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## Clear Cut Victory For British Aid Bill Now Claimed

### Measure Goes to Senate Floor for Debate Starting Monday; Barkley Claims Passage "By Vote of Two to One at Least."

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Chairman of the House today said a clear cut victory for the British aid bill was as good as won, several administration leaders suggested tentatively today that the Senate might make one final change in the measure to "promote national unity" and meet "halfway" Wendell L. Willkie's proposal that immediate help be confined to Britain and Greece.

The wisdom of the suggestion, however, was questioned at once by one group of the bill's supporters who said that such a limitation might have an undesirable effect on the British troops under General Wevers in North Africa.

Although well disposed toward Willkie, these senators felt that the bill should hold out the tacit promise that Willkie could get supplies from the United States if he decided to cast his lot with the British.

The bill approved 15 to 8 by the Senate foreign relations committee yesterday, will go to the floor for debate Monday. Democratic Leader Barkley told reporters "two weeks should be ample time for discussion." He said that there was no doubt that the bill would go through "by a vote of two to one at least."

Informally reporting the House-approved legislation without major change, the foreign relations committee majority said it was a "practical safeguard aimed at keeping us out of war."

The committee majority report, written by Chairman George, Democrat, Georgia, declared that this two-point foreign policy would best serve the national welfare:

"The United States must strive in all ways reasonably possible to stay at peace with all the world, and the United States must in its own interest supply effective material aid to those countries whose defense is vital to our own defense."

### NOMINATED.

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Ralph A. Bard of Illinois was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be assistant secretary of the Navy.

## New Dignity For Committee

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

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The capital building and grounds committee, composed of constitutional state officers and having control of the State's buildings, will be given the status of a real department by a bill now pending in the Senate. Introduced by Senator Roy Howe of Perquimans county, and referred to the committee on propositions and grievances of which he is chairman, the bill empowers the committee to maintain and operate a central mail and messenger service for State departments, in addition to increasing its police powers for protection of State property.

Some three or four years ago, it will be recalled, the commissioner of agriculture tried to fire a colored woman elevator operator in the agricultural building, only to find that she was not an employee of his department but of the B&G committee. The new bill will leave no doubt about responsibility for elevator operators, janitors, etc.

According to John Bray, superintendent of buildings and grounds, the establishment of a central mail

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## WPA-National Defense Roads Under Construction Start Huge State Program

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

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—The 15 road projects actively begun in North Carolina as "certified national defense projects" are only the forerunners of a vastly greater program of road work which will be undertaken by the federal Works Projects Administration in cooperation with the state Highway and Public Works Commission.

Fred J. Conn, informational director of the WPA in North Carolina, said today that no exact figures on the whole program of proposed projects can be released now, but he added that it will run into many millions in all likelihood.

## Heads Red Army



Gen. C. K. Zhukov  
In a shakeup of the Red Army high command, General C. K. Zhukov, head of the Kiev military district, was named chief of the Soviet General Staff. General K. A. Meretzkov, former chief of staff, was named vice commissar of defense in charge of military training.

## Strikes Continue

### Government Conciliators Active in Efforts to End Strikes in Defense Industries.

(By The Associated Press.)  
A federal conciliator was dispatched to Lansing, Mich., today to confer with Governor Van Wagener on a strike of American Federation of Labor United Automobile Workers at the Motor Wheel Corporation there.

The governor, in asking federal intervention, said forty percent of the company's facilities were being used on defense orders. The company is making shell castings and airplane propellers.

In another labor dispute which could affect transportation needs of the defense program, the national prediction board attempted to prevent a strike on the Rutland railroad in Vermont, called for today.

The board asked members of 15 railroad brotherhoods to postpone strike at least until March 7 and urged the company's receiver to withhold scheduled wage reductions.

The Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company closed down eleven furnaces yesterday, shutting off production of 2,000 to 4,000 tons of steel a day after 1,800 CIO union workmen walked out.

At Washington, D. C., where conferences on the All-Chalmers strike at Milwaukee have been going on for three days, representatives of the CIO United Automobile Workers and the management were reported by federal conciliators to be "closer together." About \$45,000,000 in defense orders is being held up by the strike in progress, more than three weeks.

