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Bon Voyage, Mr. Roosevelt!

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Wearing the famous Roosevelt smile, the President waves to the crowd when he saw him off at Miami, Fla., at the start of his Caribbean trip aboard the cruiser *Tuscaloosa*. The President said the voyage was strictly business. Unofficial sources said the cruise will probably include an inspection of British-American naval base sites.

Italians Flee Bases

Commons Votes Down Peace Proposal

Laborites Offer Motion To End War

House of Commons Votes 341 to 4 Against Proposal to Seek Peace "If Necessary, in a Spirit of Compromise"

London, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A silent disapproving house of commons rejected by an overwhelming vote of 341 to 4 a motion by three members of the Independent Labor party today that Britain state her war aims and seek peace immediately "if necessary, in a spirit of compromise" because, they said, "there is no certainty of a great military victory."

The vote followed quickly the presentation of the motion by J. McGovern, Campbell Stephen and James Maxton, all from Glasgow.

Supporting the trio, Samuel Silverman, Liverpool Laborite, declared the moment defined by Prime Minister Winston Churchill as the time for the statement of peace aims—"when we have convinced the world of our capacity to survive"—now had arrived.

The authors of the motion are members of the extreme leftist wing of the labor party.

Declaring that peace efforts "are not discernable," McGovern said:

"If the war goes on—as it is likely to do if the forces in operation today have their way without any attempt to end it—until February of next year, I expect that there will be intensive bombing from this country and if that is so the large reserves which Germany has been piling up will be utilized for the purpose of subjecting every industrial city in this country to a Coventry raid."

Prime Minister Churchill was absent as the three Laborites demanded that Britain's war aims be stated and called for "restoration of freedom in each country, the establishment of a new social order which would mean the end of German, British and other imperialism and provide a decent home and standard of life for each family in every country of the world."

RAILROADS SEEK TO END SERVICE

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Atlantic Coastline railroad completed presentation of testimony today at the Utilities Commission hearing on its application to discontinue eight passenger trains in the eastern part of the state.

Tomorrow, witnesses for the protestants, towns and counties in the affected areas, will tell their side and indications were the hearing would run until Saturday or into next week.

One after another officials of the railroad company testified to details of cost and operation and revenues received by the company.

The railroad contends it is losing money operating the four trains and that it is losing money on its entire system and cannot afford to continue operation of the branch lines at a loss.

Hutton Dies At Charleston

New York, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Fraklyn L. Hutton, broker and father of Barbara Hutton, Woolworth 5 and 10 cent store heiress, died at 12:30 p. m. today at Charleston, S. C., his attorneys announced here.

His daughter, the Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow, flew to Charleston from the west coast recently because of Hutton's illness. Their relationship had been very close.

He was in Paris for her elaborate wedding to the late Prince Alexis Mdivani and went to London to be with her at the time her romance was breaking up. It was reported he tried to effect a reconciliation but his efforts failed and the couple was divorced in 1935, Barbara later marrying the Danish count Haugwitz Reventlow.

The heiress and County Haugwitz-Reventlow subsequently parted and their divorce is nearly final.

Hutton's first wife—and Barbara's mother—was Miss Edna Woolworth. She died several years ago and Hutton married a Detroit divorcee, the former Irene Curley Bodde.

River Project Revived

New District Is Favored

Broughton Says He Will Recommend Creation of Twelfth Congressional District.

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Governor-Elect J. M. Broughton of North Carolina, said today he would recommend creation of a new congressional district in that state for the twelfth representative to which it is encitled by the 1940 census.

Broughton, here to address the North Carolina Democratic Club of Washington at a reception in his honor tonight, said in an interview that he believed this plan would be better than having a representative at large, as a few states now have.

Broughton said the problem of establishing a new district would have to be worked out by the Legislature on the basis of population.

He added he had no definite idea at this time as to how it could be worked out, but said the tenth district which include the city of Charlotte and several thickly populated counties now had nearly 500,000 people, or about 200,000 above the average for congressional districts.

GRAND JURY GOES TO WORK ON PROBE OF 1940 ELECTION

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—A specially designated federal grand jury went to work today in an investigation of possible frauds and irregularities in the 1940 election campaign.

