government officials unprepared for a development of such far-reaching significance.

President Roosevelt had retired early, before Adolf Hitler's proclamation was read over the German radio and White House officials said that so far as they knew he was not awakened for the news.

No immediate comment was advanced immediately but he and other state department officials remained at home since the department so far lacked any official reports on the sudden development. In view of slow communications, it was expected that direct word from American diplomats abroad would not reach here for several hours.

Despite widespread rumors of Russian-German tension for several days, Adolf Hitler's decision to turn his armies eastward came as a distinct surprise at this time.

Constantine Oumansky, the soviet ambassador here, could not be reached for comment.

Whether the decision was available from British diplomatic sources but it was learned that Viscount Halifax, the British ambassador, was informed promptly and eagerly by Soviet officials reports.

One question immediately raised was the possibility of American aid to Russia.

Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state was asked at a press conference this week whether Russia would qualify for American lend-lease aid in the event she became the victim of aggression. Welles turned the question aside as hypothetical.

Extreme difficulties existed for the United States to get any aid to Russia. From this country, materials presumably would have to go via the Pacific to Vladivostok.

Japan's position in the new lineup thus became a matter of increased importance.

### Fierce, Destructive Mass Raids Are Made By RAF

British Bombers and Fighters Combine For Heaviest Assaults Of War On Invasion Coastline—Heavy Bag of German Planes Claimed—Match Nazi Raids.

LONDON, June 21.—(AP)—British bombers and fighters struck the German-held invasion coastline in two mass assaults of 150 planes each today and claimed 28 Nazi fighters while losing only five planes themselves in the resultant far-flung battles.

Observers at the coastline who tallied the number of planes used pointed out that Britain now was attacking the continent with waves of fighters and bombers as great as Germany sent against England in the tremendous attacks last fall.

In the "greatest day" of the battle of Britain last September 15, Germany sent over two waves of 150 and two of 100, and British claimed a total bag of 185.

Around midnight tonight the RAF was at it again, giving the Nazi-held channel bases a blasting that made the ground tremble along the English Kent coast of this side.

"It was the fighter command's most successful day of operations since the battle of Britain last year and two of the largest sweeps yet made over enemy territory since our fighters resumed the offensive during the last presidential campaign, and have since the repeal of the arms embargo supported their campaign promises—measures which they were assured would provide aid in keeping America at peace. These members feel with Representative Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, that they in duty and conscience bound to keep these promises inviolate.

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### SUBMARINE SALVAGE MAY BE ABANDONED

Great Depth of Sunken O-9 Makes Diving Practically Impossible.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., June 21.—(AP)—The first two attempts by navy divers to reach the pressure-crushed submarine "O-9" failed today, and the probability grew that the craft and her 33 dead had found a permanent grave 440 feet below the surface of the Atlantic.

The second effort resulted in a working dive ever 100 feet below the surface of the sea, but the tremendous pressure at that depth, said the navy, made it difficult to "float" the craft.

"Earlier, Frank Knox, secretary of the navy, returned from the scene to report that 'at that depth it is highly improbable that a salvage attempt would be undertaken.'"

He said "some form of service" would be held over the spot where the 23-year-old submarine "rested" on a muddy clay bank, if it was decided she could not be raised.

"If you really moved, Knox expressed a reluctance to speak publicly at any length.

"These poor fellows are dead out there," he explained. "I don't see just as much heroes as if they had died in action."

George Crockett, 27-year-old native of Seattle, Wash., made the first two diving attempts today.

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### ALLIED ARMY ENTERS DAMASCUS FOLLOWING DAY OF BOMBARDMENT

Town Taken On Fourteenth Day of Invasion.

NEW BATTLE LINE FORMS

Blockade of French Somaliland Begun By British. Ultimatum Ignored.

CAIRO, June 21.—(AP)—The ancient capital city of Damascus, a city of 4,000 years of war-spotted history, fell today to the British and free French armies on the 14th day of their invasion of French-mandated Syria, the British middle east command announced tonight.

British and free French forces marched into the ancient molesm capital just 24 hours after they began to shell it with big guns. This bombardment was launched after French high commissioner General de Gaulle had issued an ultimatum to withdraw his defending troops.