### PAROLES GRANTED.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Governor 45th light paroleed six prisoners today, including Ed Ivey, sentenced in Robeson last November to serve one to three years for assault with intent to commit rape.

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# Air War Intensified

## Senate Acts Quickly On Major Bills

### Marking Bill Given Final Floor Approval; Department of Motor Vehicles Measure to House; Other Raleigh News.

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Senate passed major legislation at a fast rate today, unanimously giving final floor approval to the bill to create a statewide inspecting system and sending the House a measure to create a new department of motor vehicles.

Senators approved the Long "cash tax" automobile accident hospitalization bill, 30 to 10, on second reading after some members said they were for it because of regard for the late Senator Long of Halifax, who introduced it.

The Senate ordered ratified into law the McGraw bill to make substantive or fifth column activities misdemeanors on first offenses and felonies on second convictions.

The House approved and sent to the Senate the much-debated bill to give rights of eminent domain to bus companies seeking to acquire sites for approved union bus terminals in cities with over 30,000 population.

The Senate got the Broughton-backed wage-hour bill to strengthen the present maximum hours law by eliminating exemptions. Its only wage restrictions provide that persons working overtime in excess of the basic work week must be paid at time and one-half their regular pay.

In committee meetings the joint conservation committee approved the Broughton-backed measure to reorganize the Board of Conservation and Development.

Senators O'Berry of Wayne and Lanier of Pitt, among others, opposed the cash tax bill.

Representative McDougle of Mecklenburg and others introduced a bill to provide for election of all justices of the peace in the future except those now serving.

Senator White of Vance introduced a bill to amend the laws on larceny to make it a misdemeanor to steal up to \$50 worth of property instead of up to \$20 worth, so that such cases may be tried in recorder's courts.

The Senate passed and ordered ratified into law House Bill 276 to permit the Morehead City port commission to lease land.

### VANCE IS AFFECTED BY REDISTRICTING FOR STATE SENATE

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The legislature got a senatorial redistricting bill today to change the setup of 11 of the 33 State senatorial districts and give Mecklenburg and Guilford each one senator each session. The west gains a senator under the plan.

Representative Austin of Ashe and Senator Sanders of Alamance offered identical bills in each division.

The affected districts would include:  
The third would consist of Northampton, Vance and Warren, and would only elect the senator. The first of the present setup Vance and Warren form the 11th district and have a senator.

Seven Billions May Be Used To Aid Britain

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## As Franco Met Mussolini In Italy



Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain (center) is shown with Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy (right) and Franco's Foreign Minister Ramon Serrano Suner as they conferred at Bordighera, Italy. It was officially announced that Italy and Spain reached "complete agreement" on their wartime roles. Reports state Mussolini exerted great pressure on Franco to grant Spanish assistance for an attack on Gibraltar.

## Greek Reserves Called

### Senator Suggests "Executive Session" To Hear Testimony

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Senator Wiley, R-Wisconsin, suggested today that the Senate hold a "closed executive session" next week to receive from Secretary Hull and his assistants a report on world conditions.

Wiley told the Senate that there should be a "realistic appraisal of our whole American-British relation" in connection with the forthcoming debate on the administration's aid to Britain bill.

Hull and his assistants, the senator said, should attend the proposed executive session and their outline of world conditions should have special reference to the Near and Far East.

Wiley asked "Are Adolf Hitler and his associates, Japan and Mussolini, attempting another war of nerves or is there a synchronized, coordinated movement in process whereby when Hitler opens his spring offensive in the Balkans, Japan will attempt some move against the British interests and perhaps our interest in the East."

"We certainly know that there are big stakes in this war game," Wiley said. "But if Japan should fall for the seductive influence of Adolf Hitler and commit an overt act along the lines I have suggested then I tremble for the consequences."

"I want to know what our government knows about the situation. I want to know what kind of a supplemental air arm we have to our fleet in the east."

"If this situation is as grave as we might be led to believe it is, then it is all important for us to know the facts in contemplation of the lend-lease bill."

### Jap Envoy Received

Nomura Assures Roosevelt of intention to Achieve "A Better Understanding".

Washington, Feb. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt took note of the serious strain in American-Japanese relations in receiving the new Japanese ambassador today and welcomed the envoy's assurance that he was resolved to achieve "a better understanding" and "thoroughly preserve the peace of the Pacific."

