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NATIONS LINED UP FOR "SOLID FRONT" AGAINST MUSSOLINI

Efforts of Britain to Resist Italian Aggression in Mediterranean Successful.

TURKEY AND GREECE INVITED INTO GROUP

Anthony Eden's Appointment Brings Apprehension And Bitterness in Italy; His Mandate Given is to End East African War by International Pressure.

(By The Associated Press.) Efforts toward developing a "solid front" against possible Italian aggression in the Mediterranean were reported successful in Europe today.

From London came word that the British and French general staffs have concluded satisfactory consultations concerning mutual support by the armies and navies of Great Britain and France in case of an Italian attack.

Negotiations were reported opened in Paris among Premier Laval of France and Turkey and Greece with the same end in mind. Laval was said to have told the Italian Ambassador that he would offer no new peace terms to Premier Mussolini.

As for the active military angle, the Italian government stated its forces in northern Ethiopia had beaten off an attack of 5,000 Ethiopian warriors.

Anthony Eden, the "white knight" of the League of Nations, assumed control of British foreign policy today with a mandate to stop the Italo-Ethiopian war by international pressure.

Italy was both apprehensive and bitter over his appointment as British foreign minister.

Informal sources said Eden's first duty would be to formulate in detail British policy for armed resistance in the event Italy attacked any League state because of the sanctions siege.

The appointment, informed sources said, ended any doubt of Britain's intention of turning to Geneva again after the failure of the Franco-British plan for peace, killed last week, for enforcement of sanctions.

Significance was attached to news from Paris that the French Atlantic fleet had been ordered to leave Brest next month to cruise in West African waters. This would indicate that

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China-Japan May Join To Resist Reds

Such Communist Influence Not Necessarily Same as Russia, Tokyo Asserts.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Japanese government has been discussing with Chinese leaders the "general principle" of Sino-Japanese cooperation "to prevent a spread of communist influence" in China's northern territory, a foreign office spokesman disclosed today.

The spokesman said such communist influence was not necessarily synonymous with Soviet Russia, although his disclosure followed statements by militarists indicating the army in Japanese-advise Manchukuo has launched a campaign for pressure on Soviet-dominated Outer Mongolia.

The Sino-Japanese conversations

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1 shopping day until Christmas. Illustration of a child with a shopping bag.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE



This is the official Christmas card sent out from the White House by President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Lindberghs Are To Reside In England As Safer Country

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 23 (AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann's petition for clemency was filed today with the court of pardons. The petition was filed by Colonel Mark O. Kimberling, principal keeper at the State Prison, who sent a messenger with six copies of it to Albert B. Hermann, the clerk of the pardons court. The contents of the petition were not made public, in conformity with a rule of the court that such material must not be published unless the court so permits by vote.

RAIDS ON DRIVERS DON'T END DRUNKS

But Highway Patrol is Running Them in Where Liquor Is Fault.

LOCAL REVOCATIONS

Henderson Got Into Latest Lists But Not in Proportion as Dry Counties, According to the Records

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, Dec. 23.—Highway patrol raids upon the drunken drivers of North Carolina produced for the close of last week nearly 40 revocations of drivers' licenses and shifted the losers of driving permits without lessening the drunks themselves.

For instance, Greensboro and High Point produced jointly 33 of these drivers. High Point led with 19 and Greensboro had 14. Charlotte was in High Point's class. There were 227 of these drunks, transporters and hit-and-runners, the actual number of inebriated drivers being 219. In the figures given out Sunday morning there were 228 whose licenses had been revoked. There were five hitlers and runners, three liquor violators, one stealing and automobile and offense of allowing a drunk to drive somebody else's car.

Of the first 227 revocations announced 192 were in dry counties and 35 in wet. The wets were worse the latter portion of the week. They furnished 42 of these revocations, but interstate drunks were charged up to the wets. Several offenders were residents of other states. But they can't travel on North Carolina roads if they are identified.

It is notable that Greensboro, High Point and Charlotte do not pad the record this time. The per capita drunks will be small. Henderson a wet city, got often into the revocations, but in no such impressive array as the dry towns did the first of the week. Salisbury, once wettest municipality in these returns, Shelby, sobriest city in the State a few years ago, celebrated in old time style and lost some licenses. The western counties, irrespective of their boundaries, furnished the drinking drivers. Mt. Airy, who isn't far from Virginia, had more than his share. But Mt. Airy

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BOTH PARTIES WILL DO SIDE-STEPPING

Neither Will Take Stand Against Townsendsm, Won't Favor It.

