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Willkie Hears State Secrets



Wendell L. Willkie, who advised President Roosevelt in the last election, is seen (left) as he conferred with Secretary of State Cordell Hull in Washington. Willkie was inducted into the innermost secrets of American foreign policy in preparation for his forthcoming trip to London.

AIR "INVADERS" DRIVEN OFF IN DEFENSE TEST

Two "Enemy" Bombers Spotted by Volunteer Observers and Intercepted by Fighter Planes in First of Four-Day Tests.

New York, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The "invading enemy" bombers feared in the first test of the new defense system were spotted by volunteer observers of the air defense command and were intercepted by a few minutes later by fighter planes over the Long Island Sound.

The first appearance of the "enemy" bombers was quickly reported to the information center at New York, plotted and charted on the huge operations board, the traffic controllers and orders were issued for the interceptors to go aloft, all within minutes.

The exercises started at 6 p. m., will continue for four days and test the air defense system with special emphasis on volunteer observers strategically placed on hillsides and high buildings throughout New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Convicts Escape From Anson Camp

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Four long-term convicts escaped from the Anson county prison camp near Wadesboro today, the State Penal Division reported.

Penal Director Robert Grady Johnson hastened to Wadesboro to investigate and organize a search. Details of the escape were not available here.

Chapel Hill Meeting Of Legislature Third Outside Of Raleigh Since 1794

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

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—When the General Assembly of 1941 is convened at Chapel Hill on Thursday of next week (January 30) it will be the third time in 147 years that the body has met outside of Raleigh, but the seventh meeting of a legislature in Orange county.

The town of Hillsborough, seat of Orange county then and now, but now spelled the short way, has been host to six sessions of the assembly and to the convention which authorized establishment of a permanent capital for the state, to be located within ten miles of the Isaac

Hunter home. (The Isaac Hunter place is about three and a half miles north of Raleigh on NC 59, known locally as the "old Lenoir road"). It was at Hillsborough in 1775 that the first Provincial Congress named the first Provincial Council, which actually was the first organized governmental administrative agency of North Carolina as an independent commonwealth.

A comprehensive history of the general assemblies of North Carolina would be essentially a history of the province and the state and cannot be attempted in one newspaper article. Colonial records are not readily accessible to the casual research worker, and it is difficult to say just when

British Attack Tobruk

Kennedy Says Britons Divided On U. S. Participation In War

Ambassador Would Favor Limitations

Kennedy, Appearing Before House Foreign Affairs Committee to Testify on Lease-Lend Bill, Favors Speedy Armament.

Washington, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy reported to Congress today that some high British officials believed the United States should go to war with their nation against Germany but that others were opposed to this action.

Those who favored United States entrance into the war and the offering of aid to Britain, did so because they felt that this nation "would find ways to carry it through." Official opposition to the idea, he said, believed that it would cut down the flow of war materials to Britain.

Kennedy appeared before the House foreign relations committee to testify on the administration bill for lease-lend aid to Britain.

He agreed with various suggestions put forward by committee members for limiting powers which would be granted to the President by the legislation, approving among others a proposal to keep the President from using warships for convoy duty unless Congress consented.

But he said that the main task before this nation is to complete its own rearmament.

"We should go all out to rearm now," he declared.

Representative Richards, Democrat, South Carolina, asked whether in comparison with that objective of procedures for question of aid to Britain should not be considered as merely "incidental" and Kennedy said he

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Britain To Register Its Workers

London, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Labor Minister Ernest Bevin informed the house of commons today that the government has decided to register Britain's working men and women for drafting into war factories.

Bevin reported steadily increasing production despite air raids, but added that the country had "now reached a stage when it will be necessary to take industrial registration by age groups."

He said the registration was to "make a list of those who should be called upon to serve the state in the national industry."

The government asked a political storm from the left wing by the decision to draft labor, but observers predicted there would be little formal opposition.

One Laborite complained that drafting of labor should not be ordered until the government had granted "wealth, property and land in the national effort."

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Aw, I Want To See You Inaugurated, Mr. President!



When President Roosevelt set forth from the Executive Mansion in Washington to take the oath of office as President of the United States for the third time, his Scotty pup "Fala" couldn't understand why he was being left behind and attempted to become a stowaway in his master's automobile. The President objected, and here is Fala meekly taking a presidential bawling out for his rebellious attitude.

Matsuoka Warns U. S.

Bills Given Legislature

Number of New Measures Introduced in North Carolina General Assembly.

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Senator Gay of Northampton introduced a bill in the legislature today to require that prison terms on the roads be served by persons convicted of second offenses of drunken driving.

Under the measure, a person convicted of a second drunken driving offense would have to serve from three months to two years on the roads and judge could not impose fines in such cases.

Representative Gobble of Forsythe sent in a bill to eliminate the requirement that the Bible be read by persons taking oaths in the state. Senator Clark of Bladen offered a bill to permit the Highway and Public Works Commission to waive public advertisement and competitive letting of contracts for construction of emergency roads needed for national defense demands. He explained that the measure was primarily intended to permit speedy road construction in and around Fort Bragg and Camp Davis at Holly Ridge. He asked immediate passage under suspended rules.

