

BRITISH ARMS AID BILL INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

Greeks Capture Klisura, Continue Toward Valona

Troops Find City Burned And Pillaged

Next Goal Is Last Important Port Held By Italians In South Albania

600 PRISONERS TAKEN

Fascist Troops Beyond Klisura Reported To Be In Disorderly Retreat

ATHEENS, Jan. 10.—(AP)—While Greeks at home rejoiced in the news over fresh victories in Albania the forces at the front today reportedly pushed past captured Klisura toward Valona—last important port in southern Albania still held by the Italians.

Greek troops occupying Klisura found it had been burned and pillaged, a general headquarters communique said tonight.

600 Prisoners Taken

Most of the townspeople had deserted the town, but 600 Italian soldiers were taken prisoner and four guns, some tanks, more mortars and automatic guns were captured, the communique added.

Greek aviation was reported to have bombed and machine-gunned Italian positions without losing a plane.

With the spearhead of the Greek drive in the Klisura sector only about 20 miles from Valona, Italian troops beyond Klisura were said to be in disorderly retreat.

As a result of Klisura's fall, military observers predicted the Italians probably would be forced to abandon Tepeleni, 15 miles west of Klisura on the way to Valona.

Meet Resistance

The Greeks met stubborn resistance at Klisura and said the Italians attached considerable military importance to the town for their brought replacements and installed them in carefully prepared positions on the Klisura heights.

Greek communiques related the capture of height after height, many of them by bayonet-wielding troops, in the weeks-long attack.

Today the fall of the town and the heights were officially announced.

As Premier Gen. John Metaxas told his cabinet about the success.

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ITALIANS REPORT BLOWS BY BRITISH

Claim Battleship Hit, Two Subs Sunk And Attack On Four Cargo Ships

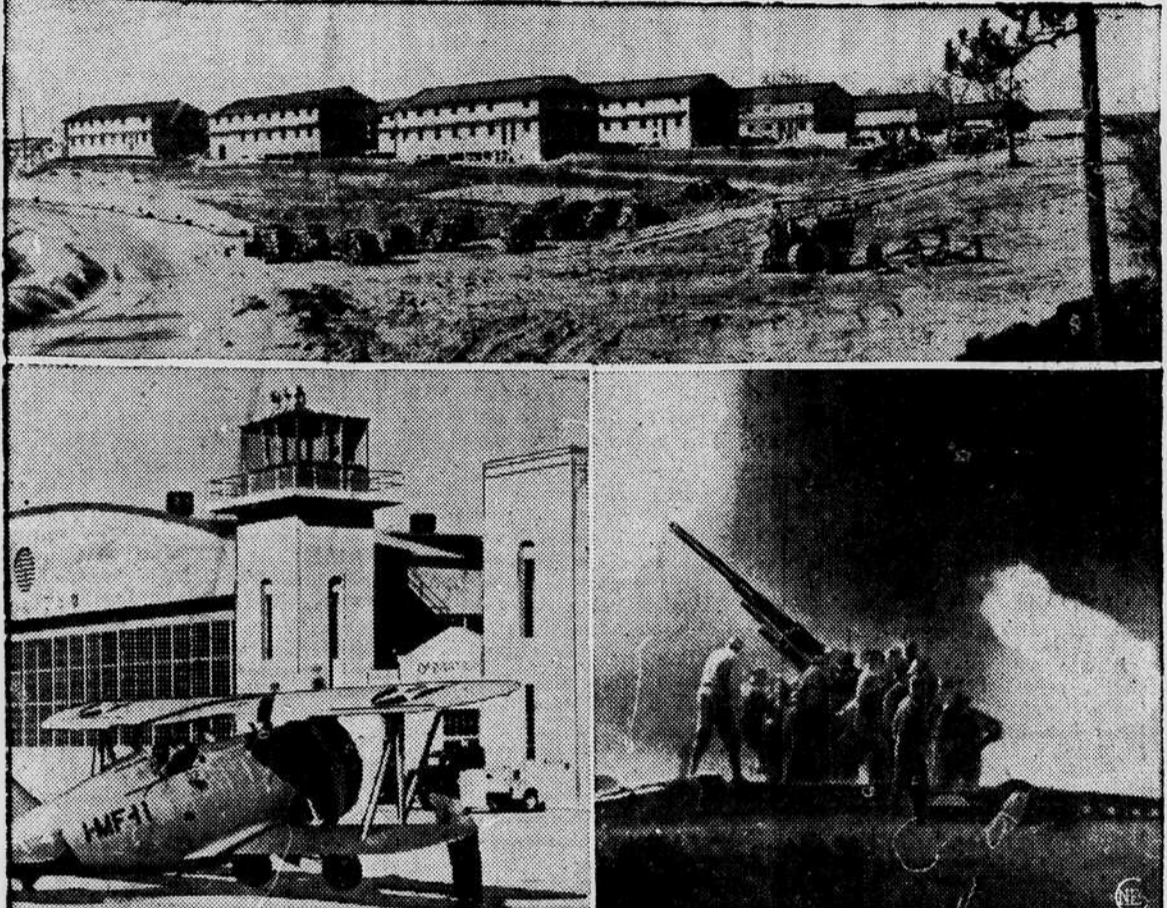
ROME, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Destructive blows against Allied naval power and shipping, including a bomb hit on a British battleship, sinking of two submarines and attacks on four merchant vessels, were announced today by the Italian high command.

