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BIG BRITISH FORCE REPORTED IN GREECE

Glasgow Is Again Target Of Nazi Bombers

Nazis Say Crisis Now "Critical"

Seek Sabotage in Fire



Authorities are investigating the possibility of sabotage in the fire which wrecked the Harriet Foundry and Machine Co. at Irwinston, N. J. The plant was engaged in defense work. Large quantities of expensive wooden patterns were ruined with damage estimated at well over a million dollars.

British Raid Nazi Industries

Air Warfare Stepped Up By Both Sides, With Glasgow Suffering Violent Dusk To Dawn Assault; British Range Widely.

London, March 15. (AP)—German raiders poured bombs on the shipping district of Glasgow in a violent assault from dusk to dawn today while British warplanes blasted at the west Germany industrial centers of Gelsenkirchen and Dusseldorf and oil targets in Rotterdam.

The raid was the first successive night of the stepped up air war returned today to strike at a north midlands village where eleven persons were killed and six houses demolished.

A northeastern English city also was attacked heavily. In addition to the raid on Glasgow, the German high command reported an attack on the English steel center of Sheffield, where several steel plants and an armament factory were said to have been hit.

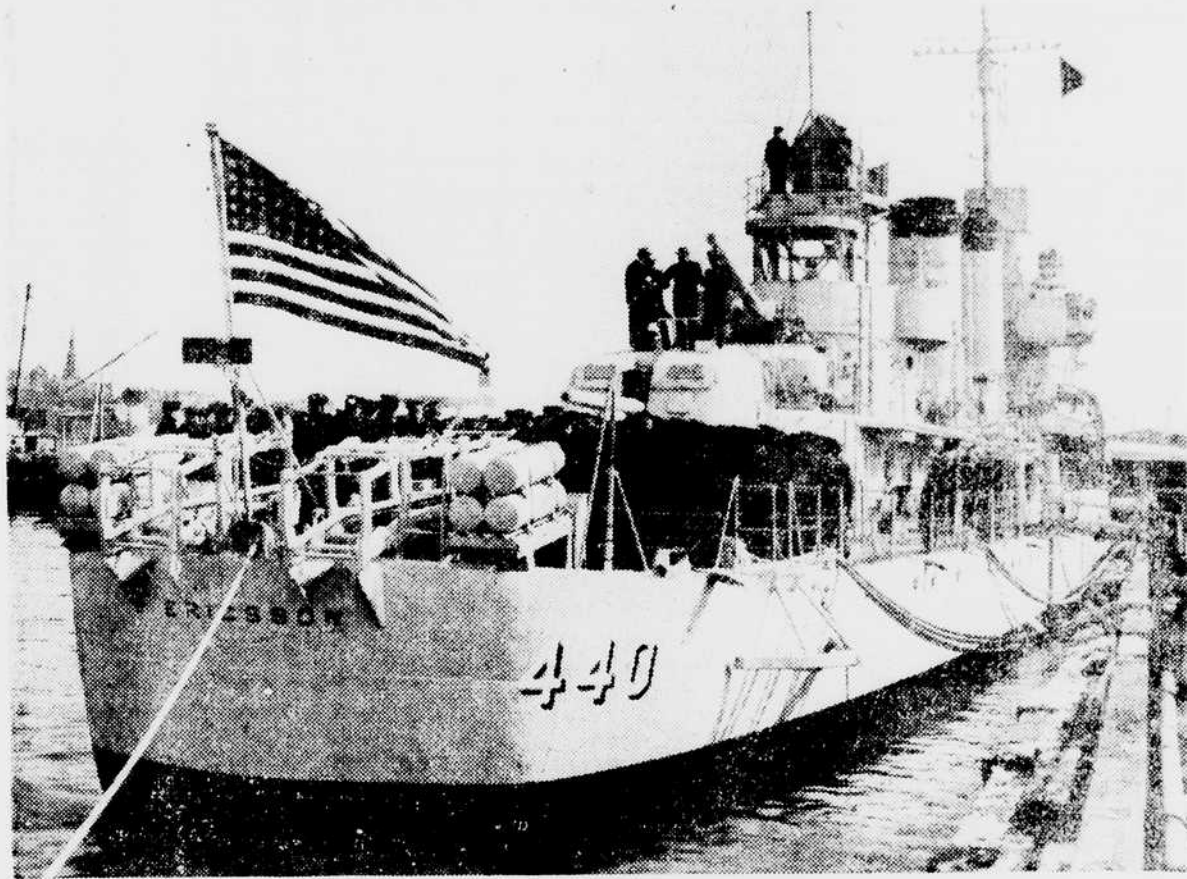
The air ministry, reporting on the night's British offensive, said the heavy valley industrial district as well as Dusseldorf, Rhine port and manufacturing center, were hit in a "large scale action."

The royal air force also raided shipping, airbases and docks from Norway to Brest on the German-occupied French coast, the ministry's communique said.

The air ministry said two British planes were missing and claimed four more Nazi night raiders brought down.

