

AXIS SEEKS NEW SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE ACCORD

Nazis Stage Might Raid On British Industrial Belt Step Is Seen As New Drive Upon Britain

Midlands Towns Suffer 'Another Coventry' Attack

BIRMINGHAM HIT TERRIFIC ATTACK

At Least Three German Planes Reported Shot Down During Assault

ATTACK IN WAVES

London Escapes Heavy Damage As Ground Guns Put Up Big Barrage

LONDON, Nov. 20.—(Wednesday) —German bombers, attacking in endless waves overnight, subjected two midlands towns to what observers called "another Coventry" and showered bombs on at least a dozen other points in Britain's great industrial belt.

German sources said the Nazis were dropping thousands of bombs of all caliber on armament and supply centers of Birmingham, large British manufacturing city in the midlands. The censor in London, however, refused to permit identification of any attacked town.)

The raid, launched at nightfall, was in progress early today.

At least three German planes were reported shot down during the night raid.

Apparently using London as a base to point their way northward into the midlands, the first wave of about 100 Nazi planes crossed the southeast coast at dusk. Wave upon wave soon followed in the face of a lashing anti-aircraft barrage.

London itself escaped with lighter-than-average bombing although the firing of her defense guns was as heavy as ever.

The night invaders not only struck the midlands but also fanned out over a wider area, smashing at the west coast port of Liverpool three times before midnight.

Raiders were reported over northern and northeast England, East Angles, southeast and northeast Scotland and Wales.

Early reports of destruction in the

BATTLESHIP FIRE IS EXTINGUISHED

Damage From Flames On Half-Finished U. S. Craft 'Negligible'

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 19.—(AP)—A fire below decks of the half-completed battleship South Dakota—second of the 35,000-ton warship since construction began two years ago—was quickly extinguished by workmen today and the New York Shipbuilding company said damage was "negligible."

The fire was the third on a partly-finished naval vessel in the United States this week. Flames that caused little damage broke

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British Air Attacks Cut Krupp Works' Production

LONDON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The British bombing campaign has cut production at the Krupp armaments works by half, wrought a "paralysis" of industry in Germany and so crippled the facilities that cross the Rhine in German territory, the British ministry declared today.

The ministry's announcement was a part of an aerial counter-offensive of methodical violence, and was accompanied by a claim that the 49,000-ton Europa, the latest member of the Atlantic crossing series, had been bombed by British bombers in its dock at Bremen.

Three sections of the vast Krupp factory — at Essen, Germany —

have been knocked out of action, said the ministry, and even that part of the plant still in service is short of supplies and raw materials because of the widespread destruction of railway junctions.

One "particularly heavy bomb," the account went on, smashed through to wreck a Krupp underground workshop. As a result, it added, some departments had to be closed and others transferred to other cities.

Supporting its claim to major damage to Nazi industry generally, the ministry mentioned these successes:

Four big buildings of the Union Chemical factory on an island at the junction of the Oder and Moll rivers at Stettin smashed.

Resolution Adopted At Meeting Of Members And Interested Citizens

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Group Will Receive Suggestions And Report At Meeting In 30 Days

A movement seeking to promote means of revitalizing the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was launched at a public meeting of the trade body's members and interested citizens last night in the superior courtroom.

The group passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, composed of ten representative citizens, to consider plans for reorganizing the trade body, enlarging its membership, increasing its revenue, and passing on other appropriate matters.

Committee Named

The resolution provided for the appointment of the following committee: C. B. Parmelee, chairman; Pat O'Crowley, J. G. Thornton, E. A. Lane, W. D. McCaig, W. A. Fontaine, H. A. Marks, John Carter, E. B. Bugg, and Frederick Willetts.

The resolution requested that the committee members hear suggestions from interested citizens, compile a formal report, and make specific recommendations for revitalizing the organization at another public meeting to be called by the committee within 30 days.

The resolution follows: "Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce should be revitalized in order to better take advantage of the opportunities presented for the development of Wilmington, its beaches, and trading territory.

