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Germany Actively Aiding Italy

Operation Of Lease-Lend Plan Discussed

Switzerland Bombed—By Mistake



A mother, daughter and grandmother died when an aerial bomb scored a direct hit on this home in Basel, Switzerland. Several similar incidents have been reported from this neutral country and some have been blamed upon British flyers mistaking blacked-out towns for Italian or German territory. Caption accompanying picture did not disclose who was to blame for the bombing.

Critics Call For Limit On Powers

Senator Byrnes Says Lease-Lend Program Likely To Be Put Into Operation Through New Office of Production Management.

Washington, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Specific methods by which the administration would extend aid to Britain under the proposed lease-lend bill began to take shape today even as congressional critics called for restriction of the vast power which the new law would confer upon President Roosevelt.

Senator Byrnes, Democrat, South Carolina, who participated in preliminary discussions on the legislation introduced in Congress yesterday, said it was likely that if approved the lease-lend program would be put into operation by the President chiefly through the new office of production management.

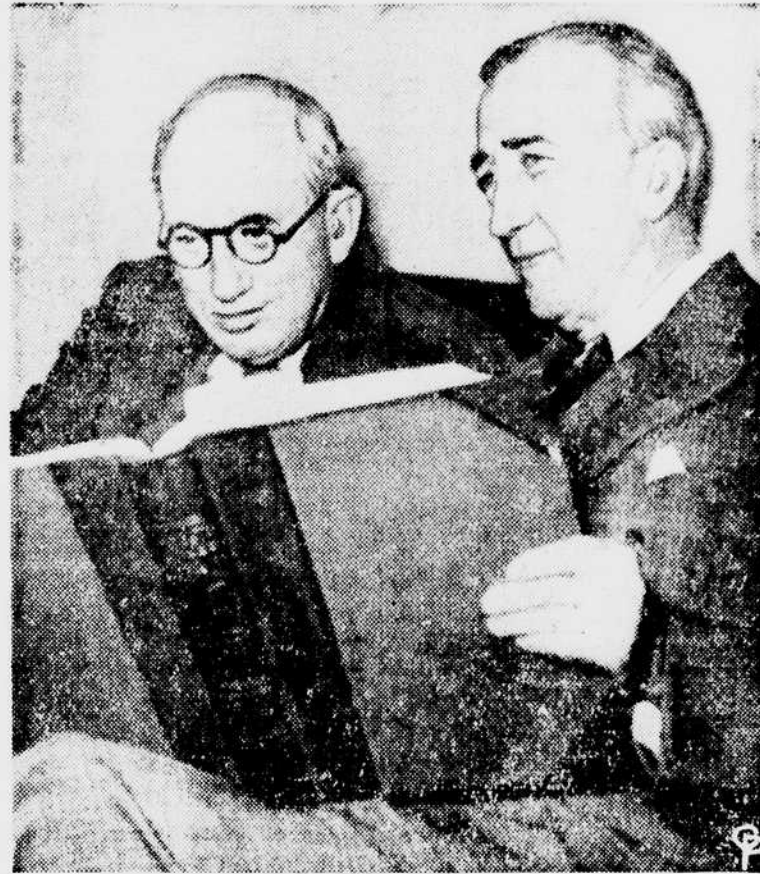
This, it was said, would make for complete correlation from start to finish between production for America and that for British use. The office, headed by William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman with Secretaries Simson and Knox as members, already has been charged by the President with full responsibility for American production.

In addition, other sources said that agencies such as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation might be called upon to handle some phases of the program.

The first necessity for making the program effective, Byrnes said, is a survey of production capacity to determine exactly how much and what kinds of equipment can be supplied to the British. He predicted that the chief items to be furnished would be airplanes, destroyers and cargo vessels.

In other quarters it was learned that the British might be asked to turn over upwards of \$2,000,000,000 of investment in this country as collateral for the war material which President Roosevelt proposed to lend.

Solons Study New Budget



Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi (left), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Senator James Byrnes of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate Audit and Control Committee, are shown in Washington studying the new \$17,485,528,000 federal budget, which allots \$10,814,146,000 to defense.

