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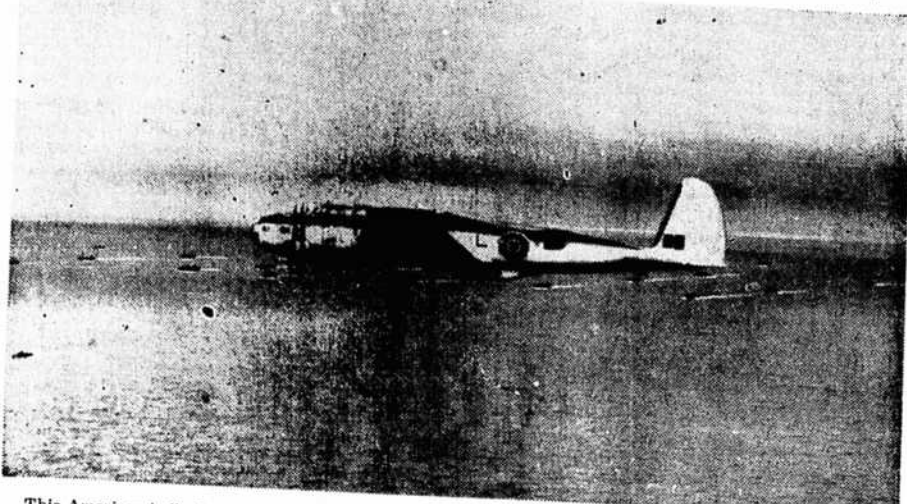


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Sledge Hammer Blows Hit Axis

CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE F. C. C.

Flying Fortress Guards United Nations Convoy



This American-built Flying Fortress, serving with the Coastal Command of the Royal British Air force, covers its protective wing over a United Nations convoy bound for North Africa with the sinews of war. (Central Press)

Attlee Optimistic In Report On War

British Deputy Says 1943 to Bring New Successes; Russian Offensive Praised

London, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Clement R. Attlee, deputy prime minister, told the opening session of parliament today that Great Britain could "look forward to 1943 with justifiable confidence," and that the successes scored by the allied nations last year were to be viewed with "sober satisfaction."

In a brief statement of the war situation pending an anticipated complete review by Prime Minister Churchill within the next few days, Attlee lauded the "wonderful achievements" of the Russian army and said "it looks as if none of the great forces (before Stalingrad) will escape from the trap."

Describing the allied objective in north Africa as total destruction of enemy forces, he told commons that bad weather in Tunisia had restricted movement of motorized forces and had "seriously affected the provision of airfields."

"We have every confidence in General Eisenhower and General Anderson and the men of the allied forces," he said.

Captain Oliver Lyttelton, production minister, said that 1943 would be the peak year of British war production and that the total labor force employed in munitions would considerably exceed the 1942 figure.

THREE PERSONS DIE IN HEAD CITY IN HOME

Morehead City, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Reginald Willis, her 15-month-old son, Reginald, and an infant were killed and two other persons seriously injured in the explosion of a kerosene cook stove and fire that practically destroyed the home.

The injured are Willis, a retired Coast Guardsman, and his brother, Floyd Willis.

Japanese Pay For Hit

Somewhere in New Guinea, Jan. 17.—(AP)—(Delayed)—Lieutenant Glen Lewis of Ogden, Utah, pilot of the only B-17 bomber to be hit by anti-aircraft fire in a strong raid on Rabaul, New Britain, declared that "we made the Japs pay for it."

The lieutenant said his bombardier Lieutenant Charles Collier of Jackson, Ky., "dropped a 1,000-pound bomb right on a Jap ship."

(The raid apparently was in connection with the action announced January 18 from allied headquarters in Australia, which said U. S. bombers sank or badly damaged five Japanese merchant ships at Rabaul Saturday night. All bombers returned safely.)

Staff Sergeant Earl Sasser of Mt. Olive, N. C., said he shot down one Zero plane. This occurred during the attempted bombing of a Jap cruiser off Gasuata when four Zeros intercepted and made ten passes at the Liberator bomber for which he was a gunner. Bombs, dropped near the cruiser, he said.

