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British Troops Fight Athens Left Wingers

Outbreaks Spreading In Capital

No Americans Are Involved in Fight Between the Greeks

Athens, Dec. 6 — (AP) — A British Sherman tank and a platoon of British soldiers seized headquarters of the left wing EAM party by storm today as fighting spread through wide areas of Athens.

The communist party building on Constitution Square also was taken. Parachute troopers forced the main entrance with grenades and seized 18 armed communists there.

Fighting with guns and grenades [illegible] the outlying suburbs of the ELAS—the military wing of the EAM, national liberation front—broke out a [illegible] of British troops before [illegible] killing one and wounding [illegible] others.

A Sherman tank was sent to batter in the door of EAM headquarters, and British troops cleared the stairs, scattering EAM defenders with half a dozen bursts of fire, and cleaning up floor by floor.

British troops are establishing control over the center of Athens by dogfaces, working out in concentric rings.

A British communique issued this morning said:

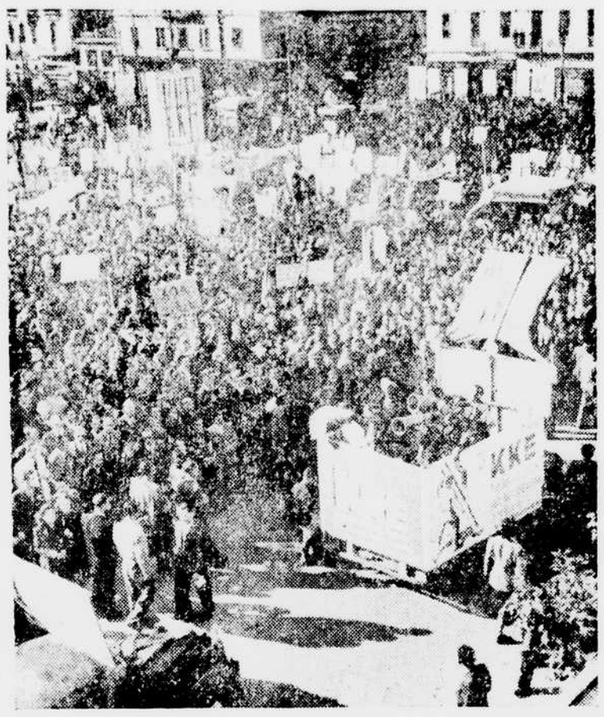
"In defiance of all orders, both from the Greek government and Major General R. M. Scobie, ELAS troops continued to advance toward the center of Athens, overwhelming police posts and even firing on British troops on guard duty.

"British and Greek regular forces have now gone into action in support of the civil power."

No American troops are involved in the Athens fighting. A floating population of between 60 and 100 American service men are here, including members of the transport command and officers attached to the relief organization.

Scobie, British commander of Allied forces in Greece, said it might be necessary to inform British and American authorities in Washington that the port of Piraeus would be unable to handle scheduled relief shipments because of the EAM strike.

WHERE GREEK MET GREEK IN CLASH



CONSTITUTION SQUARE in Athens, pictured recently as some 50,000 Greek Communists thronged it in celebration of the 26th anniversary of their party, is again in the news with details of the clash between demonstrating left-wing EAM Greeks and the Athens police. Twenty-one are reported killed and 140 wounded. (International)

UNITED STATES ON NEW AIR COUNCIL

Chicago, Dec. 26—(AP)—The world air conference today elected the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Brazil, France, Mexico and Belgium to the council which will serve as the executive body of the interim organization to supervise international air transport pending ratification of a permanent treaty.

New Goering Photo

ACCORDING to the German caption accompanying this photo, from Sweden, Herman Goering, chairman of the Council for the Defense of the Reich, is shown talking to workers of an armament plant while on an inspection tour of German airdromes. (International)

Eden Says Britain Within Her Rights Regardless Of U. S.

Claims Privilege of Directing Europeans; Stettinius Opposes

London, Dec. 6—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden asserted flatly today that Britain was within her rights in trying to shape the government of liberated countries, and thereby split completely with the American delegation of a "hands off" policy in Italy.

Eden stood by the British government's action in recognizing the monarchist Carlo Sforza as Italian foreign minister, but announced to Commons that the United States did not oppose Sforza and felt the Italian people should be allowed to form their own government without outside interference.

Eden's stand, shortly after Secretary of State Stettinius had issued a mild rebuke to Sforza, brought disorder to commons in the House.

Cries of "No" met a request of Ivor Thomas, Labor, that Britain "synchronize gracefully" and admit that "a blunder has been made."

Just as Stettinius implied that his "no interference" statement was a far broader declaration than the immediate issue of Count Sforza, so Eden apparently applied his words to the future of all liberated Europe.

"I must repeat to the House that I maintain that the British government has a perfect right to express an opinion to another government about a minister under conditions such as these," Eden said.