"And to that end, a committee consisting of the following be and is hereby appointed by this meeting to formulate plans for the reorganization of the Chamber of Commerce,

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NATIONALIST BODY OUSTED BY SWISS

Government Orders Dissolution Of Group Known As 'National Movement'

BERN, Switzerland, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Swiss government tonight ordered the dissolution of the totalitarian group known as the "National Movement."

This was the government's answer to the movement's "request" for recognition as "standard bearer of new political and social ideas."

Der Bund of Bern, an organ which frequently expresses the

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WEATHER

North Carolina: Unsettled along the coast, partly cloudy in the interior Wednesday, with showers extreme west portion Wednesday night; Thursday cloudy, showers west portion, warmer cloudy, and north portion Wednesday, west and north portion Wednesday.

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

Temperature
1:30 a. m. 43; 7:30 a. m. 45; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 57; maximum 64; minimum 41; mean 52; normal 55.

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 86; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:30 p. m. 58; 7:30 p. m. 75.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., none; total since first of the month, 1.55 inches.

Tides For Today
Wilmington High 7:18a Low 7:18a
Masonboro Inlet High 9:07p Low 9:07p

Sunrise 6:50a; sunset 5:06p; moonrise 10:16p; moonset 11:12a.
Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, N. C. at 8 a. m., November 18, 18.4 feet.
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Jaycees To Press Drive To Secure Names Asking City Manager Plan Vote

Members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at a meeting at the Tide Water assembly hall last night made plans for an intensive drive this week to secure the number of names necessary on a petition to call a vote on the proposed city manager form of government for Wilmington.

Approximately 800 more names are needed on the petition before it can be submitted to the county board of elections.

Tonight, Thursday and Friday nights members of the Jaycees will make a house-to-house canvass in the different wards in an effort to secure enough signatures on the petition this week.

In addition anyone wishing to ask for a vote on the proposal may sign a petition at the Jaycees headquarters on Princess street during the day and at night until 10 o'clock.

Following the canvass a meeting will be held the latter part

of the week to check on results of the campaign to date.

The petition being circulated by the Jaycees is as follows: To the County Board of Elections of New Hanover County: We, the undersigned qualified voters of the City of Wilmington, respectfully petition your honorable body to cause to be submitted to a vote of the voters of the City of Wilmington, the following question:

"Shall the City of Wilmington adopt the form of government defined as plan 'D,' as it is desired by petitioners and consisting of a mayor, city council of five members elected at large, and a city manager, according to the provisions of the chapter, Municipal Corporations, in the Consolidated Statutes, articles nineteen to twenty-three, inclusive, or remain under the present form of government?"

John Lewis Raps Green; F. R. Renews Peace Call

HITS PEACE PLAN * APPEAL ANSWERED

Meet Recommends CIO Continue Present Policy Toward Labor Unity

ATLANTIC CIT. N. J., Nov. 19.—(AP)—A tumultuous session of CIO's annual convention, whipped into a cheering frenzy during a bitter attack by John L. Lewis against William Green and the AFL leadership, served notice late today that there would be no immediate peace overtures to the rival labor camp.

In a fighting angry mood, with the cheers of the packed convention hall sometimes drowning out his words, Lewis blasted a proposal by Sidney Hillman's clothing workers' union for immediate conferences to explore labor peace possibilities.

"It would be a waste of time," he declared, "to raise the hopes of the millions of people in this country by making it appear that there is any possibility of peace."

When Lewis finished, the convention adopted a recommendation that CIO continue its present policy toward labor unity. This includes the maintenance of a standing committee for any conferences, and continuance of CIO's plan for organizing mass production workers into one union for each industry.

Frank Rosenblum of the amalgamated clothing workers told the delegates earlier in the session that he was not satisfied with the progress CIO had made in the past year, and added:

"We want to explore the possibilities for peace and if we can get peace, we want it."

Lewis warmed up to his speech by recalling that David Dubinsky, of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union, one of the founders of the CIO, had left to go back into the AFL fold.

