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Second Italian General Quits

Auto Factories To Build Parts For Airplanes

Commander Of Aegean Is Replaced

To Regain Albanian Throne?



King and queen of Albania, his wife, Queen Germaine, and their son, Prince Alexander, leave their London residence for a flight to Albania. There is a possibility he may regain his throne if Greece continues her successes against Italy and drives the Fascists from Albania. (Central Press)

4 Assembly Plants To Be Constructed

The War Department Reveals Plans for Assembly Plants at Kansas City and Omaha and Says Two More Will Be Built.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Prospective use of automobile factories in the manufacture of military aircraft today boosted to 40,000 planes a year, the production rate which defense officials expect to attain some time in 1942.

Four huge plants, to assemble into finished units airplane parts made in motor car factories, are to be constructed west of the Mississippi river under plans of the War Department and defense commission. Sites for two, with a scheduled capacity of 2,000 planes a year, were announced yesterday. One will be built at Kansas City, Mo., the other at Omaha, Neb.

The other two plants planned, it was reported, will turn out bombers at the rate of 1,200 a year. The locations of these two were not announced, but it was understood that one site at Tulsa, Okla., was under construction.

Officials estimated that 15 months would be required to get the new assembly factories into mass production. Their output, it was explained, will be in addition to that of regular airplane factories expanding now toward a production rate of 36,000 planes a year by early 1942.

Trying Out Uncle Sam's Newest Iron Horse



Rough riders, 1940 style, of the U. S. Army, give a demonstration of their newest unit of mechanized equipment. The command and reconnaissance car is shown flying over a ditch during a cross-country try-out outside Baltimore, Md. The four-wheel-drive car seats three men.

Shakeup of Italian High Command Continues; Italy Decrees Imprisonment and Confiscation for Withholding Crops.

Hounded by the Greeks, Italy made another change in her high command today, reappointing Brigadier General Cesare Maria de Vecchi, Count di Val Cismon, commander of the Aegean forces and governor of the strategic Dodecanese islands, with General Ettore Bastico, commander of the army of the Po.

There was no official comment on what the change meant, but its importance was not lessened by the fact that the man who relinquished his command was one of the highest ranking generals in Italy, a world war veteran who took part in the march on Rome in 1922.

His resignation came 24 hours after Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of the Italian general staff, had resigned to be succeeded by General Ugo Cavallero.

Badoglio's resignation was not unexpected. De Vecchi's came as a distinct surprise to Italians.

The British Broadcasting Corporation announced shortly after De Vecchi's resignation was made public that neutral sources were saying that General Cavallero would confer soon with General Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German high command.

Another announcement, indicative of the effects the war is having on Italy after only six months of participation, was made in Rome: decree of imprisonment for a year and confiscation of crops for any Italian farmer who withholds his products from compulsory storage.

A United States Department of Agriculture report a week ago emphasized the seriousness of the food situation in Italy because of the British blockade and observed that the poorer classes are facing malnutrition.

Meanwhile, dispatches to Athens from the Greek-Italian front said the fascists had abandoned Argirocastro, leaving part of the city in flames as the Greeks still doggedly advanced.

The Vichy government, like the Italian, also turned its attention to food and by decree reorganized the agricultural structure on a cooperative basis.

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Two Fliers Found In Wrecked Plane

Campbellburg, Ky., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Two khaki-clad fliers were found crushed to death in the torn and twisted wreckage of an airplane early today in a cornfield near Campbellburg.

Military and civilian authorities were checking to determine the identity of the plane and occupants.

Meanwhile, there were reports from Rantoul, Ill., that an Army airplane with two officers aboard was overdue since 3 a. m. today.

The ship was piloted by Second Lieutenant Victor Kilmer and carrying Staff Sergeant Owen E. Cecil.

Strike Halts Lumbering

More Than Forty Lumbering Operations in Washington Closed by Union Strikes.

