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British Cruiser Sunk By Axis

Stimson Cites British Plight

Passage Of Lease-Lend Bill Urged

Secretary of War Says "Essence" of Plan is to Make U. S. Government Sole Purchasing And Distributing Agency.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson told Congress today that the "essence" of President Roosevelt's plan for aiding the British and other nations "resisting aggression" is to make the United States government the sole purchasing and distributing agency for war material produced in this country.

The War department chief, testifying before the House foreign affairs committee, urged approval of administration legislation to authorize the leasing or lending of munitions to "democracies" at the President's discretion.

He took the stand today after Treasury Secretary Morgenthau declared yesterday that England's war orders have virtually been halted by a lack of ready cash.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Joseph P. Kennedy, retiring ambassador to London, would testify before the House committee next Tuesday.

Opponents of the lease-lend bill have charged Kennedy would support their view—supporters, however, have questioned that he would express any outright opposition to the policy of the President.

The present situation with regard to production of munitions, Stimson said, is "much more acute" than was that of 1917. At that time, he said, the munitions factories and supplies of Great Britain were so abundant that they were able to supply and did supply to us the great bulk of the weapons which we then needed.

Today, Stimson said, "instead of being assisted by other nations in obtaining the weapons needed for our own defense we are obliged to prepare our defense in consideration of their needs."

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RECODIFICATION

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Speaker Mill announced today the appointment of a 16-man House committee on recodification of North Carolina laws.

Those named to the committee included Representatives Wallace of Lenoir, Kerr of Warren, Taylor of Wayne, and Worthington of Pitt.

CCC Money Bought Leaf

More Than One-Third of Flue-Cured Tobacco Bought Under Federal Program.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—More than one-third of the flue-cured tobacco sold on warehouse floors last fall was bought with Commodity Credit Corporation money.

The CCC reported it allotted \$46,000,000 for loans and advances to finance purchases by companies which formerly bought for the British market, now closed to flue-cured imports because of the war.

Under the arrangement the companies purchased tobacco they normally would have bought had war not interfered with the export market. But instead of shipping the tobacco abroad it was stored in American warehouses to await betterment of export conditions, the CCC taking a lien against it.

Of the amount allotted, the CCC said, \$44,937,000 was actually expended in 1940 to buy 212,000,000 pounds of flue-cured leaf. Total warehouse sales last fall were 723,000,000 pounds.

While the average price of tobacco bought with CCC money was not available as private companies did the buying, the CCC said it was in line with the \$17 a hundred pounds average paid for the whole crop.

Hull Backs Lend-Lease Bill



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Secretary of State Cordell Hull testifies before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Lend-Lease Bill which would empower the President to lend, lease or give supplies to nations defending themselves against aggression. Urging speedy passage of the bill, Hull declared opening of U. S. ports for repair and outfitting of British warships would not violate the Hague Convention.

Danger Of Invasion By Air Is Foreseen

Reynolds Before Grand Jury Today

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Marshall Field III of New York and R. J. Reynolds of Winston-Salem, N. C., went before the federal grand jury investigating 1940 political expenditures today.

Field testified as chairman of the Business Men's League for Roosevelt. Reynolds, who is the new Democratic national treasurer, has told of loans he made Democratic organizations during the campaign.

Four plants closed by sympathy strikes were reopened and at a fifth at Saginaw, Mich., scene of the original dispute, preparations were made for carrying out a rehiring plan.

The company and the striking CIO

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State College-Department Of Agriculture War May Be Renewed In Legislature

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—Notwithstanding a lot of nice words said to each other during recent months, despite written armistice agreements, and what not, the perennial fight between State College and the Department of Agriculture is brewing again. And responsibility for it rests directly upon the budget commission.

After months of fruitless controversy two years ago, the college and the department combined energies

to obtain from the general fund of the state allocation of funds for the experimental work at the college. For years before that the experiment station had dipped into department of agriculture funds for about \$30,000 a year. When the 1939 assembly finally voted approval of the general fund appropriation, all sides to the long time row breathed a sigh of relief. During the past two years there has been every semblance of harmony among them, and both have

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

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Glass Would Limit Aid Spendings

Virginia Senator Advocates Amending Lease-Lend Bill To Limit Expenditures, Now Left Discretionary With President.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Senator Glass, Democrat, Virginia, appropriations committee chairman and strong supporter of President Roosevelt's foreign policy, today advocated amending the "lease lend" bill to fix some liberal but definite limit on expenditures for the aid of Great Britain.

The Virginian's suggestion was one of many advanced in congressional circles.

Glass declared that Congress should get estimates from experts on the likely cost of the aid to democracies program, then fix a liberal limitation on the funds to be made available later.

"I am in favor of doing too much rather than too little," he said, adding that he had no idea what amount might be involved.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, a leader in the fight against the measure, meanwhile kept up his running fire of criticism, telling newspaper men that highly placed officials in the administration are "thinking in terms of war in April."

Wheeler asserted that recent speeches by the President were "intended to influence the public mind and frighten the people into believing that this country is in immediate danger of attack and that we thus must give totalitarian powers to the President and accept a war program at this session of Congress."

New Health Rule Affects Children In London Areas

London, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Malcolm MacDonald, minister of health, today ordered the compulsory removal from the greater London area of all children under 14 considered likely to suffer "in mind or body" from air attacks if they remain in or near the capital.

