

GREEKS HOLD ITALY'S INVASION BACK ON BORDER; TURKISH ARMY REPORTED MOVING TO GREECE'S AID

Armory Plans Approved

City, County Boards Act On \$200,000 Job

Agree To Submit Proposal To WPA To Determine Federal Cooperation

SEATING SPACE HIKED

Problems Of Financing Expected To Be Discussed At Another Joint Meet

Tentative plans for a proposed armory-auditorium project for Wilmington costing an estimated \$200,000 were approved yesterday at a joint session of the city and county commissioners.

The city and county boards then agreed to submit the proposal to officials of the Works Progress Administration to determine to what extent the federal government would be willing to cooperate.

James E. L. Wade, commissioner of public works, was designated to represent the city commissioners and Addison Hewitt, chairman, to appear in behalf of the county commissioners in securing project consideration from the WPA.

Seating Capacity Hiked

James Lynch, architect, who outlined the tentative plans before the joint session, was asked to revise his plans to provide for an increase of from 2,700 to 3,000 in the seating capacity of the proposed auditorium.

Under the tentative plans approved yesterday, the structure would be 170 feet wide and 150 feet long, cost an estimated \$200,000, and provide for a seating capacity of 2,700 persons, including about 200 seats in the gallery.

Commissioner Wade said it was his understanding that the federal

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WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

FORECAST

North Carolina: Mostly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday followed by showers in the mountains Tuesday night or Wednesday, slightly warmer east and central portions Wednesday.

By U. S. Weather Bureau
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.)

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 61; 7:30 a. m. 60; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 64; maximum 86; minimum 58; mean 72; normal 62.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 100; 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. m. 58; 7:30 p. m. 53.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.2 inches; total since first of the month, 0.49 inches.

Tides For Today

High	Low
Wilmington 8:13a	2:56p
8:34p	3:24p
Myrtle Beach 6:00a	12:17p
6:10p	12:17p

Sunrise 6:29a; sunset 5:25p; moonrise 4:51a; moonset 4:42p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, at 8 a. m., October 26.

8.5 feet.

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C. W. Fulford Was First Conscript Here In 1917

Who will be Wilmington's first conscript today? The answer is tied up in a little blue capsule in Washington, but a yellowed newspaper uncovered yesterday attests to the fact that Charlie W. Fulford was the first in 1917.

In fact, Fulford was Wilmington's sole army in the first draft of the World War, he being the city's five percent of the first draft called into service.

Mr. Fulford, now 46 and a resident of Sunset Park, admitted last night that he was "the first to go . . . but not the last to come back."

"I will remember the day," he said. And according to the account in the Wilmington Dispatch Fulford was mobilized into service on September 8, 1917, and on September 9 he was off for Camp Jackson, S. C.,

Kennedy Back From Europe



His daughter Eunice records the scene as Joseph P. Kennedy, ambassador to London, arrives in New York by clipper plane, en route to Washington to report to the President on the war situation. The ambassador was met at the airport by Mrs. Kennedy, four daughters and a son.

F. R. To Speak At Start Of Draft Lottery Today

DRAW 8,500 NUMBERS

All Preparations Completed And System To Be Followed Explained Again

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The great draft lottery of 1940 will take place tomorrow.

In the interdepartmental auditorium, promptly at noon, President Roosevelt will deliver a brief speech. Secretary Stimson, blindfolded, will reach into the historic gold fish bowl of the World War draft drawing, and extract a blue capsule, containing a slip upon which a number is printed.

Other notables will follow him, and then the task of drawing approximately 8,500 capsules will be turned over to teams especially trained to do the job quickly and accurately. If it takes until Wednesday morning, the process will continue until all the numbers have been drawn.

Guard of Honor

The army band will play outside the auditorium. A detail of 500 uniformed war veterans, each carrying a flag, will form a guard of honor. Army planes from nearby fields will roar overhead.

All preparations had been completed today and selective service headquarters was calmness itself. What activity there was came mostly from an influx of telephone calls from young men unable to determine their serial numbers or uncertain about some phase of the drawing.

In practical effect, it works out this way.

which in all probability is where today's first conscripted man will be sent.

The unusual thing about Mr. Fulford's mobilization is that he was the entire Wilmington army in himself. The newspaper account of his departure says:

"Mr. Fulford is going away today to begin service under perhaps the most unique condition that any man ever shouldered a rifle or prepared to dig a trench. The distinction of being a whole army in itself is very unusual and Mr. Fulford apparently realizes that the distinction which is his is apparently not shared by another."

At 23 he had "fought a losing battle with the capsules," as the newspaper stated.

