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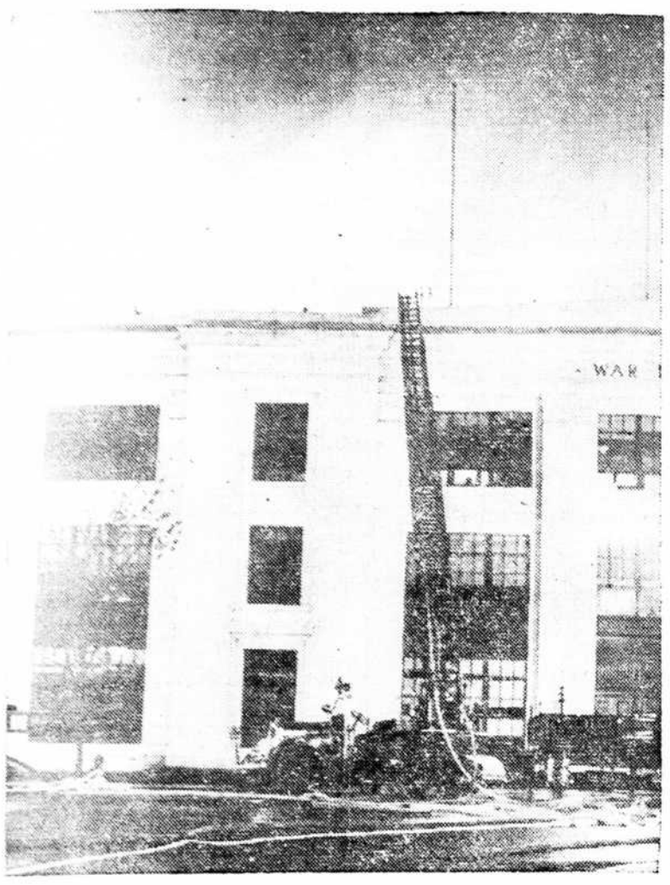
Greece Needs No Turkish Aid

War Department Building Swept By Flames



Firemen play streams of water on flames sweeping one of the wings of the War department building in Washington, endangering the valuable records stored there. Gen. George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, ordered armed guard about the building and announced a thorough investigation for sabotage would start immediately.

Nazi Bomb Hits London Apartment

Undetermined Number of Persons Reported Trapped in Basement; Air Raids on England Are Lighter, With Few Casualties.

London, Oct. 31.—(AP)—An undetermined number of persons were reported trapped in the basement of a large apartment house hit by a German aerial bomb.

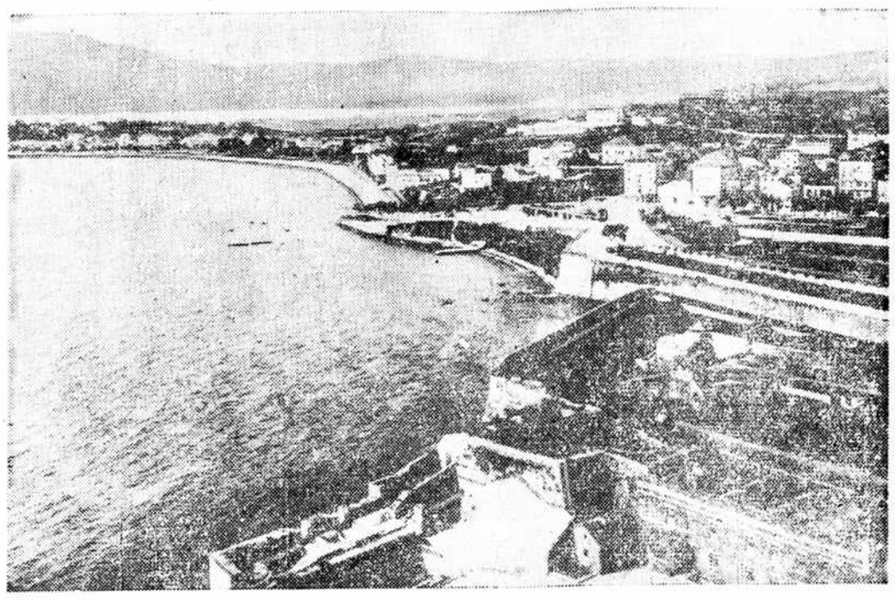
There were more than 150 persons in the basements of the building when the bomb exploded, but they were spread out in groups and only those immediately under the damaged block were trapped.