PLAN HASN'T CHANCE

Silverites Won Their Cause and Upset Economic Conditions Throughout the World as the Result

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer

New York, Dec. 23.—Both old parties face a desperate year of side-stepping. Neither party, of course, faces any issue squarely. Party leaders always have a belief that it is unpopular to face an issue squarely—in other words, to say "no."

Thus neither party is likely to take a stand against Townsendsm. Each party will sidestep it in the most devious of manners. Sometimes that works, sometimes it doesn't.

The Rev. Charles E. Coughlin has preached his money plan over the radio for some years now. It is beginning to be the same speech over and over again. Sidestepping has worked here. The Coughlin plan doesn't seem to "take" so well as the Townsendsm plan. The Townsendsm probably won't be sidestepped.

Nor will the bonistas take "no" for an answer. The silverites, of course, were first to refuse a sidestep answer. Under the plea of economic recovery, they put over their silver purchasing act—upsetting economic conditions in nearly the entire world.

TOWNSENDISM

The Townsendsm may elect congressmen and may defeat a president. Yet the men they put into office are not likely to put through the Townsendsm plan—even though they have said "yes."

Politicians are likely to espouse a cause to be re-elected. Many will espouse Townsendsm. But very few will be for it. And what presidential possibility would support it? Landon? Never. Nor Knox, nor Vandenberg, nor Hoover, nor would even Borah in the final test.

The United States government did go into the silver-purchasing program, put over by the silverites and supported by Father Coughlin. It is one of those bottomless pit programs. Silver—the base of China's currency—was drained from that unfortunate country. A business panic followed there. Then, China discarded the silver

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Colonel and Wife and Baby Have Already Sailed, Some Say on Christmas Holiday.

COLONEL DISGUSTED WITH GOV. HOFFMAN

Threats Against Second Son of Famous Couple Are Becoming More Frequent and More Virulent, and Fears Are Felt for Welfare of the Infant.

New York, Dec. 23 (AP)—Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh and their son, Jon, have sailed for Europe, his friends and business associates disclosed today, giving rise to contradictory speculation on whether they would make their home in England.

The New York Times said in a copyrighted story that the famous aviator and his family would establish a permanent residence in England because of repeated kidnap threats against his son, Jon.

Business associates of Colonel Lindbergh in Pan-American Airways confirmed his departure for Europe, but said that his connection with the line as technical advisor was unchanged.

The Times said that the kidnap threats against Jon was increased "both in number and virulence recently."

The only passengers on the ship, American Importer, the Times said the Lindberghs quit the United States for England because of their belief the "English have greater regard for law and order in their own land than the people of any other nation on earth."

At Englewood, N. J., home of Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrow, a close friend of the family insisted the famous family had gone away merely for a Christmas holiday trip.

The insistence of the family friend at Englewood gave rise to speculation here on two possible answers to the question of Colonel Lindbergh's plans. One was that the famous couple preferred to be out of the public view during the period immediately preceding January 13, the date fixed for execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann.

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Kidnaping Frustrated By Officers In Newark

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23 (AP)—Two men, surprised in the act of kidnaping an elderly retired Newark diamond merchant today, opened fire on three detectives and escaped.

Their car was found half an hour later, the kidnap victim bound and gagged and lying in the rear of the machine. Lieutenant John Sweeney and Detective Frank Schenck and Louis Beck, of the racket squad, were patrolling when they saw the kidnapers at the moment the two men were forcing William Keek into their car. The detectives turned their own car and started back. As they did so one of the strangers opened fire. A bullet hit the police car windshield. The detectives returned the fire, but their quarry turned a corner and vanished.

15 DEAD IN CAROLINAS AS ZERO WEATHER AND SNOW HIT TWO STATES

Nine Of 14 Victims Of Bus Crash At Hopewell Identified At Morgues

Three Separate Investigations Begun or Planned Into River Tragedy of Sunday.