The ambassador, Admiral Nomura, who knew Mr. Roosevelt during World War days, went to the White House to present his credentials.

In the exchange of remarks, the new ambassador told the President that "the recent developments in Japanese-American relations have unfortunately been such as to cause considerable concern on both sides of the ocean."

"It is needed now more than ever," the ambassador said, "to bring about a better understanding of each other's position in order to secure the interest and wellbeing of our two nations, thereby preserving the peace of the Pacific."

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## Both Sides Rain Bombs, Make Claims

### Italians Report, and British Deny, British Attempt to Land Parachute Troops in Southern Italy; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Wily in the air, highlighted by a reported British attempt to land paratroopers in Italy, burst into intense activity today.

Parachute descent of a heavily armed British detail to the soil of southern Italy on a frustrated dawn mission under cover of darkness Monday night was reported by the Italian high command.

Bombs from the combined air forces of Italy and Germany rained overnight on British positions from Sicily to Africa and on her ships at sea.

Britain's own bombers swept in at dawn today over German-held ports along the French coast, and were said to have carried out "the heaviest and most successful bombing of the Albanian campaign" yesterday.

Royal air force headquarters in Athens said Albania's capital, Tirana and the chief Italian-held Albanian port, Durazzo, as well as Tepeleni, an immediate objective of Greek troops, were attacked.

The Albanian bombings paved a Greek ground offensive in which dispatches from the front said the fascists lost several positions north of Klisura, including one height of "great importance," much material, and dead and wounded by the hundreds.

The British said their daylight raids across the channel were unopposed except for one claim with Nazi fighter planes in which a Nazi plane was shot down, but German sources in Berlin reported that nine British fighters were downed.

The Italian high command told of

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### SEVEN MEN KILLED IN ILLINOIS BLAST

Du Quoin, Ill., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Seven men were reported killed today in an explosion in the liquid oxygen plant of the United Electric Coal Company.

The liquid oxygen plant at the company's mine, about two miles west of Du Quoin, was used for manufacturing a liquid oxygen explosive.

### JOHNSON MEASURE IS FAVORABLY REPORTED

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The House health committee favorably reported the Johnson bill today, which would permit issuance of marriage licenses to persons who have had physical examinations within 30 days of the date of application. The present law requires such examination within two weeks of application for the license.

The Johnson-Pittman bill to authorize county electrical inspectors was unfavorably reported by House public utilities committee.

## Roosevelt Says Warning Is Routine Repetition

(By The Associated Press.)  
President Roosevelt told a press conference at Washington today that the new warnings to Americans to get out of the Far East represented a repetition of previous warnings.

He made this observation when asked whether the warnings were merely a routine repetition or as a result of increased gravity of the Pacific situation.

The Chief Executive advised his questioner that he had better take the matter up with the State department before using any such adjective as "increased gravity" in describing the warning.

At Sydney, the Australian war cabinet consulted with the chiefs of staff in an urgent meeting in the wake of yesterday's official declaration that the war had entered a state of the "utmost gravity."

Latest information from overseas, which informed sources said "disclosed no further deterioration in the situation" was reviewed.

Australia's frank concern over the situation in the Far East was traced by observers at Shanghai to reports of steadily increasing Japanese pressure in the direction of the South Pacific.

Foreign sources declared that British-Japanese relations were rapidly approaching a crucial stage, though a Japanese threat to Singapore and other British Far Eastern naval bases was described as more potential than actual thus far.

Indications that German sea raiders are being supplied from Japanese ports, especially Kobe, were said to be contributing to growing tension.

Evidence that Japan is fortifying herself for any eventuality has come recently from many quarters.

Lack of shipping facilities is preventing a large number of Americans from leaving the Far East. Shanghai shipping officials asserted today in commenting on the latest U. S. State department advice to Americans to return home.

One travel official said there was "any number of Americans who want to get out but can't."

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## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Occasional rain this afternoon, considerable cloudiness and colder tonight; Saturday fair.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. Feb. 14 to 7:30 p. m. Feb. 19—Moderate shower period in latter part, otherwise fair; temperatures considerably below normal at beginning, rising near middle and colder again near close.

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