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## Hitler Launches Greatest Drive

### Singapore Troops Recalled

### Australian Tank Troops May Be Sent

Far Eastern Crisis Marked by Rapid Fire Developments as Britain Completes State of Readiness at 'Gibraltar of Orient'.

(By The Associated Press) Great Britain suddenly recalled all fighting men to their posts at Singapore today as the Far East crisis hung in delicate balance and a British broadcast reported that Australia had arranged to send tank troops to help defend the Dutch East Indies in the event of war.

Officers and men of all services—fleet air and army—were told to report immediately at Singapore, completing a state of readiness at Britain's "Gibraltar of the Orient."

Trucks and other vehicles were dispatched to downtown points in central Singapore to transport the men to their ships, flying fields and army posts.

There was no explanation whether the order meant a sudden new emergency.

Other rapid fire developments paved the darkening situation: 1. The big Japanese steamship company, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, called home the chief of its Singapore and Bombay offices.

2. Without explanation, Japan recalled two attaches of the Japanese embassy in Washington.

3. A Domei (Japanese news agency) dispatch from Bombay said Japanese nationals in India and Ceylon had asked Tokyo to send another registration ship. Many Japanese there had already been taken home in the S. S. Hye Maru.

4. Australia, already bolstered by new secret military plans in cooperation with allies, joined the United States, Britain and the Dutch East Indies in a declaration on their position in the face of possible Japanese aggression.

### WILMINGTON-BUILT STEAMER LAUNCHED

Wilmington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Launching of the 10,000-ton freight steamer, the Zebulon B. Vance, sent down the ways the first large ship built in North Carolina since World War days and the first of 37 "liberty ships" to be built at the shipyard here.

Ceremonies were set for noon at the plant of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co.

Mr. J. M. Bronghton, wife of the governor, was designated as sponsor and speakers on the program included the governor, Homer L. Ferguson, chairman of the shipbuilding company board, and Captain Edward Macaulay of the U. S. maritime commission.

The ship, named for North Carolina's civil war governor, is 441 1/2 feet long, has a 47-foot beam, and costs about \$1,610,000. She will carry 44 officers and men.

### Strike Curb Bill Faces Senate Fight

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Influential forces in the Senate campaigned today to replace the drastic House-approved strike curb bill with a milder measure next week.

There was strong indication that the Senate Labor committee might retain only the title of the House bill and substitute for its contents a much less sweeping control system proposed by Senator Bill, Republican, Minnesota. The bill plan calls for establishment of a voluntary system of mediating defense labor disputes, and in addition would outlaw strikes over the closed shop situation.

Calling a closed session of the labor committee for Monday morning, Chairman Dennis, Democrat, Utah, told reporters he personally was opposed to holding hearings on the Smith bill.

### A New Customer in Guiana



Lt. Col. Stanley J. Grogan looks over samples of merchandise displayed by colorfully garbed natives in the market place at Paramaribo, capital of Dutch Guiana. The U. S. troops were sent to guard the bauxite mines in the Dutch possession after discovery of a planned coup d'etat in the little South American country.

## SPAB Places Ban On Power Projects

### KING OF ITALY ESCAPES BOMBING

Rome, Dec. 6.—(AP)—King Vittorio Emanuele narrowly escaped a British air raid Thursday at San Giovanni, on the toe of the Italian boot, where he was en route home from a nine-day visit to British bombed places in Sicily. It was disclosed today upon the monarch's return to Rome.

(The British had reported for that day that planes of the Middle East command straddled ferries between the Italian mainland and Sicily and also railway sidings at San Giovanni.)

The British delivered their attack on the area in the afternoon, while the king was being ferried across from Sicily to San Giovanni.

### SHARP FIGHTING AT BIR EL GOBI

Rome, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Sharp fighting between advanced British and Italian units in the Bir el Gobi area of the Libyan front, about 40 miles south of Tobruk, was reported today by the Italian high command.

