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Nazi Troops Massed In Balkans

Serial Number 158 Is First Draft Number

Capsules For Draft Lottery



Armed guards carry boxes containing 10,000 number capsules used in the national draft lottery today in Washington. The capsules were deposited for safekeeping, pending the lottery, in the Treasury Department.

First Few Hundred To Supply Draftees

Men Whose Numbers Are Among First 650 Drawn Stand Good Chance of Being Among Trainees Called Before Next July.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Men whose numbers are among the first 650 drawn today in the draft lottery stand a good chance of being among the first 100,000 trainees who will be called before next July.

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American Pilots Airliner Downed By Jap Warplanes

Shanghai, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Japanese warplanes were reported today to have shot down a Douglas airliner piloted by an American, W. C. Kent, on the China National Aviation Corporation's Hongkong-Chungking service.

Chinese and foreign sources said that some of its nine passengers were killed or wounded. What happened to Kent was not known nor was he further identified.

Hague Ordered To Testify

Newark, N. J., Oct. 29.—(AP)—Major Frank Hague of Jersey City was subpoenaed to appear later today before a Senate committee investigating subcommittee after he had declined to appear voluntarily.

Hague, state Democratic leader, advised the subcommittee that there was no need of any reply to charges involving the organization he heads.

Duke Plans Homecoming Saturday

Durham, Oct. 29.—Duke University's homecoming next Saturday will be considerably more than a campus celebration, according to the schedule of events being arranged cooperatively by city and university groups.

The Durham-Duke civic parade at 10:30 a. m. in the morning and the Duke-Georgia Tech football game in the afternoon will be the highlight events of the day, and between them will draw some 100,000 spectators.

There will be a number of occasions interspersed throughout the day of interest primarily to the returning Duke old grads.

This year's civic parade will set several records for the series that has been held for some years. Thirteen bands, believed to be the largest

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Numbers Are Drawn In Washington

President Roosevelt Says Purpose of Raising Draft Army Is "Defense of Our Freedom"; First Local Numbers Listed.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—An estimated 6,175 men holding draft serial number 158 will be the first called up for military service in the nation's unprecedented peacetime conscription.

That number was the first drawn in today's historic draft lottery. Secretary of War Stimson drew it from a big glass bowl at 12:15 p. m., a minute or so after President Roosevelt said in an opening speech that the purpose of raising a draft army is "the defense of our freedom."

Standing on a platform in the large government auditorium which was the scene of the lottery, Mr. Roosevelt told an audience exceeding 1,300 that "only the strong may continue to live in freedom and in peace."

In quick succession other numbers were drawn by sign officials who, like Stimson, were blindfolded before their hands dipped into the glass bowl filled with numbers in blue capsules.

Order No. 2, drawn by Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, was announced by Mr. Roosevelt as serial number 192.

Order No. 3, drawn by Attorney General Jackson was announced by Mr. Roosevelt as serial number 8,239.

Order No. 4, drawn by Secretary of the Navy Knox was 6,620.

The tenth number—5,892—was drawn by Colonel Harry C. Kramer and the eleventh—5,837—was picked by Colonel John D. Langston of Goldsboro, N. C.

The parents of one Washington registrant who held No. 158 was present in the auditorium.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Bell. Their 21-year-old unmarried son, Robert, held the number. When it was read Mrs. Bell screamed.

Bell, Sr., went up to the platform and joined with notables in drawing a number. He pulled the 48th number out of the bowl. It was 4,333.

MIDDLEBURG NEGRO HAS SERIAL NO. 158

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Here is the order in which the selective service serial numbers were drawn: (Note: The first number is the order in which the number was drawn, the second number is the unofficial order number of the local selective service lists, the third number is the serial number.)

1—153—Billy Durham R-1, Middleburg (col.).

2—192—Willis Henry Nummally R-1, Henderson (w.).

3—105—Leola Dale Faulkner R-1, Henderson (w.).

4—3,508—James Benjamin Cook, 712 John street, Henderson (col.).

5—2,441—Robert Clifton Rogers, Kittrell (col.).

