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## Many Italian Prisoners Taken

### Fire Sweeps Salvation Army Lodge; Eight Dead

#### English Dig Coal for Nazis



Brought out of Germany by a member of the International Red Cross and released in England, this photo shows a group of British prisoners of war ready to go to work in a coal mine near their German prison camp. Man in light overalls at right is the German overseer. (Central Press)

#### 25 Others Badly Hurt In Blaze

Fire, Originating In Room Where Clothing of Transients Was Being Deloused, Destroys Two-Story Hotel in Dallas, Tex.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Death toll in the fire that swept the Salvation Army men's lodge and mission reached eight early today as rescue workers poked through the smoking shell of the two-story hotel in the heart of Dallas' business district.

None had been identified. Major Ernest Pickering of the Salvation Army said 25 other men were badly burned or otherwise injured in the sudden, roaring blaze originating in a room where the clothing of 57 transients was being deloused.

Witnesses said the scene was one of unspeakable horror.

A few minutes after the fire broke out, one inmate man, badly burned, ran screaming to a garage a block away and fell to the ground.

The manager of the filling station called an ambulance while an attendant threw a blanket about the burned man who was crying for water.

Another, also made and burned so that his flesh hung in tatters, stood at the center of a street intersection

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#### Actual Photos of British Blitz in Bardia



First photographs of the fall of Bardia to reach the United States, these pictures show Axis planes bombing the Italian port in Libya (top) and a British mechanized convoy bringing up supplies under Italian shellfire (lower) in preparation for the final assault. The British followed up the bombardment by land, sea and air with a fierce infantry charge led by tanks and armored cars. Some 38,000 prisoners were reported taken. (Central Press)

#### British Note To Bulgaria Reported

Britain, Keeping Eye on Balkans, Said To Have Warned Bulgaria of Bombings If German Troops March Across the Country.

(By The Associated Press) Surrender of large forces of Italians south of the fallen Libyan stronghold of Bengasi was announced while another report said the British, keeping an eye on the Balkans, had warned Bulgaria she would be bombed if German troops were permitted to march across Bulgaria to aid Italy in Greece.

The capture of many new troops whose retreat had been cut off south of Bengasi was reported by British headquarters in Cairo. Operations were "proceeding satisfactorily," headquarters announced.

The report on the warning to Bulgaria originated in diplomatic quarters.

London, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Authoritative foreign office circles said there was "no confirmation" in London of Istanbul reports that Britain had delivered a warning to Bulgaria concerning passage of German troops through the country.

ers in Istanbul, Turkey, but was without official confirmation. These sources said Britain had delivered a formal note to the Bulgarian foreign office that Nazi military penetration with the aim of helping the Italians in Greece would be met with British aerial action against railways and communications.

The Greeks were reported today to have hurled back two fascist counter attacks in the central sector of the Albanian front, inflicting heavy losses on the Italians in the same area where three days ago fascist tanks and armored car assaults failed.

Dispatches from the front said the Italians were trying desperately to relieve the pressure on their line at that point and that piles of dead were left on the battlefield.

The last of the fascist garrison of Bengasi was reported "surrendering in large numbers" after a furious assault with tanks failed to break a British trap along the coastal road of retreat south of the port.

The British command did not estimate the number of captives taken, but previous reports had the Bengasi garrison at 25,000 troops.

The continuing success of the British African campaign was believed by some observers to have encouraged the French government at Vichy in resisting German demands for more active collaboration—perhaps involving use of the naval base at Bizerte in French Tunisia.

The Vichy government made public a pledge of General Maxime Weygand, commander of French north

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#### Finance Group At Compromise Time

Joint Finance Committee of General Assembly Expected to Complete Horse-Trading on Bill and Report Monday.

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

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The compromise time in the joint finance committee of the General Assembly, and between now and Monday afternoon there's going to be much conferring and discussing and, to apply a harsh but probably justified term, horse trading.

When that's over there will probably pass the committee with flying colors a 75-25 percent split of intangibles tax, except between local units and state and a food exemption from sales tax more restrictive than liberal in its provisions.

As matters now stand, the committee has reconsidered its action dividing the intangibles 90 per cent to local units and ten to the state and has taken one vote in which extreme dislike for food exemptions was registered for the extent of overwhelmingly rejecting the all-inclusive proposal of Representative Jim Vogler which would take the sales tax off only and all articles of food for home consumption.