JOHNSTON SUPPORTS PROHIBITION MOVE

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Olin D. Johnston, returning today to the governorship of South Carolina after four years as a private citizen, advocated statewide prohibition in his inaugural address.

"I would be delighted," he said, "if the legislature would pass a law prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages."

In 1934, when Johnston was governor, he signed the act establishing a liquor store system in the state but at the time he said in a statement it was "a bitter pill" for him to swallow.

State Keeps Gas Chamber

Senate Committee Rejects Proposal To Return Chair To State Prison

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Senate judiciary committee No. 1 voted seven-to-one today against a bill by Senator Chaffin of Harnett to abolish the State's lethal gas chamber and return to the electric chair, which was abolished in 1935.

Appearing against the measure were Penal Director Oscar Pitt, Warden Ralph McLean of Central Prison, former Warden Hugh Wilson, former Warden H. H. Honeycutt, Dr. W. G. Cheves, prison physician, Excutioner A. R. Bridgers and Chief Counsel Charles Ross of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

Bridgers, who has been with the prison department since 1917 and executed 119 persons, described conditions of bodies after execution and said that in his opinion the gas chamber was more humane. Dr. Cheves said he believed no pain was

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Confused State OPA Set-Up May Be Further Confounded

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

Raleigh, Jan. 19.—North Carolinians who have thought that the office of price administration as it is now set up in this state is confusing may have surprises in store. Reports, apparently authentic, are that considerable revision is being planned, with the Charlotte office operating as an independent district entirely separate from the state office of Raleigh. Both would be district offices of comparable rank, re-

Draft Check Is Demanded

Curtailment Asked Until Army Needs Are Determined; Thomas Is Leader

Washington, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Plans are under way to increase the armed forces to a total of 12,000,000 men, Senator Thomas, Oklahoma Democrat, called for a draft curtailment today until Congress is told just how large an army is needed to win the war.

Thomas, chairman of an appropriations subcommittee handling War department bills, told reporters he favored delaying any further large increases in the size of the army "until we can take an accounting of the needs."

"I think we ought to have every pilot and every mechanic we can get," he declared, "but I doubt that we need to have many more men in the infantry, for instance, than we have now."

Thomas said he would raise this question at a meeting of Democratic members of the appropriations committee which Acting Chairman McKelley of Tennessee plans to call soon to discuss policy questions.

The Oklahoma questioned whether the armed forces could be built up to 12,000,000 without causing a serious depletion in all phases of war production, including the growing of food.

President Roosevelt told Congress on January 7 that the armed forces had grown from 2,000,000 to 7,000,000 in one year, adding that despite the withdrawal of 5,000,000 from the food and factory fronts, the greatest quantity of food in the country's history had been produced.

GEORGIA SPEEDS SCHOOL MEASURE

Atlanta, Jan. 19.—(AP)—In exactly twelve minutes, the Georgia house of representatives today approved a bill designed to restore the state university system to accredited standing in the Southern Association of Colleges.

The vote for passage of the legislation was 145 to 0. Then by unanimous consent, it was immediately transmitted to the senate where it can be given a first reading today and brought up for approval tomorrow.

House Group Passes Bill For Inquiry

'One of the Hottest' Investigations Ever Predicted by Fish; Other Capitol News

Washington, Jan. 19.—(AP)—With one eye cocked on the White House for President Roosevelt's expected intervention in the Pennsylvania anthracite strike, Congress moved today toward a full-dress investigation of the federal communications commission and possibly of the entire radio industry.

Slated for House action was a resolution, unanimously approved by the rules committee, to inquire into the FCC, its policies, personnel and activities.

Representative Fish, New York Republican, ranking minority member of the rules committee, predicted it would be "one of the hottest" investigations on record. The author of the resolution, Representative Cox of Georgia, expressed confidence that it would be approved overwhelmingly.

On the labor front, both the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate indicated they would block immediate consideration of a 48-hour standard work week when Senator Reed, Kansas, Republican, author of the proposal, attempts to call it up within the next two weeks.