Seattle, Dec. 7.—(AP)—More than 40 lumber operations in western Washington were closed today by the creeping paralysis of labor strife in an industry deemed important in national defense expansion, and its spread into Oregon was threatened.

Ten plants were closed in Seattle yesterday, while the 19th closure at Tacoma brought complete paralysis to that lumber capital's sawmill operations. Nearly 12,000 workers are involved.

The American Federation of Labor Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union effected the closures in its demand for a pay increase from a minimum of 62 1-2 cents hourly to 70 cents and a week's vacation with pay.

Aid Pledged To Greece

Referendum On Control

Cotton Growers of Nation Cast Ballots to Determine Question of Quotas.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The administration's production and marketing control program for the South's big cash crop—cotton—was submitted to a grover referendum today for approval for 1941 year.

Agricultural Adjustment Administration officials expressed confidence that the necessary two-thirds of the farmers voting would favor continuation of the program for the 1941 crop.

There have been few expressions of opposition.

Officials estimated that about 2,250,000 cotton producers in 19 southern and western states were eligible to vote.

Continuance of marketing controls, officials declared, is necessary to prevent a collapse in prices and ruin to growers.

They explained that the war has

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Police Officer Found To Be Escaped Felon

Johnson City, Tenn., Dec. 7.—(AP)—

White-haired Thomas H. Sapp, veteran of this east Tennessee town's police force, sat in a jail cell today, charged with escaping from a Texas prison camp and masquerading as his dead brother for the last ten years.

Police Chief Tom Carriger, describing Sapp as "a straight shooter ever since he's been on the force," said the 55-year old officer walked away from the prison camp in 1930 and soon afterwards became a sheriff's deputy here. He subsequently joined the Johnson City police force.

Carriger said Sapp was sentenced to 99 years imprisonment as Emory E. Sapp in 1919 for complicity in the slaying of his first wife five years before.

Sapp was arrested on Federal indictments charging him with making false claims to the Veterans Administration to collect a pension in the name of his dead brother.

Married again and the father of three children, Sapp readily admitted his identity and expressed willingness to return to Texas and "face the music" with the hope that his "good reputation" here would help him.

Carriger declared.

FDR Writes King George

Greek Official Says "Any Kind of Help It Wants" Will Be Given Greece.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—An official of the Greek legation said today that the United States had offered his country "any kind of help it wants" including warplanes for its war against Italy.

He spoke after the State department had made public an exchange of messages between President Roosevelt and Greece's King George II in which Mr. Roosevelt assured the Greeks they could expect aid from this country.

"As your majesty knows," Mr. Roosevelt wrote, "it is the settled policy of the United States government to extend aid to those governments and peoples who defend themselves against aggression."

"I assure your majesty that steps are being taken to extend such aid to Greece which is defending itself so valiantly."

The Greek legation official specified only planes in discussing with reporters the type of aid that might be forthcoming. He stressed, however, that his country had been given the opportunity to purchase whatever available war supplies it might need.

In other quarters it was learned that the Greeks were chiefly concerned with buying materials that are immediately available and were not interested at the moment in placing orders for munitions that might require months to deliver.

The President's message was in reply to a communication from King George expressing his country's appreciation for Red Cross help already given by the United States.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, scattered showers this afternoon and tonight and possibly near coast Sunday morning; slightly warmer in east and central portions tonight, cooler Sunday and Sunday night.

14 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

TO GET HANKIES FOR KATE

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Maximum Hours, Not Minimum Wages, Concern Businessmen Appearing Before Commission

Four Soldiers and Schoolboy Wreck Victims

Lancaster, Cal., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Four soldiers and a 14-year-old boy were killed in a collision between an Army truck and a school bus near here last night. Twelve other children were injured.

Phillips Works On Figures

Washington, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A series of blunt questions put by Secretary Morgenthau to Sir Frederick Phillips, under-secretary of the British treasury, to work at the British embassy today on a detailed accounting of his country's assets for waging war with Germany.

