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## FDR URGES SPEED ON LEASE-LEND PLAN

### Albanian Town Of Klisura Falls To Greeks

#### Italians May Surrender Tepeleni

Greeks Make important gain in drive toward Valona, last important port in southern Albania still in Italian hands.

Athens, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The strategically important town of Klisura on the central Albanian battlefield has fallen to Greek troops after a week of bitter fighting, an official announcement said today.

As a result the Italians probably will be forced to give up Tepeleni, 15 miles to the west, the most important objective on the route of the Greek march toward Valona, military circles said.

Valona is the last important port in southern Albania still in Italian hands, and is the immediate objective of the Greek drive in this sector.

Two hundred more prisoners and a score of mortars were captured by Greek forces in Albania during local actions in which they captured "important positions" at bayonet point, the Greek high command reported last night.

(Unconfirmed reports in Yugoslavia said another Italian vessel carrying war supplies to Albania had been torpedoed—the fourth reported sent to the bottom in the last ten days.)

Greek troops were reported also to have advanced a few miles beyond Klisura in the direction of Berat, with the Italians in disorderly retreat.

Premier General John Metaxas announced the taking of Klisura to the cabinet this morning and sent a telegram to the Greek forces.

The announcement was a signal for widespread Greek rejoicing. The Greeks said they have not had time to count their prisoners nor the "large quantity" of materials of all kinds seized.

#### Damaging Blaze At Newland, N. C.

Newland, N. C., Jan. 10.—(AP)—A part of this little town's business district was in ashes today.

Fire, which started in a cafe about 8:30 last night, swept through the structures along three blocks on one side of the main street. No casualties were reported but property loss was expected to amount to thousands of dollars.

The blaze raged unabated for nearly an hour until assistance arrived from Spruce Pine, Boone and Elizabethtown, Tenn.

#### Axe Murder At Kinston

#### Prominent Fred B. Sutton, 61, Found Murdered and Robbed in His Filling Station

Kinston, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The blood-stained body of Fred B. Sutton, 61, member of one of the most prominent families in Lenoir county, was found today in the service station he operated two miles from Kinston.

The head had been hacked and a blood-covered axe was found on the premises.

The station had been robbed. Bloodhounds were let loose soon after the body was found. Police said that Sutton was slain sometime in the night.

He is survived by three sons and a daughter. Sheriff Sam R. Churchill revealed he was holding two or more persons in custody in connection with the killing. He refused to reveal further details.

At Raleigh, Frederick C. Handy, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, announced he had assigned one of his agents to aid in the investigation.

Sutton's filling station is situated about two miles southeast of Kinston.

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Flies 620 M.P.H.



Andrew C. McDonough

Testing an Airacobra interceptor plane at Buffalo, N. Y., for the U. S. Army Air Corps, Andrew C. McDonough flew at a speed of 620 miles per hour while diving 21,000 feet. McDonough, an airline pilot, is a Naval Reserve flier. The previous speed record, set two years ago, was 575 m.p.h.

(Central Press)

#### Programs Are Praised

#### Legislature Passes Joint Resolution Praising National Administration Plans

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The North Carolina general assembly unanimously adopted a joint resolution today praising President Roosevelt's programs for preparedness and for "all possible aid short of war" to all democracies.

Governor Broughton recommended such action in his inaugural yesterday.

Senator Gregory of Rowan offered the resolution and it was adopted under suspended rules.

The legislators also voted to hold a one-day session in Chapel Hill January 30 as a gesture of good will toward the University of North Carolina and 130 South American students now doing special work there.

Representative Unstead of Orange introduced the resolution and said it was endorsed orally and in writing by Governor Broughton and Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris. He said January 30 was chosen because it was the President's birthday and the President is attempting to improve relations between the United States and South American nations.

Senator Palmer of Cabarrus introduced a bill to fix fees for licenses for private automobiles at a flat \$5. The plates are sold now on a graduated scale.

The House received a bill from Representative LeGrand of New Hanover to make it a misdemeanor to engage in fifth column or subversive activities. Governor Broughton called attention in his inaugural to the need for such legislation.

Another LeGrand bill passed both divisions quickly and will be ratified.

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#### Committee Assignments For General Assembly Remain Deep Mystery

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—The General Assembly is now three days old and still the committee assignments—particularly the chairmanships of important groups—are as deep a mystery as before the Democratic caucuses were held Tuesday night.

