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What Nazis Offer for Turkish Neutrality



In an effort to persuade Turkey to remain neutral while Germany moves against the Greeks, the Nazis are reported to have offered restoration of Syria to the Turks. This mandated territory, lost by Turkey in the World War, is now under French control and the French army in the Near East might object to its transfer. Nazi troops are massed at the Greek (1) and Turk (2) borders.

(Central Press)

Senate Rejects Amendment Prohibiting U. S. Convoys

Reynolds Favors Measure, Bailey Opposes; Roosevelt Says Delay on British Aid Bill Will Delay Deliveries Later.

Guard May Be Kept Longer In Service

Axis Planes Shot Down

Cairo, March 7.—(AP)—The royal air force command announced today that six axis planes were shot down in a heavy raid on the British Mediterranean island of Malta last Wednesday.

A royal air force communiqué said British fighter planes accounted for five German bombers and the two fighters and that one fighter and eight other enemy aircraft were destroyed by anti-aircraft batteries.

More than 100 axis planes took part in the raid, the communiqué said, adding that in addition to those shot down several others were damaged "and it is doubtful that they managed to return to their base."

Wendell Man Found Dead

Wendell, N. C., March 7.—(AP)—Thomas Linwood Jones, 21, was found dead in bed at his rooming house here today with a pistol wound in his temple and with the gun apparently fired the shot lying by his side.

Wake County Coroner Roy M. Banks said his tentative verdict was one of suicide, but that a final verdict would await further investigation including fingerprinting of the gun.

Banks said young Jones was sleeping with his father, Judson Jones, and he quoted the father as saying that he was awakened at 6 o'clock this morning by the sound of the shot and found his son dying.

Bonner Asks Two Projects

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War Department Officials Say Congress May Be Asked To Prolong Period of Training by Six Months or Year.

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ONE MAN KILLED IN TRUCK WRECK

Durham, March 7.—(AP)—An alternate driver who was sleeping in his sleep was killed early today when the heavy truck and trailer in which he was riding left the Oxford road about three miles this side of Creedmoor and crashed into a tree.

The victim, Wayne Howell, 21, of Cherryville, was asleep in the compartment in the front end of the trailer when the accident occurred and was pinned in the wreckage about three hours.

Should they be demobilized at the conclusion of the current year's service the Army might be faced with a "serious situation" because of a shortage of trained manpower to train the selective service trainees being inducted into the Army.

Some of the difficulties would be offset, however, officials said, by the expansion of the regular Army which has been increased regularly for the last two years to a present total of nearly 500,000 officers and men.

General George C. Marshall, Army chief-of-staff, was reported to feel that a second year's service for the National Guard was advisable in the light of the present international outlook and that a minimum of six months was indispensable.

He has told congressional and other conference that the decision would depend on the course of events.

Ethiopians Take Captives

Cairo, March 7.—(AP)—Ethiopian natives fighting on Britain's side against Italy were reported by British general headquarters today to have captured 300 prisoners in a fight with an Italian garrison in Ethiopia.

The daily communiqué said that 1,700 deserters from Italian colonial forces had crossed into British territory.

British forces slashing across the heart of Italian Somaliland have occupied the village of Fer Fer and "the advance is continuing," the communiqué announced.

For Fer lies on the road toward Harar, Ethiopia. It is more than 300 miles from the border of Kenya Colony, where the British drive into Somaliland started.

State Money Bill Passes Speedily

Britain Rushes Aid To Turks

Held in Draft Bribe Case



Irving Schiller (left), 41-year-old member of a New York draft board, is booked by New York police, charged with accepting a \$100 bribe to give deferred classification to a selective service registrant. Schiller faces a possible five years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. At right is Major William Walsh, executive aid to the city draft chief, who led detectives and FBI agents in making the arrest.

Record Sum Allocated In Measure

Senate Beats House Speed on Bill, Taking Only Eight Minutes for Passage; \$166,000,000 Provided In Appropriations.

Raleigh, March 7.—(AP)—The Senate passed the record \$166,000,000 biennial appropriations bill with a burst of applause in eight minutes yesterday and ordered it ratified into law.

