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AXIS DEMANDS ON GREECE ARE REPORTED

Willkie Urged To Renew His Challenge

Report From Cairo Meets Quick Denial

Greek Sources in Cairo Say Territorial and Diplomatic Demands Made on Greece by Germany and Italy; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press) Demands by Germany and Italy that Greece surrender territory, end her pro-British government, sever trade relations with Britain, and line up in the axis Balkan sphere were reported today by Greek diplomatic sources in Cairo.

Denials came swiftly from Rome, Berlin and Athens. Official Greek circles in Athens said the rumors were "unworthy of comment" and diplomatic sources reported they found no evidence of increased tension.

The Greek sources in Cairo said their information came directly from Athens, and added that the axis powers were demanding use of Greek air bases.

Greece would be required to give Bulgaria a corridor to the Aegean sea, hand Italy a slice of territory bordering Albania, force the abdication of King George II and remove Premier Diaktor Metaxas.

Massed fascist troops on the Albanian frontier have warned Greece into bolstering her small army close to its peak strength as anxiety in both Greece and pro-British Turkey has grown apace with Germany's push east and the movement of nazi fighting men and war equipment into Romania.

London had a lighter pounding than usual in the 42nd consecutive overnight attack. Bad flying weather was said to have limited the nazi air activity to "sporadic" attacks scattered over England, Scotland and Wales.

German sources declared, however, that bombers left for England during the night in "uninterrupted succession," striking heavy blows.

The German high command said an "essential waterworks" was destroyed in London and that bombs hit British troop encampments, while at sea German submarines recently sank 31 ships totaling 173,650 tons.

In Rome, the Italian high command said a 10,000-ton British cruiser was hit by a bomb in a new Italian air attack on a convoy of ships in the eastern Mediterranean, while the British were reported to have attacked Italian air fields on the island of Rhodes.

In Bucharest, German circles charged that the British minister to Bulgaria had been secretly trying to arrange for passage of British troops through Bulgaria and Romania.

Japanese war planes struck at the exposed Burma Road, hitting hard on bridges along the precarious arms route. Hundreds of trucks loaded with long delayed supplies for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek started north over the road yesterday.

Investigating officers but results have been nothing like what they have a right to expect.

Not only has the Division found it necessary to rely on newspaper clippings and reports of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, but it has often found it impossible to get any answers to its inquiries addressed to officers known to have investigated wrecks or who should have knowledge of them, even if they did not actually do the investigating.

Perhaps the most glaring example of complete ignoring of the law was given in September by Sheriff W. J. Fennell of Warren county, according to the Division's records. A newspaper account of a fatal accident in the Elberton section of Warren county on the Louisville-Warren highway relates that the sheriff was an eye witness. He has made no report of the crash, the division's only records being the news story and a notice of death from the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Here are other characteristics examples of complete disregard of the law and of requests for reports: During the month, two were killed in a wreck near Cary eight miles from the capitol. News stories said that Highway Patrolman J. V. Barrow investigated. The division of Highway Safety wrote him for information on October 7, but still has had no reply.

One was killed and six injured in a crash in Morgan township, Rowan county. No report has been received from any official source.