The order supplements a recent defense regulation which authorized the medical examination of any children under 14 likely to suffer by remaining in London. It applies to the city of London, to metropolitan areas and most of the boroughs on the outskirts of the capital.

CHINATOWN FIRE. New York, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Four persons were believed to have died today in a fire which destroyed the interiors of three buildings in the heart of Chinatown.

Relief Bill Introduced

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The House of Representatives received today a bill which would make workers thrown out of employment because of floods eligible for unemployment compensation.

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Rain mixed with fog and slightly warmer tonight; Friday, showers and warmer.

London After a Night Bombing



The havoc of war, which descends nightly upon a great city, is shown in this dramatic picture taken during the height of the great fire which ravaged sections of London after recent intensified incendiary-bombing of the metropolis. Large areas of the city have been set afire and blasted to the ground, but the city keeps on "living."

House Naval Group Approves Request

Kennedy Confers With Roosevelt

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Joseph P. Kennedy, who has submitted his resignation as ambassador to England, conferred at the White House today about a successor to Kennedy and about a speech the envoy will make Saturday night.

Kennedy told reporters he had no preference as to his successor and gave no hint who the man might be.

Kennedy said his radio address probably would supply "an accent on staying out of war" and that it would "explain my position entirely" on foreign policy.

Food Problem At Fort Bragg Is Discussed

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Agricultural officials went to Fort Bragg today to confer with supply officers of the military post on the problem of furnishing North Carolina produce for the military posts 70,000 men.

In the group were Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott, Randall B. Etheridge, chief of the Department of Agriculture's markets division, George Ross, department marketing specialist, and L. P. Watson of the State College Extension Service.

The conference had been sought by Major General Jacob L. Devers, post commander, who wrote Scott that the Department of Agriculture could "make a valuable contribution

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RAF Planes Raid Airport In Sicily

Caro, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Between 30 and 40 aircraft were either burned or severely damaged in a British raid on Catania airport, Sicily, on Sunday night, royal air force headquarters said today.

Catania is believed to be the base from which the German dive bombers operated when they attacked a British naval unit escorting merchant vessels to Greece last Friday.

New Budget Bill Ignores Slot Machine Licensing Section, Invalidated Tax

Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell yesterday afternoon recommended to the joint finance committee that the merchandise display section be repealed, and that the slot machine section be amended so as to leave no doubt whatever of the effect of the Flammagan Act of 1937 and the illegality of the pin board type of slot machines.

Receipts from out of state merchants were small and a good part of the tax paid was paid under protest and so never got fully into the state coffers. But during the past year the state received about \$173,000 from license fees on the pin board type of slot machines. A source of

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Fire Aboard Ship Forces Its Sinking

Cruiser Southampton, 9,100 Tons, Was One Of Three Warships Previously Reported Damaged; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.) The British admiralty announced today the British cruiser Southampton had been sunk.

A communique said the 9,100-ton cruiser was sunk by British forces when fire made it necessary to abandon the ship.

The Southampton was one of three British warships previously reported damaged by German and Italian forces off Sicily, January 10.

The admiralty said the majority of the crew was saved.

Another British admiralty communique announced that a British submarine had sunk two Italian supply ships in the central Mediterranean.

Meanwhile, British royal air force bombers pounded the Wilhelmshaven naval base overnight and smashed at the new German air base at Catania, Sicily—springboard for a Nazi aerial offensive against the British Mediterranean fleet.

Even as reports were made on these assaults, fresh details emerged today of the "seven hours of hell" rained on the aircraft carrier Illustrious by German dive bombers January 10. The carrier was attacked in the same engagement in which the Southampton was sunk.

Hitler's high command acknowledged 20 killed and 35 wounded in the royal air force's nightlong assault on Wilhelmshaven, which the British described as "the heaviest and most successful" in a series of 40 attacks on the port.

An Associated Press correspondent aboard the Illustrious reported 40 to 50 Nazi planes dropped 100,000 rounds of high explosives and "many torpedoes" whose concussion, he said, shook the 23,000-ton ship "as a cat shakes a rat."

The Italian high command declared that the British night raiders inflicted only "minor damage" at Catania, with several killed and "a few" wounded.

Still another success in the concerted axis aerial drive against British Mediterranean sea power was reported by a Rome newspaper which declared that the British aircraft carrier Eagle was hit recently by an

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REPRIEVES EXPECTED FOR FOUR CONVICTS

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Governor Broughton said today he would probably grant reprieves to four men sentenced to die January 24.

The four include Shoopize Holland of Duplin county, convicted of murder.

ROAD PROJECT BIDS OPENING JANUARY 30

Raleigh, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission announced today it would open bids here January 30 on nine road projects estimated to cost \$865,000.

The projects include Johnston county, grading, surfacing and structures on 2.15 miles of road between Four Oaks and route 50; Wake and Johnston counties, grading, surfacing and structures on 13.78 miles of route 50 between the junction of routes 50 and 210 and Garner.

Re-Districting Up To State, Solons Say

Washington, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The two North Carolina representatives whose districts face dismemberment to make room for a 12th House member to which the state is entitled by the 1940 census have expressed belief that the matter was one for the State legislature to decide.

Both Representative A. L. Bulwinkle of the 10th and Representative Zebulon Weaver of the 11th expressed regret, however, over the possibility of losing any of their present counties as they would under proposed re-districting legislation before the State assembly.

"This is a matter strictly for the

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