All final action was by unanimous vote, which was a unique experience for a spending bill.

The joint appropriations committee reported the bill out to the House floor without dissent. The House approved it unanimously in 22 minutes yesterday afternoon. The Senate took up 11:56 and finished with it at 12:04 today.

The appropriations measure calls for expenditures of \$166,000,000 more in 1941-43 than has ever been allocated before. It permits use of \$1,190,000 of highway money if necessary to balance the general fund budget, but no diversion has been needed in recent years and the 1939 law contemplated possible diversion of \$7,000,000.

In the House the proposed constitutional amendment to create a 15-member education board to be vested with all control of the public school system was set for special order Tuesday. It was passed the Senate.

The joint committee on manufacturing, labor and commerce apparently killed with an unfavorable report the Broughton-backed bill to eliminate exemptions in the present state maximum hours law.

Speaker Mull warned the House members that any roll call bills must be introduced by tomorrow if the legislature is to get them enacted this session under present plans, indicating that he expected adjournment about March 14 or 15.

Representative Hatch of Wake off.

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Committee Urges Campaign Reforms

Condemned Radio Talks Men Denied

Senate Campaign Investigating Committee Reports Huge Expenditures in 1940 Campaign; Tobey Files Minority Report.

Washington, March 7.—(AP)—The Senate campaign investigation committee, reporting that the major parties had spent at least \$22,000,000 at a minimum during the 1940 presidential contest, recommended today that Congress fix rigid limits on political funds and tighten up other federal election laws.

Republican groups were credited with expenditures of almost \$15,000,000 and Democrats with more than \$6,000,000.

The special committee submitted a ten-point political reform program in its final report which included a separately worded minority statement from Senator Tobey of Wisconsin, New Hampshire.

Tobey in his report asked a congressional investigation of Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City, powerful Democratic leader, charged that Oliver A. Quayle, Democratic national committee leader, had "led brazenly and relentlessly to the issue" of \$100,000 loaned to Hague by R. J. Reynolds, and criticized primary expenditures by Senator Rudolph, Democrat, Maryland.

The majority found that existing federal laws seeking to limit expenses of a presidential campaign to \$3,000,000 and individual contributions with officers.

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FDR Plans Labor Board

Washington, March 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today he was considering creation of a labor board which would act not only as a mediation agency but would consider problems of labor production and other factors entering labor disputes.

The Chief Executive told a press conference he could only generalize about the proposed board, but that it would not be merely a revival of the old Taft-Waldo board of World War days, since it might have a broader field.

At the same time the Chief Executive spoke out against jurisdictional strikes among union men. "As a whole," he was asked, "do you think it desirable to do away with jurisdictional strikes?"

"Absolutely," he replied. He added that he did not think the country could approve in any shape, way or form a jurisdictional strike like one called at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Moderately heavy rains, probably mixed with snow, and colder in mountains tonight; Saturday mostly cloudy preceded by light rain and drizzle and snow flurries in mountains. Colder southeast and south central portions.

Babson Discusses Foreign Propaganda And Censorship Trends In United States

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Savannah, Ga., March 7—I have just come from the dining car of the Orange Blossom Special. While there I was given the latest newspaper picked up en route. It was with great interest that I found a box on the first page the following:

emotionalism or propaganda. Probably other newspapers carry similar warnings, but I had not before seen such a prominent notice on the first page of a daily paper.

Protect Free Speech.

I am 100 percent for freedom of the press; it is the foundation of democracy. When we lose it, we might as well close up shop, but permitting free speech by Americans is very different from printing lies from abroad. When the newspapers receive dispatches from abroad, through regular channels, how do they know whether these are true or false? People who criticize news-

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British May Buy Leaf

Inquiries Made Concerning Taking Up Options on Flue-Cured Tobacco Holdings.

Washington, March 7.—(AP)—A Commodity Credit Corporation official said today that a representative of the British tobacco syndicate in this country had made inquiries about the possibility of taking up options on flue-cured tobacco holdings of the corporation.

He said there had been no official proposal for a deal and there were many problems entering into the picture, among them transportation to England.

However, it was explained, the British may decide to take up options on some of the tobacco and

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