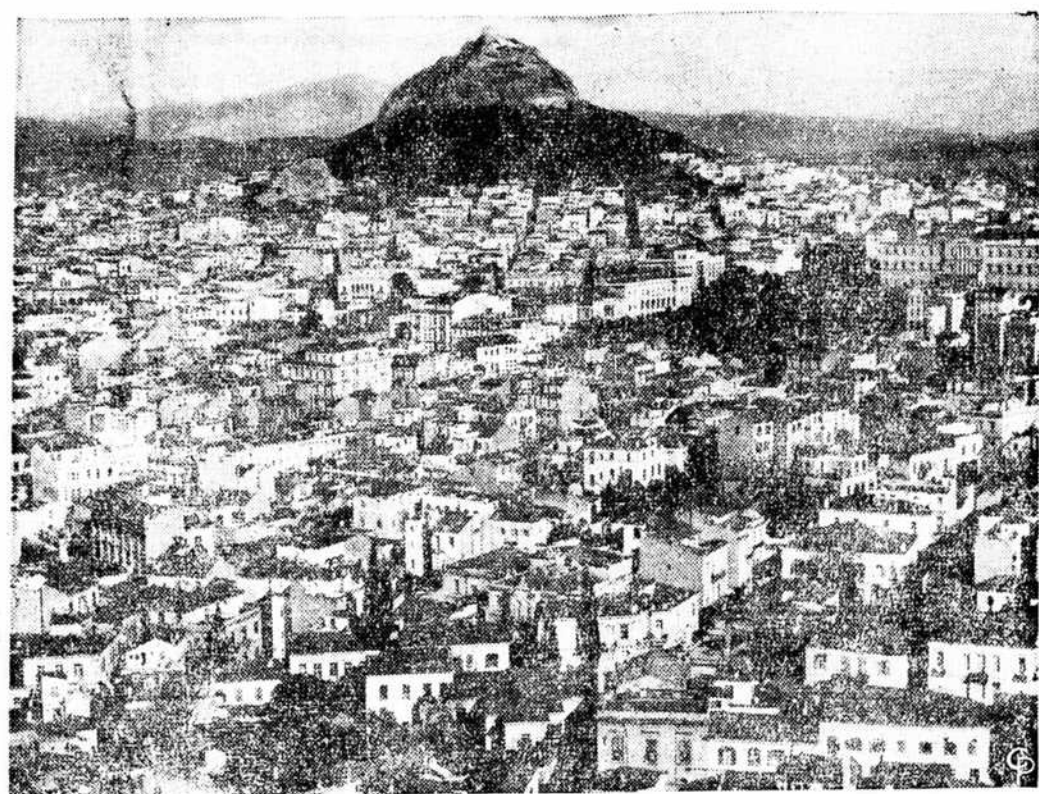
6—2,563—Henry Lee Person R-2, Kittrell (col.).

7—183—James Crews, 733 Eaton street, Henderson (col.).

8—120—Walter Lorraine Wilson, 234 Belle street, Henderson (w.).

9—2,914—Cornelius Gill, R-1, Box 98a, Henderson (col.).

Ancient Athens Threatened by Italian Bombs



Threatened with destruction from the air in the war between Greece and Italy, this is the historic and beautiful city of Athens, capital of Greece. Rising precipitously in the background is the Acropolis, crowned by the ancient Parthenon.

FDR Charges Sabotage

Neutrality Action Waits

Roosevelt Is Advised That Official Confirmation of Balkan Situation Is Lacking.

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was advised today by Secretary of State Hull and Undersecretary Welles that they still lacked enough official confirmation on Balkan developments to issue neutrality and other documents in connection with the Greek-Italian conflict.

Stephen Early, White House secretary, said the President and the two State department officials had spent an hour "thoroughly and most completely canvassing the foreign picture."

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No Territorial Concessions By French

Washington, Oct. 29.—(AP)—The State department has been informed by the French embassy, it was learned today, that French negotiations with Germany involved no "territory concessions" or the "use of French strategic bases" by the axis powers.

The information was communicated informally and did not constitute an answer by the Vichy government to the message sent by President Roosevelt to Marshal Petain last week concerning French possessions in the western hemisphere.

The embassy also issued a statement containing essentially the same information, as follows:

"There is no foundation to rumors of peace negotiations or territory concessions by the French government to Germany or Italy or use of French strategic bases by those powers or curtailment of French sovereignty in any part of France or her empire."

Defense Is Main Issue

Willkie Announces Broadcast Reply to Roosevelt's Address Last Night.

(By The Associated Press)

President Roosevelt's charge that Republican leaders had a record of "sabotage" in the national preparedness effort gave the defense program a top campaign billing today.

Wendell L. Willkie promptly announced that he would dispute the assertion of his Democratic rival in a broadcast reply today from his special train at Parkersburg, W. Va.

Both Democratic and Republican leaders put in strenuous days yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt covering many miles in the metropolitan New York-New Jersey area and speaking at Madison Square Garden last night, while Willkie was pleading the Republican cause in Illinois, Indiana and finally in Kentucky where he made a major address at Louisville.