The high command reported also that fascist planes "hit about 100 enemy mechanized vehicles" in the Libyan desert, while other British mechanized equipment was destroyed by artillery fire at Tobruk and Italian warships shelled "enemy coastal positions" in the Greek campaign.

The widespread Italian sea and air thrusts were accompanied on the political front by an order

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Army Is Creating This 1941 Boom Town



Bustling activity and a growth that can be noted daily give all the aspects of an oldtime oil or gold rush "boom" town to Fort Bragg, N. C.

RECREATIONAL CENTER BILL PASSED; LeGRAND PRESENTS OTHER MEASURES

FIRST TO BE PASSED Authorizes Establishment Of Hut Here For Soldiers Of Camp Davis

A bill granting authority to the city and county commissioners to sponsor jointly a proposed recreational center here for the soldiers at Camp Davis yesterday passed the state house and senate in Raleigh.

The measure, the first one to be passed by the house this session, was introduced by Jack LeGrand, representative, yesterday morning under a suspension of the rules.

Sponsored by Rowe Sent immediately to the state senate by special messenger, the bill was sponsored by Senator Roy Rowe and passed the senate, also under suspension of the rules.

Rep. LeGrand said here last night the bill has been sent to the enrolling officer to be signed by the speaker of the house and the president of the senate and is expected to become effective not later than Monday.

Passage of the bill clears up remaining legal technicalities and paves the way for immediate action by the city and county commissioners in construction of a recreational center at the northwest corner of Fourth and Princess streets for the use of soldiers of Camp Davis.

The bill, which authorizes the city and county to provide operation, and maintain recreational centers and other facilities, was drafted by William B. Campbell, city attorney, and Marsden Bellamy, county attorney.

Bellamy said the bill will give the county authority to spend available public funds and join with the city in project sponsorship on city-owned property and enter into a contract with the city with regard to operation, maintenance, and final disposition.

Another joint session to take place tomorrow.

British Stage Huge Raid On Northwestern France

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—In the mightiest daylight offensive ever launched by the Royal Air Force, half a hundred British bombers and a great swarm of 500 fighter planes delivered a ground-shaking assault today over a thousand square miles of northwestern France.

The air ministry itself announced in general terms merely that more than 100 fighters were involved, but unofficial observers of this great action said the fighters outnumbered the bombers by 10 to 1.

They were declared to have struck at the channel straits areas of Calais and Boulogne and elsewhere upon the bases of the Nazi invasion effort, sweeping the German positions with bombs and machine gun fire—the latter from eight-gunned fighter craft which formed the biggest escort ever to take off from England.