(The German radio reported that British artillery had destroyed Mezzeh, the suburb of Damascus, with artillery fire prior to fall of the capital. A French dispatch from Beirut, Syria, indicates that the capital itself may not have been defended. This dispatch said that French troops withdrew from the city after which it was occupied by the British.)

The British advance on Beirut, capital of Lebanon, is being held up while Austria's position is date their positions at Ras Nablun, a British spokesman in Jerusalem said tonight. The town is along the coast where food is supposed to have been cast up by the wharf.

Resistance of Vichy Frenchmen was declared "gradual" being worn down" on the central Levant front while at Mejdajoun, 40 miles below Beirut, allied troops were said to have been forced back a short distance northwest to the Litan river in heavy fighting.

The British radio reported tonight that Vichy forces that abandoned Damascus were withdrawing northwestward toward Beirut, that the military forces of the Syrian campaign may well take place to the south and east of the Lebanese capital.

The British and free French forces which entered Damascus had smashed their way to within ten miles of the city in the first three days of their advance, but still stiff resistance and an avowed British reluctance to carry the fighting into the capital itself made further progress slow.

The fall of Damascus, believed to be the oldest inhabited city in the world, came almost two weeks after the British had captured Beirut on the opening day of the campaign June 8.

The attacking forces apparently closed in hard on their final thrusts.

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#### More Training For Trainees, Guards Sought

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(AP)—Simultaneous action by the department recommendation that the national guard be kept in active service, law, and order, and that the selective service act be amended today that Congress would quickly authorize an additional year's training for draftees if the administration requests it.

Representative Wadsworth, Republican New York, who introduced the draft bill, added that if it is decided to prolong the training period of the selectees, men over 22 years of age, now in the service, should be permitted to withdraw after completing their 12-month training periods.

While Wadsworth insisted that 21 to 35 age limits be written into the law, he said that existing legislation had shown that those from 28 or 30 to 35, although "good men," haven't proved "so readily trainable."

Set Rubber Prices

Meanwhile, the office of production management announced a plan for curtailing civilian use of rubber, and price administrator Leon Henderson is setting new rubber prices would be established within 10 days.

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#### Russia Is Accused of Double-Crossing, Secretly Aiding Britain, and of Violating Frontier—Nazis On March From Black Sea to Baltic—London Says Soviets, Britain In Accord—Italy to Aid Germany.

(By the Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler hurled his German armies against soviet Russia in one of the greatest turn-about in history today, declaring all-out war against the erstwhile friend whom he called a liar, double-crosser and secret ally of Great Britain.

Supporting the Germans, declared Hitler, were the vengeance-hungry forces of Finland and Rumania, both eager to regain territories lost to Russia.

The London radio immediately announced a declaration had been issued in Moscow stating the U. S. S. R. and Great Britain were in full accord on the international situation.

Adolf Hitler, who at the moment his men marched into Poland on September 1, 1939, boasted by radio that his back was secure by reason of his pact with Russia seven days earlier, chose a similar method today to tell the world that the deal was off, and that the pact between communism and national socialism was actually under way.

Hitler's scorching denunciation of Russia was read over the radio by his propaganda minister, Dr. Paul Joseph Goebbels.

Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop followed with the actual declaration of war.

No News of Fighting.

Of actual action there was no direct news, but the German radio left no doubt that it was in progress already a 1,500-mile front. However, the British Broadcasting company said early this morning that it can be definitely stated that no actual troop movements on the part of either Germany or Russia have as yet taken place.

The Rome radio declared today that the coming conflict between Russia and Germany will find the Italian army standing by, ready to assist Germany in her struggle.

Hitler, after assailing soviet Russia bitterly in a proclamation read to the world by radio at dawn Sunday, ordered the Nazi armies to march into the soviet.

The German fuhrer declared he had had enough of Russian violations of the German frontiers and had commended the fate of the reich to the armies which have been all-victorious since September, 1939.

Hitler, in his proclamation, said it had been difficult for him to send an ambassador to Moscow in 1939 after the pact was signed and that it had been as hard to relinquish the Baltic states to the soviet in 1940.

He accused the Russians of sending planes across the common German-Russian frontier countless times and said that the moment had arrived at last when Germany could no longer overlook these developments.

"Together with the Finns, the Germans are standing on Narvik to the Carpathians," the proclamation said.

This one sentence indicated perfectly how far-reaching is the new battle front—from Narvik, in far northern Norway, to the Carpathian mountains on the Black sea, or more than 1,500 miles.