Mr. Roosevelt devoted his Madison Square Garden address to an answer which he termed more examples of "major campaign falsifications" by the Republican opposition. He concentrated on the charge that under his administration the nation's defense had lagged.

"The simple truth is," he said, "that the Republican party played politics with defense in 1932 and 1936. They are playing politics with national security today."

Mr. Roosevelt cited quotations which he said Republican leaders uttered in opposition to defense measures, and declared those words "inspired by the Republican leaders out of their own mouths—these leaders who now denounce our defenses—indict them with what they themselves said in the days before this election year about how adequate our defenses already were."

Willkie, meanwhile, was accusing Mr. Roosevelt "and a little group of men in large part unknown to our people" of stifling and "kidnapping" the Democratic party.

"It is this New Deal party," he said, "that now makes its ultimate appeal for power—the repeal of the rule against the third term—that its reign may continue in perpetuity."

Most of them fiercely affirm that they are "life-long, loyal Democrats" (that's the claim those who paid for the Greensboro News spread made) and almost shout that they will vote for J. M. Broughton and the rest of the Democratic state and local slate, but it's too axiomatic to need any argument that defection from one part of the ticket means a weakening all the way down.

Actually there does exist some

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Greeks Hold Positions Stubbornly

Rival Claims Obscure Reports of Fighting; British Speed Aid by Land, Sea and Air; Bombing Raids Are Continued.

(By The Associated Press.)

Germany has massed a striking force of 70 divisions—estimated at 1,250,000 troops—in the Balkan area to prevent possible Russian interference with her plans, a British military expert reported today.

While Greece fought stubbornly to stave off an Italian thrust into southeast Europe, the British expert asserted that Germany has steadily been moving troops into the Balkan trouble zone since France fell.

Singing their ancient song "We Will Throw Them Into the Sea," thousands of Greek reservists rushed to bolster the Metaxas line in the mountain passes of northern Greece today against the invasion of steadily strengthening Italian forces.

Conflicting reports gave an uncertain picture of the 24-hour old fighting.

Diplomatic quarters in Rome said Italian troops—the vanguard of 200,000 massed for the assault along the Albanian-Greek frontier—had broken through to a point 10 miles beyond the border, striking toward Salenika.

Government circles in Athens said that the fascist invaders had been unable to drive back Greece's mountain defenders.

Greek troops were described as clinging stubbornly to key points guarding the mountain passes, despite hard Italian thrusts.

Reports that British troops landed on the island of Corfu in the Ionian sea, just off the border fighting scene, touched off a wave of enthusiasm in Athens.

Speeding help by land, sea and air under a pledge to aid Greece if attacked, the British were reported planning to establish an air base at Corfu, so royal air force planes could guard practically defenseless Greek cities and also be within striking distance of Italian objectives just across the Ionian sea.

Action along the Greek-Albanian frontier, according to reports received in London, was mostly restricted to artillery duels with the Greeks reportedly retreating from some advance posts.

For the first time, the Italian and German public were permitted at least an inkling of information on the situation today.

Hitler's controlled press disclosed that Italy had served an ultimatum on Greece, but kept Germany in the dark that a new battlefront for the Rome-Berlin axis had actually developed.

In Rome, Mussolini's high command gave the first official announcement of the invasion in a terse communique of 24 words devoted to the Balkan situation:

"At dawn yesterday our troops stationed in Albania crossed the Greek frontier and penetrated into enemy territory from various points. The advance is continuing."

Following yesterday's assurance of unlimited support by King George VI and Prime Minister Winston Churchill, Britain's first lord of the admiralty, A. V. Alexander announced today that the British navy's help for Greece "has already begun."

Soviet Russia, the big question mark in the new conflict, appeared to be standing pat on her policy of watchful neutrality.

Athens passed a quiet night and so far no bombs have fallen into the ancient capital.

Reports that Turkey, a friend of both Greece and Britain, was moving units of her 2,500,000-strong army to the Greek frontier were unconfirmed, but the government newspaper at Ankara said "we prefer the hell of war to a dishonorable peace."

The German air force continued its steady assault upon England during the night, but the attacks—directed mainly at London and the Midlands—were described by British sources as comparatively light, and the government said casualties were few.

British bombers, meanwhile, struck again at objectives in Germany, and ports and airfields in German-occupied territory on the continent.

German shippers were the chief targets of "heavy and successful" night raids on Germany's biggest ports, with royal air force bombs falling on Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Bremen, Hamburg and Cuxhaven.

In addition, the royal air force

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy and unsettled, possibly occasional drizzle or light snow, generally warmer in western, cooler and in central portion Wednesday.