This isn't always the case. In many former sessions it has been quite possible at this stage of the proceedings to name, with more than approximate assurance of accuracy, the chairman of more than half the about two dozen really important committees.

#### RAF Raids Industries In The Ruhr

Following Raids Last Night, Cross-Channel Objectives Are Bombed Today; Fire Bomb Fighting Squads Save London Damage

(By The Associated Press.)

The British royal air force reported today a heavy bombing assault on Germany's vital war industries in the Ruhr.

Royal air force bombers also carried out a large scale attack on cross-channel objectives in France shortly after noon today, apparently blasting at the German occupied port of Boulogne.

German raiders showered hundreds of incendiary bombs on London during the night, concentrating the assault on "one large district"—which British censorship kept secret—in an attempt to repeat the devastating "firestorm" of December 29.

The government declared, however, that the capital's newly organized fire bomb fighting squads doused the incendiaries almost as fast as they fell.

Mussolini's high command declared Italian planes and naval units bombed a British battleship in the eastern Mediterranean, sank two submarines and two freighters, and torpedoed two other merchantmen.

The battleship, unidentified, was reported hit despite "violent" anti-aircraft reaction in an attack on a large British naval formation.

Hitler's high command acknowledged that royal air force bombers raided "various places" in western Germany, inflicting a toll of 20 killed and many wounded.

#### Hopkins Dines With Churchill

London, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal envoy, had an overtime lunch-time talk with Prime Minister Churchill today and in a later interview predicted that United States production of war materials would reach its peak late in 1941 or early in 1942.

In a serious mood after the luncheon, Hopkins declared that he was here to "discuss matters of mutual urgency to our two countries."

He answered "no comment" to most questions.

To one he said "nothing is less important than my impressions of air raids."

Asked about labor's attitude toward the production program, he said:

"There will be united effort and it will be very successful."

Before his luncheon engagement, Hopkins says Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Lord Halifax, ambassador designate to the United States.

He said he expected to stay two to four weeks—"until I have finished the job I came to do."

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ITALIANS GREET NAZI SENT TO HELP THEM



This motorcyclist is a German Air Force soldier being welcomed by inhabitants of an Italian city and is part of a large force of German planes and pilots sent into Italy to help in the bitter aerial fight now developing in the Mediterranean Basin, according to an official Rome announcement.

#### Sweeping Power Asked

#### Foes Of Foreign Policies Criticise Lease-Lend Bill

Washington, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Foes of President Roosevelt's foreign policy criticized today the bill authorizing transfer of American-made military equipment to warring "democracies" and Senator Clark, Democrat, Missouri, declared that the legislation "is simply a bill authorizing the President to declare war."

Administration supporters, however, expressed confidence that the Senate would give overwhelming approval to the measure after the House has acted.

When the bill was introduced in the House by Representative McCormack, Democrat, Massachusetts, a dozen members jumped up to make remarks but Speaker Rayburn recognized Representative Martin of Massachusetts, the Republican floor leader.

Martin said that no Republican members of Congress apparently had been consulted in preparation of the legislation and inquired whether it was to be considered in a non-partisan manner.

McCormack reported that he was "very sorry that my friend should raise that question" and asserted he "assumed that national defense transcended party politics."

Martin agreed but said "we should be given some consideration in preparation of this program."

In the Senate, Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, termed Adolf Hitler a "devil incarnate," proposed repeal of all laws which would in any way interfere with our giving Great Britain all aid that the Pres-

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#### Action Flares In Italian East Africa

Cairo, Jan. 10.—(AP)—British general headquarters announced today "concentration" of British forces around Tobruk, Italian naval station and garrison town on the Libyan coast, while operations farther west continued.

At the same time flaring action was reported against Italian East Africa, hundreds of miles southeast of the Libyan front.

The British announced that their forces had entered Buna, Kenya Colony, crossroads junction some 100 miles south of the Ethiopian border, and that El Wak, in the Kenya-Hall-Somaliland border zone, had been abandoned by the Italians.

Buna is in a sector which the Italians have held for months. The British said there was no sign of opposition from Italians there.

While the advance guard of the army of the Nile pressed on west of Tobruk, British general headquarters said extensive royal air force raids on Italian bases in Ethiopia were encouraging an impatient native uprising in that Italian colony.

There were hints that Ethiopia, where fighting between British and Italian forces thus far has been limited largely to frontier skirmishes, might soon become a real battleground.

#### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Saturday; slightly colder in east and north central portions tonight; slowly rising temperature Saturday.

Forecast for South Atlantic states from 7:30 p. m. Friday through 7:30 p. m. Wednesday—Temperature in range, near normal; below normal beginning and rising to normal or slightly above middle and last part of period. Precipitation light or none.

#### Mull Proves Steamroller Abilities

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

Raleigh, Jan. 10.—The ghost of "Czar" Reed, "Uncle Joe" Cannon and Champ Clark must have smiled in appreciation yesterday, while State Senator Gregg Cherry, once the iron-fisted ruler of North Carolina's House, turned a bit green with envy as Odus M. Mull qualified as steamroller operator, first class.

The gentleman from Cleveland passed his qualifying test magna cum laude by heading off a roll call on a motion to reconsider the bill

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#### Babson Thinks Congress Will Have Hard Session

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Babson Park, Fla., Jan. 10.—Just a week ago today the 77th Congress settled into harness. They have in this current session the toughest job to face in many years. Many unsolved problems have been held over from the old Congress. And our legislators in Washington face many new ones. Things are moving fast. Straightforward thinking and no monkey business is the order of the day. A great responsibility for the course of action our country will take rests upon the shoulders of the lawmakers we voted into office last November 6. If Congress measures up to our expectations, our affairs are in good hands. If its members suc-

cumb to pressure groups and lack the courage of independence, we will find ourselves in a bad way.

The Problems of Congress.

Neutrality of war have set the stage for our current Congress. Whether we or they like it, this is the dominating scene. "Aid to Britain—short of war" is the topic which blankets the question of neutrality, repeal, or circumvention of the Johnson Act. Congress wants and deserves facts from the President and Secretary Hill before it makes binding commitments one way or another. Congress must know just how desperate is England's situation. Congress must know the financial resources of Great Britain in this

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#### Says Broad Powers To Avoid Delay

#### President Declares He Does Not Necessarily Want Powers Apparently Given in Bill, But Somebody Must Have Them

Washington, Jan. 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt urged "speedy action today on the administration bill to lend or lease war equipment to the 'democracies'" and said the rapid process if pace him were needed to avoid delay.

Discussing the proposal at a press conference just before it was to be introduced in Congress, the President said he did not necessarily want the power apparently given in the bill but that somebody has to have it so that quick action can be taken.

He told reporters that Latin American nations as well as "democracies" at war could be benefited by the lease-lending plan if it were found necessary.

Mr. Roosevelt also announced that he had signed a proclamation requiring copper, brass, bronze, zinc, nickel and potash to be exported only under export licenses effective February 3.

These materials, he said, are needed for this nation's defense. They were added to an already large list of export controls.

Asked whether the British aid bill would have the effect of repealing the neutrality act ban against loans to belligerents and the Johnson act prohibition against credits to World War debt defaulters, Mr. Roosevelt replied in the negative.

But he added that the language employed in the proposal, namely that equipment loans could be made "notwithstanding" any prior acts, was the usual phrase in legislation and was required to avoid conflict of laws.

If there is any conflict, the President said, the latter law supersedes the prior law.

He said he thought speed was a great essential in enacting the new law because it related primarily to the placing of new orders in this country which would require many months before a start could be made to fill them.

#### Espionage Is Charged

New York, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A government prosecutor asserted today that Isaac Lazarus, who was sentenced to prison for passport fraud, had carried large sums of money from Germany for such top Nazi leaders as Hermann Goering and depositing it in other countries where some was believed to have been used to finance espionage work and propaganda.

Lazarus, 56 years old, had pleaded guilty to an indictment alleging he had made false statements in obtaining a passport and had used the passport to obtain a passport for himself and to carry large sums of money from Germany for such top Nazi leaders as Hermann Goering and depositing it in other countries where some was believed to have been used to finance espionage work and propaganda.

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Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Burke said that the defendant "according to his own story said that he had been engaged in international exchange since 1933 when the Nazis came into power in Germany and was a close friend of German leaders."

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#### Reynolds To Testify

#### Senate Committee Summons Reynolds to Testify Regarding Loans to Democrats

Washington, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A Senate investigating committee today summoned R. J. Reynolds, tobacco manufacturer and new Democratic national committee treasurer, to give his own explanation of \$275,000 in personal loans to help reelect President Roosevelt.

At Raleigh, N. C., Reynolds said last night that he expected to appear before the special Senate committee today, but declined further comment.

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