

Wilhelmshaven Naval Base Blasted by Britons

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Sunday—started shortly before midnight, much later than usual. Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, signed a draft order last night which would compel all Britons between the ages of 16 and 60 to register for duty as fire guards. Women will be required to register along with men under this most drastic civilian call of the war but will be called only in extreme cases.

Everyone, including the wealthy, must be prepared to give 48 hours a month without pay. The only ones exempted are those in the fighting services and their auxiliaries.

Soviet Move Eyed.

The British minister of economic warfare, Hugh Dalton, was said authoritatively today to be investigating reports that Soviet Russia proposes to form a 200-vessel merchant fleet to carry produce from the Americas to Russia.

This reported intention of Moscow was seen here as of great significance to Britain's attempt to strangle Germany by the blockade, since informed persons say it is clear that Russia's trade obligations with the Reich cannot be fully met from her own resources unless Russians themselves are to go short.

Imports of oil, cotton and corn, for example, would release equivalent quantities for Germany.

Getting U. S. Bombers

Trans-Atlantic flights between breakfast and bedtime are being made repeatedly by pilots ferrying United States-made bombers to Britain, an authoritative aviation source said today.

Malcolm Macdonald, minister of health, today ordered the removal from the greater London area of all children under 14 considered likely to suffer "in mind or body" from air attacks if they remain in or near the capital.

The order supplements a recent defense regulation which authorized the medical examination of any child under 14 likely to suffer by remaining in London.

15 BRITISH SHIPS HIT IN MEDITERRANEAN, AXIS SAYS

ROME, Jan. 16. — (AP)—The axis report of its bomb and torpedo offensive against British seapower in the Mediterranean—a total claim of damage or destruction of 15 "enemy" vessels—was further filled in today by the assertion of a Rome newspaper that the 22,600-ton aircraft carrier Eagle had been torpedoed.

At the same time the high command acknowledged a new night attack by British warplanes on Catania, Sicily (supposed to be the main base for the German Stuka dive-bombers now cooperating with the Italian air force). The damage was minor, the high command communique said, and "a few" persons were killed or injured.

The Italians have identified two British aircraft carriers reported hit in connection with the running battle with a heavily protected convoy which started Jan. 9 in the Strait of Sicily. They are the Eagle and the 23,000-ton Illustrious.

Virginia Gayda, editor of Il Giornale D'Italia, confirmed reports from the British side that the Italian torpedo boat Vega was sunk Jan. 11 in the battle with the conveying warships.

At the same time the Italians

Stock and Bond Averages

BONDS					
Jan. 16:	20	10	10	10	10
Ind's RR's U's St's					
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Prev. day	63.6	105.1	101.2	40.6	
Month ago	60.2	105.3	100.1	37.6	
Year ago	57.5	102.1	96.4	50.5	
1940-41 high	64.1	105.9	101.3	53.5	
1940-41 low	48.3	98.9	90.3	35.1	
STOCKS					
30	15	15	60		
RR's Ind's U's F'n					
Thursday	62.0	16.8	35.2	43.8	
Prev. day	62.7	17.1	35.4	44.3	
Month ago	61.5	15.5	34.2	43.0	
Year ago	70.5	18.6	39.3	49.5	
1940-41 high	74.2	20.5	40.6	52.2	
1940-41 low	52.3	13.0	30.9	37.0	

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credited two of their submarines with torpedoing a British light cruiser in the Mediterranean and sinking a British merchant ship in the Atlantic.

Fresh details emerged today of the "seven hours of hell" rained on the aircraft carrier Illustrious by German dive-bombers Jan. 10.

An Associated Press correspondent aboard the Illustrious reported 40 to 50 Nazi planes dropped 100,000 pounds of high explosives and "many torpedoes" whose concussion, he said, shook the 23,000-ton ship "as a cat shakes a rat."

"It was the most tremendous, terrifying thing I have ever seen," a British naval officer on the Illustrious said. "It seemed like all the fires of hell had been kindled. The blast of a 1,000-pound bomb is so crushing, so incredible. There are no words to describe it."

The German planes which participated in the attack were said to have flown from the base at Catania.

