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Nazi Planes Sent To Aid Italy

Army To Ask New Congress For Added Appropriation Of Three Billion Dollars

Runyon's Champion Family Man



Ira Stanley, 45-year-old truck driver from Kent, Wash., shown surrounded by his proud family, is to receive a handsome trophy from Damon Runyon, noted columnist. Runyon, on the strength of a letter from Mrs. Stanley, picked Ira as the country's champion family man. The Stanleys, married 26 years, have two married children in addition to Patsy, 11, who is lighting dad's cigar, and Danny, 7.

Sum Asked to Further "All-Out" Armament Program Would Push Total National Defense Appropriations Over Twenty Billions.

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Army and Navy today asked the new Congress to add three billion dollars to further its "all-out" armament program.

The sum is to be asked after the new session opens tomorrow, when the House and Senate are expected to meet in a session of 3,600 more bombing planes.

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76th Congress Ends Long Session Today

Final Controversy Faced in Closing Hours Over Confirmation of J. Warren Madden as Member of Court of Claims.

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—The House of Representatives today adjourned its record-breaking 76th Congress after a session of 347 days, the longest in its history.

The House adjourned at 1:31 p. m. (EST), 286 days after its opening session on January 3, 1939.

The Senate leadership determination to meet tomorrow technically added one more day to the session, giving it an official life of 347 days as compared with the previous longest session of 334 days in the World War years of 1917-18.

Demands On Japanese

Peking, China, Jan. 2. (AP)—Colonel Allen H. Turnage, commander of the United States Marines stationed here, presented to the Japanese tonight three demands arising from the arrested and treatment of five Marines arrested after a cabinet fracas.

The demands were handed to a representative of the Japanese army commander North China when he appeared at Turnage's office at the American's invitation. They were announced as follows:

1. That the chief of the Japanese gendarmes apologize to Turnage for the "unilateral arrest and unwarranted use of force" in seizing the Marines December 30.
2. That the Japanese promise to take steps to prevent a repetition of such incidents, and
3. That the persons responsible for the arrests be punished.

FDR's Speech Is Debated In Congress

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, led the House today that President Roosevelt's Sunday night address was "in effect a declaration of war" and in the Senate, Senator Lee, Democrat, Oklahoma, appealed for every effort "to keep England out of it."

Lee declared that Adolf Hitler was "making war on us economically," he, making war on us politically.

England is the only barrier against the rising flood of war, we should utilize every means to keep England aloft," the senator said. He added, however, he was not thinking of American going to war.

Representative Cox led his colleagues that "while assistance to Britain is a patriotic duty, participation in war" and that the President's address "is a declaration of war."

Two Republicans, Woodruff of Michigan and Taber of New York, also spoke.

Average Tar Heel's Tax Bill Was \$22.13 In 1940

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

Raleigh, Jan. 2. (AP)—Heads paid \$22.13 average to the State in taxes during the late year 1940.

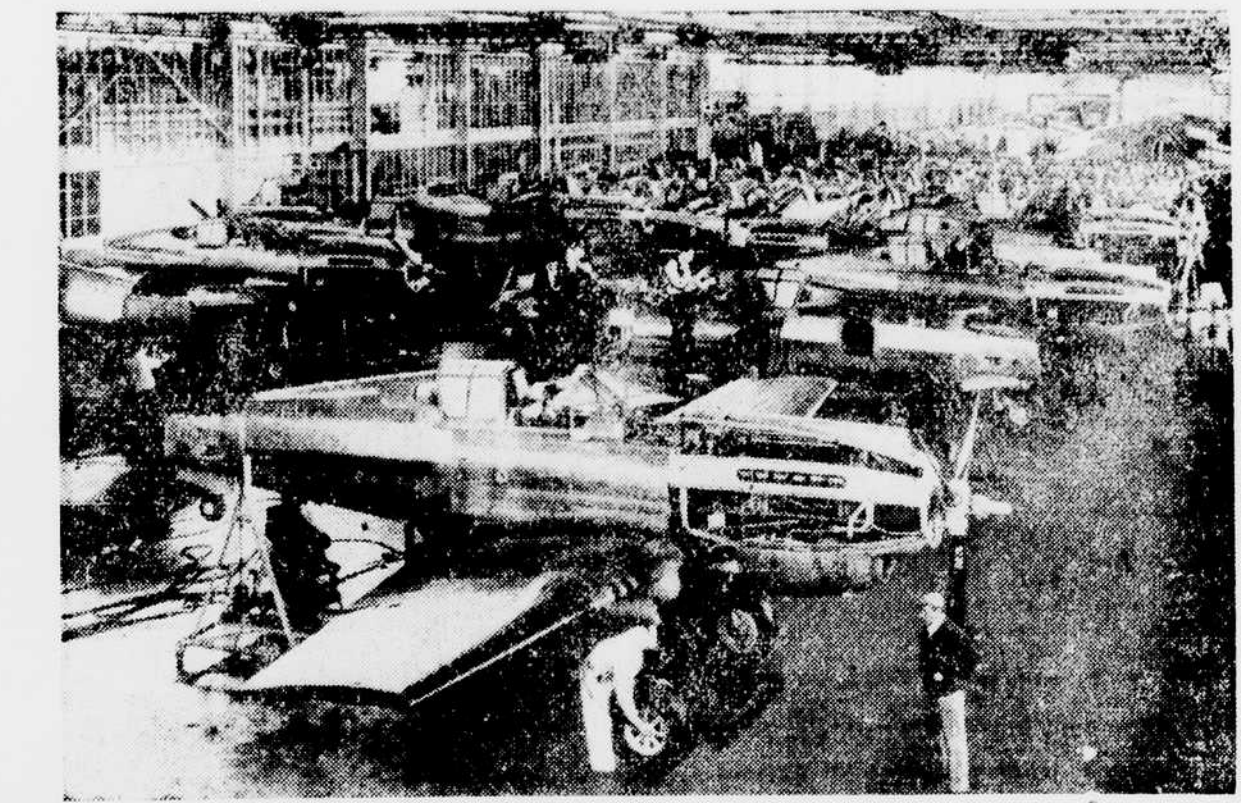
Of course, distribution was far from even. The vast majority of the 3,563,174 persons counted by the U. S. census as the state's population paid a whole lot less than that, but enough paid more to make it the per capita contribution of every man, woman and child toward operation of the big corporation which Clyde R. Hoy has headed for the last four years.