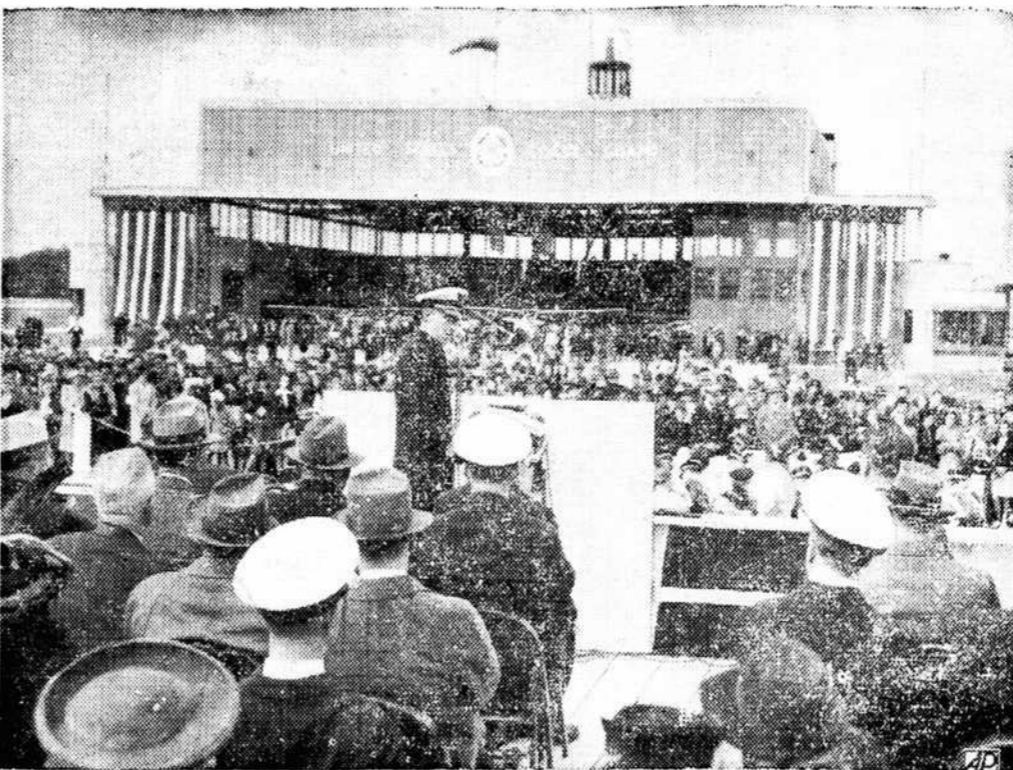
One was killed and nine were injured in a wreck a mile east of Eata on the Asheville-Chatam highway. A letter to Sergeant W. M. Nail of the Highway Patrol, written October 7, is still unanswered.

Fatal accidents in Avery, near

have been active in trying to educate

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Admiral Waesch Formally Opens Coast Guard Air Base



Rear Admiral Russell P. Waesch (at microphone) of Washington, commandant of the United States Coast Guard, led the ceremony dedicating the new \$2,000,000 Coast Guard aerial base at Elizabeth City, N. C. In the background is the main hangar. Also shown is a part of the crowd which witnessed the ceremony.

Candidates May Speak In Baltimore

Debate Question Raised Following Disclosure That Willkie and Roosevelt May Be in Baltimore on Same Night.

(By The Associated Press)

Woodell L. Willkie, whose path might cross that of President Roosevelt in Baltimore, Oct. 19, was urged today to challenge the President again to debate the campaign issues.

The question of a debate was raised by Cleveland Populist League after it developed yesterday that their presidential nominee and President Roosevelt might speak in Baltimore on the same night.

The Willkie-McNary crusaders sent this wire to Willkie:

"We suggest you renew your challenge to debate the issues on the same platform, since this could so easily be arranged. Roosevelt refusal naturally would strengthen your Baltimore vote."

Meanwhile Willkie took his campaign into Wisconsin and Minnesota. President Roosevelt plans made for a five-speech pre-election drive began a week-end visit at his Hyde Park, N. Y., home and fresh controversy raged over the third term issue.

That, broadly, was the picture of the nation's major political contest as their third week before election drew to a close.

Hiram Johnson, veteran Republican senator from California who supported Mr. Roosevelt in 1932, entered the third term argument last night with a declaration that he presented "in greater degree than a flaming war x x x a crisis purely American." He announced support for his party's ticket.

Johnson was followed on the air by his Democratic colleague, Sheridan Downey, who, speaking from Los Angeles, urged Mr. Roosevelt's re-election because of his "liberalism" and said there was evidently "no anti-third term sentiment here in California" because, he said, Johnson had been elected to the Senate for four terms and "it is apparent his people will soon honor him for a fifth time."