A large number of casualties including some dead, was reported from Glasgow and its surrounding communities.

New Destroyer for Uncle Sam's Navy



Officers and crew salute the Stars and Stripes as they take over the newly commissioned destroyer Erissom at the Brooklyn, N. Y., Navy Yard. The Erissom is a 1,650-ton vessel costing \$5,000,000, has a top speed of 35 knots, carries a crew of 200. She is named for the man who designed and built the famous Monitor of Civil War days.

Diplomatic sources in Belgrade say official denial will be made that 100,000 British troops are in Greece.

Belgrade, March 15. (AP)—Nearly 100,000 British troops were said by official denials arriving from Athens at noon today to have disembarked with mechanized equipment in a southern Greek port.

At the same time it was learned an official denial of such disclosure would be put out in the next few hours by both the British and the Greeks.

The reports coincided with an increased activity of Bulgarian aircraft whose numbers of last night's bombing and transport planes were reported to be an instant anti-air attack. German officials asserted two Italian ships were reaching a certain stage.

Diplomatic sources said of two British destroyers daily arriving from Athens loaded with men and war materials.

Already they said British troops have moved north into the Greek mainland.

Diplomatic sources said mechanized equipment and armaments already were on hand for five divisions.

A neutral diplomat told the Associated Press immediately on learning his trade that he had seen the disembarking of British troops with his own eyes.

He described cheering British soldiers marching down the gangplank and off to quarters.

He said British equipment in Greece included a vast number of anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns and many tanks, both light and heavy together with a number of flame throwing machines.

Because of the difficulty of communication between Greece and other Balkan countries and also because rigid censorship exists now in Greece it is impossible to obtain confirmation of this diplomat's story.

Southern Governors Told Of Bottleneck

Defense Advisory Commission Official Says "Defense Contracts Are Being Absorbed by a Handful of Concerns."

SOUTHERN GOVERNORS
New Orleans, March 15.—(AP)—Chief G. Davis, defense advisory commission official, told southern governors today "defense contracts are being absorbed by a handful of concerns" threatening a bottleneck which must be broken.

Strongly critical of present defense spending in his prepared address, the former agricultural adjustment administrator, administrator said "the very smallness of the number of concerns getting defense contracts threatens to be a serious bottleneck on the bill use of our industrial and human resources."

In the first stages of the defense program, I must frankly say important opportunities have been missed," he said.

Expressing his dissatisfaction with the bill, given the south and west in defense expansion, Davis said he had been shocked recently to see a limitation of the distribution of defense orders today "that as between

No Victory For Dries In Wine Bill

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

Raleigh, March 15.—(AP)—The passage of the prohibition amendment passed the North Carolina assembly today, but the bill is a long way from being a victory for the prohibitionists of North Carolina as clearly indicated by the facts.

It is a sure as anything not capable of mathematical demonstration can be, that defeat of the wine bill would have played directly into the hands of those desiring complete legal equality in this state because such a defeat would have released a number of moderate from a fault, if not exposure, "dead" whereby they bent heads off the statewide referendum fight in return for a strict ban on the sale of synthetic and "pop-skill" wines, doped up with chemicals or low alcohol.

In other words, the greatest possibility for the limited and dogmatic dries could have received would have been defeat of the wine bill.

It is also impossible to plan a victory where there isn't an enemy of some sort to be overthrown and in this particular case there was no opposition worth the name to the proposal to ban the limited wines.

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\$100,000 Fire In Asheville

Asheville, March 15.—(AP)—Twenty-two firemen were hospitalized here as the result of fighting a fire today in the J. B. Ivey department store, in the heart of the Asheville business district, which caused an estimated loss of \$100,000 to the store and goods.

None of the firemen was believed critically injured. They were suffering from collapse because of shock, eye, throat and lung trouble from the effects of the mass of billowing smoke.

The fire broke out late last night in the basement of the four-story building and was confined there if it was brought under control shortly before noon.

When the fire was discovered a pull of smoke hung over the building. Firemen donned gas masks as an aid to entering the basement with hoses, but they had to break this because they were not able to use hoses and gas masks. The masks were discarded, with the result that about half the fire force had collapsed before the flames were quenched.

Correspondent Describes Nazis Attack On Convoy

(Editor's note: The following story is by the former New York bureau manager of Canadian Press, Sam Robertson, who went to Britain at the outbreak of the war as superintendent of the Canadian Press London Bureau.)

BY SAM ROBERTSON.
Canadian Press staff writer.
Ottawa, March 15.—(AP)—German submarines waylaid the great grain convoy with which I recently crossed the North Atlantic and sank at least four of the ships so vital to Britain's war effort.

The "bag" may have been six. Two ships which listed badly after being hit by torpedoes, were, however, still able to make way.

More than 200 of the gallant seamen who are playing such an important part in maintaining Britain's pulse beat were aboard the four ships known to have gone down. It was not possible to know how many survived.

It is the rule of convoys that ships

Mussolini May Stay

Washington Diplomatic Gossip Says Hitler Will Keep Il Duce As Puppet.

