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## Hull Urges U. S. To Defend Self

### To Negotiate Defense Base Leases



U. S. government officials study a world globe at the state department in Washington preparatory to leaving for London to negotiate formal leases for the naval and air bases recently acquired on British territories in the Atlantic and Caribbean. Left to right: Charles Fahy, assistant solicitor general of the Justice Department; Col. Harry J. Malony, of field artillery and Commander Harold Briesemaner, U.S.N.

## Nazis Net Billion By Czech Conquest

### Economic Conquest of Czechoslovakia Accomplished by Swarms of "Carpet Bagger's" Following Military Occupation.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Germany's economic conquest of Czechoslovakia has cost the Czechs "at least one billion dollars" since the "made-in-Munich" Nazi occupation 22 months ago, according to authoritative information received in diplomatic quarters here.

The reports, compiled by non-Czech sources, state that the Germans also have imposed tribute taxes to assist in refinancing the Reich war against Britain. The yield from these was estimated at an additional \$100,000,000 annually.

On the heels of the actual military occupation, the report said, an estimated 500,000 Nazis poured in and took over practically all key positions in government, industry and trade. One account likened the influx to the swarms of "carpet bagger's" who descended upon the southern states here following the Civil War.

Nazi decrees enforced by these "battering carpet bagger's", the survey stated, have enabled German interests to dominate Czech banking, industry and commerce and reap handsome profits for Germany. The economic shift of Czechoslovakian resources from Czech to German ownership has been achieved, according to the report, by these means:

1. German banks took over Czechoslovakia's two dominant banking institutions.

2. All large Jewish-owned in-

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## Truck Driver Dies In Crash

Fayetteville, Jan. 15.—(AP)—James Brooks, Breeden, 34, Fayetteville, died in a traffic accident on the Fayetteville-Dunn highway.

State Highway Patrolman S. B. Stevenson and R. J. Provo, who were eye witnesses, said Breeden's truck ran into the rear of a truck driven by Thomas P. Gahagan of Walterboro, S. C., as both vehicles were traveling north.

Gahagan was uninjured.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy with light rain and fog tonight; Thursday mostly cloudy with light rain and slightly warmer.

## Greeks Smash Counter Attacks

### Italian Dead And Injured Left Behind

### Greeks Then Resume Advance on Berati, They Report; London Enjoys Another Night Of Quiet; RAF Raids Coast of Norway.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Greece's mountain fighters reported today they smashed two Italian counter attacks in the drive from Klisura in central Albania, compelling the fascists to retire in such haste they left dead and wounded on the battlefield.

Then the Greeks said, they resumed their advance toward Berati. Bad weather caused a lull in the air-seige of Britain during the night but royal air force bombers flew through "dirty" weather to pound Nazi air bases, shipping and a railway bridge in German-occupied Norway. Two direct hits were reported on a motor ship on the west coast of Norway.

London's millions enjoyed another night of quiet, wondering at the continued absence of German raiders since Sunday night.

With the arrival of daylight, however, Nazi bombers returned to the assault. A lone raider machine gunned a village in northern Scotland and dropped a single bomb.

Reports reaching Strauga, Yugoslavia, said Albanian guerrillas were raiding fascist lines of communication and ammunition depots, thus complicating the Italian efforts to stem the Greek advance.

Two Albanian battalions organized by Italians were said to have been disbanded because they refused to cooperate with the United States Navy.

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## "Flu" Sends Thousands To Sick Beds

(By The Associated Press.)  
Thousands of Southerners were abed today with a mild form of influenza and schools had closed in many communities because of the disease.

Additional schools were closed at scattered points in North Carolina today because of the prevalence of the disease.

An eight-year old boy was reported to have died of intestinal influenza at Hamlet, while two died of pneumonia.

At Raleigh, Dr. Carl V. Reynolds, State health officer, expressed the opinion that a near epidemic of influenza was "just on its way in this state."

Two other deaths—one in South Carolina and one in Alabama—were attributed to influenza and complications.

Charlotte, N. C., and Gastonia, N. C., schools were the latest to close in that state.

At least 15,000 cases of "flu" were reported in Spartanburg, S. C., county. Restrictions continued against public gatherings.