The Italians said the fighting was continuing as the report was made, but gave no indication of the direction it was taking.

### FARMERS SOUGHT

Wilson, Dec. 6.—(AP)—G. L. Parker, clerk of U. S. district court here, said today four eastern North Carolina farmers were being sought on warrants charging them with conspiring to defraud the government of penalties on 36,000 pounds of tobacco in 1938.

### Stock Trend Is Irregular

New York, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Assorted stocks took brisk bites at recovery in today's market but many leaders displayed a distinct lack of comeback appetite.

Fractional price variations left trends in doubt at a lively opening. Closing advances and declines generally were small with the former moderately in the majority.

Large scale tax selling again accounted for most of the two hour volume of around 1,000,000 shares.

## WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair, colder tonight and in east portion Sunday.

## Britain Adds To Her List Of Enemies

War Declarations Against Finland, Hungary and Rumania, Effective at Midnight Tonight, Change Situation But Little.

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Great Britain will be at war against Finland, Hungary and Rumania at one minute after midnight tonight, Greenwich time (7:01 p. m. Saturday EST), because the three nations refused to stop fighting Britain's Russian ally.

The actual declaration, however, will not materially change the situation now existing. It was said shortly after Britain announced her intention of declaring war. The British explained the chief difference would be at the peace conference, when the three nations "will be sitting at the other side of the table."

Scotland yard detectives, assisted by mobile police, quickly began a roundup today of more than 200 "enemy aliens" as a result of the war declaration announcement.

Those detained, of whom about 150 were Finns, were taken to a clearing center for removal later to concentration camps.

The Finnish minister here, G. A. Gripenberg, and his staff began preparing to leave for Helsinki. The Finnish legation had been functioning despite the breach in relations last July.

The Association of Hungarians in Great Britain issued a statement saying "we are convinced that most of our countrymen at home realize that a British victory alone can free Hungary of its present shame and servitude. A declaration of war on Hungary will not alter this fact."

An authoritative source said that only the Finns replied to the British note demanding that the three countries stop fighting Russia and that their reply was "entirely unsatisfactory."

## BRITISH CRUISER CAPTURES RAIDER

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The admiralty announced today that the British cruiser Derwentshire had caught and sunk a German commerce raider in the south Atlantic.

It said that the raider tried to escape, leaving behind five body ladders with oil and provisions.

The communiqué did not identify the German vessel, describing her only as a converted merchantman of about 10,000 tons.

## L. Y. Ballentine To Head State Jackson Day Dinners

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—State Senator L. Y. "Stag" Ballentine of Wake will be state chairman of the Democratic party's "Jackson Day" dinners this winter.

Senator Ballentine actually has not been appointed, although he will be unless every party precedent is thrown to winds. His appointment has been recommended, at the request of national Democratic officials, by Governor Bronghton, former Governor of Hoy who is national committee chairman.

The choice of Senator Ballentine to head the party's annual party, the purpose of which is to raise money and enthusiasm, will mean a somewhat different set-up than has been seen around Jackson Day headquarters in recent years.