A special committee meets today to map procedure for the hearings which start tomorrow on President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward J. Flynn to be minister to Australia. Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, asked his colleagues to withhold judgment until the evidence is in on charges by Senator Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, that Flynn is unfit.

A Democratic caucus in the House faced the prospect of a lively fight over assignment of Representative Marcantonio, American-Labor, New York, to a Democratic seat on the judiciary committee, which handles war power legislation. Marcantonio, whose assignment is subject to approval by the caucus, has been criticized by some Democrats for opposing rearmament legislation prior to Germany's attack on Russia.

Potato Price Conspiracy Is Denied

Wilson, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Ennie H. Hammersley, president of Phillips & Co., of Norfolk, Va., told a jury in the potato anti-trust trial here that his company had not engaged in any conspiracy to depress the price of potatoes and cause a monopoly in the trade as far as he knew.

Testifying at the trial of 13 corporations and 16 individuals, Hammersley produced, at the government's request, a number of contracts between Phillips agents and eastern North Carolina growers.

Most of the contracts specified that the company would supply the grower a quantity of seed potatoes, fertilizer and other items and that the farmer would turn over his crop to the company for sale.

Under most of the contracts, the company got one-fourth of the profits and the grower the other three-fourths. In event of a loss on the crop the farmer would own nothing.

The Phillips company, the witness said, sold to the Atlantic Commission Co. at low prices slightly lower than other companies paid, but he added that any other company could have bought at the same prices.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Severe cold wave tonight, temperature near zero in the mountains and considerably below freezing to the coast. Strong winds.

U. S. Ski Trooper in Action



This is a striking closeup of a U. S. ski trooper of a mountain artillery group from Fort Hale, Colo., taking aim from a snow trench atop the Colorado Rockies during winter maneuvers. He is wearing white coveralls that make him almost invisible against the snowy background. (Central Press)

FDR Orders Miners To Go Back To Work

Enka Workers Go On Strike

Asheville, Jan. 19.—(AP)—A strike was under way today at the American Enka Corporation's plant here.

Company officials said that about 200 employees in the spool spinning department walked out yesterday shortly after reporting for work at 7 a. m. and that the 3 p. m. shift did not report.

Officials of the company were reluctant to discuss the walkout.

Government Will Take Necessary Steps if Strikers Fail to Comply With Order

Washington, Jan. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, as commander in chief of the armed forces, today directed all striking coal miners to go back to work at once.

He said that if they failed to comply with his directive in 48 hours, the government would take the necessary steps to protect the security of the nation against a strike which comes at a time of a shortage of fuel in war time.

The Chief Executive issued his order in telegrams to officials of the United Mine Workers of America, national and local.

Some 5,000 striking miners returned to their jobs in Pennsylvania's mine fields today in the largest back-to-work movement since the wildcat walkout began three weeks ago.

However, about 15,000 insurgents still remained idle, including 1,300 employees of the Glen Alden Coal Co.'s colliery which failed to reopen despite a vote of the UMW local there yesterday to resume operations.

The large break in the ranks of the miners came when 2,700 workers took up their jobs again at Lake Creek, Miles Clope and Grassy Island collieries of the Hudson Coal Co. in the Scranton area.

Operations also were resumed at the Hazleton shaft colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co., employing about 1,100, and the Edison Anthracite Co.'s colliery, with about 200 workers. Both groups joined the walkout only yesterday and were the only ones idle in district 7.

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Subs Sink Five Ships

One Enemy Destroyer, Four Other Vessels Sent to Bottom; Two Vessels Damaged

Washington, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that American submarines had sunk one enemy destroyer and four other ships—two cargo vessels, one transport, and a patrol vessel—in the Pacific.

Navy communique No. 225 said: "United States submarines have reported the following results of operations against the enemy in the waters of the Pacific: destroyer sunk, one large cargo ship sunk, one medium sized transport sunk, one medium sized cargo ship sunk, one small patrol vessel sunk, one large tanker damaged, and one small cargo ship damaged."

A naval spokesman declined to

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Eighth Army In Contact With Rommel

Nazi Afrika Corps In Full Retreat; Russians Lift Siege Of Leningrad

(By The Associated Press)

Allied sledge hammer blows shook the axis on three fronts in world war II today.