"Where is Dubinsky today?" said Lewis. "He is crying aloud for peace. 'Peace, ain't now for the AFL to abandon the

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City Plans To Present Request For Truck Lane

The city commissioners made plans yesterday to appear before the state highway and public works commission in Raleigh December 11 to request that Wilmington be given a truck route for oil and gasoline transportation around the city.

Mayor Thomas E. Cooper, who requested the hearing will head the delegation, which will include W. Louis Fisher, commissioner of finance, James E. L. Wade, commissioner of public works, W. B. Campbell, city attorney, and Alan A. Marshall, assistant city attorney.

Present route for truck is down Third street and the city commissioners have offered a proposed route

U. S. Studies Greece's Call For Airplanes

Difficult Problems Stand In Way Of Meeting Greeks' Call For Help

TIME ELEMENT VITAL

Athens Says Friends Should Not Be Mislead By Successes Thus Far

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—In response to an urgent appeal from Greece, the United States tonight took under consideration the question of supplying planes and other war material to that hard-fighting Balkan country.

Difficult problems stood in the way of meeting the Greek request, however. Foremost among these was the question whether military material could be spared, without reducing the amount being furnished to Greece's ally, Great Britain.

The time element also was important in view of a widely held belief here that Germany was preparing to move down the Balkan peninsula to relieve the difficulties of her Axis partner, Italy.

Summer Welles, acting secretary of State, announced Greece's appeal for aid, which he said was made both through the American legation in Athens and through the Greek minister in Washington.

Greece asked, he said, for the opportunity to purchase certain aviation material and munitions in this country.

He told the Greek minister, Cimon Diamantopoulos, that the request was received with the most sympathetic response on the part of the government, Welles said, but that it was a question that would have to be determined by other branches of the government.

It was referred immediately to these authorities for their decision, Welles said.

Greece has been a small purchaser of arms in the United States, obtaining only \$85,000 worth of bombs and similar explosives so far this year.

The application of the neutrality act last week to the Greek-Italian conflict put Greek purchases here on a "cash and carry" basis.

In addition to other questions there was the problem of delivering supplies to Greece. Although that country has merchant ships which might be used to transport the supplies, Great Britain presumably would have to furnish the naval vessels for convoy across the Atlantic and through the Mediterranean.

The whole problem thus was regarded largely as one for British authorities to work out in connection with their own purchasing program here.

APPEALS TO FRIENDS

ATHEENS, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Greece appealed today to her Allies and friends among the "free countries"

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War Interpretive

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON

The inclusion of King Boris of Bulgaria in Hitler's current conferences with European and Russian statesmen may indicate that a new military stroke is in preparation.

A German march through Bulgaria to Italy's aid in Greece could very quickly reverse the astounding spectacle of Italian frustration. However, it would open a two-way war corridor across Bulgaria, and no doubt Britain would take immediate advantage of it.

Would Expose Oil

Bulgaria entry into the war, actively or passively, would expose Germany's most vital war resource, Rumanian oil, to instant British air attack because the British then would be free to fly across Bulgaria from their bases in Greece. And the one obvious and understandable element in Hitler's policy on the Balkan front from

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Elected President



DR. JOHN R. CUNNINGHAM

DR. CUNNINGHAM HEADS DAVIDSON

Pastor Of Winston-Salem Presbyterian Church Is Elected President

DAVIDSON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Dr. John Rood Cunningham, 49-year-old Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, was elected president of Davidson college today to succeed Dr. W. L. Lingle, resigned.

Dr. Lingle, who became president of the college in 1929, tendered his resignation in June, 1939, to become effective in May this year but agreed to continue in the office until a successor had been chosen.

Announcement of Dr. Cunningham's election was made by Dr. J. McDowell Richardy, of Decatur, Ga., chairman of the board of trustees, after a called meeting to hear the report of a nominating committee headed by J. Archie Cannon of Concord.

Dr. Richards said that Dr. Cunningham would be notified officially sometime in the near future and that the nominating committee would continue to function until Dr. Cunningham's decision was received by the trustees.