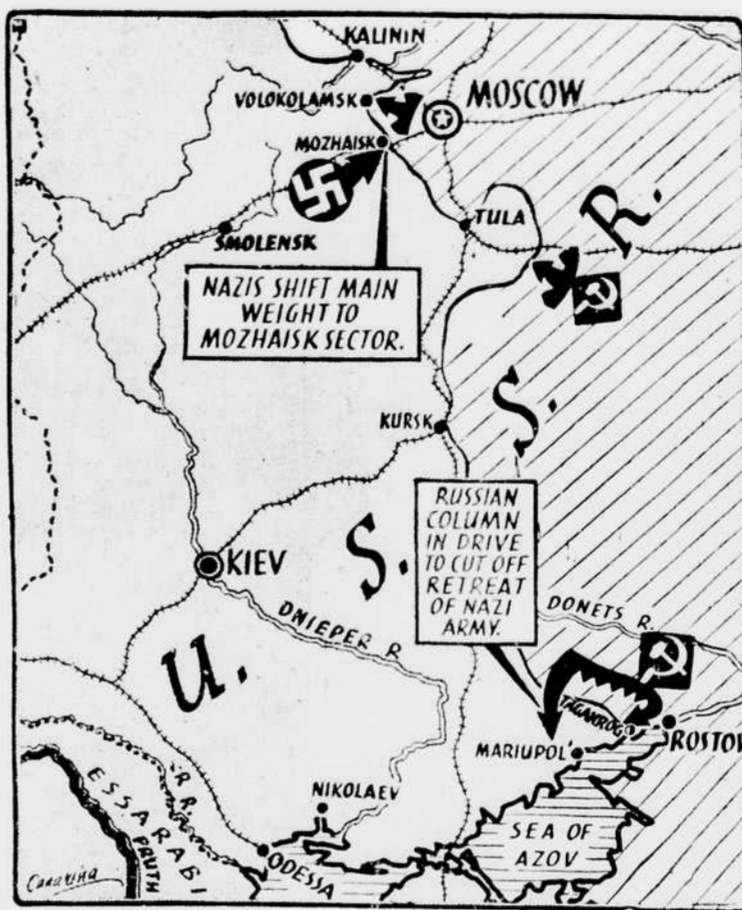
When the late Tom Folger was national committee chairman, he surrounded himself with the remaining stalwarts of what has been called "the old Sandy Graham crowd." That was natural as Folger has been Graham's manager. The person who really ran the office was Miss Mae Oliver, Graham's No. 1 lady war horse who did such a good job that she has now moved up to Washington as secretary to National Democratic Treasurer Dick Key.

Others around the office were of the same crowd and national in inclination.

But all will be different now. Senator Ballentine was one of the most effective leaders of the movement to beat Max Baucus when he ran for state president of the Young Democrats and seldom, if ever, has been lined up with the crowd which recently has been running Jackson Day dinner headquarters. Of course, there is no real rift between factions at the moment and all sides probably will shut out for \$25 plates as they have done in the past. But how many thousands of dollars North Carolina will be expected to raise at this winter's dinners is yet to be announced. As national treasurer who is in charge of the money hunt, he will want the new state to show the way. From this distance it looks like Ballentine has a real job ahead.

"Stag" Ballentine is a dandyman and big feller who has long ago possibilities as a county commissioner. He has been state, and Wake for the past three terms, which is practically a record in these parts. He's the

### The Red Push to the West



Reinforced with fresh troops from Siberia, counter-attacking Red armies were reported continuing to hit the Nazis hard on the Moscow and Rostov front, as shown on map. The Germans were said to be in headlong retreat from the port of Taganrog on the Sea of Azov, raising claims of a major Nazi disaster in the Southern sector.

## Union Of Welders Threatens Walkout

### Many Axis Prisoners Are Taken

Cairo, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The number of German and Italian prisoners captured on the Libyan desert has reached 7,000 counted and there are many more as yet uncounted, British headquarters announced today.

British forces have kept up unrelenting pressure on the axis throughout the whole Libyan battle area for the past 24 hours, the communiqué said.

At Ed Duda, where the imperial army's position withstood three heavy attacks previously, it said "what little ground remained in enemy hands" has been recovered.

Despite dust storms, an official announcement said, the RAF yesterday shot down 22 axis planes in fights over Libya at a cost to itself of only six.

German prisoners were captured in the British counter attack at Ed Duda, the communiqué said, and axis losses were heavy in the whole scope of actions there.

### Independent Brotherhood Claiming Membership of 125,000, Most of Them Engaged in Defense Work, Seeks Autonomy.

Morgantown, W. Va., Dec. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has been notified that the Brotherhood of Welders, Cutters and Helpers (independent) is ready to call a nationwide strike to enforce its demands for autonomy within the AFL, a spokesman said today.

