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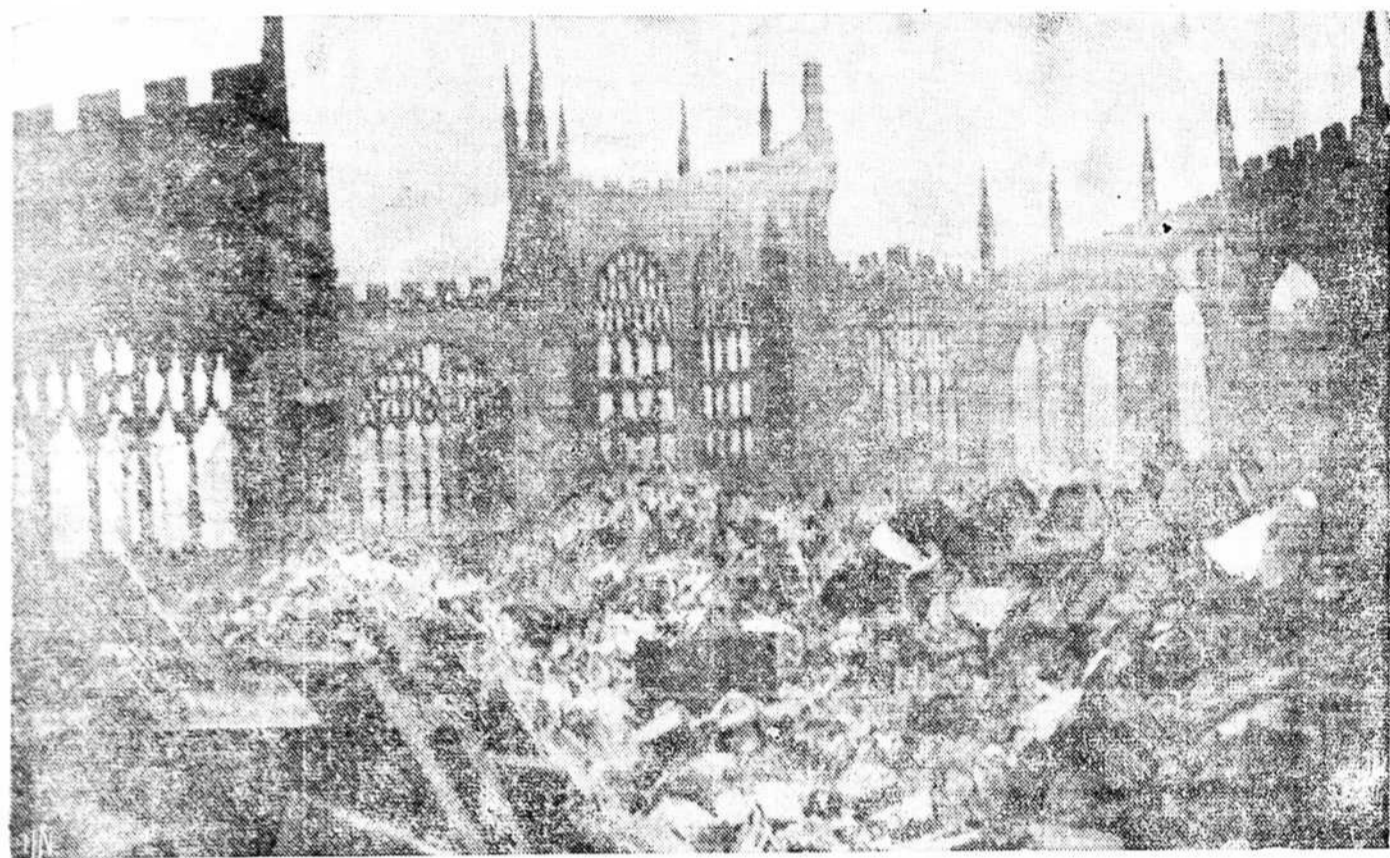
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Il Duce Says War Must Go On

Italian Forces Reported Falling Back

Reports Of Damage To Italian Warships Denied By Mussolini

Nazi Bombs Level Historic Cathedral at Coventry



L. I. N. Cablephoto

Wreck after wave of Nazi bombers unloaded tons of bombs upon the industrial city of Coventry, "Detroit" of England, leaving it a crumbling mass of debris and fire-swept ruin with thousands dead and injured. This is historic St. Michael's Cathedral, centuries old, and of pure Gothic architecture, with only its 305-foot spire undamaged. Berlin reported 500 planes were used in the 10 1/2 hour raid upon the hapless city.