GREEKS GAIN IMPORTANT HEIGHTS, MORE PRISONERS
ATHENS, Jan. 16. — (AP)—Surprise infantry attacks were reported today to have enabled Greek fighters to occupy important heights in the central Albanian battlefield despite severe snowstorms followed by a heavy rain.

Greek spokesmen said their troops "continued their victorious advance" by seizing positions which improved their lines north of Klisura.

Prisoners in addition to much material, including guns, were taken, they said.

A raid by an Italian submarine on a lone policeman sitting on the shore of an Aegean sea island

was related by the home security ministry. The submarine machine-gunned the policeman unsuccessfully from close range, a ministry spokesman said, and then made off.

Stimson Sees Possible Danger of Invasion

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this year."

Fish then raised the question whether the United States army could repel a force of 50,000 troops should they be landed.

"I think they probably could," if the gentleman means a land invasion," Stimson responded, adding that he thought that air forces would accompany an attempted invasion by infantry.

Bases in Danger Zone
"Is there any airplane built which could span the Atlantic, drop bombs here and return across the Atlantic?" Fish inquired.

"Probably not the width of the Atlantic," Stimson said, "but they are rapidly developing in that direction and there are many bases short of the full width of the Atlantic."

Asked by Fish what bases he had in mind, Stimson said: "Newfoundland would be a base within easy range of all of our New England coast. North Canada would be within easy range of the New England coast."

"Does the secretary believe," Fish continued, "that our navy would remain locked up in our harbors if any such invasion were attempted?"

"No," said Stimson, "but where is our navy now?" (Most of the big ships of the navy are now based in the Pacific.)

Fish then inquired whether there was "fear of invasion," and

the secretary replied that there was danger of an air invasion if the British fleet were destroyed or otherwise rendered ineffective for this country's protection.

Stimson took the stand today after Treasury Secretary Morgenthau declared yesterday that England's war orders here have virtually been halted by a lack of ready cash.

Kennedy to Testify
Meanwhile, it was learned that Joseph P. Kennedy, retiring ambassador to London, would testify before the house committee next Tuesday.

Kennedy was a visitor at the white house today. Opponents of the lend-lease bill have claimed he would support their view; supporters, however, have questioned that he would express any outright opposition to the policies of the president.

The present situation with regard to production of munitions, Stimson said, is "much more acute" than was that of 1917. At that time, he said, "the munitions factories and supplies of Great Britain were so abundant that they were able to supply, and did supply to us, the great bulk of the weapons which we then needed."

Today, Stimson said, "instead of being assisted by other nations in obtaining the weapons needed for our own defense, we are obliged to prepare our defense in consideration of their needs."

Jobless Pay Law Faces Battle at Legislature

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bers are attorneys, as well as seven of the 30 senators.

New Building Planned
The way was paved for construction of a \$1,000,000 state office building in Salem when Sen. Walter E. Pearson (D., Multnomah) introduced a bill to permit the state bond commission to sell the bonds to finance the building. The measure is contingent on the legislature's passing a bill to authorize construction of the building.

Each house continued to mark time today, awaiting arrival of the new law codes.

Measures ready for introduction in the house would require circuit court candidates to live in their districts a year before seeking office; reduce interest rates from 3 to 1½ per cent on loans smaller than \$300; and permit the supreme court to appoint attorneys as temporary circuit judges in districts with congested dockets.

State parole board bills would allow paroled prisoners to vote and marry; compel judges to sentence prisoners to maximum terms, leaving the minimums to parole authorities; exempt county jail prisoners serving less than six months from parole board jurisdiction.

Bill Aimed at "Reds"
Senator Thomas R. Mahoney (D., Multnomah) introduced a bill providing that no person may be a candidate for public office if he advocates overthrow of the United States government by force or violence.

Senator Mahoney said the effect of the bill would be to deny communists the right to run for office. The bill also provides that no such person may be eligible for appointment to a public office.

Bills to require deposits by persons engaged in mining or logging operations with county clerks to guarantee wage payments were introduced by Reps. Brody and Neuberger.

The bills, sponsored by the state department of labor, provide that the collateral shall be on deposit throughout the period for which wages are paid.

A \$1,000 fine would be assessed against any logging or mining operator who failed to file his deposit.