Nazi Planes Cooperate In Sea Raid

Germans Lend Italians a Hand in Apparent Attempt to Offset Reverses; Greeks Press Onward Toward Berati; Other War News

(By The Associated Press.) Germany has actively entered the war against Britain in the Mediterranean basin, lending Italy a hand in an apparent attempt to offset reverses in North Africa and loosen the sea blockade.

A British naval formation, the Italian high command said today, was spotted "in the Sicilian channel" yesterday by cooperating formations of fascist and Nazi dive bombers and torpedo planes which shared honors in the reported damaging of two aircraft carriers, a cruiser and a destroyer.

For the first time, the Italian command said, "units of the German air force in fraternal close cooperation with the Italian air units participated brilliantly in the attack, hitting one of the aircraft carriers and the destroyer."

Paced by low-flying Greek and British planes, reported bombing and machine gunning retreating Italians, the Greek captors of Klisura pressed onward toward Berati, Albania, according to dispatches from the front.

Important heights dominating the road to Berati were reported occupied, and additional prisoners and war materials taken by the Greeks.

A south coast English town which the Germans identified as Portsmouth was "smothered" early today with Nazi fire bombs and explosives apparently taking a heavy toll of lives. The British hit back at the German-held coast of France.

The Germans described the raid on Portsmouth as a "large scale" assault and the British acknowledged that the Nazi raiders did "considerable damage."

British pilots followed up yesterday's six-hour daylight drubbing of northern France with a hard overnight raid on the big German submarine base at Brest, informed sources reported in London.

British batteries were reported rounding outlying fortifications around the Italian base at Tobruk in Libya, with the British still marshaling more artillery brought up from battered Bardia.

British middle eastern headquarters reported in London.

Missouri Legislature Refuses To Certify Gubernatorial Vote

Joint House - Senate Investigation of November Election Ordered; Inauguration of Republican as Governor Prevented

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The Democratic-controlled general assembly, in an uproar all night long, refused to certify Forrest Donnell, a Republican, as governor-elect and adopted a resolution calling for a joint House-Senate investigation of the November gubernatorial election.

The investigation would involve opening the ballot boxes in every county and the city of St. Louis.

The action will prevent Donnell's scheduled inauguration Monday and will keep Lloyd Stark, Democrat, in office until investigation of the election and hearing of a contest is completed.

Official returns gave Donnell a plurality of 3,613 votes over his Democratic opponent Lawrence McDaniel.

The assembly voted 101 to 78 to certify all of the apparent winners in the November election except Donnell, and a few minutes later voted 115 to 61 to hear a contest petition filed by James T. Blair, of Jefferson City, a Democratic county chairman.

The Democrats hold an 85 to 65 advantage in the House and a 28 to 6 advantage in the Senate, giving them 113 seats in the assembly to 71 Republicans.

Through the early morning hours the assembly wrangled over the makeup of the joint House-Senate committee that will investigate the election—the Republican minority asking for a bi-partisan committee, Democrats for one with a majority of Democrats.

Jap Soldiers Are Killed

Hongkong, Jan. 11.—(AP)—More than 300 Japanese soldiers were killed and a quantity of war supplies destroyed when a Japanese troop train struck a Chinese mine on the Peiping-Hankow railroad, the Chinese Central News Agency reported today.

The locomotive and 13 coaches were reported wrecked.

The same agency also reported that a Japanese transport carrying troops and supplies sank in the Yangtze river January 1 after striking a Chinese mine. The vessel went down with all aboard, the agency said, but the number of casualties was unknown.

Few Farmer Representatives Among State Board Members

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

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Although North Carolina is approximately fifty per cent rural, even when towns of 2,500 are counted as urban, analysis of the public boards and commissions appointed to handle the people's business shows that farmers are almost ignored, and that business men run a very poor second to the professions.

Sometime ago questionnaires were sent out to 84 such boards and commissions asking for report of the occupations and residence of board members. Fifty-nine responses were received, while 25 failed to respond either because of inability to supply the information or lack of inclination to do so.