James Brown, of Oakland, Cal., attorney and business representative for the union, said its executive board had declined upon the walkout but had not yet decided.

The independent brotherhood claims a membership of 125,000 welders, most of them engaged in defense work. Their grievances came to light after 67 welders employed on the \$590,000,000 government ammonia plant here went on strike.

The independent union is seeking to create its own group within the AFL, to escape what it terms "improper changes in work benefits."

The welders last night rejected a compromise proposal they would return to work without parental votes.

## Bailey Appeal Still Pending

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—(AP)—State selective service headquarters is awaiting news from Washington as to whether a son of Senator Josiah W. Bailey of Raleigh must swap his FBI badge for the uniform of a private in Uncle Sam's Army.

The son, James H. Paul Bailey, now is a special agent of the FBI. His number has come up in the draft list and he is awaiting a decision as to whether he should appear for a presentation of new evidence can keep him out of the Army.

## 15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



## Moscow Now In Gravest Danger

Italian Radio Declares Hitler Has Hurlled 1,500,000 Troops, 8,000 Tanks and 1,000 Guns Against Russian Capital.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler was declared by the Italian radio today to have hurled 1,500,000 troops, 8,000 tanks and 1,000 guns into "the most terrific offensive of all time" against Moscow, and it appeared that the Red capital now faces its hour of greatest peril.

Fighting in deep snow, with the mercury sinking as low as 31 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, Soviet ski troops were reported to have gone into action along the entire Moscow front, as the Red army slashed at the Germans in flanking attacks.

The sharpest German threat apparently centered in the Klin and Mozhaisk sectors while Soviet counter blows struck at the other wings of the Nazi offensive.

On the Leningrad front, Soviet dispatches said the Russians had cut off the highways linking German forces in the city of Tikhvin with their rear bases and that Red troops were slowly battering their way into the approaches of Tikhvin itself.

The grave new danger to Moscow was emphasized in German reports claiming the capture of two key cities on Moscow's close-in perimeter of defenses and five other towns on the south.

(By The Associated Press.) Fighting on the Moscow front, raging amid temperatures 31 degrees below zero Fahrenheit, swirled to a new peak of violence today as Adolf Hitler's invasion armies claimed the capture of seven towns while the Russians were reported to have broken through German lines in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles northwest of Moscow.

A German military spokesman said Nazi troops had taken Mozhaisk, 57 miles west of the capital, and Klin, 50 miles northwest.

Nazi front line dispatches also reported new gains in a side-sweeping movement east of Orel and Kursk, midway between the Moscow front and the Soviet drive in the Ukraine, declaring that five towns had been captured in an area 60 miles east of Orel.

The towns were listed as Malo-Arkhangelsk, between Orel and Kursk, 230 miles south of Moscow; Luga, Novosil, Mtsensk and Chern, near Orel.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch said the Russians' counter offensive in the Kalinin sector was continuing and that the Red army had in-

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## YUGOSLAV REBELS OUST CONQUERORS

Moscow, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A large area of axis-conquered Yugoslavia was declared by the Soviet information bureau in a communiqué broadcast today to have been "cleared of German and Italian invaders" by Yugoslav guerrillas.

"The partisan movement in Yugoslavia is developing in intensity," the communiqué said.

## British Look To Axis Drive In Near East

Cairo, Dec. 6.—(AP)—In anticipation of a day when the Germans may cease streaming across the Caucasus or through Turkey, the British are laboring to convert into a bastion for defense of their empire the vast area extending eastward from the Mediterranean across Syria, Iraq and Iran to the frontier of India.

The program complements the fight the British are making to drive the axis armies out of northern Africa and thus avert danger from that direction.

Just when the big show in the perennial battle area of Syria, Iraq and Iran will come off, it is even doubtful, is wholly speculative, but it is notable that in a busy British Middle East military headquarters is a gathering that everything that is being looking for March, 1942.