Sforza was minister without portfolio in the Badoglio government which resigned ten days ago, and Eden said Britain did not oppose his holding a job other than that of foreign minister. Ivanoe Bonomi, who once resigned as Italian premier, still is trying to form a new government.

JAPS EXPEND 4,000 PHILIPPINE AIRCRAFT

(By The Associated Press)

Japan has expended nearly 4,000 warplanes in the last three months in defending the Philippines and its water approaches, a tabulation today of official reports showed.

Of these 1,153 were destroyed by American aircraft in November—571 in aerial combat and 582 on the ground. In addition, 44 were probably destroyed.

The costliest month for the enemy was October, when 1,199 planes were lost in the air over the archipelago and 583 on the ground. September losses were 897 in the air and 427 on the ground.

American losses in this period exceeded 200. The total is not available as some announcements were in general terms, such as "light losses."

$415 Million More Money Is Requested

Washington, Dec. 6—(AP)—The 78th Congress received its final appropriation bill today, a $415,333,712 measure appropriating funds already provided for miscellaneous agencies.

It carried as recommended by the House appropriations Committee, a sum far less than the estimated $60,000,000 required for pay raises under Congressional pay bills.

The pay raise bills, if final, $200,000,000 was earmarked for the army.

$2 billion in the money for the year 1945, the same that was recommended by the service be allowed to use $52,000,000 of surplus funds now available. At least the navy's funds were set aside for the bureau of [illegible] and docks.

Also approved were a number of items totaling $17,550,000, for the collection of statistics to be available to government and business for programming and promotion of post-war production.

The committee drew from the measure, but without preventing its future recommendation, a budget estimate of $75,000,000 for preparing plans for $1,500,000,000 of construction work in cooperation with State governments. The committee said a selected contract should be made with the states concerning their plans before initial appropriation is made.

Merger Of State Units Is Proposed

Highway Police And SBI, Identification And Safety Listed

Raleigh, Dec. 6—(AP)—A bill to consolidate the State Bureau of Investigation and the State Highway Patrol, and perhaps the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the safety division, is being drawn up for presentation to the 1945 legislature, three high State officials said today.

One of them—all asked that their names be withheld—said that bills also were being drawn to merge the parole and probation commissions and to divorce the division of game and inland fisheries from the State Department of Conservation and Development.

Supporters of the divorcement bill contend that Governor-elect R. Gregg Cherry promised to support such a move during his campaign for the Democratic nomination.

None of the spokesmen could say what the governing clauses of the bill to consolidate the highway patrol and State Bureau of Investigation would be. It generally was thought, however, that the new department, if effected, would be part of the governor's office, or under the Department of Justice, headed by an attorney general. The patrol now is under the attorney general and the highway patrol is under the Department of Motor Vehicles, whose commissioner is appointed by the governor.

Commenting on the proposal, one member of the Department of Justice reminded that the SBI on occasion had investigated members of the highway patrol, and asked how the SBI could work freely if merged with the patrol.

While the highway patrol originally was created to supervise highways only, its duties have been extended under executive warning proclamations.

Philippines Fight Will Quicken Soon

General MacArthur's Headquarters, Philippines, Dec. 6—(AP)—Leyte island's bloody battlefront may soon flare into the hottest fighting of the Philippines campaign as 25,000 Japanese in Ormoc valley begin a final desperate bid for victory or death.

Clear indications that fighting may reach a new intensity with a break in the weather came today on the eve of the Pacific war's third anniversary, as General MacArthur announced bazooka-firing American infantrymen crushed a tank-supported Japanese drive to break out of a vice at the northern end of Ormoc corridor Sunday night.

Ban still held back a full-scale action as U. S. airmen and PT boats sank another destroyer, six small freighters and a tanker in sweeps through Philippine waters.

First division cavalrymen, backed by artillery, had repeated that its at their advance positions on the upper Ormoc highway south of Limon, reported the Nippnese attack in good physical condition and still digging in.

American patrols which had operated without hindrance in this area are drawing considerable air

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rainy and cool weather tonight and Thursday.

Third Army Hurls New Bridgehead Over Saar

NAZI NURSES TAKEN AT STRASBOURG

GERMAN NURSES, captured when the city of Strasbourg, France, fell to the Allied forces, hustle a patient into an ambulance. At the right is one of the German women reserves who surrendered. This is an official U. S. Army Signal Corps Radiophoto. (International Soundphoto)

Saabrucken Is Pounded By Artillery

Peril to City Is Increasing Hourly; North Area Quiet

Paris, Dec. 6 — (AP) — The third army thrust a wide bridgehead across the Saar today northwest of invested Saarlautern, entered Saareguemines and shelled the smoking factories of Saarbrucken over open gun sights.

Beyond Saarlautern, where Americans were mopping up the last opposition, General Patton's assault troops were well within the Siegfried line defenses and assaulting its pillboxes, blockhouses, trenches and tank obstacles with flame throwers, cannon and bayonet.

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The peril of Saarbrucken, capital of the Saar and a city of 135,000, centering 10 square miles of coal fields, increased by the hour. Troops within sight of the city from heights six miles away set parts of it ablaze with constant and increasing barrages.