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Reds To Send Oil Products, Food To Nazis

'Greatest Grain Deal In History' Included In New Economic Treaty

RUSSIA GETS MACHINES

Accord Is Extension Of Program Begun In 1939, Aids War Effort

MOSCOW, Jan. 10.—Soviet Russia agreed today to send to warring Germany quantities of food, especially grains, in a significant collaboration officially described as "an enlarged economic agreement."

(D.N.B., official German news agency, called it the "greatest grain deal in history" and said it was so arranged that it could be called "an economic plan" as well as a deal.)

Russia also will furnish industrial raw materials and oil products in exchange for German industrial equipment under the new treaty, which runs until Aug. 1, 1942.

Enlargement Amounts were not specified, but Tass, official Soviet news agency, said the new pact provides for "deliveries considerably exceeding the level of the first year of operation" of an agreement which was signed last Feb. 11 and of which the present program is an enlargement.

(The agreement of last February in its turn had provided for a livelier interchange of goods than the original pact of Aug. 20, 1939, sealed on the eve of the present war.)

Tass said the new agreement "constitutes a further stage in the execution of the economic program outlined by the two governments in 1939."

It said the negotiations "passed in the spirit of mutual understanding and confidence conforming to the friendly relations existing between the U.S.S.R. and Germany," and added, "all economic problems, including those which arose in connection with incorporation of the state highway system."

Putting in his first full day as Governor the new chief executive spent the morning in his office and the afternoon at the Governor's mansion. Tonight he attended a barbecue given in his honor for members of the state senate.

Two press conferences were sandwiched in between other engagements—one was held at his office in the capitol and the other at the mansion.

Looking fit despite a strenuous day yesterday during which he was inaugurated, shook 4,000 hands at a reception, and led a grand march at the inaugural ball, Governor Broughton displayed hundreds of telegrams congratulating him on his inaugural message to the legislature.

The reference to the highway system came at the afternoon press conference, when reporters asked the Chief Executive to amplify a sentence in the inaugural speech which said the state should "adhere strictly to the principle of a state highway system."

Broughton said that at present the state was divided into 10 highway districts, and that there had been a tendency for each district to become a law within itself. He said that the tendency probably was inevitable, and that he did not intend criticism, but that it should be remembered that the highways constituted a state system and not a district system.

He added that he did not oppose the present division of the state into highway districts, but that he favored "centralized unity" of road administration. He said he believed this could be accomplished without abolishing the district system.

He pointed out that roads strategic from a military standpoint probably would be built—especially between military bases in North Carolina—and that such roads would be of state and federal importance, and should not be considered in terms of highway districts.

The new governor gave no indication of his plans for the state.

HOPKINS CONFERS WITH CHURCHILL

U. S. Emissary Says War Materials Production May Reach Peak In 1941

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, and Prime Minister Winston Churchill talked for a long time over a luncheon table at No. 10 Downing street today to start what Hopkins himself described as discussions on "matters of mutual urgency to our two countries."

To the press, afterward, the American emissary predicted that United States production of war materials would reach a peak in 1941.

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Reappointed METTS IS RENAMED ADJUTANT GENERAL

Other Major Appointments May Be Withheld Until Legislature Adjourns



WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Legislation granting President Roosevelt sweeping powers to furnish the sinews of war to nations battling the Axis was introduced in congress today and contained one major surprise: a provision which would permit repair of British warships in United States navy yards.

Administration lieutenants promptly laid plans to hurry it through to final enactment while opponents denounced it as a "streamlined declaration of war" and began organizing for a supreme effort to defeat the measure or narrow the powers it would confer on the President.

Follows Descriptions Aside from the provision affecting navy yards, the measure followed closely the advance descriptions given by administration quarters.

It would simply authorize the President to turn over war materials on hand or manufactured in the future to foreign nations when he thought this would contribute to the defense of the United States.

He could make any terms, so far as payment was concerned, which he thought satisfactory.

Congress would, however, retain one check which Mr. Roosevelt carefully called attention to at a press conference. The President would have to ask congress for appropriations for the articles to be sent abroad.