These 59 boards have a total membership of 471, of which 206 are listed as professional men or women, 147 as lawyers, men and 28 as farmers. Residential classification is slightly more favorable to the country, as 31 listed rural residence against 449 in towns and cities.

The conclusion is that business and farming interests are either intentionally overlooked or they are insufficiently organized for adequate representation.

Many of the state's regulatory boards deal exclusively with professions on trades and obviously these should be composed of practitioners of that trade or profession. Others deal with matters of like concern to all citizens, and it would seem that at least rational representation should be accorded. In this second group might be listed such boards as the North Carolina Planning Board and the N. C. Library Commission. If anything these subjects are of more concern to rural people than to city dwellers, and yet we find on the planning board seven professional men, one business man and one farmer, and on the library commission four professionals, one business and no farmers.

The Highway and Public Works Commission is composed of nine professional men and one business man with no farmer representation, although the commission's jurisdiction is largely on country roads with only casual responsibility for city streets. The Conservation and Development Board is another which has primary interest in rural areas, with forestry, game protection, fisheries, etc., constituting important phases of the department's work. This board also has no farmer member, nine of the twelve being listed as business men and three as professional. In the same category might be listed the boards of trustees of most of the state's educational and religious institutions, wherein the membership of professional men is predominant. There are no farmers on the board of the school for blind and deaf and

none on most of the boards for training schools and correctional centers. The most glaring discrimination noted is on several boards dealing exclusively with interests of rural people, or with rural interests as primary concern. The Negro agricultural college, for instance, has three farmers on its board, along with seven business men and six professionals. The North Carolina Electric Light and Power Authority, whose field is at least ninety per cent rural, has three

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Traffic Death Toll At Least 971 In State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the St. Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—Provisional figures compiled by the State Highway Safety Division show that a minimum of 971 persons were killed in traffic accidents on North Carolina highways during 1940.

This figure is said to go considerably higher when all returns are in. There is a possibility it might reach 1,000, but even so it shows an increase over fatalities for either 1939 or 1938, for which the death toll was 943 and 937, respectively.

Highway carnage really began in the last half of last year, after the first six months had shown a neat reduction over the preceding year. But beginning with September the monthly tolls ran 115, 116, 111 and 120 for the final four months, or 460 for the last quarter, to wipe out the good marks and write the final figures in a very bloody red.

Of the 971 fatalities 548 occurred on rural roads and 123 in urban areas (cities of 10,000 or more population.) In type of accidents the running-down of pedestrians led, with 333 fatalities, only two more than in 1939 and three less than in 1938. The collision of two or more motor vehicles showed the greatest increase in death-dealing, with 281 killed that way in 1940 against 220 in 1939 and 234 in 1938.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature, except slightly colder in mountains and extreme north portions.

Legislature Holds Typical Saturday Meet

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The first Saturday session of the General Assembly today was characteristically short, lacking in business, and poorly attended.

Each house met for about two minutes and received no new bills. In the Senate, the six members attending referred a House bill to the finance committee.

The 19 House members present merely heard the prayers by the chaplain and adjourned. The legislators will meet again Monday night when committee appointments are due to be announced.

Drys Seek Referendum

Burgess Says "The People Have a Right To Be Heard"; Cites 30,000 Petitions

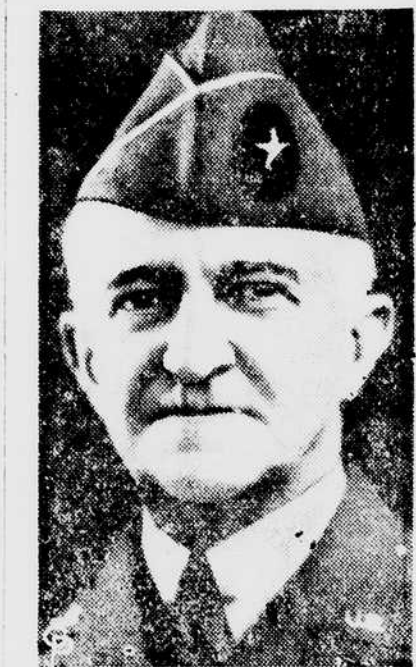
By CHARLES DANIEL.
Raleigh, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Thousands of dry North Carolina voters who will petition the 1941 General Assembly asking a statewide referendum on the "manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" will press the appeal with the contention "The people have a right to be heard." It was announced today by Cale K. Burgess, president of the United Dry Forces.