NORTH CAROLINIANS INCLUDED IN DEAD

Driver Was From Raleigh And Well Known Here; Hint he May Have Been Dead When Greyhound Bus Crashed Through Rail Into Appomattox River.

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 23 (AP)—Nine of 14 victims of the plunge of a Greyhound bus into the icy waters of the Appomattox river had been identified today, while separate investigations were being conducted or were scheduled by city, state and bus company officials.

An autopsy was under way at Richmond this afternoon to determine if bus company officials were correct in their belief that L. G. Alford, driver of the bus, was dead when the big vehicle crashed through the guard rail and dropped 20 feet into the stream.

INQUEST THURSDAY WILL BE ONLY MERE FORMALITY

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 23 (AP)—An inquest was ordered for Thursday in the death of 14 persons who lost their lives in the plunge of a bus into an open drawbridge into the Appomattox river yesterday.

A sixth body, meanwhile, was tentatively identified as Mrs. T. H. Fairfax, of Superior, Wis. Eight other bodies recovered from the bus after it was raised from 30 feet of water awaited identification.

Six of those who died in the river's icy water were identified before daybreak today as Virginians and North Carolinians.

Mayor D. L. Elder and Commonwealth's Attorney John Goodman (Continued on Page Two.)

WAKE IS WATCHING FRANKLIN ELECTION

Whichever Way it Goes, Influence Will be Felt in Primary.

Louisburg, Dec. 23 (AP)—The question of legalization of liquor sale in a county system of stores was balloted on by Franklin county citizens today.

At midday the vote in the incorporated municipalities was reported as fairly heavy, but in rural precincts it was "very light." A heavy snow yesterday kept the country folks away from the polling places.

The 1935 legislature provided for elections last summer in Franklin and 17 other counties on county liquor stores. The Franklin county election was enjoined by drays, and the injunction was ruled invalid by the Supreme court a month ago.

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SNOW BLANKET IS ONLY FORERUNNER OF FURTHER COLD

White Mantle Deepest from Raleigh and Columbia to Eastward, Less in the West.

'WHITE CHRISTMAS' APPEARS PROBABLE

More Snow Christmas Eve Forecast; Zero Here One Degree Lower Than In Greensboro; Many Serious Wrecks Occur, Including Fatality Here Saturday Night.

(By The Associated Press)

Fifteen persons were killed on highways in the Carolinas over the weekend. Seven deaths were reported in North Carolina and eight in South Carolina.

The most serious wreck was an automobile-truck collision near Spartanburg. Five persons were killed. A icy, slippery pavement was listed as a contributor in several of the accidents as snow blanketed most of the two states.

The North Carolina toll follows: Burlington—Lacy Hughes Cooper, 29, fatally injured when automobile struck abutment at Back Creek, near here. Fayetteville—Auto-truck collision near here resulted in death of James Lloyd, 26, of Hazlehurst, Ga. Abraham Lakritz, 70, of New York, fatally injured when automobile skidded on snow and struck bridge.

Henderson—Automobile of Sam Pleasants, Dexter farmer, struck by train at grade crossing here. Pleasants was fatally injured, but his wife and three children escaped serious hurts. Wilmington—Virginia Mobley, 5, and Rollan Ann Mobley, 2, sisters were killed when auto, skidding on icy pavement, crashed into bridge.

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NRA Ended For Good As Federal Unit

Some of Functions Given Commerce Department, Others Labor Office.

Washington, Dec. 23 (AP)—NRA, once keystone of the New Deal, was terminated today by executive order of President Roosevelt.

Part of the functions of the recovery administration were transferred by the President to the Commerce Department, while others were turned over to the Labor Department.

The division of review, the division of business cooperation, and the advisory council went to the Commerce Department, under the act approved at the last session of Congress, extending NRA until April.

The consumers division was transferred to the labor Department, and its employees will come under the emergency appropriation act, which does not expire until June, 1937. By the President's order, signed today, the National Recovery Administration, about which the entire government seemed to revolve two years ago, and which governed most of American industry, was dissolved. The executive order terminating NRA and transferring its functions to the two departments, becomes effective January 1. President Roosevelt wrote finish to the spectacular recovery administration in 13 words. They were: "The National Recovery Administration and the office of administrator thereof are hereby terminated."

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and not quite so cold, possibly snow flurries tonight; Tuesday mostly cloudy.