1. In Libya, the British eighth army was reported in contact with Field Marshal Rommel's battered Afrika Corps near Tarhuna, only 10 miles from the big axis base at Tripoli, after a lightning advance inland across the desert.

Once again, it appeared, Rommel was in headlong retreat with General Sir B. L. Montgomery's army in hot pursuit.

2. In Russia, the Red armies of the north lifted the epic 17 months-old siege of Leningrad after recapturing the ancient Nazi-held fortress of Schluesselburg, killing 13,000 Germans, routing four divisions and demolishing 470 enemy strong points.

At the same time, Russian southern armies surged forward within 100 miles of Kharkov, the "Ukraine Pittsburgh," killed 2,600 more Germans in 14 hours in the battle to annihilate 50,000 survivors of the Nazi siege armies before Stalingrad, and sharply increased the threat to the great German base at Rostov.

3. In New Guinea, allied field headquarters announced that American and Australian troops had captured two vital Japanese strongholds—Sanananda Point and Sanananda village—in the closing phases of a drive to exterminate the remnants of a 15,000-man Japanese army.

Allied seizure of the coastal end of the enemy-held Papuan corridor left the remaining enemy forces in three tightly enveloped pockets half a mile to two miles inland.

On the Libyan front, British headquarters announced that General Montgomery's forces were now attacking the axis "toward Tarhuna," 10 miles from Tripoli, after routing the enemy in a tank battle.

Even before news of this spectacular British advance became known, dispatches from allied headquarters in north Africa suggested that Rommel, with an army of possibly 110,000 men, might abandon Tripoli and fall back to fortified positions in Tunisia.

Soviet reports said the Red armies, battling in terrible cold and sometimes in waist-deep snow, were now hammering the Nazi invasion armies into retreat along a 1,200-mile front from Leningrad to the Caucasus.

Heavy battles were reported raging in seven major sectors—Leningrad, Velikie Luki, Voronezh, Stalingrad, and in the Caucasus.

Soviet headquarters said the Red armies, attacking below Voronezh, had captured within 100 miles of the great Kharkov steel center and declared that axis prisoners on this front alone now total 21,000.

Navy Lists 22 Tar Heels As Casualties

Washington, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The Navy department released today its casualty list No. 26, which included the names of 22 North Carolinians—six dead, eleven wounded and five missing.

The list covers the period December 16-31, 1942. The Navy department said the total number of casualties reported to next of kin for the period was 1,210, of which 418 were dead, 403 wounded and 398 missing.

Included in the dead were: William Cleason Daniel, signalman first class USN, wife, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Daniel, 716 Second street, Elizabeth City.

Thomas Morton Croft, coxswain USN, sister, Miss Virgie Ellen Croft, Norlina.

Floyd T. Herndon, chief cook USMC, father, Ward S. Herndon, Elm City.

Alexander Parker Stanland, apprentice seaman USNR, wife, Mrs. Evelyn Wall Stanland, 316 Raleigh street, Rocky Mount.

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Objections Now Are Raised To Teacher Bonus Proposal

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Raleigh, Jan. 19.—Voting members of the legislature are not having much to say about it, certainly not for quotation, but there is developing considerable opposition along the sidelines to the method of figuring salary bonus for school teachers.

One change in prospect, as stated in this correspondence last week, will be to figure the bonus on a yearly rather than a monthly basis. Some teachers fear that the monthly allocation might get them down to eight or nine checks instead of the twelve.

There are more serious objections to other phases of the supplemental appropriation bill. Many school folk are seeking increased base pay schedules rather than temporary bonuses. They admit that the result for the upcoming biennium would probably be the same, a few school people who have studied the situation even think teachers might get a little more for the next two years out of the budget commission proposal than they would get on straight salary increase. They contend, however, that the great need in the teaching profession is for more assurance of tenure and of permanent income.

In that connection they point to the provision that no deduction shall be made from the bonus for the State retirement fund. That means teachers currently will have a few dollars more each month; but that they will be laying up less against retirement age.

Since the State matches the employee's dollar for that fund, it is said that most teachers would like

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