New Defense Line Formed In Albania

Modified Column of 150 Italian Tanks Reported Cut Off on Mountain Road; Counter Attacks Said To Be Smashed.

ATHENS, Nov. 18. (AP)—The Palhinast and other waves of infantry and light armor Greek mountain position today in an effort to prevent the capture of Koritza, in east Albania, but the Greeks reported they had repulsed all attacks and gained ground in some places.

The hard pressed Italians were reported falling back from Koritza to a new defense line 25 miles deep in Albania.

All along the border battlefield, Greek military reports indicated, the invasion of Greece, which the Italian forces launched three weeks ago today, has turned into a desperate defense of Albania from fierce Greek counter drives.

A government spokesman declared last night that Greek mountain troops who seized new heights commanding Koritza, springboard for the Italian invasion toward Florina and Salonika, had driven to the very gates of the fortified city.

The Italians were reported fighting a rear guard action there to cover the withdrawal under fire of stronger forces which barely escaped being trapped.

Italian troops, beaten back in repeated counter attacks intended to reinforce their weakening grip of the town, were said by the Greeks to be falling back to new defense lines in ridges 25 miles from the Greek-Albanian frontier and 15 miles past Koritza.

The motorized column reported cut off was said to have attempted a "hot charge" dash through snow-clogged mountain passes.

Some of the tanks as well as other abandoned war material were reported in Greek hands and Greek advance parties were said to have penetrated northwest of Koritza.

In the Pindus mountain sector, north of the Greek town of Koritza, the Greeks were said by a government spokesman to be pushing into Albania.

In Far East Post



Sir Robert Brooke-Popham

Britain has named Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Royal Air Force marshal, to the newly-created post of commander-in-chief in the Far East, with headquarters in Singapore. The announcement was made as Britain revealed it is sending reinforcements to the area in the face of indications that Japan is preparing for a new adventure in Southeast Asia.

RAF Bombs Ruhr Valley

Raids Follow Week-End Blows at Axis Ports From Germany to Somaliland.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Germany's war-vital industries in the rich Ruhr valley were reported attacked heavily today by the royal air force in a quick follow-up of week-end blows at axis ports from Hamburg, Germany, to Mogadishu, Somaliland.

The air ministry said the main force of the British offensive last night was directed at the oil refineries of Gelsenkirchen, near the Dutch border.

Other planes bombed the industrial targets in the Ruhr, it said, rail and river communications in the western part of the reich, the naval base at Lorient in Nazi occupied Brittany, and airdromes in occupied territory.

Even as the fliers struck, the RAF high command was shifted to give the army an air arm more nearly its own, concentrate the fighter command on solving night raid interdiction, and breaking up Nazi bombing of convoys and possibly to coordinate further United States and British plane production.

England had her own usual night-light raids, but a communique today said the attacks were not heavy and casualties and damage were expected to be light.

Stewart Says United States May Take Over Martinique

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The War Department is planning to take possession of the island of Martinique, a French possession in the West Indies, if the French government is unable to take it back from the Germans, according to a report today by Charles F. Stewart, a Washington correspondent.

Italian Dictator Declares He Would "Never Turn Back" in Greek Campaign, Denying Reports of Greek Victories.

Rome, Nov. 18. (AP)—Premier Mussolini declared today the European war must go on until England is annihilated, told his fascist chiefs the Italians must be prepared for "more severe" sacrifices, and said he would "never turn back" in the Greek campaign.

"We have a million men under arms," he said on the fifth anniversary of economic sanctions against Italy which grew out of the Ethiopian campaign "and we could call eight million more."

Mussolini, in his first speech since Italy's declaration of war June 10, denied British claims that half of Italy's battle-ships were put out of action for a long time in an air raid on the naval base at Taranto last week. He said only one battleship was damaged so badly that she could not be repaired within a relatively short time.

He listed Italy's losses in the Greek campaign as 372 dead, 1,081 wounded and 659 missing in the first ten days of the Greek war, and shouted "they will be avenged, for whatever happens I will never turn back."

Mussolini declared that Italy was turning out four times more air-planes than before the war.

In the British raid on Taranto, Mussolini acknowledged three Italian ships were hit, but he said "none was sunk and only one of them, was the bulletin of our armed forces announced, was seriously damaged and its repair will require a long time."

