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RUSSIAN DRIVE ENGULFS SIX MORE CITIES

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National And State Law Making Bodies Convene

Rayburn Sounds Note Of Congress

House Speaker Reportedly Tells Caucus That Congress No Longer Would Yield to 'Bureaucrats' and 'Must Reassert Itself'

Washington, Jan. 6—(AP)—The 78th Congress of a nation of free peoples convenes today consecrated to victory at arms to preserve that freedom, but sharply divided on home front policy and uncertain of the scope and detail of the peace to follow the war.

The first session opens on a note of self-assertion, with House Speaker Rayburn of Texas reportedly telling a Democratic caucus that Congress no longer would yield to "bureaucrats" and that Congress "must reassert itself."

And while harmony in the administration party hung in the balance, Republicans likewise blasted at "bureaucracy" and "waste," and called for many changes in wartime government operations—all pointing to rough and possibly bitter days ahead in Washington.

President Roosevelt, in an address that may vie in importance with his messages asking war on the axis, will appear before a joint session of the Senate and House tomorrow to report on the state of the Union.

Some leaders expect him to deal not only with the progress of the conflict and domestic problems, but to give some clue to his ideas on the peace to follow, in the writing of which this Congress may take a place in world history.

Congressional leaders were expected to confer with Mr. Roosevelt today on the text of his message, and it was understood some would urge him to skip any proposals for social security revision or expansion, contending that such propositions in wartime might cause "an unnecessary fight that might disrupt the entire congressional program."

Demos Keep Control

Rayburn Is Elected Speaker by 217-206 Vote Over Martin; McCormack Demo Leader

Washington, Jan. 6—(AP)—By the slimmest margin in a decade, Democrats kept control of the House and returned Sam Rayburn of Texas to the speakership today in organizing the 78th Congress for President Roosevelt's report tomorrow on a year of war and the way to victory.

Speaker Rayburn told a cheering house that when victory at war is won "this time there must be no stopping until the vandalism and paganism of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo are wiped from the face of the world."

Rayburn defeated Representative Joseph Martin, Massachusetts Republican, who, as a result of the outcome, automatically became the minority leader. Representative McCormack, another Bay State lawmaker, was renamed Democratic floor leader at a party caucus yesterday.

The vote for speaker: Rayburn 217, Martin 206, on strict party lines.

Galleries were jammed to capacity in both the Senate and House, with long waiting lines at the doors.

The Senate's first session lasted exactly 30 minutes, with 89 members present. It was largely devoted to the swearing in of new and re-elected members. Among the first senators sworn in was Josiah W. Bailey, North Carolina Democrat.

With a larger membership and more routine to be followed, the House could not complete its first day's doings so quickly.

NAZIS STRAFE OWN WOUNDED IN TUNISIA

Although the Red Cross sign was clearly visible on the side of this ambulance it was strafed by a German Junkers 88 on a road in Tunisia. Ironically, the ambulance carried wounded German prisoners to the rear lines for treatment. The driver was killed and found by the door he tried to open when the attack came. Major William Yarborough of Seattle, Washington, French liaison officer with the U. S. forces in Africa, stands with rifle as the German prisoners remove their comrades from the ambulance.

Allied Planes Blast Rabaul

Nine Months Bill Offered

Measure to Provide Longer School Term Introduced as Legislature Organizes

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A bill to set up a statewide nine months school term, indorsed by both major political parties, was introduced in the house today as the North Carolina legislature rapidly organized in near perfect harmony.

The measure, introduced by Representative Gass of Forsyth, would lengthen the public school term from the present 160 days to 180 days, but would be optional. The State and county boards of education would be authorized to determine whether the longer term would be advisable. Some sections, particularly farming regions, contend the nine-month term would seriously interfere with production, especially since there is a shortage of labor.

Money not used would be returned to the treasury for operation of schools the following year.

Lieutenant Governor Harris announced that Senator H. P. Taylor of Anson would head the appropriations committee and Senator Thomas O'Berry of Wayne the finance committee.

The opening prayer in the senate was delivered by Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Raleigh Baptist minister, and that in the house by Dr. C. H. Durham, another Raleigh Baptist minister.

Representative Kerr, nominated by Representative Taylor of Wayne, was elected speaker of the house 104 to ten over Representative A. L. Ferree, Randolph Republican, who was nominated by Representative Story of Wilkes. Senator Price, nominated as president protem of the senate by Senator Ballentine of Wake, was without opposition.

Canned Juices And Butter Supplies Cut

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—America's armed forces and her allies are going to get 30 per cent of the nation's monthly production of creamery butter and virtually all of the canned citrus juices.