Whether or not the act would lift the restraints of the Johnson and neutrality acts immediately became a point of controversy. Senator Nye (R-ND) said it would. Administration men contended it would not and also denied that it would, as some contended, open the way for American warships to convey supplies to Britain.

The Johnson law forbids credits to nations in default on their debt to the United States; the neutrality act forbids American ships to go to belligerents' ports, and places arms purchases here on a cash and carry basis.

Explains Procedure Mr. Roosevelt said at a press conference that if there was a conflict between the act and the neutrality law, the latter would prevail.

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EFFORT TO AVERT WALKOUT PUSHED

Strike Would Halt Work On \$7,750,000 Worth Of U. S. Plane Orders

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Weary negotiators worked tonight to avert a threatened strike at a Long Island airplane factory which would halt work on \$7,750,000 worth of government orders.

John R. Owens, a representative of the National Defense Commission, spent four hours in conference with company officials after an early morning meeting with officials of the United Automobile Workers of America (UAW), who are seeking higher wages.

Then company and union officials locked themselves together in a midtown hotel room in an attempt to settle the differences threatening to shut down the plant.

Deal To Lease W. B. & S. Is Blocked By Receiver

M. J. Corbett, receiver for the Wilmington, Brunswick and Southern railroad, has refused to sign a conditional lease of the railroad's property to P. O. Mead, A. N. Mauney and E. F. Middleton, trading as the Southport Railroad and Transportation company, because the lease contains an option to buy at the end of one year, it was learned here yesterday.

An order granting Corbett the right to grant a conditional lease for the property to the men when they have incorporated was signed Tuesday by Judge R. Hunt Parker in superior court.

The option clause to which Corbett said he objects because he believes development in the Southport area will greatly enhance the value of the railroad, would give the lessee the right to purchase all holdings of the railroad for \$100,000 at any time while the contract is in effect.

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FOLLOWS BROUGHTON

Body Endorses 'All Possible Aid Short Of War' To Great Britain

RALEIGH, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A general assembly, attentive to a general governor's wishes, today rushed to passage a resolution endorsing "all possible aid short of war" to Britain and other beleaguered democracies.

In his inaugural address yesterday, Governor Broughton suggested that the legislature take such a step as "one of its first acts."

The resolution, commending the Roosevelt foreign and defense policies, was offered by Senator Gregory of Rowan.

Respond Promptly

Other measures introduced today indicated representatives were responding promptly to other recommendations in Broughton's message. LeGrand of New Hanover sent forward a bill to prevent subversive activities in this state, and another proposal to discourage introduction of new bills after the first 40 days of the session.

Broughton had asked the assembly to consider whether legislation was needed to "fortify us" against those who "may seek to undermine or overthrow our beloved nation."

He also favored a reasonably short session of the assembly. LeGrand obtained passage of another bill which he said was designed to provide for local cooperation with the national defense program through construction of a recreation center for Camp Davis troops.

A third measure okayed today, carried the approval of both Broughton and Lt. Gov. R. L. Harris. It provided for a one-day session of the assembly in Chapel Hill on January 30 as a gesture of good will toward the University of North Carolina and 130 South American students.

War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON Greek capture of Klisura in eastern Albania opens a new chapter in the Greek-Italian war—a chapter fraught with possibilities of greater military disasters for Italy.

That tiny Albanian village drew its name from the tremendous gorge of the Voussa river at the eastern threshold of which it stands, commanding three vitally important roads. The word Klisura means in English "gorge" or "defile". The Voussa river gorge has figured in the history of the Balkan peninsula since classical times.

It runs east and west between Klisura on the east and Tepeleni on the west, a distance of a dozen miles or so. Through it passes an all important lateral motor road.

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WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina—Considerable cloudiness Saturday, slightly colder Saturday night; Sunday generally fair.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches; total since first of the month 0.77 inches.

Tides For Today (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

Wilmington High 8:10a 3:30p Low 4:11p 8:30a

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on January 10, at 8 a. m., 10.85 feet.

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