In a tenement district a mother and three children were reported trapped.

Two nazi planes crossed the Kent coast and penetrated to the outskirts of London during the afternoon. They stayed in the area until anti-aircraft fire apparently drove them off. No bombs were reported dropped.

The government said bombs were dropped on two towns in eastern England and in South Wales and the midlands by isolated raiders this afternoon. Few casualties and slight damage were reported.

Strategic Greek Island in British Hands



The Island of Corfu, shown in this air view, is reported to have been seized by British troops, and Britain is said to be establishing an air base on the island, just off the heel of Italy, to help guard Greek cities from attack and at the same time be within striking distance of Italian objectives.

(Central Press)

Turkey Told Greece Can Stop Italy

Turkey Will Enter Balkan Struggle Only "In Case of a Bulgarian Attack on Greece" or Turkish National Danger.

(By The Associated Press.)

A Greek counter attack north of the besieged town of Ioannina was reported to have thrown back invading Italian troops on the northwest front today with Greek soldiers storming and recapturing a hill.

This was the first intimation that the city of Ioannina, 30 miles inside the Greek frontier, was under siege.

Previously the Italian high command had reported only a five mile thrust into that sector.

(By The Associated Press.)

Greek troops fighting in heavy rains and mud along a 100-mile front well out ahead of the $60,000,000 Metaxas line were reported resisting Italian invasion so successfully today that Greece has decided she does not need Turkish help.

Semi-official quarters in Ankara, capital of Turkey, said Greece had informed the Turkish government that she can stem the Italian assault alone.

As a result, these quarters said, Turkey will enter the four-day struggle only "in case of a Bulgarian attack on Greece or if Turkish national interests are endangered."

While Premier Mussolini's high command reported fascist legions had made a five-mile advance in a drive apparently aimed at the Greek industrial city of Ioannina, the Greek general staff said the Italian invaders had been held in check throughout yesterday after a "slight withdrawal" on the northwest front "according to a pre-arranged plan."

Greek strategy, it was said, was to lure the fascist columns into narrow mountainous bottlenecks where Greek sharpshooters on the hills above could shoot them down relentlessly.

Greek troops were reported to have counter attacked north of the besieged town of Ioina, and sources regarded as reliable said they had stormed and recaptured a hill and seized large quantities of abandoned arms and materials from the Italians.

In the absence of any decisive successes the Italian press complained that heavy rains were hindering the Italian advance.

Authorized quarters in London said they had no information on reported British troops landings in Greece.

Reports from Salonika, Greece, said, however, that British troops landing under the big guns of British warships have already occupied several strategic Greek islands.

London, in the 54th consecutive night of German bombings, had one of the quietest nights of the assault.

The British ministry said that royal air force bombers had scored many hits overnight on the docks and ship

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First Calls Made For Draft Trainees

Selective Service Officials Concentrate on Clearing Way for Local Boards to Begin Selection of Men for Service.

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—With corps area commanders already calling for the initial contingent from national selective service lands concentrated today on clearing the way for local boards to begin selection of the 800,000 men who will be summoned by Nov. 15 for a year's military training.

Few hours after Tuesday's conscription lottery was completed Maj. Gen. George A. Lynch, corps area commander at Boston, called on the six New England states to provide 934 men by November 18 under the selective service system.

Similarly, on the Pacific coast the 9th corps area at San Francisco telegraphed to the governors of the western states its opening call for a total of 16,630 men to induction stations between November 18 and 22.

Corps area headquarters throughout the country issued notifications to the states in the southwest on the men they were to furnish. Governors either were following or planning to swing into action Saturday.

The call is designed to bring young men into service between November 18 and December 1. Most of this pioneer contingent is expected to be filled by men who volunteered — men who will take their year's training willingly.

GERMAN TROOPS MOVE IN BALKANS

Bucharest, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Fast German troop trains were unofficially reported to have passed through Rumania's western province of Canat, presumably eastbound, and heavy movement of German war supplies was reported on the Timisoara-Brasov railway.

Big Vote Is Sought

North Carolina Political Leaders Put on Pressure To Get Out Vote Tuesday.

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—(AP)—North Carolina political leaders put on extra pressure today to arouse voters in an effort to get out a big vote for Tuesday's elections.

Democratic Chairman E. B. Denny estimated that the vote would exceed 800,000 and that the Democratic majority would be "more than 250,000."