F. D. R. Denies Defense Drive Has Hit Snag

Says Republicans Tried To 'Sabotage' Administration's Arms Efforts

TALKS IN NEW YORK

Recalls Statements Made By Hoover, Fish, Vandenberg, McNary, Others

BY MAX BOYD
NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said tonight that republican leaders who now accuse him of neglecting America's defenses had tried repeatedly in years gone by to "sabotage" the administration's efforts "to increase our defenses."

In a major political address broadcast from Madison Square Garden, Mr. Roosevelt declared: "I now brand as false the statement being made by republican campaign orators, day after day and night after night, that the rearming of America was slow, that it is hamstringed and impeded, that it will never be able to meet threats from abroad."

Cites Statements

He cited statements and votes by which he said republican leaders—prior to the present election campaign—had opposed increased defense appropriations and tried to block aid to Great Britain.

Although he did not refer by name to Wendell L. Willkie, the republican presidential candidate, Mr. Roosevelt said one of the alternatives to his reelection was to risk the future of the country "in the inexperienced hands of those who in these perilous days are willing recklessly to imply that our boys are already on their way to the transports."

Willkie said recently that, if the President's peace promises were

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WILLKIE UPHOLDS TWO-TERM SETUP

Says Roosevelt's Re-Election Will Mean End Of 'Our Two-Party System'

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 28.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie described the two-term tradition tonight as "the common law of the United States" and said President Roosevelt's re-election would mean "the destruction of our two-party system."

A "New Deal party," he contended in a prepared address, has grown in Washington "out of the Democratic party, and funguslike has suffocated it."

"It is this New Deal party," he continued, "that now makes its ultimate grasp for power—the repeal

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War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Italy's invasion of Greece has dropped a match in a powder barrel that could blow up in the faces of Britain's Nazi-Fascist foes. It may already have exploded if Athens' reports of the British-Italian naval battle at Corfu are confirmed and victory rests with the British.

If British sea power is engaged at Corfu, it is perilously close on the flank of the Italian supply line supporting the attack on Greece

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ITALIAN AIR RAIDS ARE LIGHT; BRITAIN PROMISES ASSISTANCE, NAVY MOVES ALONG PENINSULA

DUCE, HITLER TALK

Mussolini Seeks Air, Naval Bases To Fight British In Mediterranean

ROME REMAINS SILENT

Italians Accuse Greeks Of Violating Their Neutrality On Five Points

ROME, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini hurled his Fascist forces against Greece today in a drive for air and naval bases from which to fight the British in the Mediterranean and then, after a long conference with Adolf Hitler at Florence, announced complete Axis agreement "on all present questions."

Political circles close to the two leaders indicated a belief that the discussion included consideration of French Mediterranean collaboration in the Italo-Greek crisis and a possible plan to use the French fleet against the British.

Take Action

An official announcement said the Italians took action against pro-British Greece after expiration of a three-hour ultimatum, presented at 3 a. m., demanding permission to occupy strategic Greek territory for the duration of the war.

From that point on Rome was silent on the manner in which its army, air force and navy followed up the ultimatum, official quarters here saying all they knew was what they read in news reports.

Officially, the principal reasons for the drive against Greece were given as Italy's desire to protect Greek neutrality against British plans to occupy Greece's Island

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CITY GETS FRESH WATER BY NOV. 6

Pumps For Deep Water Wells Expected To Arrive Within Few Days

Residents of Wilmington who yesterday went through the 25th day of not being able to drink the salty water here, are assured of fresh water in the city's mains by Wednesday of next week, James E. L. Wade, city commissioner of public works, said yesterday.

Pumps have been ordered to make possible the connecting of deep wells in the city to the mains so as to give the people at least temporary relief from the salty water.

Commissioner Wade said that the pumps should arrive in about five days and that fresh water should be in the mains by Wednesday of next week.

He said that the use of Army-owned mobile water purification units to take water from Greenfield lake for pumping into the city's mains

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British Bombers Attack Skoda Armament Plant

LONDON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—British bombers ranging farther from home than ever before in their systematic assault on Germany were reported tonight to have bombed successfully and left in flames the huge Skoda armament works in what once was Czechoslovakia.

The air ministry tersely declared a "strong force of Royal Air Force bombers" attacked the works at Pilsen, Bohemia, last night.

But the ministry's news service, in an amplification of the formal communique, said the British bombers set the plant on fire after a 750-mile flight from the English coast through dirty weather.

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Britain Assures Greece Of Every Possible Help

LONDON, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Britain threw her war-gearred resources behind Greece tonight and King George VI and Prime Minister Winston Churchill personally assured the Italian-invaded kingdom that the British would send every possible help.

"We are with you in this struggle," said the King's message to King George II of Greece.