Standing alone, the intangible matter could probably be worked out rather easily on the 75-25 basis which would represent a 15 per cent gain for the local units over the present 60-40 division. This section, however, must be looked at in connection with the other revenue producing items, however, which means that the more food exemptions which get into the final draft of the revenue bill, the smaller per cent of intangibles the local tax units will get.

Based on the 75-25 split, it is estimated that the state's revenue would drop some \$250,000 under budget estimates. There must be added to this \$200,000 it is estimated will be lost through tighter restrictions on the sale of "fortified" wines. That's some \$450,000 which must be recouped somewhere if budget figures are to be met in the final draft of the revenue bill. The idea in many quarters is to recapture this near-half million by making fewer exemptions on food items than the Vogler bill, or even the budget commission's recommendations, provided.

Which brings things around to the necessity for compromise and adjustment all along the line of intangibles and exemptions. It isn't going to be such an easy matter, either, in view of the widely divergent ideas of many members and the obviously growing opposition to food exemp-

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#### Two Children Burn To Death At Hamstead

Wilmington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two children were burned to death and two others were injured, one seriously, in a small frame house at Hamstead, Pender county, late yesterday.

The house became a blazing inferno when a can of gasoline exploded.

Vivian, 5, and Alice, 10, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Howard, were injured fatally.

Their sister, Edna, 17, was badly burned and attendants at the Wilmington hospital said today she was not expected to live.

Another sister, Dorothy, 18, also was burned. Her condition was described as satisfactory at the hospital.

#### Senate Action On Marketing Bill Delayed

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

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Although the Senate debated at some length the bill establishing a state marketing authority, at the request of several members final consideration of the measure was continued until Monday. Like the "subversive activities" bill which occupied more than two hours of the time in the House of Representatives earlier in the week and then passed without dissenting vote, the marketing authority measure was commended by everybody who had anything to say about it.

Some points were raised about the effect in actual operation of several

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#### Russian Commerce Policy Presents Ticklish Problem

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Feb. 8.—Uncle Sam's and John Bull's interests are somewhat at odds relative to the matter of American exports to Russia—not only exports from the United States but also from the Latin republics to the south of us.

Russia's government being of a sort that we distinctly disapprove of, our Yankee policy has been considerably or restrict shipments either from our own ports; Latin-American shipments of course, are none of our business. Recently, however, our tendency has been to be rather more liberal than previously. For instance, a short time ago we released to the Soviet outfit a sizable order of airplanes that Moscow had been clamoring for. And other stuff is moving quite freely.

It isn't that we like the communist regime any better than we did, but Comrade Stalin's game is to help China against the Japs, the Muscovites and Nippon being chronically unfriendly toward one another.

Well, all aid to the Chinese suits us admirably, because the more of it they get, the more they'll pre-occupy the mikado preventing him from

bothering us, as undoubtedly he has an inclination to do if he can get the Asiatic mainlanders under subjection. We ourselves are doing our best, short of war, naturally, to assist Chiang Kayshek's cause, and it stands to reason that it's right down our alley to help Russia to help him also.

Parentetically, there's a deal of talk to the effect that Comrade Stalin, besides helping China against Japan, because he hates the latter, figures on communitizing the Chinese presently. However, it isn't a certainty that he can do it. Chiang isn't a communist. He wants to lick Japan and, of course, is glad of all the aid he can get, from whatever source, but he doesn't want his country to be communitized afterward and probably will resist it when the time comes. Anyway, that's a future consideration.

Stalling Japan

No, we don't want China to be communitized, but at this minute's juncture the main thing is to help Chiang, either directly or via Russia, or both, not for China's self alone but to stall off the mikado from becoming a more active nuisance to Uncle Samuel.

In itself this is alright with John Bull. Like us, it suits him to have a crimp thrown into Nippon, as an axis nation. His diplomats have even made some tentative overtures to

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#### New Bills Introduced

##### Fires Sweep Mt. Airy

Two Fires, One in Business District, Cause Damage Estimated at \$165,000.

Mt. Airy, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Two fires, one of which swept a business block and destroyed nine business houses, caused damage estimated by Fire Chief J. S. Belton at \$165,000 early today.

A tobacco warehouse, two leaf houses, a fertilizer storage warehouse and several small business houses were destroyed in the business district blaze. Heat caused the sprinkler system in a nearby bakery mill to open and the three-story structure was flooded.

Belton said a 45 mile an hour wind subsided less than an hour before this fire was destroyed, probably saving more than half of the business area.