BY CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist

Washington, March 15.—Washington's diplomatic columnists are beginning to surmise that they are mistaken—that Herr Hitler isn't going to liquidate Signor Mussolini after all. "I don't mean to say that all the diplomats in our capital say anything but lead on the subject. Germany's and Italy's mutual trust," some of the others, trying to stay on the fence, are pretty recent. There's a certain optimism, but even the most discerning, like those of the representatives of exiled governments like Poland and Holland, who have a reason for being a bit disgraced. It's a good guess, too, that our state department is fairly glib.

Well, as the luck of Il Duce Mussolini's forces in Africa and along the Greek frontier turned worse and worse, this column is happy to forecast that the German wouldn't tolerate Benito as an Italian manager much longer—that he'd speedily fire the latter as a traitor, puppet.

The theory was that Hitler wouldn't liquidate the puppet on the same military basis that hit his part of Scandinavia, the Low Countries and occupied France, because that would not be good for Italy's interests, and he'd be better off to turn the latter into the King of Castile.

The idea was that he would liquidate them to settle his Benito's reasons and set up some other more efficient dictator, normally of his own selection, and really his Italian puppet, just as he had Monsieur Laval picked up in France, under his own old name.

Good a Puppet as Any.
Now it's agreed that he would have decided by himself. Benito as satisfactory a puppet as anybody else he could choose. Maybe he discovered that he couldn't find any other Italian worth exactly the bill. And Benito presumably has accepted the role of unqualified puppetry, instead of continuing to stand out as a self-determining dictator in his own right.

On this basis, of course, he'll have one of Adolf's agents directly and constantly at his elbow, vetting his handling and giving him Berlin's orders as to precisely what to do. It's an arrangement which will save Adolf the bother of an Italian revolution, a thing that would involve axis delay and look badly to outsiders—they'd be liable to think it was the genuine article and indicative of internal axis friction.

Count Ciano's reported to have been

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U. S. Journalist Arrested By Nazis

Broughton Influenced Legislation

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By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, March 15.—This legislation, which will probably knock off and go home before midnight tonight, has been the most susceptible to administration—(which is to say general)—pressure within the assembly of the oldest living individual in your correspondence has been able to locate and question.

Why this has been so remains a great dark mystery, and nobody seems to understand the legislative psychology which has brought about the condition.

Some say it to the great influence of the governor unquestionably. It could be his appointive powers. But to begin with, Governor J. Melville Rouselet didn't have any more of this than the predecessors—though the wide range of organization and his ability to get the resignations of a strong contingent of all sorts of men greatly increased the number of men who were to be put in his place.

There is no getting around the fact, however, that Broughton has exerted more influence on legislation than did his immediate predecessor, Governor Clyde R. Hoey, despite the fact that the Shelby was put into office through the active support of a whopping majority.

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Richard C. Hottel Held on Strong Suspicions of Espionage in Favor of an Enemy Power; No Details Made Public.

Berlin, March 15.—(AP)—Daily official German news agency announced today "an American journalist, Richard C. Hottel, representative of an American news agency" had been arrested on strong suspicions of espionage in favor of an enemy power.

Daily Press headquarters in New York said a Richard C. Hottel was attached to the Berlin bureau.

Authorized sources declined to say any details concerning the arrested agent except to say the alleged espionage activities were but an "connection" with journalistic work.

Asked what enemy power was suspected, these sources said "the trial will bring that out."

Other unnamed sources indicated preliminary hearing would be held tomorrow.

Authorized sources said Hottel's arrest would not be interpreted as being in the interest of public security. It was said that the German would be held in custody until the end of the war.

Hottel's arrest was reported by the German news agency as having been made in a city, and a leader in church and state affairs, but not active on the state political scene. To that extent the appointment is not political.

Professor Hottel is a sixty-year-old member of State College engineering faculty, perhaps better known throughout the state for his aggressive work in engineering, particularly along lines of highway safety.

It is stated that tremendous pressure was brought upon the governor for the appointment of several other engineers, and during the day Friday reports were current about the capital that either Vance Bass, chief highway engineer, or Ted S. Johnson, engineer for the department of conservation and development, would get the nod.

The governor guarded his secret well, and not until just a few minutes before the appointments were read for confirmation in the Senate did the name of Dr. Hunter enter the lobby gossip.

The Hunter appointment is for two years, and that of Professor Taylor for four years. The present commissioner, Stanley Winborne, was named in the bill as chairman and for six-year term. Hereafter the appointments will be for six-year terms.

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Aid Appropriation Bill Wins Approval

Washington, March 15.—(AP)—A House subcommittee approved today a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation for aid to Great Britain and cleared the way for debate on the legislation to begin next Tuesday.

The full appropriations committee will meet Tuesday morning to report the measure formally.

Chairman Woodrum, Democrat, Virginia, of the subcommittee, said that plans called for a final vote in the House not later than Wednesday night.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Increasing cloudiness followed by occasional rain Sunday and beginning in mountains tonight; rising temperature.

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