Oliver A. Quayle, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, was the first witness. Several listed for testimony, including Chairman Edward J. Flynn of the Democratic national committee and Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of the Republican national committee, were not present because summons had not been served.

Five-Year Defense Outlay At 35 Billions

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—An expenditure of $35,000,000,000 during the next five years would be required, it was estimated today, to carry out the national preparedness program as now formulated.

The sum is double the amount of appropriations and authorizations made thus far by Congress for military defense.

The $35,000,000,000 estimate, the first from official sources projecting defense plans that far into the future, was made by a committee of Agriculture department economists in a report entitled "The Impact of the War and the Defense Program on Agriculture."

The report stated that it was possible to make only "rough" estimates of the possible magnitude of the defense program at this time. It added, however, that "additional unfavorable developments" in the world situation might result in the projection of "an even more ambitious program."

"During the five calendar years beginning with 1941 it will require probably about $35,000,000,000 to care for the defense program as now projected, or around $25,000,000,000 in excess of the 1939-40 rate of expenditure (for all government purposes) before the defense program was inaugurated," the report said.

Low Prices May Cause Kentucky Market Closing

Louisville, Dec. 5.—(AP)—With Kentucky tobacco markets open only two days (Lexington three days) the Bourbon County Farm Bureau at Paris moved today to suspend sales Friday because of dissatisfaction at prevailing prices.

A three-member committee named last night meets today to ask the local market to close Friday and urged similar action by other markets.

A general meeting to which farmers, warehousemen and other interested parties have been invited will be held at Paris Saturday afternoon to discuss possible methods of bettering prices.

Figures compiled by the state Department of agriculture and the United States Agricultural marketing service show that 14,374,526 pounds have sold at the markets at an average of 17.85 a hundred pounds.

The statewide average dropped 36 cents yesterday, however, on the sale of 6,487,726 pounds for $1,132,182.57. The average was $17.45, compared with $17.81 on the day before.

Italian Fliers Blast At Greek Forces

Rome, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Italian air force was reported by the high command today to have smashed fiercely at the Greeks' counter invasion route into Albania, concentrating on bombing of the Premet-Tarati highway.

(Concentration of bombardment on this stretch of road between the border town of Tarati and Premet, which the Greeks claim to have captured, indicated an intense effort to halt or impede a Greek advance beyond Premet.

(A Greek thrust about 20 miles beyond Premet, west and slightly

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Lady Astor Tells American Fliers Britain Can't Fail

London, Dec. 5.—(AP)—In a fighting speech to the Eagle squadron of American volunteers in the royal air force, American-born Lady Astor declared today that the "British empire backed by the United States cannot fail."

She predicted that the same 30 American volunteers now training for active service alongside British fliers would be followed by "thousands of others."

"America should know that this is really the greatest hour of trial in the history of the English speaking people," said Lady Astor, a native of Virginia. "They may not know it, but it's their turn next."

Turning to the young Americans organized into a volunteer air force by Colonel Charles Sweeney, Lady Astor exclaimed:

"I knew they would come. Thousands of young Americans are longing to get into this war. It is right that they should.

"As Sherman said, war is hell," she said. "But it is more terrible than the civilization we think is based on Christianity should fail."

Morgenthau Sees British As 'Good Risk'

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today that he, like Jesse H. Jones, federal loan administrator, believed that the British government was "a good risk" for loans.

The Treasury chief made the comment at a press conference after arranging to meet tomorrow with Sir Frederick Phillips, undersecretary of the British treasury, who arrived in

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To Come Up In January

Roosevelt Announces He Will Ask Congress to Approve St. Lawrence Program.

Detroit, Dec. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today he would ask Congress convening in January to approve a treaty with Canada providing for completion of the St. Lawrence seaway and power project—"on which so much of our national safety and welfare depend."

The President's announcement presaging another battle in Congress over the long debated project (defeated in 1934) was made by A. A. Berle, Jr., assistant secretary of State, in an address before the Great Lakes Seaway and Power Conference.