"It is false, I say, that two other warships and two auxiliary vessels were sunk or hit or damaged even slightly in any way," he asserted. "It is a sign of bad conscience, this enlargement and multiplication by six of the success which we acknowledged."

Turning to the war against Greece, Il Duce said the Greeks "hate Italy as no other people," although "the reason is a mystery."

Greek foreign policy in recent years was based on this hatred, he charged, and he described it as a policy of "absolute complicity with Great Britain."

Papers found by the German general staff in Greece, he said, showed Greece had offered the allies all its air and naval bases since last May.

"The rough mountains of Epirus and its muddy valleys do not lend themselves to lightning war," he explained. "I do not believe it worth the trouble to deny all the news given by Greek propaganda and its English loud-speaker."

"That Julia Alpine division which was supposed to have suffered enormous losses, had been pulverized by the Greeks was seen by General Soder, who after his visit telegraphed me November 12: 'I went this morning to visit the Julia Alpine division and saw report a magnificent impression was brought back from this superb unit, stronger than ever in its Alpine rocks.'"

"With absolute certainty I tell you we will break Greece's back. Whether in two months or twelve months it little matters."

"The war has barely begun. We have men and means to annihilate all Greek resistance. English aid cannot prevent accomplishment of this most firm proposal."

Suner Meets Axis Ministers

Spain May Enter War

Foreign Ministers of Germany, Italy and Spain Meet; Will Confer With Hitler.

Raleigh Speculates Over Legislative Issues And Changes In Administration

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

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—With the national election and the football game out of the way, Raleigh is beginning to sit up and take notice of the fact that no matter how many or how few shopping days there are until Christmas, only a month and a half intervene before there will be a new governor in the mansion.

When that comes to pass there will also be one hundred and seventy legislators, with their entourage of goodness knows how many lobbyists, clerks and hangers-on, in town for the biennial session of the General Assembly.

Wherefore some points are being swept and garnished and preparations are being made to jack up the rent on little or no provocation.

Also the boys who like to scan the political horizon and see afar and before, are moving around in an effort to discover what issues are likely to claim the legislative attention and to a certain extent will be the attitude of the Governor, J. M. Broughton, toward these issues as well as his intentions as regards the hiring and firing of state officials and employees.

The first task is easier than the second, because there seems every likelihood that the legislative issues this time will be about the same as they were last, and the time before that, and so on back to the era when there really was something to haggle over like the sales tax. On the other hand, while everybody has been able to read his speeches, of which he has made scores, nobody has been able to read the mind of Mr. Broughton, thus leaving the audience in the same total darkness when follow the great feat of Bill, third of the Boundaries and Boundaries of Barbary, when with the aid of a lighted torch he jumped down his own throat.

That's about what we've of the newspaper family have been doing in publishing pontifical proclamations of what is likely to happen to this official who didn't support Broughton in the primary, and to that department head who did, that department prints have consigned the former to outer darkness and have landed the latter in advance of the high command communiqué.

During the attack, it was said, Major Adolf Ballant, Nazi air ace, registered his 52nd and 54th victories over British fighters.

Meanwhile, Italian squadrons attacked Harwich, on the east coast. During the night London, Liverpool, Hastings and New Haven also were bombed, they said.

Lewis Quits CIO Post

"I Won't Be With You Long," Lewis Tells CIO Convention; Urges Labor Unity.

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Taking up the gavel for the last time as CIO president, John L. Lewis, with tears in his eyes, told CIO's convention delegates today that he was stepping down as their leader and urging them to unite their ranks and support whomever they name as his successor.

To a hushed throng which a few minutes earlier had given him a thunderous ovation, Lewis said "I won't be with you long. I have done my work and in a few days I'll be out of the office."

Forward with Lewis and CIO was the slogan of enthusiastic Lewis partisans, many of whom have been outspoken in their demand that Lewis give up his plan to retire as CIO president.

Leonard Goldsmith, executive secretary of the New Jersey CIO council, presented Lewis as "the real leader of the American people."

The convention stood and roared "we want Lewis."

Delegates from Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers union sat quietly through most of the show. They stood briefly as a resolution in the presidential office; they did not exclaim they saw no reason to remain standing in the turbulent scene.

The Hillman union and the Lewis forces have been in disagreement for months over CIO policies.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly warmer Tuesday and in northwest and extreme west sections tonight.

Cotton Prices Are Higher

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