"If he accepts," said Dr. Richards, "we presume that the date of his taking office will be determined by conferences with Dr. Lingle." He added that he thought it would be around February 1, 1941, when the second term of the current school year begins.

Dr. Cunningham is a native of Williamsboro, Mo. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Westminster college, Fulton, Mo., and was trained for the ministry at the Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He holds the honorary degrees of Doctor of Divinity from Westminster and Doctor of Laws from King college Bristol, Tenn.

He was ordained a minister in 1917 and has held pastorates in Grenada, Miss., Gainesville, Fla., Priestville, Tenn., and Winston-Salem where he took over his present post in 1936.

From 1930 to 1936 Dr. Cunningham was president of the Louisville Seminary.

DAVIS RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the resignation of Joseph E. Davies as special assistant to the secretary of state and his selection as chairman of the committee in charge of the President's third-term inaugural ceremonies.

NO COMMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today he had no comment on the post-election speech in which Wendell L. Willkie called upon his supporters for "loyal opposition" to the administration.

House Votes, 191 To 148, Against Ending Session

BY RICHARD L. TURNER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The House refused to end this session of congress today, voting by a 191 to 148 vote a feeling that so long as the foreign crisis continues congress should stay on the job.

By its action it upset the plans of democratic leaders, who brought up the adjournment resolution. The leaders thus were prevented with an outright defeat on the first test of their strength since the election of two weeks ago.

Their reverse was caused by the defection of 44 democrats. These, including particularly democrats from the West, combined their votes with those of a solid republican minority to block the adjournment move.

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German Force Of 300,000 In Rumania Seen As Possible Guide To Trend

NEW DIPLOMATIC WAR

German-Bulgarian Drive Into Greece May Be 'Effectuated At Any Hour'

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Nov. 19.—(AP)—German and Italian diplomacy, which axis spokesmen call "a form of war," appeared tonight to be directed toward a new agreement among Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria as a prelude to a fresh campaign against the British empire.

The German army in Rumania, estimated by conservative neutral observers at more than 300,000 and possibly 500,000 men, is a possible guide to the trend.

Italian sources in Rome asserted that Bulgaria and Rumania would join in forthcoming war moves of Germany and Italy and that Spain's decision would become known after Spanish Foreign Minister Serrano Suner, fresh from conversations yesterday with Reichsfuehrer Hitler, reached Madrid.

May Seek Acceptance

A Rome dispatch said that L'Avvenire, Italian newspaper, gave credence to a Belgrade report that Soviet Russia would seek to gain Turkish acceptance of the axis plan for southeastern Europe.

Bulgaria's reward for cooperation would be an outlet to the Aegean, through Greece, while Spain would give Gibraltar and perhaps more of Morocco — this was the hypothesis generally agreed upon by observers in Rome and elsewhere.

A Rome dispatch said diplomat circles believed Germany would seek Spain's permission to occupy the west coast of Morocco to complete the western Mediterranean jaw of the "wise" with which the axis would try to squeeze the British.

Tied in with these were the assertions of diplomatic sources at Bern, Switzerland, that a German-Bulgarian drive into Greece toward the Aegean "may be effectuated at any hour."

Greeks Take Steps

A Greek spokesman at Bern declared that the Greek high command had taken all necessary steps to meet such an attack. Foreign military observers believed, however, that Greece would need Turkish aid.

Of the bare facts, there were foremost:

Disclosure that King Boris of Bulgaria secretly interviewed Adolf Hitler last Sunday.

Announcement that Hungary's premier and foreign minister, Counta Teleky and Csaky, would see the axis foreign ministers, Joachim von Ribbentrop and Count Galeazzo Ciano, at Vienna tomorrow, and

Announcement that Rumania's premier, General Ion Antonescu, would follow W. German on Friday.

Only Yugoslavia seemed to have been left out of the axis' current conference diplomacy but this Balkan kingdom already had pledged economic and political cooperation.

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