No Unexpected.

Although the proclamation and declaration of war came with startling suddenness on an otherwise quiet Sunday morning, the break was not unexpected, since Europe has been teeming with rumors for weeks that open conflict between the two great powers and erstwhile "friends" was imminent.

Germany, according to these reports in almost every capital of the old world, had made harsh demands on Russia, especially for the oil and wheat of the great Russian breadbasket—the Ukraine.

Finland had been especially jumpy and had ordered mobilization of practically all her reserves but there was nothing from the censor-veiled Russian capital to indicate anything other than peace and light.

The split with Russia followed hard on the heels of a Turkish-German friendship pact and only yesterday a foreign spurge in London declared that new agreement benevolently neutral in the event of war between the reich and the soviet.

This might mean that Turkey, guardian of the Dardanelles, might clamp that vital strait shut, thus closing Russia's exit to the Mediterranean from the Black sea.

After declaring Russia had repeatedly violated Germany's frontier, and taken measures in Rumania, and the Baltics and elsewhere which were aimed against the reich, Hitler said:

"I cannot be an onlooker any more. There are 160 Russian divisions around our border."

"Russia organized the putsch in Yugoslavia," he said.

"When his views were incorporated in a message to Congress yesterday it was generally assumed that Mr. Roosevelt chose that method of first expression for the incident because of the great freedom of language it gave him. The most important part of a formal protest the message was being transmitted to Berlin came as a considerable surprise and in many quarters was considered a move of great ingenuity."

It left the next step up to Ger-

### LUDDOW AMENDMENT IS GAINING SUPPORT

Resolution to Provide Referendum On Entering War Draws More Backers.

By W. A. HILDEBRAND.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—As the danger of our involvement in the war is more clearly recognized there has been observed a growing demand in congressional circles for the repeal of the Luddow amendment which looks to constitutional changes to enable the people to pass on the issues of peace and war, life and death.

The resolution of the Indiana member, one time representative here of the Indianapolis News, has been pending for a number of years, but has at no time commanded anything like universal support in either the house or senate during the last presidential campaign, and has since the repeal of the arms embargo supported their campaign promises—measures which they were assured would provide aid in keeping America at peace. These members feel with Representative Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, that they in duty and conscience bound to keep these promises inviolate.

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### COMMISSION TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY SALARY BOOST

RALEIGH, June 21.—(AP)—Ingersoll, N. C., has named a commission to discuss the salary of highway and public works commission members here next Friday.

Chairman Ben Prince said today that the commission will let approximately \$265,000 and will consider plans for the future operation of California prison farm.

William Davis named TO HEAD DEFENSE BOARD WASHINGTON, June 21.—(AP)—William H. Davis, New York patent lawyer, has been designated by President Roosevelt to head the new chairman of the national defense board, effective July 1.

Davis has been vice chairman of the board since it was organized in 1938. He will succeed to the post of president of the University of Wisconsin.

### Planes Fill Air

Even when the first raid started, observers telephoned from the channel coast that the air seemed filled with planes.

The official account described the raids as "offensive operations in strength" and said that in each attack an enemy airplane was bombed—one near St. Omer and another near Boulogne.

Three of the lost British planes were fighters and the fourth was a bomber.

Eleven Messerschmitt 108s were reported destroyed and others damaged in the first sweep, shortly after noon. The second, later in the day, was equally successful.

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### STERN F. R. WARNING IS SENT TO GERMANY

U. S. Foregoes Diplomatic Custom to Dispatch Message Direct to Hitler.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt sent Germany today a copy of the germ message he had given Congress on the sinking of the Robin Moor, and the German government's refusal to accept reparations were expected of Germany, and declared that this country would stand by the principles of the formal American protest over the sinking of the ship.

"Nothing further is required," said Sumner Welles, under secretary of state, in a message to correspondents asked if it was planned to supplement the note to Berlin by sending a formal note to Hitler.

Close Italian Consulate.

At the same time, Mr. Roosevelt ordered the Italian consulate and his aides and all Italian citizens employed here by official government agencies to quit the country by July 15.

The latter move had been expected after the German government staff were instructed earlier in the week to leave by July 10. In Italy, the government staff were ordered to leave by July 10, and which axis troops have occupied in the course of the war.

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