Senator Howell of Buncombe said

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Increasing cloudiness and rising temperatures tonight and Wednesday.

Extended weather forecast for the South Atlantic states from 7:30 p. m. Jan. 21 to 7:30 p. m. Jan. 25.—Temperatures rising to above normal beginning of period followed by colder near end of period; weather fair except moderate to heavy showers middle of period.

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Historic Sites Are Offered Park Service

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Plans to turn over four North Carolina historic sites to the National Park Service were studied at a meeting here today, called by the State Historical Commission, the Conservation Department and the Society for the Preservation of Antiquities.

The historic sites are Fort Fisher in New Hanover county, site of the Civil War battle of Bentonville in Johnston county, site of General Johnston's surrender to General Sherman at the Bennett place in Durham

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18 Seamen Are Drowned

Five Fishermen Saved From Schooner Sunk Almost Within Sight of Boston Harbor.

Boston, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Eighteen men drowned today almost within sight of their homes, as the Boston schooner Mary E. O'Hara, homeward bound from a week on the fishing banks, was split open in a collision with a barge in Boston harbor and sank.

Five half-frozen survivors, dragged to safety from the protruding main mast of the sunken schooner by the crew of the barge North Star, told their rescuers that the O'Hara apparently had struck a barge and that the remainder of the crew of 23 had fallen from the rigging one by one as their hands froze.

Brought ashore with their own

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Sees Threat To Peace

Japanese Foreign Minister Expresses "Earnest Hope" For Change of Attitude.

Tokyo, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Matsuoka expressed "earnest hope" today that the United States would reflect seriously an attitude toward Japan's position in greater east Asia, both "for the sake of peace in the Pacific and the sake of peace in the world in general."

Later today the British consul at Yokohama was reported to have sent letters to some British citizens in his district, advising them to leave Japan "before the impending crisis in American-Japanese relations comes to a head."

The United States, Matsuoka told the Japanese, had "expressed no adequate understanding of the fact that the establishment of common prosperity throughout greater east Asia is a matter of vital concern to

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Prohibition Of Fireworks Is Favored

Raleigh, Jan. 21.—(AP)—The Senate committee on propositions and grievances heard State Fire Marshal Sherwood Brockwell introduce a bill today to prohibit the sale of fireworks in North Carolina.

It then referred the measure to the attorney general's office to report on what Senator Stringfield of Cumberland, its sponsor, described as its "legal entanglements."

Brockwell told the committee that

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Libyan City Object Of Major Drive

Bloody Street Fighting and Bombings Reported in Bucharest and Other Rumanian Cities; Italians Attack In Albania.

(By The Associated Press.)

British "secret" army launched a major attack today on Italian troops in the besieged port town of Tobruk, Libya, British general headquarters announced, while in the Balkans bloody street fighting and bombings were reported in Bucharest and other Rumanian cities.

The attack on Tobruk started this morning and was reported "proceeding satisfactorily."

The Italian high command had previously noted "increased artillery action" and "increased activity" and announced that royal air force bombers had raked the fortress, causing "material damage."

Italian forces "have launched a strong counter attack in the Tepeleni sector of the Albanian front" in a desperate effort to break up the Greek advance in the central Albanian sector, Greek reports from the front said today.

The attack was described as the largest and most carefully planned of any attempt by the Italians in the sector, where the Greeks have made only slow progress recently in their advance toward Berat.

Fresh units of the German army were reported streaming into Rumania amid widespread rioting.

Diplomatic dispatches in Sofia, Belgrade and Budapest said German soldiers, civilians and conscripts were being sent among the casualties.

Rumanian frontiers with Yugoslavia and Bulgaria were closed except to a few travelers with diplomatic passports, while Balkan capitals speculated that the widespread disorders may have flared in resentment over Germany military concentrations in Rumania. Others suggested bitter rivalry between Rumanian Iron Guard elements as a cause.

Other developments brought a quickening tempo of the international situation.

In Rome, foreign observers expressed belief that Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, in their secret meeting yesterday, agreed on a plan to get France's cooperation in the war against Britain—by direct action if necessary.

These observers forecast a final attempt to gain bases on the French coast of Corsica, Tunisia in French North Africa, and possibly the British stronghold of Malta, and Dakar, French West Africa.

The objective, it was said, would be to make the Mediterranean too hot for the British fleet, thereby crippling it.

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Gayda Lists Five Phases

Italian Editor Indicates United States' Activity Discussed By Axis Leaders.

Rome, Jan. 21.—(AP)—Virginia Gayda indicated today that United States activity—the sharpening of warlike trends across the ocean—figured prominently in the meeting between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

The authoritative editor outlined these five "well defined phases" of the war situation which, he said, called for the meeting:

1. Intensification of German air attacks on Britain.
2. Intensification of the axis counter blockade in the Atlantic.
3. Critical developments in the Mediterranean.
4. "The sharpening of warlike trends across the ocean which do not pass without reactions from the whole political and military system of the war."
5. "Vast international accords of the axis."

Gayda emphasized the axis nations' "identity of views xxx not only for political ends but also for conduct of the war."

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