Four hours earlier another fire caused damage estimated at \$30,000 to the S. L. S. A. Harris freight lines terminal and offices, several miles from the center of town. The blaze, fanned by a heavy wind, made the structure a total loss.

Ice and wind hampered the fire department.

##### Three Bills On Housing

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

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Three bills covering a grand total of 20 typewritten sheets of legal cap, were introduced in House and Senate Friday for the apparent purpose of permitting extension of the Federal government's housing program into rural and national defense areas.

Without attempting to go into a full analysis, your reporter finds one to mean that in the future counties of more than 60,000 population or groups of contiguous counties containing that many inhabitants will be able to undertake for "low income" farm groups, the same thing which cities are now authorized to do in the matter of slum clearance and housing.

A second would extend wide pow-

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##### U. S. Officials Called To Meet In Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 9.—(Sunday)

(AP)—United States naval circles denied today a report printed in a Tokyo newspaper that Admiral Thomas Hart, commander in chief of the United States Asiatic fleet, had called a conference of American naval officials in the Far East.

New York, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Democrat Japanese news agency, broadcast today a report that the commander in chief of the United States Asiatic fleet had called a Shanghai conference of American naval officials to discuss measures to cope with developments arising from the French Indo-China-Thailand peace negotiations.

The report, a special dispatch from Shanghai to a Tokyo newspaper, said the news came from "Shanghai diplomatic circles."

Although Admiral Thomas Hart, the commander in chief, was said to have called the conference, it was reported that Colonel Dwight Peck, commandant of the U. S. Marine Corps garrison at Shanghai, would preside.

It was said that Hart himself would be unable to attend "because of business to the south."

"American circles here in Shanghai regard successful conclusion of the agreement between Thailand and the French colony as a Japanese victory and are paying greater attention to future Japanese moves than the progress of the Tokyo conference," the dispatch said.

##### Admiral Osumi Dies In Crash

Tokyo, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Admiral Osumi, Japanese supreme war councillor, has been killed in the crash of a naval plane in Kwangtung province, China, the navy minister announced today.

Six other naval officers, including one rear admiral, died in the crash. The officers were inspecting the Chinese war front and were on route from Canton to Hainan island when the crash occurred, the ministry said.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Scattered clouds, continued cold tonight and Sunday.

##### Shakeup Proposed

Measure Would Remove Highway Patrol "From Politics"; New N. C. State Building.

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Bills to provide a \$300,000 agriculture building at N. C. State College and to carry out an inaugural pledge of Governor Broughton to remove the highway patrol "from politics" landed in the legislative hoppers today.

Representative Stone of Rockingham offered the highway patrol bill in the House and Senator Johnson of Sampson sent forward the Senate version. They are chairmen of the important committees on roads.

The bill would remove the highway patrol, the highway safety division, the motor vehicle bureau, the automobile theft bureau and the drivers license division from the revenue department and incorporate them in a new department of motor vehicles.

Senator Ballentine of Wake introduced the bill calling for construction of an agriculture building at State College. It would provide for issuance of \$150,000 worth of bonds by the state and ask the WPA to ante an additional \$150,000.

The department of motor vehicles would be administered by a commission to be appointed by the governor for a term at the pleasure of the governor.

The House passed the following bills: House bill 180 to set \$100 as the maximum fee special counsel may receive in Wayne county capital cases.

House bill 127 to place the prosecuting attorney of Robeson county on a salary basis.

House bill 201 to raise the mini-

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##### TRAVIS INDORSED FOR SENATE POST

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Halifax County Democratic executive committee has unanimously indorsed Ed L. Travis for the vacancy in the State Senate created by the death of State Senator T. W. M. Long, of Halifax, Representative Everett of Halifax informed Governor Broughton today.

The governor said that on Monday he would set the date for the special election.

#### Changes Would Liberalize Compensation

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

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—The benefits to be derived under the unemployment compensation setup will be substantially liberalized if bills introduced simultaneously in both branches of the assembly yesterday become law. No opposition to their enactment is expected.

At present firms employing less than eight persons are not required to participate in the act; minimum benefit which may be derived under the present law is \$1.50 a week, and there must be a waiting time of two weeks after application before the first benefit payments are available.

Under provisions of amendments now pending the number of employees necessitating compliance is reduced to five, minimum benefits fixed at \$3.00, and the waiting time cut to one week instead of two. Other amendments have to do with the mechanics of operating the law, and to

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