The average is arrived at in very simple fashion—the total collected in state taxes during the calendar year 1940 amounted to \$78,852,719.96, according to a combination of the twelve monthly reports issued by the Department of Revenue.

Divided by 3,563,174 the result is \$22.13.

The Revenue department lists two principal divisions of taxes—"revenue" division or general fund, and "motor vehicle" or highway fund.

Buffalo Plant Makes 8 Fighters Daily for RAF



Mass production of the new Curtiss Tomahawk fighters for Britain's Royal Air Force is really getting underway at the huge Buffalo, N. Y., plant of the Curtiss-Wright Corp., a part of whose assembly department is shown. A new high of eight planes a day is being turned out here for the RAF, in addition to those being made for the U. S. Army and Navy.

RAF Raids Nazi Bases Over Night

Italian Fliers Recalled From Aerial Siege of Britain; Neutral Eire Feels Impact of Bombs From Unidentified Planes.

(By The Associated Press.)

Adolf Hitler's long and hard campaign to help Italy's warring campaign in the Mediterranean, the Rome radio disclosed today, reporting also that Italian fliers have been recalled from the aerial siege of Britain.

Possible reason for the weakening of axis offensive forces across the channel, royal air force bombers meanwhile carried out "very extensive overnight raid," striking at the German port of Bremen, Nazi "messengers," ports, U-boat bases and other targets.

An official Italian announcement said German planes and pilots had been sent into Italy "to help in the bitter aerial fight now developing in the Mediterranean basin."

In some quarters this was taken to indicate that an axis attempt would be made to break the British sea blockade of Italy.

The British Press Association said the attack on Bremen was in partial retaliation for German "devastating" raids Sunday night on the city of London and that royal air force incendiary bombs "paid the Germans back in their own coin."

Hitler's high command acknowledged three factories were hit "causing some damage" with five killed and "several" wounded.

Neutral Eire felt the impact of bombs as unidentified aircraft scattered explosives within a 60-mile radius of Dublin for five hours early today. At least three persons were killed, two seriously wounded.

London had three alerts during the night. A communique said a small number of persons were killed there and in other raided areas which included the port of Liverpool.

Eyes of European diplomats remain fixed on the troubled Balkans where Premier Philof of Bulgaria was enroute to Vienna, presumably for talks with Nazi leaders.

Reports from Yugoslavia, capital of Belgrade indicated the general belief in the Balkans was that while in Vienna, Philof would be advised of the purpose of the recent big German troop concentrations in Romania and of the part Hitler expects Bulgaria to play in his plans.

January Draft Schedule Calls For 100,000 Men

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—The Army's draft schedule was reported today to call for an addition of approximately 100,000 selective service trainees in January.

Although tentative plans originally had called for an increase of 100,000 in the Army's enlisted strength during January, officials said increasing of volunteers and other factors had combined to make it unnecessary to draft the entire 100,000.

Despite some lag in enrollment throughout Army sources said units now on the march would reach an schedule the numerical strength originally planned for them this month.

