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## Lead Greece in War



These three men are leading hard-pressed Greece in her war with Italy. Left to right are King George II, Premier John Metaxas and Brig. Gen. Polibis, chief of the Greek army staff. (Central Press)

## FDR TO REVEAL PLANS FOR NEW AID TO BRITAIN

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early Announces Expected Statement, But Refuses Hints As to Nature of Aid.

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### Special Lot Of Numbers Is Drawn

Conscription Lottery, Holding Marching Orders for Some 5,000,000 Young Men, Completed at 5:47 a. m. Today.

Washington, Oct. 30.—(AP)—A legal test of the draft lottery as a result of misplacement of six numbers out of 9,000 prepared for the drawing was reported officially today to be under consideration in Detroit.

Clarence A. Dykstra, selective service director, said he had been apprized that suit might be undertaken by a potential Detroit draftee who was unidentified to Dykstra except that he held serial number 153, which the lottery turned into order number 1.

If the man finally decides to raise a legal issue, Dykstra said, he will have to go through the drafting process and allow the courts to determine the issue. It was assumed, although not definitely known, that he lacked any obvious grounds for deferment.

Washington, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The grand conscription lottery, which held marching orders for some 5,000,000 young Americans, finishing in an unlooked for flurry this morning with six numbers missing but finally wound up officially with two numbers more than it should have had.

In the rainy dawn after 17 hours and 31 minutes of drawing from the big draft bowl a last blue capsule was picked up by Brigadier General Lewis B. Hershey, assistant selective service director. It was 5:47 a. m. (e. s. t.).

That capsule should have been the 9,000th—the number of capsules originally believed placed in the bowl before the drawing opened at 12:18 yesterday.

Instead it proved to be the 8,994th. Despite the most elaborate precautions six number-bearing blue capsules were missing.

Selective service officials immediately instituted a check to track down the omitted numbers. Manual records kept throughout the drawing confirmed the number of missing numbers as six. The master list disagreed, however, showing eight unaccounted for.

To make sure that every number missing from the master list would be drawn, General Hershey had a special "junior drawing" of those eight numbers—a brief sweepstakes witnessed by a handful and over in five minutes.

The official last number drawn, accordingly was the 9,002nd—number 7,839.

Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, selective service director who saw the lottery through from the drawing of the first number—153—to the unscheduled end, issued a statement in which

the subject of parity payments," said Mr. Reynolds. "There are two classes of benefit payments to the farmers—one known as soil conservation, the other as parity payments."

Here are some of the statistics cited by Mr. Reynolds: "Under the Soil Conservation act, practically all farmers are eligible for benefit payments, and about 6,000,000 or 90 per cent of all farmers are participating. On the passage of the bill in the House, the vote on February 21, 1936, was:

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By a quirk of chance, one of the holders of 153—the first number drawn in the selective service sweepstakes—was an original American, one Michael Gornor, 21, an Indian who had been the first to register with his local board two weeks ago in Oshland, Wis.

Number 158 also was the number of three men whose fathers found themselves at the top of the World War draft list when number 258 was drawn in the first 1917 lottery.

James Stewart, Hollywood's eligible bachelor and topflight movie star, found himself ticketed 369 on his local list of men subject to call.

Half the nation apart, local boards will post the same number—18—for the sons of the late Newton D. Baker, World War secretary who drew the first number in the 1917 drawing, and American Ambassador to Great Britain, Joseph P. Kennedy.

Newton D. Baker III lives in Cleveland and Young John Kennedy is at Graduate School in Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal.

## Willkie Hits At Envoys

GOP Nominee Says Making "Cheap Political Speeches" Here.

Aboard Willkie Train, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie declared today that "the American ambassadors to Great Britain and France are back here making cheap political speeches."

Renewing his assertion that only one major American envoy is now in Europe—at Moscow—the Republican pre-presidential nominee told an audience at Clarksburg, W. Va., that President Roosevelt "is supposed to know so much about foreign affairs."

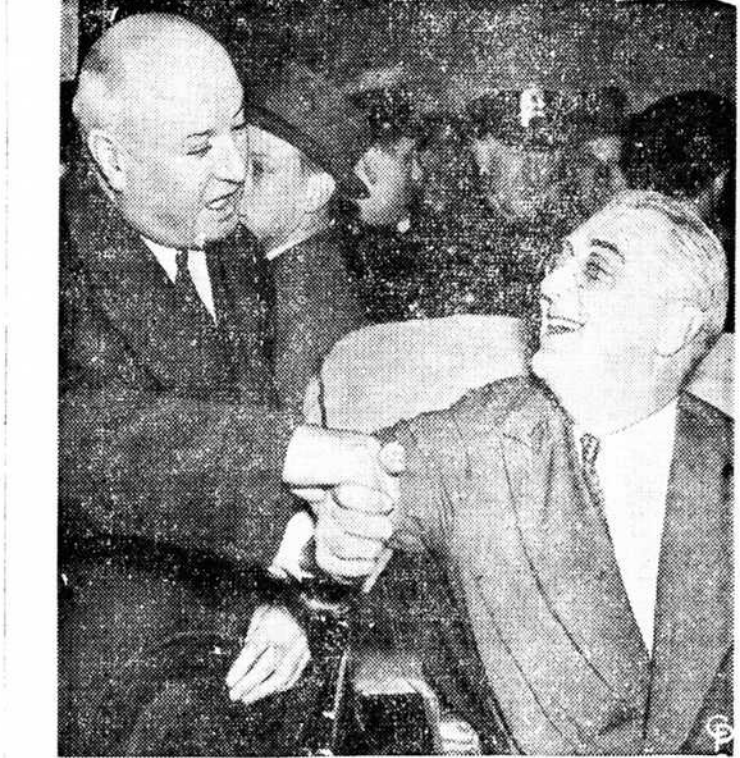
"The Chief Executive," he asserted, "says that he has to stay close to Washington and telephone to the secretary many times a day because of the European crisis. He certainly cannot call up his ambassadors because they are not on the job."