President Roosevelt, in a message read by Berle to the conference, emphasized that the St. Lawrence project would provide millions in new horsepower urgently needed to speed up defense production and create a safe haven and waterway for construction of ships to replace tonnage sunk in the war.

"The opposition which defeated the St. Lawrence treaty in 1934 was mistaken opposition, based on failure to appraise the full needs of their country in the world situation which was even then developing," the message said.

"I said then that 'an opportunity is presented to complete a seaway comparable in economic value to the Panama Canal', a seaway to which the public development of St. Lawrence power is inseparably linked.

"It was then an opportunity. It is now a vital necessity."

A commission named by the United States and Canadian governments now is making necessary preliminary surveys for the proposed project and discussions leading toward a treaty covering the projects construction are underway.

DISTRESS CALLS FROM THREE SHIPS

New York, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Distress calls from three ships were picked up by Mackay Radio within eight hours today as a storm over the North Atlantic added to dangers in an area not far from where submarines have been playing havoc with shipping.

All of the ships—two were Greek freighters and the third was British—asked immediate aid and two cited the storm's "battering seas" and "heavy gale."

Bonner Says Sites In State Are Favored

Washington, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Representative Herbert C. Bonner, Democrat, North Carolina, believes Captain C. E. Rosendahl, naval expert on lighter than air craft, was "greatly impressed" by sites in the coastal section of the first North Carolina district as a possible location for a Navy airship patrol base.

Back from his district where he accompanied Captain Rosendahl on a site inspection tour, Bonner said the terrain, proximity to shipping lanes entering Chesapeake Bay and distance from areas congested by airplane traffic appealed to the naval expert.

"I think the northeastern North Carolina coastal area will be given serious consideration when the Navy board meets to decide whether a scouting base will be established and where," Bonner said.

The representative expressed the opinion Congress would quickly approve establishment of a base for the Chesapeake Bay entrance area, recalling that during the World War German U-boats made attacks on shipping in that vicinity.

Captain Rosendahl, who began an inspection of North Carolina sites last Monday, visited nearly a dozen sites in Bonner's district.

Bonner pointed out the Navy was anxious to obtain sites within a short distance of sea lanes and which have adequate transportation facilities.

Key Italian Cities Said Near Falling

Porto Edda and Argirocastro, Important Italian Bases, Expected To Fall to Greeks; Britons Claim Diplomatic Victories.

Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Greek sources said that Greek troops entered Porto Edda today and were expected to occupy Argirocastro tomorrow.

(By The Associated Press.)

Greece's slashing counter invasion armies hurled dawn attacks today at Porto Edda and Argirocastro, key Italian bases in southwest Albania, and dispatches from the front said the two cities were about to fall.

The Greeks said that they had already captured Premet, midway along the Balkan war front, and that Premier Mussolini's fascist legions were in flight from Porto Edda and Argirocastro.

Athens dispatches said the main road from Porto Edda, Italy's sea gateway to southern Albania, was dominated by Greek guns.

The only avenue of escape left open to the Italians, it was reported, was by a tortuous coastal route.

Italy's high command, in its daily war bulletin, said tersely that "attacks and counter attacks in sectors of the two armies took place again," but asserted that the fascist air force had heavily strafed the advancing Greeks.

Fighting desperately, the fascists launched a counter attack with tanks on both flanks of the Greek columns marching up the highway to Premet, but a government spokesman said the Greeks drove off the tanks and the battle "ended in an Italian rout."

More than 500 fascist troops were said to have surrendered.

War In West.

In the war in the west, the German air force ranged widely over Britain again last evening, broke off its attack shortly after midnight, and then returned to the raids this morning.

The royal air force struck back with raids at Duesseldorf, Germany, and Italy's northern industrial city of Turin.

On Diplomatic Front.

Britons meanwhile hailed as a diplomatic achievement a new financial agreement with Turkey. The agreement was expected in London to bring about a considerable increase in trade between Turkey and Britain. Diplomatic circles regarded it as a "direct challenge" to axis plans for domination of the Balkans as represented by the ten-year trade pact which Germany signed with Rumania yesterday.