### Quits Anti-War Group



O. K. Armstrong

Declaring he would like to see a congressional investigation of all anti-war groups in the U. S., O. K. Armstrong is pictured at a press conference after his resignation as field director of the No Foreign War Committee. Armstrong said he could no longer agree with Verne Marshall, chairman of the Committee.

## Ford School Begins Work

### First Naval Trainees Established in Quarters at Dearborn Naval Service School.

Detroit, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Henry Ford, who believes "a navy strong enough to protect both shores of the United States presents the nation's greatest assurance of national security," saw his navy service school at Dearborn formally get under way today.

A little more than seven weeks from the time he announced plans for establishing the school with the cooperation of the United States Navy, the first of four barracks for young navy recruits was opened with 150 young sailors from the naval station at Great Lakes, Ill., established in their new quarters.

Construction work, which has been proceeding day and night, was interrupted only briefly today for a formal commissioning ceremony attended by Henry and Edsel Ford, Rear Admiral Nimitz, chief of the bureau of navigation, and other representatives of the Navy department.

Trainees, all apprentices or second class seamen, are to receive three months courses in various mechanical and technical lines in the Ford trade school or the Ford factory.

## Students End Strike

Weaver, N. C., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The approximately 100 students of the Weaver high school still on strike returned to their classes today after a brief talk by Principal Claude L. Love in which he urged them to go back to school and assured them there would be no reprisals.

More than 200 walked out Monday in protest to the selection of Love as principal rather than Otis Peterson, the coach whom the students favor.

The ranks diminished considerably yesterday when attendance officers saw to it that those under 16 returned to classes.

## Vogler Bill Is Sponsored By Majority

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

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—More than half the House membership are listed as introducers of a bill which does, without any quibbling, redeem the slogan of Governor J. M. Broughton's campaign, "Take the Tax off the Table."

The list was headed by the name

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## Nazi Air Attacks In Mediterranean Seen As Next Move

### British Military Sources Say Germans Will Attempt to Clear Way For Shipment of Troops to Africa to Aid Italy.

London, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Strong aerial attacks on the British Mediterranean fleet probably will be made by the Nazi air force, military sources said today, to clear the way for shipment of German troops to Africa.

These sources characterized the attack by German dive bombers on a British naval flotilla January 10 as "the first gun of the offensive."

The British admiralty acknowledged last night that an aircraft carrier and a cruiser had been damaged by German and Italian planes.

Military sources in London said that if the German air force units based in Sicily were able to destroy British naval supremacy in the Mediterranean, Germany would undoubtedly begin sending troops across the Sicily channel, which lies between Sicily and Tunisia, to bolster Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's harried forces in Libya.

Despite the potential danger of such an offensive there was little fear in London that the Germans would be successful.

Dealing with the air situation, well informed circles noted that the Germans would be operating from "makeshift" bases against the royal air force flying from "well protected and well equipped bases."

"Dive bombers have a limited range," one source said. "Operating from Sicily they are able to attack the fleet only when it is within range and will themselves be open to repeated attacks on their airbases. Our air superiority is so well established in those regions that no influx of German planes can wrest it from us."

## Bandits Face Murder Charge

New York, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Authorities moved swiftly today against two ex-convict brothers who, with Elmer Gunz, turned mid-town Fifth Avenue into a battleground and brought death to a policeman and an office manager in a \$650 holdup yesterday.

District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey said he would seek immediate murder indictments against William and Anthony Esposito, who shot their intended victim to death when he refused them a payroll, then killed the policeman.

Two other persons, a bank guard and a cab driver, also were wounded and the crowded shopping center at 35th street and Fifth Avenue was terrorized by a fusillade of bullets as the robbers attempted to shoot their way to safety.

## Ethiopians In Revolt

### Guerrilla Warfare Leaves Italians In Control of Only Towns and Main Roads.

Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Jan. 15.—(AP)—British sources asserted today that native guerrilla raids had left Italian soldiers in control of only towns and main roads in parts of fascist-conquered Ethiopia and "even those are not always safe."

While British patrols harass Italians guarding Ethiopia's western border, thousands of native tribesmen raid isolated interior posts, attack military convoys and even snipe at the Italians in towns.