Willkie touched on foreign affairs only briefly, devoting most of his talk to a discussion of the third term idea. He cited Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Grover Cleveland, William Jennings Bryan, and Woodrow Wilson as objecting to a third term for any man. And, in 1932, he added, Franklin D. Roosevelt noted with approval the words of Woodrow Wilson that there is no indispensable man.

Vichy, Oct. 30.—(AP)—France decided on collaboration with the Rome-Berlin axis "to maintain French unity," Marshal Petain, chief of state, told the nation tonight in a broadcast explaining his meeting of last Friday with Adolf Hitler.

"This in the near future the weight of suffering laid on our country can be lightened," he said.

### Looks Like Old Times



James A. Farley (left), former postmaster general and Democratic chairman, shakes hands with President Roosevelt as the Chief Executive leaves Madison Square Garden, New York, after the second of his major political speeches. Farley, who has refused to endorse a third term, attended the rally at the President's invitation.

## Blaze Damages War Department Offices

### Hocutt Renews Efforts To Obtain Reports

Daily Dispatch Bureau. BY HENRY ZVERILL. Raleigh, Oct. 30.—The Highway Safety Division has renewed and redoubled its drive to get accurate reports on all highway accidents in North Carolina.

Recently the Division reluctantly reached the conclusion that the reports it receives on accidents involving injuries or damage to property are so fragmentary and incomplete that the resultant data are so far from correct as to be little more than guesses.

Ronald Hocutt and his aides will, however, continue to compile and release figures on these accidents, giving them out for what they are worth—which isn't much.

Meanwhile Mr. Hocutt has sent a personal letter to every law enforcement officer in North Carolina calling attention to the statute making it a crime for officers to neglect their duty of investigating officers' manslaughter.

He believes that officers have been nothing worse than negligent in compliance, and absolves them of any intent willfully to flout the law.

The statute, incidentally, makes it the duty of every driver involved in an accident which causes death, injury or property damage of more than \$10 to report to law enforcement officials who will provide proper

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All War department officials available refused to comment on the fire, but it appeared to have started on the top of the three-story wing. Construction was underway there on a fourth floor to provide more room for the expanding War department.

Police said that although coded messages were sent from that section of the building no secret codes were kept there.

However, one building guard declared "it is the most important" part of the building.

General George C. Marshall, Army chief of staff, told reporters he believed the fire was caused by a short circuit in the wiring.

Washington, Oct. 30.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today that reports that he might remain as secretary of State if Wendell L. Willkie were elected president smacked of politics and met with his strong disapproval.

The secretary of state told his press conference in response to a question that he had no knowledge of the origin of the reports. He said, however, that they would seem to smack of politics and he did not countenance them for a moment.

## Rome Report Claims Town Is Captured

Authoritative Fascist Quarters Acknowledge Stubborn Resistance; Great Britain Speeds Aid With Mines Along Coast.

(By The Associated Press.) A Rome radio broadcast asserted today that Italian troops had smothered all hopes in Greece, capturing the town of St. Nicholas, but Athens reported that reinforced Greek fighters were holding an unbroken front under heavy artillery fire.

The Italian attack, supported by planes and mountain guns, were said to be steadily intensifying. Mussolini's high command, with unusual brevity, merely reported.

"Our troops have continued the advance into Greek territory, overcoming resistance of the enemy's rear guard."

Authoritative fascist quarters in Rome acknowledged the Greeks were resisting stubbornly, but they denied that troops of the little kingdom had driven a counter thrust into Albania, the starting point of the Italian invasion Monday.

These quarters said Mussolini's legions were advancing deeper into Greece.

Great Britain stepped up aid to her new ally, the London admiralty announced, by mining approaches to key ports on the Greek coast.

British military circles denied reports that British troops have already landed on the Grecian islands of Corfu and Crete.

Neutral military sources in Athens said the Greek advance guards were slowly retiring to the main defense sectors of the Metaxas line in keeping with a pre-conceived plan.

## Hull Denies Campaign Reports

## Nazi Planes Driven Back

Germans Resume Large Scale Bombings; Royal Air Force Planes Raid Germany.

London, Oct. 30.—(AP)—German raiders crossed England's southeast coast today apparently headed for London, but were engaged high above the clouds by British planes and reported turned back.

The British fighters gave the invaders battle just after they crossed the sea. From the cloudbanks hiding them from watchers below came the rattle of machine gun fire. In a short time the Nazis flew off.

Planes were also reported attacking the industrial Midlands.

## Supreme Court Upholds Death Sentence

Washington, Oct. 30.—(AP)—The Supreme court upheld today a sentence imposed in Sampson county on Zenkiele Smith, convicted of first degree murder of Willard.

## Reynolds Cites Republican Opposition To Farm Bills Introduced In Congress

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY ZVERILL. Raleigh, Oct. 30.—Dick Reynolds isn't collecting dollars alone for the re-election of President Roosevelt. He has collected, with the aid of Alabama's Senator J. H. Bankhead, a mass of figures on the voting record of Republicans on aiding the farmers.

## Associated Press Writer Gives First Hand Report From Salonika, Greek Port

By J. WES GALLAGHER. Salonika, Greece, Oct. 30.—(AP)—I have been watching at first hand the Greek army moving up swiftly to meet Italy's attack.

## Petaun Takes Responsibility For Axis Deal

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## Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy; local showers this afternoon and in south and east portions tonight; slightly cooler in north and west portions tonight; Thursday partly cloudy; possible light showers in extreme south portion.

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