RAF Bombs Bardia

Cairo, Jan. 2. (AP)—Royal air force bombers smashed at Bardia during the night, an official communique announced today, but still there was no sign of the all-out land, sea and air assault counted necessary to wrest that eastern Libyan base from the Italian garrison which has held it for 17 days of siege.

In fact, reports from the western desert suggested the British army might not wait to take Bardia before striking at a second big Italian base, Tobruk, west of Bardia and 80 miles inside Libya from the Egyptian frontier.

The royal air force dropped explosives on Bardia in a virtually a blind attack "while bombs burst in the objective area," said the communique, "detailing the damage were not observed."

Nazis Review Air War

Proposals Favored

Congressional Reaction Favorable Toward Program Recommended by Federal Reserve.

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—Early congressional reaction was favorable today toward a broad program of monetary legislation recommended by Federal Reserve officials as a safeguard against possible inflation due to heavy defense expenditures.

The plan, which would require legislative action, proposes among other things to repeal "gold" legislation, to take away from the President his power to make further changes in valuation of the dollar, and to limit the Federal budget.

Although the commission was favorable to the proposal, Senator Kim, Democrat, Idaho, called the suggestion "a bad idea" and "a very bad one" and charged that the President's existing fiscal power was "a part of Democratic misgovernment."

Senator Arthur, Democrat, Colorado, said he was "thoroughly opposed" with the recommendation for making the Federal Reserve "the major financial institution in the United States."

Representative Crandall, Republican, Michigan, said he did not believe Congress would pass any legislation to enable the Federal Reserve Board to remove the control necessary to remove the Federal Reserve from its present position.

Planes For Britain Poised For Flight At Elizabeth City

Elizabeth City, Jan. 2. (AP)—Two long-range reconnaissance seaplanes destined for the defense of England were poised here today for a non-stop flight to British territory—the vanguard of an unrevealed "large number" of aircraft to follow the same route.

Two more of the twin-engine aircraft were scheduled to land on the Pamlico river today and another pair are due tomorrow.

The squadron of six will take off Saturday for unannounced British territory in this hemisphere. Other squadrons will follow during the next few months.

Violent Death Toll Over 200 Over Holiday

(By The Associated Press.)

More than 200 deaths by violence against the nation's economy in 1941, according to a national survey, will be the toll for the holiday season, according to the statistics.

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Convict In Death Dive

Youth Dives Head First From Top of Five-Story Tier of Cells at N. C. Prison.

Raleigh, Jan. 2. (AP)—Erl Norton, 17-year-old state convict, dived head first to his death today from the top of a five-story tier of cells at Central Prison at Raleigh.

Norton was in vain to get a life net under him.

Coroner Roy M. Banks said after an investigation that it was clearly a case of suicide.

Norton was sentenced in Robeson county to serve concurrent terms of three to five years and five to twelve years for store breaking and robbery with firearms. He entered prison May 7, 1940.

Warden Hugh H. Wilson said Norton had been reprimanded for a violation of prison regulations this morning.

White To Resign Committee Post

New York, Jan. 2. (AP)—White House officials today said the resignation of the Committee to Investigate the Administration of the Federal Reserve Bank, which was announced last week, would be accepted.

It was reported that the same sources said the committee would be headed by the group until the committee meets, probably Monday.

Babson Sees No Danger Of Inflation Immediately

(By The Associated Press.)

Lake Wales, Fla., Jan. 2.—The size of the national debt is making many readers shiver. They wonder if their savings bank accounts are safe. They are concerned over their U. S. savings bonds. They are confused over the term "national income." Some wonder what the relationship is between national income and national debt. Will ultimately national income rise and wipe out the national debt? Such questions, including inflation, are disturbing to many people.

Garner Back In Capital

Washington, Jan. 2. (AP)—John N. Garner, the retiring vice president, returned today to the capital and went almost immediately to see President Roosevelt.

During their eight years in office together, the two men sometimes have been at odds over special questions of policy. Garner sought the Democratic presidential nomination last summer against President Roosevelt's bid for a third term.

Returning to his Texas home to help close the 76th Congress, Garner declined to disclose his plans for the future except to say that he had his "board bill" arranged for up to about the end of January. He will go out of office January 29.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy, showers, tonight and in east portion Friday; slightly colder Friday and in the mountains tonight.

order that readers may avoid needless worry, I will today discuss these subjects.

National Debt and Inflation

One national debt is approaching the present limit of \$49,000,000,000. This limit, however, is bound to be raised. Some say a nation's expenses cannot long exceed its income any more than can an individual continue to fall deeper and deeper into debt without becoming insolvent. But, are these cases really similar? Notes of corporations and individuals are disturbing to many people.