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Russians In Forty Miles Of Frontier Of Austria

Confusion Persists In Enemy's Rear As Reds Make New Gain

Moscow, Dec. 6—(AP)—Russian armored columns plunged within forty miles of Austria today, storming past the lower end of Lake Balaton in western Hungary and ripping into the final defense zone guarding the southeastern Reich frontier.

Front dispatches said that self-contained and fast-moving task forces of the third Ukrainian army already had stabbed deeply into the confused enemy ranks behind the rail junction of Nagykanisza, ten miles from northern Yugoslavia and 16 from Austria. The major rail line north from this point through the Hungarian city of Szombathely to Wiener Neustadt, big German aircraft manufacturing center, and Vienna was reported blocked by Russian artillery.

The Russians, sweeping [illegible] in a city [illegible] captured yesterday.

The mopping up of [illegible] forces east of Lake Balaton's southern shore [illegible] Budapest, Hungary's capital and Balaton's resort [illegible] Russian [illegible] rolling [illegible] Marshal Tolbukhin's troops [illegible] Hungarian German troops [illegible] reported in northern Yugoslavia.

Inductions May Soon Be Stepped Up

New Orleans, La., Dec. 6—(AP)—Major General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of Selective Service, said today it was conceivable that large calls would need to be made for manpower to finish the war task, but he did not foresee a manpower shortage similar to probable developed shortage in ammunition and trucks on the western front.

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YANKS FACE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF TIRES

Paris, Dec. 6—(AP)—A serious situation is developing along the Germany border, he said, a tire shortage so critical it threatens to be up 10 percent of all army vehicles by early February, General Eisenhower declared today.

Tests Under Way For Planes That Dwarf Superfort

Washington, Dec. 6—(AP)—At the moment B-29's are thudding sections of Tokyo, secret tests are under way on new air giants that may dwarf the performance of the Superforts.

Among them is the B-36, described by one official as the largest airplane that has been attempted in this country in size. American aeronautic experts simultaneously are working on rockets and jet propelled air weapons.

Testimony before the House Appropriations Committee, made public today, lifts an edge of the curtain of secrecy which shrouds this country's constant experiment and development of new air weapons.

Most Stocks Are Steady

New York, Dec. 6—(AP)—Prices were steady in most sections of today's stock market with various key industrials showing slightly lower levels.

Among the major issues in the early proceedings were U. S. Steel, Pan-American, Anaconda and Standard Oil N. J. Rails were around steady. Chrysler, Baldwin Railway and United Aircraft.

Bonds and commodities were irregular.

New Cabinet Aide

Here is the latest photo of Joseph C. Grew, former ambassador for Japan, who has been named undersecretary of state. (International)

Somervell States Jap War Cost $71 Billions Annually

New York, Dec. 6—(AP)—"Conquest of the Japanese will cost us $71,000,000,000 a year after Germany is defeated," Lt. Gen. Breaen Somervell predicted today.

"The war against the Jap alone will be the biggest war this country or this world fought before the present war," asserted the commanding general of the army service forces.

Somervell declared 300,000 more war workers are needed at once on critical programs, as he appealed for an upsurge of production in a speech prepared for delivery before the National Association of Manufacturers.

Secret weapons are being produced that "must be ready in large quantities for the Pacific pushes," the speaker declared. The devices are "not yet in use in Europe."

For the first time munitions are being used up faster than they are being produced, said Somervell, warning that the full fury of the war in Europe may not even have been reached, and "we are certainly not yet full out against Japan."

"Germany, with its undeniable Teutonic skill and efficiency, is right now training thousands of fresh troops and turning out millions of tons of equipment for them," the manufacturers were told.

"Within the past 90 days we have had to increase by 25 percent our estimates of the production we believed we would need to fight the Japs after Germany is defeated," said Somervell.

Somervell acknowledged heavy costs in ammunition and equipment, while reminding that this nation has committed its troops to fighting the war in more spectacular fashion, with an overwhelming superiority of material. "We would rather fire a ton of munitions than lose a single American soldier."

Our manpower was [illegible] at Antioch, where in one concentration of fire 300,000 [illegible] were fired from 105s alone, he said. Similar tactics in the Pacific have cost the Japanese 277,000 men to our 21,000, he added.

"In a little over three months after D-Day, the first, third and ninth armies in France fired 300,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 4,426,000 rounds of 105s, 1,246,000 rounds of 155s, 3,500,000 rounds of mortar shells.

"And I remind you there are four other armies on this front as well as others in the Mediterranean and the Orient," Somervell said.

Cotton Higher Most Of Time

New York, Dec. 6—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 cents a bale higher. Next prices were 10c to 20 cents a bale higher. December 21.66, March 21.64, May 21.81.

	Pv. Close	Open
December	21.67	21.70
March	21.80	21.83
May	21.78	21.81
July	21.56	21.63
October	20.82	20.82