

U.S. SPEEDS ARMS AND SEIZES AXIS SHIPS

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Title: Showdown.

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Practically all sections of American opinion line up behind President Roosevelt in his campaign to crush Hitler. Visiting army depots in North Carolina the President ordered that newly-reconditioned 75s be sent to Greece. They're on the way.

America's first armoured division came through its maiden manoeuvres with flying colours. Equipment is designed for war as Germany fights it today. War conditions were realistically simulated to give units the severest test possible. The only hope of beating Hitler lies in really up-to-date mechanisation.

America has swooped down on 30 merchant ships belonging to Germany and Italy, putting them under protective custody. Five Italian vessels at Port Newark were taken over by coastguardmen immediately that sabotage was detected. By U.S. law any ship on which there has been sabotage must be placed in custody. The coastguards were too late to save gear and engines from crippling damage.

(GV) Ten Italian ships were seized at Baltimore. The coastguardmen, discovering sabotage here, arrested the crews. Nine Hundred is the total of German and Italian sailors detained. Proceedings are on foot to have them deported.

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Two more Italian merchantmen were placed in custody at New Orleans. Both had been damaged. These two brought the number of Italian ships seized up to 28.

In Boston they detained a tanker with a name that used to be world-famous. What an insult. The engines were found damaged.

(GV SHIPS) Many of the seized vessels were UNdamaged. The rest can be repaired. Eventually they may provide another 300-thousand tons of much-needed shipping for the democratic cause.

SHIP CRISIS LOOMS OVER U.S. SEIZURES

Merchant vessels of Italy, Germany and Denmark...69 ships, totaling 800,000 tons, are taken into protective custody by the United States. Sabotage ~~has~~ has been committed on a score of the merchantmen. Quickly, it's rumored the ships may sail for Britain..that the seizures will become hemisphere-wide. Meanwhile, the Axis partners protest to the United States. Paramount News cameramen film the lightning coast-to-coast action by the Coast Guard. At Port Newark, 5 Italian ships are taken. Evidence of sabotage is revealed, justifying the seizures, Federal Authorities declare, under a World War statute, 59 Danish ships are taken. First reports indicate that none ~~had~~ ^{have} been damaged. Coast Guardsmen say the Danish crews ~~have~~ co-operated 100 per cent. So, in return the sailors are accorded the privilege of protective custody, as guests of the United States government at Ellis Island. They receive extensive liberties, and later many are returned to their ships to serve as maintenance men. In Baltimore, 10 more ships seized by order of the President of the United States! ~~Word~~ Word ~~comes~~ comes that the Immigration Service is issuing warrants instituting deportation proceedings against approximately 875 seamen removed from Italian and German ~~vessels~~ ^{vessels} New Orleans contributes 2 of the total of 23 seized Italian ships. The camera tells the story of the damage done by the crew before the Coast Guard took over. In Boston, the ~~German~~ German tanker Paul Friederich is among ~~several~~ several taken over. Her engines are reported damaged. Seamen taken ~~from ships~~ ^{from ships} in the ~~New Jersey-Philadelphia area~~ New Jersey-Philadelphia area are confined in the Immigration Bureau Detention Station at Gloucester, New Jersey. They were reported in a not too unhappy frame of mind, despite the ^{sudden} seizure of ~~their~~ their ships. And the nation sees another stirring act in the swiftly moving drama of this year 1941!

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OFF-STAGE VOICES---"FLASHES"

1. (TITLE---LUXURY LINERS JOIN THE ARMY)

Crack cruise ships sign up with Uncle Sam, to be converted into troop transports. The Munargo is among several liners the War Department enlists for military service. The Washington is another. A 24-thousand tonner, she's one of the ~~largest~~ largest in service. Brig.-Gen. Groninger welcomes the Washington's skipper, Capt. Harry Manning. Uncle Sam will retain Capt. Manning and 321 men who manned the Washington during its luxury liner days. They'll operate the seagoing recruit after she's renovated to accommodate 4,000 troops.

(TITLE---GREECE TO GET U.S. FIELD GUNS)

Swinging through the Carolinas before returning to Washington, President Roosevelt visits two major army forts. Then he announces that some of the reconditions 75-millimeter field guns he inspects will go to Greece in another all-out aid in action.

(TITLE---ARMY SHOWS TEETH)

On another Southern front, the Army's crack 1st Armored Division puts on a show that snacks of the real thing. River crossing and ferrying operations are listed on the maneuvers chart...and, once again, every move simulates actual war conditions. Tanks prove their combat worth under the toughest conditions.