The new government order, effective February 1, is expected to set aside about 510,000 pounds of butter this year for war requirements, leaving about 1,190,000,000 for civilians.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said that the curtailment would permit civilians about 13 pounds of butter each in 1943 as compared with an estimated per capital consumption of 16 pounds last year.

In reserving production of all citrus juices, except non-concentrated grapefruit juices, for war needs, Wickard declared his order will not materially affect civilian supplies.

Auto Driving For Pleasure Is Out

Washington, [illegible] The office of [illegible] tion today out[illegible] driving by hol[illegible] "C" gasoline ra[illegible] Atlantic region[illegible] the cancellatio[illegible] tions as the p[illegible] to comply.

The aid of [illegible] and municipal [illegible] agencies in the [illegible] and District o[illegible] ing asked to [illegible] government in [illegible] are driving, by reporting violations to local ration boards or local OPA offices.

"The presence of passenger cars at any gathering for purposes of sport or amusement will be taken as evidence that gasoline rations and tires are being dissipated needlessly and illegally," OPA said. "The ban on pleasure driving will also apply to driving to purely social engagements."

Simultaneously, OPA declared fuel oil heating rations of all buildings except those used for residential purposes in the east would be "cut substantially within the next 24 hours." No details were given.

Potato Trial Witness Heard

Wilson, Jan. 6—(AP)—The government planned to present additional testimony today in U. S. district court here in its efforts to convict 13 corporations and 16 individuals of charges of violating the Sherman anti-trust act in dealing in potatoes in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

Only two witnesses were examined yesterday. They were Ralph W. Berger, secretary of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., and assistant secretary of the Atlantic Commission Co., and A. B. Green of Churchland, Va., a potato producer.

Berger testified that as far as he knew there was no connection between the Atlantic Commission Co. and the other defendants.

Green testified of operating through the Atlantic Commission Co.'s Norfolk, Va., office and of attending a meeting of growers and extension department officials at Norfolk which he said was attended by representatives of the Atlantic Commission Co. and other produce dealers.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Rising temperature tonight and early Thursday with light rain or snow beginning in the mountains early Thursday.

Eight Vessels Fired, Ni[illegible] Sunk By [illegible]

[illegible] war fleet in the southwest Pacific.

In all 50,000 tons of shipping suffered under the heaviest blows of the bombers which have been making Rabaul, capital of New Britain island, the objective of concentrated attacks ever since the Solomon islands campaign opened. The direct hit was on a destroyer tender. Alongside her was a destroyer which might have been damaged.

The eight other ships were merchant vessels.

One bomber was reported lost on the flight, but six Japanese planes were downed during a flight of about two dozen that tried to intercept the attack.

SIX PERSONS KILLED BY BLAST IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 6—(AP)—Six persons were killed and more than 100 injured in a fire and explosion in a bowling alley on the far south side shortly before midnight.

Many of the 200 patrons who escaped to the street were blown through doors by the force of the blast.

Fire Marshal Anthony Mullaney estimated the damage at $150,000.

Harmonious Legislative Meet Seen

Nominations Run True to Predictions, With Kerr Named House Speaker and Price Nominated Senate President Pro Tem

Raleigh, Jan. 6 — (AP) — North Carolina's 1943 General Assembly launched into the legislative grind at noon today with the election of officers nominated in Democratic caucuses last night.

The biennial session convened following a prediction by Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris, the senate's presiding officer, that the legislature would complete its work within 50 days.

Harmony marked the house and senate caucuses last night, and Representative Libby Ward of Craven expressed the hope that the harmony displayed at the Democratic meeting would prevail through the session.

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9,000 Co[illegible] Miners Out

Factional Disp[ute] Over Increase in Un[ion] Dues Halts Work [in] Pennsylvania Mine[s]

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 6 (AP)—Nine thousand miners r[e]mained away from their jobs i[n] nine of the largest collieries i[n] the Pennsylvania mine fields to day in a factional dispute centering around a 50 cents a month increase in union dues.

The movement, condemned by the United Mine Workers of America, developed when the UMW and non operators worked on a plan to increase production for war needs in accordance with a request from solid fuels Coordinator Ickes.

Seven collieries were closed and operations in two others, which were surrounded by pickets, were curtailed.

Unofficial Legislative Groups Convene As Assembly Meets

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

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—The two legalized branches of the General Assembly last night and today perfected their skeleton organizations with selection of presiding officers, clerks and sergeants at arms. The organization will be completed with appointment of working committees to be announced within a few days—probably right after the governor's message is received at noon Thursday.

The third house, composed of the lobbyists, doesn't effect regular organization but its veteran members are on the job. The "big six" of the group were much in evidence Monday night and Tuesday.

