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FDR Tells Of "Foreign Peril"

Italy's Position In Africa Imperiled By Fall Of Bardia

Anzacs Lead Final Smash at Port of Bardia



Australian troops and tanks, such as those pictured above advancing through the North African sands, crashed through the outer defenses of Bardia, Italy's coastal base in eastern Libya, and led the advance which resulted in the fall of the city. More than 25,000 fascists, including their commander, General Annibale Bergonzoli, were captured, the British announced yesterday. Another Italian corps commander and four senior generals were captured in addition to General Bergonzoli and all military stores and equipment in the stronghold taken.

Vanguard Of British Army Near Tobruk

Indications Of Swiftly Growing Demoralization Among Italy's North African Forces Reported By British Military Sources.

Bardia, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Italy's position in all eastern Libya is in peril as a result of the fall of Bardia, British military sources said today.

Not only have British forces taken the main stronghold of Libya's eastern defenses and destroyed another big Italian army, they said, but there are indications of swiftly growing demoralization among Italy's north African forces.

They declared British forces already dominated inland regions almost 100 miles from the eastern front.

Britain's army of the Nile reported that its vanguards were already approaching Tobruk, Italy's next big port base 70 miles farther west.

So far, a general headquarters communiqué said, the British have counted more than 30,000 prisoners taken when Bardia's "suicide" garrison surrendered yesterday to a British land sea and air assault.

Quantities of tanks, guns, equipment and stores of all sorts also fell to the British when their flag was raised over the fascist outpost, making it the new advance base for their African drive, it was reported.

While the rapid thrust into the Tobruk area does not necessarily mean an imminent new offensive, British sources said it would not be.

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Babies of the 77th Congress



The biennial contest to determine the baby member of Congress has been settled by the narrow margin of eleven days. The honor of being the youngest son in the 77th goes to 26-year-old Representative William G. Stratton (left), Republican Congressman-at-large from Illinois. Born Feb. 26, 1914, he passed out Representative T. Hale Boggs (right), New Orleans Democrat, who was born Feb. 15, 1914.

Increased Armaments Demanded

"Swift and Driving Increase" in Armaments Both for Defense and Use of "Democracies" Abroad Is Demanded.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today called an unprecedented "driving increase" in armaments, both for defense and the use of fighting "democracies" abroad.

"The need of the moment," Mr. Roosevelt said in his annual message on the state of the Union, "is that our armaments and our resources should be increased rapidly and continuously to meet the foreign peril. For all our domestic problems are now a part of the great emergency."

Appearing before a joint session of the House and Senate in the House chamber, the Chief Executive said he would ask Congress for "greatly increased appropriations" to carry on the defense program and to meet the need for a greater portion of the great defense program to be paid from taxation than we are paying today.

"I also ask this Congress," he said, "for authority and for funds sufficient to manufacture additional munitions and war supplies of many kinds to be turned over to those nations who are now in actual war with aggressive nations."

Mr. Roosevelt did not list the nations to receive help through his lend-lease plan, but in his recent fireside talk on defense he referred specifically to Britain, China and Greece.

"Such aid is not an act of war," he said, "even if a blockade should unilaterally prohibit it so to be."

In fulfillment of the purpose of extending aid the President also declared "the nation will not be intimidated by the threats of dictators that they will regard as a breach of international law and as an act of war our aid to the democracies which dare to resist their aggression."

When the dictators are ready to make war upon us, they will not wait for an act of war on our part. They will not wait for Norway or Belgium or the Netherlands to commit an act of war."

Mr. Roosevelt set forward in three words what he described as "our national policy" in this time of "war."

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Nazi Planes Raid London In Daytime

IRISH PROTEST GIVEN GERMANY

Berlin, Jan. 6.—(AP)—William Warneck, Ireland's charge d'affaires, visited the foreign office today to present his government's views respecting alleged flights by German planes over Irish territory.

The Irish department of external affairs has formally blamed the nazis for the bombing of three areas in neutral Ireland in the past week.

Three Air Raid Alarms by Mid-Afternoon Are First in Several Weeks; Last Night's Fire Bomb Attack Not Widespread.

London, Jan. 6.—(AP)—German raiders following up a new overnight fire bomb attack on London called the capital again today in daylight and tonight were reported to have fallen in those districts.

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Legislators And Job Seekers Stream Into State Capital

House and Senate Caucuses To Be Held Tomorrow Night; General Assembly Convened at Noon Wednesday.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Legislators came on steadily today and candidates for various General Assembly jobs campaigned vigorously.

O. M. Mill, veteran Cleveland county House member, reiterated he expected about 100 votes for speaker.

George Uzzell, Rowan county veteran, said he had promises of support from 100 House members.

The House and Senate caucuses will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow night. The General Assembly will convene at noon Wednesday.