The Wisconsin and Minnesota speeches Willkie scheduled for today followed one last night at Springfield, Ill., in which he accused Mr. Roosevelt of forming some form of state socialism.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy with occasional light showers this afternoon and tonight, possibly ending Sunday morning; rising temperatures.

New Draft Plans Made

War Kills Tariff Issue

Reciprocal Treaties Promised To Be Campaign Issue, But Failed To Develop.

By CHARLES P. STEWART

Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 19.—The tariff may not be a dead issue, but certainly it's been somewhat somnolent during this national campaign.

It promised to be very much alive. The war, however, knocked it into unconsciousness and maybe its completely killed it.

Anyhow, the indications are that it's past revival for at least a few generations to come.

Cordell Hull gave the free trade idea its notable recent shot in the arm when he became state secretary. Hull was a free trader away back when he was in the senate and before that, when he was in the House of Representatives. He not only was a believer in the all-around world benefits of an absolutely unrestricted international interchange of commerce, from an economic standpoint it also was his thesis that most wars are provoked by trade barriers between countries.

Once asked him: "If country No. 1 walls itself off against country No. 2, how's country No. 2 retaliate except by walling itself off against country No. 1?"

To this Senator Hull (he was a senator then) answered: "If a country walls other countries off, it likewise walls itself in. Let a country adopt a bad policy, like that, and the job's on the country that does it; not on the others."

Not Too Sudden

But when Cordell got into the state department he evidently decided that it would be injudicious for the United States to abandon its protective system too suddenly. Probably he was right about it. It would have been a jolt, undoubtedly. So he hit on his reciprocal plan. By which we were to make a treaty with some other one country at a time, gradually extending this scheme until it included everybody.

It was a world concept. The notion was beginning to take. We actually concluded a few treaties.

Then the war started.

Now, with the jumbled-up situation that we've got today, nobody has time to bother with trade treaties. Military alliances?—yes. But to heck with trade treaties! We may get away with an occasional one between us and Latin America, Europe and Asia though?—Phooey!

Some Yankee statesmen never did.

Former French Leaders Face Court Charges

Vichy, France, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The Vichy government brought formal charges today against former Premier Leon Blum, former Premier Paul Reynaud and former Minister of the Interior Georges Mandel in the supreme court "war guilt" trials at Riom.

Blum was charged with having betrayed his duties, while Prime Minister Reynaud was charged with embezzlement of public funds and Mandel with attacking the secretary of the state and speculation in national currency.

Others charged like Blum with betraying their duties were former Premier Edouard Daladier, former Air Minister Pierre Cot and Guy la Chambre and former Generalissimo Maurice Gustave Gamelin.

All three of those charged today in addition to Daladier and Gamelin have been confined in "administrative internment."

The date for the opening of the supreme court trials is still unspecified, but the government committee which announced the charges said investigations are continuing.

like the reciprocal proposition. For instance, Senator Charles L. McNary, the G. O. P.'s vice presidential nominee, doesn't. As a Republican, he's a high protectionist. Consequently, in his campaign speeches, he's taken some mean digs at trade reciprocity. Ditto Senator Henrik Shipstead, formerly a Farmer-Laborer, now a Republican. We did frame up a reciprocal treaty with Canada. It promoted the sale of some of our products (notably automobiles) to the Canadians. But it also, Henrik relates, let a lot of Canadian dairy stuff into the United States, in competition with Henrik's Minnesota dairymen.

These aren't the only critics. Wendell L. Willkie, on the opposite hand, always was a pretty good Democratic free trader until he was nominated by the Republicans for the presidency.

Willkie's Views

Even yet Wendell can't find it quite in his heart to turn thumbs down on the free trade principle. Nevertheless, he's argued thus, in a number of his addresses:

"The totalitarians are their various dictators' slaves. As slaves, they'll have to work for slaves' wages. Are we going to let their slave-made products into the United States to compete with our freeman's output?"