On the answers which Phillips is expected to deliver to the United States Treasury chief Monday may depend the form and timing of any proposals for the United States to buywork Britain's fight with American dollars.

While no officials here are on record with commitments for extension of loans or other financial aid to the British, it was generally accepted in both administrative and congressional circles that consideration of such assistance was the primary purpose of Phillips' visit.

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

Raleigh, Dec. 7.—North Carolina's "Little Business" is much more concerned over labor law limiting hours to a maximum below the present 55 per week than over mandatory payment of any minimum wage per hour, it became abundantly clear after listening several hours while its spokesmen presented their case to the North Carolina Fair Labor Standards Commission Friday and this morning.

Representatives of numerous industries appeared—dry cleaners and laundrymen, grocers, meat shops, hardware merchants, variety stores, auto parts dealers, butchers, general contractors, ice dealers, retail furniture dealers, hotels, restaurants and others. They told their stories in varied language, but boiled down they all contended that these industries should not be subject to wage and hour—particularly hour—restrictions for the same set of reasons.

These were (1) that the industries are seasonal, (2) that they sell service, not merchandise, (3) that they operate on a small margin of profit, (4) that the habits of customers are such that to limit hours would bring an immediate decrease in volume of business, (5) that the competition of "one man" and "family" businesses is so keen that they must observe long hours to survive.

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UCC Recommends Liberalized Laws

Increase in Compensation Checks Below \$10 Intended to Correct Error Made in Figuring Two Years Ago; Other Changes.

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When the advisory North Carolina Compensation Commission recommended that beneficiaries get 10 cents a week as quickly as when it recommended getting minimum benefits last year, it was very puzzling the existing law.

Its recommendation that checks below the \$10 be increased by 10 cents was made almost entirely to correct a rather technical error in the same council's report, and which was corrected by the 1939 General Assembly.

Attention on the part of two years uncorrected error in the law was drawing less than attention they should.

It was a bad error in which nobody was hurt, but it probably should be corrected by the council.

When the 1939 legislation that benefit checks thought would accomplish a surprise that was not intended.

The idea of a new formula, which would accomplish the same result, was put forward by the council.

The new formula was put forward by the council, and it was found, to the surprise of practically all concerned, that the average check—increased from something like \$7.50 to \$8.50, or an average of \$10.30, fell to \$10.30.

The decrease in payments the U. S. C. C. naturally, grow larger and larger, and now reached more than 100 per cent.

The council recommended a new formula to correct the error.

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Army Bomber Speeds Sick Woman Home

Mrs. Deegan's Case Awaits New Details

Miami, Dec. 7.—(AP)—A United States Army bomber, speeding a former first lady of Chile to her native land in an effort to save her life, took off for Panama early today.

Cause for cheer aboard the four-engine craft came from a report that Senora Carlos Davila, wife of the one-time president of Chile, withstood "remarkably well" a six-hour flight from New York yesterday.

Senora Davila rested overnight at a Miami hotel, then resumed the flight with an easy hop today to Panama.

As a result of President Roosevelt's intervention, Senora Davila is scheduled to arrive Monday at Santiago, Chile, where physicians say she has a chance to rally in the mild climate and familiar surroundings from a serious illness which two operations failed to cure.

Knudsen Asks More Speed

Detroit, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Accelerated production of defense materials as insurance against American involvement in war is being asked of the nation's industrialists by National Defense Coordinator William S. Knudsen.

Before a group of Detroit manufacturers, among them the presidents of three automobile companies and the production manager of another, Knudsen last night urged "speed and more speed" in filling defense orders.

"I'm no worrier," he told a dinner of the Aderaft club of Detroit, "but I feel that if we can improve our set-up, quantity and delivery of defense items, it would be the best insurance to keep us out of war."

"The more prepared we are the less liable to attack. It is our duty to show the world that we are all that we say we are."

His listeners included the president of the Packard Motor Co., the president of Chrysler Corporation, the acting president of General Motors, and the production chief of the Ford Motor Co. All four companies are engaged in production of defense materials.