John D. Larkin, Jr., Senator from Jones county, and Archie Gay, the senator from Northampton, each claim a slight lead in the race for president pro tem of the Senate. The contest was admittedly close.

Candidates for the jobs attached to the legislature with the pay \$5, \$6 or \$7 a day buttonholed legislators regularly.

William A. Baker, principal clerk of the House for two sessions, was on hand as an "unannounced" candidate but he was lining up support.

Shearon Harris, of Albemarle claimed commitments for a majority of the House members in his campaign against Baker. Baker is head of a division in the state revenue department but has been given leave of absence.

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Ominous Silence In Berlin

Berlin, Jan. 6.—(AP)—This week began in Berlin with a continuance of that ominous silence in authorized quarters already noticeable last week, which strikingly reminded old timers among foreign correspondents of similar periods of silence such as that preceding the beginning of the air battle of London last August.

All questions regarding troop movements in the Balkans were ruled out as referring to military secrets and disclosure of them was taboo.

Coupled with these refusals to discuss troop movements were the usual denials, for instance the statement that "Balkan reports that German troops will occupy Bulgaria peacefully January 8 are too silly for repetition reports of King Boris III of Bulgaria confirm to Germany are without foundation."

More interesting and revealing was the reply to a question concerning political talks of the Bulgarian press in Germany.

"We had to see either a compelling reason or evidence of new planning for such talks," authorized sources said.

Many correspondents received the impression from this remark that the Bulgarian question is already settled.

Air Crash Is Probed

Navy Transport Plane Crashes Into Mountain Crashes Into Mountain Eleven Occupants.

San Diego, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Civil and naval officials probing through the scattered wreckage of a \$120,000 Navy transport plane said today that the big ship had been flying 20 feet higher than it should have cleared the rugged Indian Gandy range and reached its destination only 20 miles away, with all 11 occupants safe.

The Navy announced for an official investigation of the crash that killed seven aboard, including four who had escaped death only last Thursday in a Texas lumber mishap.

Civilian aviation observers generally blamed weather conditions.

Traffic Accident Toll At Least Five

Charlotte, Jan. 6.—(AP)—At least five people are reported to have been killed in highway accidents in the week-end, four of them in automobile-train collisions.

An automobile turned over near Weiden and killed Leonard Harris, 35, a Booneville textile worker.

Three Negroes were killed at Summit when their car and a train collided.

Stevenson W. Wallis, 36, Orange county farmer, was killed in an automobile-train accident near Mebane.

TRADEMARKS GIVEN GOLDSBORO CONCERN

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The patent office has granted two trademarks to H. Weil and Brothers of Goldsboro, N. C., for use in connection with special fertilizers prepared by that concern.

Both trademarks protect fertilizers which the Weils claim contain "extra growth substances."

The trade names, which have been in use for some time, are "Hormo Humus Root Power" and "Hormo Foot Root Power," the latter described as a "complete plant food."

Soviet Envoys Called Home

Budapest, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's ministers to Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Hungary sped to Moscow today, reportedly for Kremlin consultations on Germany's ever-increasing might in the Balkans.

The summoning of the envoys was taken here as the first definite evidence the Russians had given of their interest in the large scale German troop movements of the last week.

Forty train trains a day have moved across Hungary into Rumania, which was cut off entirely from communication with the outside world early today.

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Falangist Activities Are Watched

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Spanish Falangist activities in the Americas are being closely watched by the State Department, it was learned today.

The Spanish government, according to sources here, has asked a committee to study the Falangist movement in the Americas.

The committee is to report on the activities of the Falangist movement in the Americas.

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Italians Make Strong Stand In Albania

Athens, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Considerable Greek gains despite Italian counter attacks at several points were reported today in dispatches from the coast sector.

Italian resistance admittedly was sharp, however, and the fighting was described as much more severe than in recent days.

The Italians were pictured as making a determined stand to gain time for completing a new defense line to guard Valona, vital port for escape or reinforcement in southeastern Albania.

A Greek government spokesman's statement that Italian strategy is to "take advantage of weather conditions and fresh reinforcements from"

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Hopkins Flies To New Post

New York, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Without making any comment on the detailed motives of his mission, Harry I. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's especially assigned personal envoy to Great Britain, left for London today on the Yankee Clipper.

"I will be back when I have finished," he said as he boarded the Lisbon-bound ship, "it will not take long."

He replied to a host of questions with: "I do not want to add anything to what the President has said."

The former secretary of Commerce is expected to confer with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and British labor leaders to obtain first hand accounts of social movements growing out of Britain's war effort.

Problems Await Legislature

Long Session, However, Is Not Expected; Retirement System Expected To Be Provided for State Employees.

State employees will be provided for a retirement system, it was announced today.

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