It's the protectionists' old argument. European paper-made goods! Oriental cheap labor!

All the same, free trade hasn't been attacked very bitterly. Charlie McNary has criticized it adversely but not violently; apparently he's thought that he had better things to talk about. All these arguments said is, in effect, that it's impractical just now—and that, if it

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Start Duties in Washington



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Senator Joseph H. Ball (left), 34, shows his draft registration card to Dr. Clarence Dykstra, director of selective service, as they arrive in Washington to take up their duties. Ball, former St. Paul, Minn., newspaper reporter, was named to fill the unexpired term of Senator Ernest Lundeen, who was killed in a plane crash.

Winter In East As West Has Heat Wave

Seasonal Temperature Records Equalled and Broken; Snow Falls in New England; Southern California Has Record Heat.

(By The Associated Press)

As the winter season opened in the eastern seaboard, the weather and U. S. Army sea-sonal temperature records and brought a mix of surprises, while the west experienced a heat wave.

As the season at football games in New York last night was marred by weather and over night temperatures fell to 10 degrees atop the Hudson.

In Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and New Jersey, in New England, a 15-year record for October was shattered when the temperature reached 32 at 3 a. m.

In New York, a reading of 25 degrees equalled the record for the month in 1922.

In Southern California a heat wave was expected to break tomorrow, but the next same moderation was predicted for the week-end.

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Man Killed In Auto Accident

Creswell, Oct. 19.—(AP)—John Whittington, 48, was killed instantly in an automobile collision near here early this morning.

Corporal Tom Brown of the State Highway Patrol and Whittington was driving out of a filling station into U. S. Highway 64 when his car was struck by a machine driven by Jack Mason of Swan Quarter.

Mason was released without bond. Brown said.

MRS. HENRY WEIL DIES IN GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Henry Weil, whose late husband founded various enterprises here, died last night of heart complications incident to old age. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Weil is survived by the following children: Leslie, Herman and Gertrude, all of Goldsboro, and Mrs. Herbert Bluethenthal of Wilmington.

Stocks Of Grain On Farms Of North Carolina Are Far Heavier Than In 1939

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—Grain stocks on farms of North Carolina as of October first are far heavier than at the same time last year, according to figures released today by the State Department of Agriculture.

The report covers corn, wheat and oats, and shows that in every case the supply on hand has jumped sharply.

Farmers reported 3,953,000 bushels of old corn on hand, which is 36 per cent greater than the 2,916,000 bushels on hand on the same date in 1939. According to the Federal-State crop reporting service, the stocks on crop reporting service, the stocks on hand this year represent eight per cent of the 1939 crop, which is consistent in view of the shorter crop produced in 1940.

It is estimated that 62 per cent of the 1940 wheat crop was still in farmers' hands on October 1, or a total of 3,733,000 bushels. This is 26 per cent greater than stocks on October 1 last year and 38 per cent above the ten-year average.

Stocks of oats were also reported to be substantially greater than last year or for the ten-year average period. A total of 3,480,000 bushels were estimated to be on farms as of October 1, 1940, as compared with 2,960,000 bushels last year and 2,165,000 bushels for the ten-year average.

At the same time that grain stock figures were given out, the Reporting Service estimated that this year's peanut crop will be of near-record proportions, with a total production of 298,125,000 pounds in prospect from an average yield of 1,125 pounds per acre. This is almost as much yield and about three per cent more production than last year's unusually good crop.

The 1937 crop of 308,000,000 pounds is the only one on record which exceeds the present one in total weight.

While many growers are expressing some disappointment at their prospective yields, a good crop is in prospect over the whole of the commercial belt of North Carolina.

The crop is reported to be slightly later than in most previous years, but in general the plants of the entire section are reported to have good size and color. Soil conditions, too, have been favorable throughout both August and September.

The North Carolina crop is in line with that of other peanut growing sections, the Service reports. This year's yield for the nation will run to 1,539,540,000 pounds; which is almost a third larger than last year's production.