"Your cause is our cause—we shall be fighting a common foe. There are doubtless hard trials to be borne but we shall both meet them in the firm faith that ultimate victory is assured by the ever increasing strength of free peoples. We

Turk Paper Prefers War To 'Dishonorable Peace'

President Receives Greek Ambassador And Talks With Premier Metaxas

ANKARA, Turkey, Oct. 29.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The Ankara government newspaper Ulus, commenting as Turkey kept close watch on the Italian invasion of Greece, declared today that "we prefer the hell of war to a dishonorable peace."

The editorial appeared as the Turkish republic celebrated its 17th birthday still undecided whether to join its ally, Britain, in aiding its neighbor and ally, Greece, to resist the Italians.

However, Turkey kept her vaunted "2,000,000 bayonets" poised as capital sources pointed to a recent government statement that Turkey would aid Greece in the event of an Italian attack—if Britain made good her promise to aid the Greeks.

"Test Of Fate"

The newspaper said further: "No one can assure the citizens until the storm of fire is over that our roofs will not catch after it. We are passing through a test of fate which demands clean hearts, strong confidence and complete cooperation until death. We recognize no limit of sacrifice."

Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu was understood to have reported on the Greek developments at a 2 1/2-hour meeting of the Turkish inner cabinet.

President Gen. Ismet Inonu received the Greek ambassador early this morning and talked by telephone with Greece's Premier Gen. John Metaxas, it was reported unofficially.

JAPAN ABANDONS NANNING CENTER

Chinese Prepare To Recapture First Capital Regained In 3 Years Of War

HONGKONG, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The Japanese army announced tonight it was abandoning Nanning, strategic communications center in Kwangsi province, southern China, and Chinese jubilantly prepared to recapture the first provincial capital they have regained in the 3 years of war.

The Japanese said further occupation of the city was "meaningless" since their troops now occupy French Indo-China.

Chinese spokesmen asserted that the Japanese were quitting Nanning hastily to avoid complete encirclement by persistently attacking Chinese forces who have been closing in since Oct. 24.

These sources said the Japanese had suffered heavy losses in severe fighting in the last few days.

The latest Chinese offensive against Nanning attracted little attention at first because many previous drives against the city failed when its recapture seemed imminent.

BITTER FIGHT RAGES

Officials In Belgrade Hear That Turkey Has Declared War On Italy

ITALY SEEKS SALONIKA

Greeks Take Heart From British Naval Help As War Hits Balkans

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Stout Greek defenders held Italy's invasion back along the entire length of the Albania frontier today and fascist forces are fighting furiously in an effort to break through mountain passes leading into Greece, a neutral military attache reported tonight by telephone from Athens.

Italian air attacks accompanying the land thrusts were "remarkably light," this informant said, and caused only little damage. The fighting apparently raged without let-up tonight as firing could be heard plainly from the southernmost tip of Yugoslavia.

Turk War Reported

The Yugoslavs rushed their own defense preparations and diplomatic circles in the capital heard unconfirmed reports that Turkey has declared war on Italy.

Despite official denials, reports persisted here that the Turkish army has moved into eastern Greece.

Neutral military attaches said the Italians lacked striking power, indicating the Rome government counted on Greece to capitulate to its ultimatum.

Italy attacked Greece early today when the Greeks rejected the ultimatum. At least ten divisions of 200,000 Italian troops were reported hurled across the border. Greece declared war.

The principal Italian goal apparently was Salonika, Aegean seaport.

Germans here said the Nazis would not take an active part.

Yugoslavia, however, faced the possibility that Germany eventually might try to send troops through this country to help her axis partner.

Yugoslav and German official sources both denied such permission had been requested.

The Belgrade government

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Reds Watching New War But Kremlin Is Silent

MOSCOW, Oct. 28.—(AP)—The Soviet government watched closely the Italian attack on Greece today and the public heard all about it from the Moscow radio but there was no indication of the Kremlin's reaction.

Without comment, the radio devoted virtually its entire program to the Balkan developments. These were based largely on American press accounts.

Foreign observers expressed the belief the Italo-Greek conflict would fall to alter immediately the Russian neutrality policy.

Indications that this policy has been carried farther were seen today in an audience at which the new Japanese ambassador, Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, presented his credentials to President Michael Yalnin. Indications were lacking, however, of any immediate conclusion of a Japanese Soviet non-aggression pact as some diplomatic quarters had expected.

There was a noticeable turn for the better in Moscow's relations with Turkey, which, with Greece, represents Britain's last remaining friends in southeastern Europe.

This improvement, diplomatic sources said, has been especially noted since the Turkish ambassador returned to Moscow recently and conferred with Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov. Russia likewise has sent a new envoy to Ankara.