"The United Dry Forces stand ready to cooperate in any way possible with legislators who are going to introduce a bill calling for a

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Strike At Airplane Factory Is Averted

Commands Caribbean



Lieut. Gen. van Voorhis

Known as a prominent exponent of army mechanization, Lieut. Gen. Daniel van Voorhis is expected to immediately unify defenses under his new post as chief executive of the Caribbean defense zone. The zone includes the Panama Canal, Puerto Rico and new Trinidad bases.

U. S.-Made Plane Downs Nazi Bomber

London, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The air ministry announced today that "Germany has lost her first bomber to an American fighter aircraft flown by a British pilot."

The ministry told the story this way: "Three of these (American) aircraft were on patrol when weather conditions necessitated recall to their bases."

"The leader had actually landed when he caught sight of a Nazi bomber. He promptly took off again and, climbing back into the clouds, rejoined his two companions just as one of them opened fire on the raider. "Smoke at once enveloped the raider and when the leader joined the fight the German machine began to lose height as the pilot apparently searched for a landing place."

"The crippled raider glided down and the three aircraft kept close watch to make sure it was not a ruse to dodge away in the mist. The raider eventually crashed in a bog."

Settlement Agreed Upon In Threatened Strike of 200 Workers at Ranger Aircraft; Firm Has Big Government Contracts

New York, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The settlement of a threatened strike of 200 workers in the Ranger Aircraft Engineering division of the Fairchild Airplane and Engine Corporation at Farmingdale, N. Y., was announced today by John R. Owens, labor relations assistant to the national defense commission.

The strike originally had been called for Thursday, but a postponement until Monday morning was won. The plant has \$7,750,000 worth of government orders.

The settlement terms will be submitted to the workers for ratification today.

The strike call was issued by the United Automobile Workers of America (CIO) aviation division, which claimed 213 of the plant's 240 employees.

Owens said the new contract, which was described as a compromise, sets the starting rate for plant workers at 30 cents an hour for the first four months, 33 cents for the next four months and 60 cents thereafter.

Quayle Made "Mistake", He Tells Solons

Washington, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Oliver A. Quayle, general manager of the Democratic national committee, told the Senate campaign committee today that he had "made a mistake" in testifying two days ago that he personally arranged for loans of \$300,000 for the 1940 Democratic campaign from R. J. Reynolds.

Reynolds, the Democratic committee's new treasurer, testified yesterday that it was Wayne Johnson, finance director of the committee, who arranged the loans in a telephone conversation.

Corroborating Reynolds' testimony, Quayle said today that "this was something that happened at a very hectic time some months ago," adding that there was "no reason not to tell the entire details."

Senator Tobey, Republican, New Hampshire, a member of the Senate committee, broke in to say that Quayle was "guilty of perjury" and to accuse him of "trying to shield

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Three Killed In Accident

North Wilkesboro, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Three persons were killed early today when a car and a truck collided 15 miles west of here.

The dead, James Allen 20, and two Negroes, all of Ferguson.

Coroner J. M. Myers said the automobile was proceeding in a westerly direction and the truck east at the time of the collision.

The coroner said he would not hold Ralph Miller, driver of the truck, who was unhurt in the accident, Miller, the coroner said, was blameless.

Youth Held In Murder Case

Kinston, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Sheriff Sam R. Churchill said today he was holding a 17-year old white youth for questioning in connection with the slaying of Fred B. Sutton at his service station near here Thursday night or yesterday morning.

He said that he also was detaining two Negroes.

Kinston, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Officers hunted today for fingerprints and clues in their attempt to solve the slaying of Fred B. Sutton, prominent farmer whose axe-backed body was found yesterday in a service station here two miles south of here.

Two Negroes were being held for questioning, but officers declined to disclose their names or to discuss the case. A bloody axe was found on the premises of the service station and the place, officers said, had been robbed of a nominal sum.