Republican leaders countered with expressed confidence that the results in some counties would be "real surprises."

Leaders admitted that on the surface there appeared to be little interest in the campaign but contended that more people would vote Tuesday than expected because the war situation had focused attention on the necessity for voters to express themselves.

Republicans contend that they may

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State Revenue Is Higher

Raleigh, Oct. 31.— (AP) —State collections for the fiscal year $22,315,552.51 up to today, Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported this afternoon.

Receipts were 6.52 percent higher than the $21,383,536.90 for the four months of last fiscal year.

Receipts dropped .2 percent in October, 1939, total: $5,[illegible] this month and $5,232,[illegible] a year ago.

Receipts were almost [illegible] this month than a year ago, $4,165,637.83 compared with $[illegible].

Receipts for the month [illegible] compared with $[illegible] last year.

Britain Orders Freight Ships

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau disclosed today that the British government had ordered "a large number" of freight ships in this country.

The Treasury head said that he did not know whether the orders included construction of a new ship yard in the United States for exclusive British use, but he added:

"They have ordered a large number of one standardized type of freight ship."

New Bombers Are Planned

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)— The War department was reported today to have planned production of 12,000 additional bombing planes largely with the aid of the automobile industry.

This program, to cost possible $2,000,000,000, was described as separate from the 12,000 warplane order which President Roosevelt said last night Great Britain was contemplating.

Recent conferences of William S. Knudsen, defense commission in charge of production, with automobile industry leaders were concerned with plans for the new bomber production.

The program was reported to call for erection of two large plants to assemble parts manufactured in automobile factories.

Prison Terms In Strike Riots

Charlotte, Oct. 31.—(AP)—C. W. Dannenburg, a CIO organizer, and three other men were given prison sentences today in connection with the shooting up of a Nebel hosiery mill truck last August 1.

Judge A. Hall Johnston sentenced Dannenburg and Robert Miller and George Steelman, striking employees of the Nebel plant, to nine months.

Cecil Godfrey, who admitted firing the load from a shot gun into the truck, was given twelve months.

Laval Expresses Belief That Democracy Is Dead In World

French Leader Stakes France's Future on Collaboration With Germany; Cites Totalitarian Victories.

By ROY P. PORTER.

Paris, Oct. 24 (Delayed—via Berlin)—Oct. 31.—(AP)—Vice Premier Pierre Laval before his historic interview with Adolf Hitler told me he believed democracy in the modern world in all countries is dead and that he was taking France's future on collaboration with nazi Germany.

Laval said he based his belief in the passing of democracy on the almost unopposed victories marked up by the totalitarian powers in the last year.

I received the definite impression from the French leader that he earnestly desired the defeat of England as the collorary to the French-German "collaboration" now agreed upon in principle.

Laval said the future of France depended on the friends she made at this time.

What happened when Hitler and Laval met near Paris, or perhaps in the capital itself, remains a secret, but all authorized sources agree it had more to do with the continuation of the present war than in trying to stop the conflict.

(Later, Chief of State Petain met Hitler and it was stated they agreed on the principle of collaboration "for reconstructing the peace of Europe.")

One explanation which bears out Laval's views is the recent handing over of all French Atlantic ports not actually in the combat zone to the French. Thus the defense of the French coast against possible British attack would be left to the Vichy government army and navy and the Germans could occupy themselves elsewhere.

War Stand Is Debated

Rival Presidential Candidates Make Major Political Bids in Speeches Last Night

(By The Associated Press.)

President Roosevelt last night reaffirmed his pledge that United States "boys are not going to be sent into any foreign war," but almost at the same moment Wendell L. Willkie was demanding "why shouldn't we expect to be at war by April, 1941, if he (Mr. Roosevelt) is elected".

The two contenders for the White

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Army's Physical Standard Modified

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The War department modified today peacetime physical standards for admittance to the regular army and National Guard, to make them uniform with selective service requirements.

Effective immediately, the same physical standards and examination procedure were prescribed for all branches of the "army of the United States" with the exception of the air corps, the Military Academy at West Point and a few others.

Men five feet tall will be accepted for the regular Army as well as in the draft, contrasted with the previous minimum of 64 inches.

Warren Ends Long Career For New Post

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Representative Lindsay C. Warren of the First North Carolina district closed an outstanding 16-year Congressional career today to embark on a 15-year term as comptroller general of the United States—one of the top ranking posts in the federal government.