(The Italian high command in Rome today acknowledged attacks by

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## Passage Of Lease-Lend Bill Asked

### Secretary of State Says Britain and Other Nations Battling "World Movement Of Conquest" By Germany, Italy and Japan

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Summoning the nation to "involve the law of self defense before it is too late," Secretary of State Hull urged upon Congress today the enactment of legislation for unlimited supplies of war materials to Britain and other nations battling a "world movement of conquest."

Hull testified before the Senate foreign affairs committee in support of President Roosevelt's lease-lend bill.

In a statement of about 3,500 words, he said that if the Atlantic ocean fell "into German control" it would "offer little or no assurance of security."

"Were Britain defeated and were she to lose command of the seas," he said, "Germany could easily cross the Atlantic, especially the South Atlantic, unless we were ready and able to do what Britain is doing now."

Pointedly he asserted that Germany, Japan and Italy had made unmistakably clear their intention to "repudiate and destroy the very foundations of a civilized world order under law" and to conquer and establish "tyrannical rules over their victims."

When Hull finished the statement, committee members turned to questioning him and Representative Luther A. Johnson, Democrat, Texas, asked whether a section of the President's lease-lend bill providing for repair of belligerent vessels, such as those of Britain, in United States ports violated international law.

"Nothing but a realistic view of current developments can be regarded as a sane view," Hull replied.

"The question is whether, in the face of a universally recognized movement of force to invade and

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## Strike Ended At Burlington

Burlington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A strike in progress at the R. D. Wilson mill fashioned history mill here since early last fall came to an official end this morning when strikers accepted the terms of an agreement drawn by conciliators, the mill management and union officials last night.

## Navy Asks More Ships

Washington, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Navy asked Congress today for authority to build 400 small vessels including sub chasers, mine sweepers and torpedo boats, and asked also for extra facilities to construct them.

Rear Admiral Samuel M. Robinson, chief of the bureau of ships, informed the House naval committee that 250 of the vessels were "urgently needed" and that Congress would be asked immediately for \$310,400,000 for their construction and armament and \$25,000,000 for expansion of building facilities.

The bulk of the small craft, which will be completed in a year, would be constructed on the Great Lakes.

Earlier in its session the committee unanimously endorsed the navy's request for a \$310,000,000 strengthening of the fleet's anti-aircraft power.

Rear Admiral W. R. Furlong, chief of ordnance, told the committee a major part of the program would involve the installation aboard larger warships of a new type anti-aircraft gun which, he said, was "the best we've ever had."

In addition to the new guns, the committee was told, the program provides for "splinter protection" for gun crews and other deck personnel.

### To Puerto Rico



Guy J. Swope

The senate committee on territories and insular affairs unanimously approved the nomination of former Representative Guy J. Swope, of Pennsylvania, as governor of Puerto Rico. He succeeds Admiral Leahy, present U. S. ambassador to the Vichy government in France.

## Little Done In Assembly

### Joint Appropriations Committee Announces Schedule for Public Hearings.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Legislators held very short formal sessions today, but groundwork was laid for speeding up things when the joint appropriations committee announced a schedule for public hearings starting at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon.

The House got a measure from the Mecklenburg delegation to give the right of eminent domain to motor carriers and bus companies in acquiring sites for union bus terminals if the utilities commission authorizes the action.

Representatives Poole of Moore and Gass of Forsyth introduced a bill to appropriate \$50,000 yearly from general funds for use by the Agriculture department in attempts to eradicate the Japanese beetle.

The Senate got three local bills at a very short session.

A new House committee was authorized, to be known as the committee on reorganization of the state code.

## Missouri's Governorship Undecided

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Missouri's Governor Lloyd C. Stark is waiting patiently to make a "farewell address" he expected to deliver a week ago—but the state legislature forgot him and bought instead over his successor.

By tradition, the address should have been delivered last Wednesday, but traditions toppled like toppling when a Democrat controlled legislature refused to seat the Republican governor-elect, Forrest C. Donnell of St. Louis.

Normally, Stark would have gone out of office at noon Monday, but he's still there.

The Democrats refused to certify Donnell's election and set up a contest of his 3,613-vote majority over Democrat Lawrence McDaniel of St. Louis. Donnell spent inauguration day appealing to the state supreme court, while the legislature finally got down to a week-old order of business.