Also of interest on the diplomatic front was news from Moscow that Soviet Russia had advised Tokyo her policy toward China would be unchanged by Japan's recognition of Wang Ching-Wei's Nanking regime as the Chinese "national government."

RAF Makes Long Raid

Nearly Twelve Hours of Blasting Last Night on Duesseldorf and Turin Reported.

London, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The longest royal air force assault on record—nearly twelve hours of blasting at Duesseldorf and her industrial environs in Germany's vital Rhineland—was reported today by the air ministry.

And while one formation battled "filthy" weather to sow its bombs on the German city last night, another lashed at Italy's principal northern center of war industry, Turin. "Selected" targets were hit there, the ministry said.

The main objectives at Duesseldorf were railroad yards in the Derendorf district north of the city, large armament works, quays and dockyards

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Crash Of Airliner Takes Eight Lives

Eight Others Injured as United Airlines Plane Crashes and Bursts Into Flames Near Chicago Municipal Airport.

[illegible] 5.—(AP)—The death [illegible] two men brought to [illegible] number of persons killed [illegible] United Airlines plane [illegible] Chicago municipal airport, [illegible] were injured.

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[illegible] that the big craft [illegible] flying speed when [illegible] landing and dropped [illegible] about 150 feet.

[illegible] grazed a three-story [illegible] building, broke an electric [illegible] smashed the gable of a [illegible] demolished a frame [illegible] coming to a stop.

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Roosevelt At Jamaica

Aboard U. S. S. Mayrant, at Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 5—(AP)—President Roosevelt today arrived at this British West Indies possession—site of a new U. S. defense base—on his cruise in waters south of the United States.

Except for word that the island's governor would lunch with the President aboard the cruiser Tuscaloosa, no announcement was made of President Roosevelt's plans.

The stop here, however, indicated further than one purpose of the voyage would be to inspect sites for United States air and naval bases obtained from the British in return for 50 United States destroyers.

Selectees Take Oaths

Oath of Induction Into Army Given to 27 North Carolinians at Ceremonies.

Fayetteville, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The oath of induction into the Army was given today to 27 North Carolina selectees, assigned to Fort Bragg for a year's training, in a colorful ceremony in Cumberland county courthouse that assembled many notables which included Governor Hoey.

The men, given the oath today by Lieut. Colonel J. Edward Ewart, commander of the recruiting reception center at Fort Bragg, were part of 65 trainees who arrived yesterday from 43 North Carolina counties.

Other will be inducted after they have passed the physical examination Twenty-seven of the first 29 passed, which was termed a fine showing by army officials.

Governor Hoey told the trainees that they should be proud and honored to be the list selected to defend their country if that was necessary. He said that they were following in the footsteps of their fathers and that this country, while not wanting war, would not sacrifice itself on the altar of appeasement.

Other speakers included Major General J. L. Devers, commander of Fort Bragg, and Adjutant General J. Van M. Metts of North Carolina.

After the ceremony Governor Hoey reviewed the 9th Division.

Rockwell Says It's A Machine War

[illegible] Dec. 5.—(AP)—Paul A. [illegible] North Carolina writer and [illegible] who has served in [illegible] Foreign Legion in three [illegible] care so much about [illegible] conflict because "it is a [illegible] a business—just like [illegible]

[illegible] native of Marion, S. [illegible] the "stunning [illegible] the French army as a [illegible] the French foreign gen[illegible] returned this week with [illegible] that "rotten politics" un[illegible] that was considered the [illegible] in the world.

[illegible] 51, first served the [illegible] last World War, then [illegible] 1935 Riff campaign in [illegible] last February he [illegible] to his "adopted" coun[illegible] donned a uniform again.

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[illegible] that despite French [illegible] that war would break out, [illegible] sent modern military [illegible] and supplies to Spain to [illegible] "reds" fight Franco, drain[illegible] of equipment at a vital [illegible]

[illegible] said, "the flower of the [illegible] was rushed to Belgium [illegible] and cut off by the en[illegible] break through at the [illegible]

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Cloudy, occasional light rains this afternoon and in extreme east portion tonight; colder extreme west portion tonight; Friday partly cloudy, slightly colder on the coast.