Re-elected without opposition for seven consecutive sessions since he was first named to Congress in 1924 to develop into one of its leaders, Warren resigned earlier this session, the resignation to become effective on the eve of the day he assumes his new post.

Tomorrow in the general accounting offices he will be sworn in as comptroller general by Associate Justice Fred M. Vinson of the District of Columbia circuit court of appeals. Vinson is a former Congressman and a close friend of Warren.

Warren, who has just returned to the capital from his Washington, N. C., home where friends and constituents gave him a farewell party last week, was chosen for the high post by President Roosevelt last summer.

Recognition of Warren as a leader in the House was emphasized by the fact that in the past decade during Democratic party control he was chosen to preside over general debate on practically every major measure.

Both Republicans and Democrats

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Japs Leave Kwangsi Area

Hanoi, French Indo-China, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Japanese army has withdrawn all its forces from Kwangsi province, southern China, and four big transports carrying nearly 7,000 men already have sailed from Haiphong, Indo-China, carrying the vanguard.

Whether they will be taken home or returned to the China war on some other front has not been disclosed.

(The Japanese army announced last week it was abandoning Nanning, capital of Kwangsi, because it had lost its value as a base of operations since France permitted Japan to occupy aviation and other bases in northern Indo-China. From these bases Japanese planes already are blasting at the Burma Road, China's main channel for war supplies.

(Chinese assert that the Japanese abandonment was the result of a strong Chinese offensive.)

North Carolina Federation Of Labor Opens Early Its 1941 Legislative Campaign

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

Raleigh, Oct. 31.—North Carolina's Federation of Labor has grabbed time by the forelock and has launched its legislative campaign more than two months ahead of the General Assembly's convening date.

President C. A. Fink of Salisbury is known to feel that setbacks of the 1939 legislative session were due very largely to the fact that many of the law makers were unacquainted with Labor's program. There wasn't time or opportunity to make them familiar with it, once the session was under way, with the result that most of the Federation's pet projects were rather abruptly rejected.

With this in mind the Federation president has prepared a pamphlet setting out the entire legislative program his organization will back this time; and has sent copies of it to every candidate for the Senate and House—Republican as well as Democrats.

Sometimes members of the Legislature . . . have not been fully informed of conditions surrounding the lives of some of the citizens of their state, and therefore the Legislature . . . have failed through this lack of information to provide proper and rightful protection to some of the citizens of the State," runs a sentence in an introductory page of the pamphlet.

Featured in the program, as in 1939, is enactment of a State minimum wage and maximum hour law, modeled on the Federal statute. Whether the Federation will ask for the same standards as are in the Federal law is not stated.

Of such a statute the pamphlet says:

"With such splendid protection of workers in North Carolina who are so fortunate as to be employed by business engaged in interstate commerce, it is inconceivable that the great State of North Carolina will longer permit those thousands of

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Generally fair tonight; Friday increasing cloudiness and slightly warmer, followed by showers in mountains in late afternoon or night.

Willkie Would Speed U. S. Production

Aboard Willkie Train En Route to Camden, N. J., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie told a cheering crowd at Wilmington, Del., today that if he is elected president a British request for 12,000 American planes would be "insignificant" because, he declared, production would be geared to a new high.

The Republican presidential nominee quoted President Roosevelt as saying he wanted sympathetic attention to such a proposal.

"Well, who wouldn't," Willkie asked. "If you elected me president such a request will not even be news because it will be so insignificant. We will be turning out planes by the hundreds where we now are turning them out by ones.

"Have you any doubt that Wendell Willkie, with the confidence of American industry, can do more than Franklin Roosevelt can?"

"Have you any doubt that Wendell Willkie, with the confidence of American labor, can do more than Franklin Roosevelt can to bring industrial peace and keep us off this road of stagnation."

Mrs. Browder Is Deported

Wife of Communist Leader Charged With Entering Country Illegally.

Washington, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Justice department today ordered deportation of Mrs. Raissa Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party in the United States, on the ground that she had entered this country illegally.

The papers, signed by Attorney General Jackson also denied application for suspension of the deportation on the ground that Mrs. Browder's "evasive testimony regarding her relationship to the Communist party had created doubt as to her eligibility for leniency."

Immigration officials said that Mrs. Browder would be given a "reasonable time" in which to present herself for deportation to her native Russia.

Mrs. Browder and her husband, the Communist party candidate for president, were married in Moscow in 1925 and have three sons.