The big six actually has grown to eight, and there are other additions of members just as effective but usually less conspicuous. The big six group is composed of Willard Dowell, representing the retail merchants; Harry Buchanan, representing the moving picture industry; C. A. Fink, president of the state Federation of Labor; Sam Blount, for the beer interests; Gilmer Sparger, for petroleum products, and Erskine Smith, for inter-city bus lines. Also belonging to the top-notchers, late arriving but imminently expected, is Fred Bowman, who looks out for the bottlers and druggists. Mrs. Bessie Phoenix, executive secretary of the automobile dealers, stays on the job here 52 weeks a year. Among other familiar faces are John Caffey, representing the wine industry, and R. D. (Bob) Coleman of Champion Fiber, for the pulpwood and paper folks.

There will be dozens of other lobbyists on the scene during the legislative session. Some of them may seek special privileges for their clients; some of them may not be of the highest type of citizenship; most of them will be honorable and patriotic men and women, concerned only about a square deal and equitable distribution of the State

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KO's 2 Nazi Planes

Capt. George D. Mobbs (above) of Little Rock, Ark., is recuperating from shrapnel wounds received in an air battle in which he downed two Nazi planes. Mobbs and [illegible] squadron shot down seven Messerschmitts over the Marble airfield, where it was held [by] Germans. [illegible]

Com[illegible] A[illegible]

[illegible] Ha[illegible] for L[illegible] Speedy [illegible]

Raleigh, Jan. 6. [illegible] tenant Governor [illegible] made his committe[e] [appoint]ments today, apparentl[y] [to im]press upon the senate the [neces]sity for speedy consideratio[n] [of] legislative matters. Normally, such appointments are not made until a day or two after the start of the session.

Included as chairmen of the [illegible]

[illegible] Edgecombe; Lar[illegible] Jones; Johnson of Duplin; Benton of Johnston; and Johnson of Halifax.

Noted Negro Scientist Dies

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Dr. George Washington Carver, a son of Negro slaves, died at his home at Tuskegee Institute last night, leaving his mark on the south's agricultural economy.

Despite his humble beginning, he became one of the nation's greatest scientists in the field of agricultural chemistry, discovering countless uses for native-grown products and developing them for commercial utilization.

Dr. Carver never knew the date of his birth on a farm at Diamond Grove, Mo., but he believed it to be about 1864. His father died when Carver was a baby. Carver and his mother were stolen and taken to Arkansas.

Carver's health, always frail, took a turn for the worse after his return several months ago from visiting Henry Ford's model Greenfield Village in Michigan at the invitation of the automobile manufacturer.

Nazi Armies Retreating In Caucasus

Final Drive Believed to Have Begun to Annihilate Remnants of 22 Nazi Divisions in Trap Before Stalingrad; Other War News

(By The Associated Press)

Russia's armies [illegible] the [illegible] of German disaster [illegible] Caucasus and middle Don, [illegible] engulfing at least [illegible] cities and towns [illegible] indications that [illegible] 22 nazi [illegible] Stalin[grad] [illegible]

[illegible] offensives [illegible] middle Don [illegible] command [illegible] the Red armies [illegible] the initiative [illegible] offensive fighting continues with unabated fury in the [illegible]

[The] Russian drive [illegible] recaptured Nalchik [illegible] sweeping ahead on a wide front, overrunning a large number of towns.

For the first time Russian headquarters reported a battle in the sector "east of Stalingrad," a new designation, and announced: "In fighting for a height, our troops occupied several [illegible] enemy trenches. The enemy lost more than 200 dead on the battlefield and prisoners and war materials were captured."

It is the Don-Volga corridor immediately east of Stalingrad that survivors of the German siege armies have locked in a steel ring for several weeks, cut off by the sweep of Russian forces across the middle Don steppes toward Rostov.

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Amid these fresh blows to Adolf Hitler's dream of holding his gains through the winter, the axis position in north Africa [illegible]

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FORMER PRESIDENT OF HARVARD DIES

Boston, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A. Lawrence Lowell, 86, former president of Harvard University, died today at his Boston home.

The aged educator who presided over the destinies of the three-centuries old university for [illegible] decades died after a short illness.

Kaiser Loses NLRB Appeal

Washington, Jan. 6—(AP)—The national labor relations board denied a motion to disqualify two of its three members from participating in the Kaiser shipyards dispute on grounds they had prejudged the case. The board was unanimous.

Counsel for three northwest yards of Henry J. Kaiser had filed the motion, and unless prevented by an appeal to the courts, the board will proceed with a hearing at Portland, Ore., on January 11 on charges that the yards were guilty of unfair labor practices by allegedly assisting 16 AFL unions and making closed shop contracts before any substantial number of employees had been hired and given an opportunity to choose a bargaining agent.