Return to Marshfield—Mrs. Thomas Havens and baby daughter, Sherry Jane, and Mrs. Ray Ashbury have returned to their homes in Marshfield, following a visit here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cloake.

Japan Scent "Trickery" In U. S. Plan to Aid Britain

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of State Hull to the house foreign affairs committee yesterday envisioned encroachment by axis powers on the western hemisphere in the event of a defeat of Britain.

Domel, Japanese news agency, quoted diplomatic observers as attaching slight significance to Secretary Hull's statement on the ground it merely confirmed that the United States still misunderstood the real intention of the axis powers to establish a new world order.

The news agency said "the United States gives the impression it assumes an attitude of raising trouble where there is no cause in the face of a series of peaceful statements from responsible Japanese," including Foreign Minister Matsuoka.

Simultaneously retired senior generals urged War Minister Tojo at a meeting last night to "leave nothing undone to enable the nation to carry through the new tense phase of the China affair."

The meeting followed by 48 hours a conference between Premier Prince Konohe and high military officials which the press said was prompted by "the increasing delicacy of United States-Japanese relations."

"Trickery" Charged.
One newspaper accused Great Britain of instigating the current border fighting between French Indo-China and Thailand while seeking an economic rapprochement with Indo-China.

"It should be borne in mind," commented the newspaper, "that the tricky hand of the United States is pulling the strings behind the blind action of Britain."

The press generally declared Indo-China was the keystone of the Japanese southward program and Yomiuri advised the government to "make a courageous, bold advance because Japan already has been besieged by the influ-

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ence of Britain and America." It mentioned the Netherlands East Indies as another spot where "peaceful negotiations" might fail because of British-American political and economic control.

Federal Demand Ends Strikes at Eaton Plants

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November.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 16.—(AP)—Draft officials were informed today that in the event of a walkout at the Ryan Aeronautical company plant here, strikers eligible for selective service would be subject to reclassification.

Meanwhile, Harry C. Malcolm, federal conciliator, said the company and the CIO United Automobile Workers union were deadlocked five and one-half cents apart on what the minimum wage should be at the plant.

He said the AEW had demanded 75 cents an hour but had indicated they would accept 62½ cents—the pay won following a strike at the Vultee Aircraft company's factory at Downey, Calif. He said the Ryan company offered to increase the rate from 50 cents an hour to 58 cents.

Both sides, he said, remained firm. If the machinery of his office fails, Malcolm indicated arbitration probably will be invoked to avoid a walkout.

COQUILLE, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Workers made idle by a strike over which they have no control are entitled to full benefit payments, the unemployment compensation commission ruled yesterday.

The decision, which union leaders called a precedent, gave pay-

ments to nearly 400 workmen of the Smith Woods Product company, which was tied up by a heating plant strike last October.

A referee previously had refused claims because he said a labor dispute existed.



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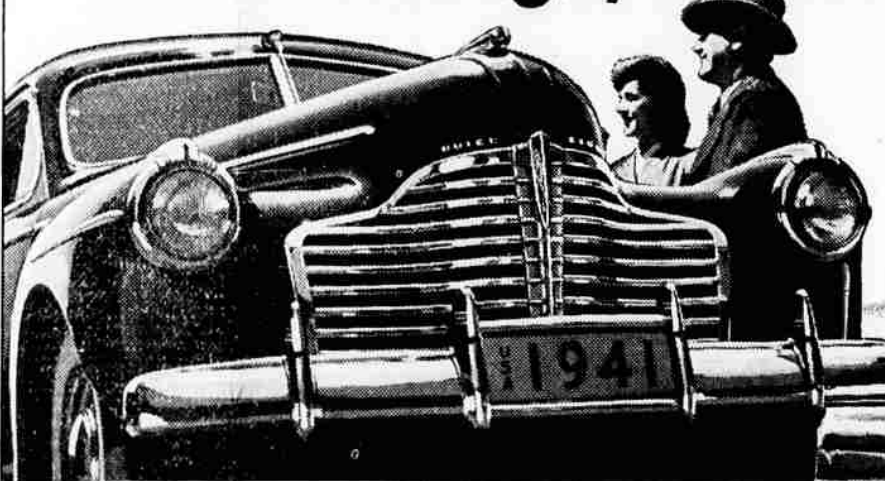
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