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HOUSE GI/UP AMENDS BRITISH-AID BILL

John Metaxas, Dictator of Greece, Stricken by Death

New Cabinet Set Up; War Policy Stands

National Bank's Governor Coryzios Chosen by King To Succeed Metaxas

ATHENS, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Premier John Metaxas, 70, dictator of Greece nearly five years, died today after a brief illness, and King George II swiftly organized a new government which he said would carry on the war against Italy until victory was achieved.

A royal proclamation announced that Alexander Coryzios, governor of the national bank of Greece, had been named to head a government composed of all the present ministers.

Metaxas' physicians announced that he died of "various complications," including blood poisoning and uremia, following a throat inflammation. The premier underwent a tonsilectomy Jan. 18.

King George's proclamation said the new government would carry on with no change in policy, especially as it affected the war with Italy.

The Greek people, the proclamation added, received "the sad news in calm and with absolute confidence in the king, and the government is decided to carry on the victorious struggle."

Hope Voiced for Greeks

Metaxas, ill for only three weeks, regained consciousness just before he died, it was said, and, knowing that the end was near, addressed these words to Minister of Home Security Man-

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Britain Calls More Men Into Defense Ranks to Meet Invasion in Which Nazis Are Expected to Use 36,000 Warplanes

(By the Associated Press)

Great Britain stepped up her defenses with two actions today to meet the threat of a grand-slam German invasion bid which informed sources in Washington predicted would come in April or May—with 36,000 nazi warplanes to lead the assault.

King George issued a royal proclamation ordering men aged 18-19 and 37-40 to register for military service.

At the same time, the government moved toward drafting women into vital war industries to hasten the production of arms and munitions.

The registration call was the second in less than two weeks, men of 36 having been summoned January 18.

Washington sources credited the German luftwaffe with a 4-to-1 advantage over the RAF for the heralded invasion attempt this spring, declaring that the Germans could put 18,000 bombers and fighters in the air, with another 18,000 in reserve.

They looked for a variety of German surprises, among them a secretly developed new pursuit ship and perhaps large scale use of torpedo planes against surface vessels. And they did not rule out poison gas.

Two of America's foremost military authorities, however, voiced their confidence yesterday that Great Britain would survive to win a final victory.

General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, said he believed that, given the American help contemplated under the lease-

lend program, Britain would be victorious. He saw all signs indicating a supreme invasion attempt in the spring.

Much closer to the actual theatre to conflict, Admiral William D. Leahy, former chief of naval operations and now ambassador to France, declared at Vichy that in his opinion "the British government can and will prosecute the present war to a successful conclusion."

So far, it was said, the greatest number of nazi planes used at one time in the aerial siege of Britain was less than 2,000.

Greek Drive Stalled.

Inkling appeared that the Greeks' counter-invasion into Albania may have stalled under increasing Italian pressure.

Since the capture of Kilsura in central Albania on January 10, Greek communiques have noted only the repelling of fierce Italian counter-attacks—without a single notable advance. Again today, a Greek government spokesman said two fascist attacks near Kilsura had been driven back with the Greeks inflicting "heavy losses" and taking 700 prisoners.

Italy's high command, however, asserted that the Italians had seized "an important position" from the Greeks, along with the capture of prisoners and arms. The high command also reported the bombing of Salonika and the railway line to Athens.

British Repulsed, Claim.

On the Libyan desert front, the daily fascist war bulletin said a British armored division knifing

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Strike Call Tests Pledge Of AFL Unit

Walk-Out Order at Plane Plant Belies Promise to Stay on Defense Jobs

By the Associated Press

The AFL building trades unions' newly proclaimed policy of "no strikes" on defense projects went on test today as 400 to 500 construction workers were ordered to walk out at Wright field, Ohio.

The scheduled strike, expected to tie up a \$1,550,000 army air corps expansion program, was called allegedly because a contractor used some non-union men to make electrical installations.

Col. Lester Miller, field commander, said an undetermined number of workmen reported at the field, stood idly by for an hour, then departed.

Miller said Col. Don L. Hutchins, quartermaster, reported steelworkers working on a wind tunnel declared they "were not in sympathy with the strike," but that suspension of other operations caused them to leave the field.

The AFL building trades unions recently announced adoption of a "hard and fast policy" flatly barring strikes "for any reason whatsoever on defense projects," George Masterson, union vice-president, announced.

A similar policy was announced by the AFL metal trades department. John P. Frey, president of that group, declared at Long Beach, Calif., last night that the government would be "entirely justified" in taking over the aircraft and shipbuilding industries if the defense program were hampered by disagreements between private industry and labor.

Situation Elsewhere

Other developments affecting labor and defense on a wide industrial checkerboard included:

Milwaukee—Another conference was called for today between officials of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. and the United Automobile Workers (CIO) in an attempt to negotiate a settlement of the strike which for a week has held up work on \$40,000,000 of defense orders. The walkout affects 7,000 production men.

New Orleans—Union men withdrew their objections to working with WPA employees on a \$360,000 national guard observation squadron base.

Elizabeth, N. J.—1,400 CIO workers at the Phelps-Dodge Copper Corp. went back to work under a truce arranged by company and union officials. The company holds \$74,323 worth of navy contracts.

Chicago—David T. Roadley, government conciliator, arranged

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Farm Credit Association Has Good Year

Earnings, Loans Increased, Roseburg Meeting Told; Directors Are Elected

Reflecting the financial progress made by farmers and stockmen of southwestern Oregon during 1940, the Medford Production Credit association ended the year with earnings higher than at the end of 1939, and with its loans in the best condition in history, members were told Tuesday at their annual meeting in Roseburg.

After paying all expenses, charging off losses and setting up a reserve for estimated losses, the association reported earnings of \$8,090. These were added to earnings set aside in previous years as an additional protection to stockholders. The association loaned \$434,603 for the production of crops and livestock in Jackson, Josephine, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties in 1940, an increase of \$88,000 over the amount loaned in 1939. Secretary-Treasurer Bren H. Starcher reported. The amount outstanding on December 31 was within \$9,000 of the outstanding balance on December 31, 1939.

Obligations Met Earlier

"One thing that increased our loan volume this year," Starcher explained, "was that in 1940 we established a full time branch office in Roseburg in charge of Eugene Fisher. This enabled us to

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Monthly Pensions of \$40 To Be Paid in Washington

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Washington state is preparing to pay \$40 monthly pensions under the mandate of an initiative passed at the November election, beginning March 1, Governor Langlie said today.

He learned from Washington that the federal social security board had approved the pension plan as modified to meet federal requirements.

This enables the state to take full advantage of federal matching funds.

Redistricting Of Oregon Aim Of More Bills

Douglas County Affected In Proposals to Give State 4th Congressman.

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Two more proposals to create a fourth congressional district, one sponsored by the Lane county house delegation and the other by southern Oregon representatives, were before the house today.

The Eagles old age pension bill, to increase the maximum pension from \$30 to \$40 a month, was introduced today.

Both redistricting proposals would create the fourth district by dividing the first (western Oregon) district, leaving the third (Multnomah county) and the second (eastern Oregon) districts unchanged.

The Lane county delegation's bill, introduced today, would put Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln and Linn counties in the fourth district, leaving Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill counties in the first district.

The southern Oregon proposal, of which the Jackson and Josephine county representatives, probably will be introduced late today. It would have only Jackson, Josephine, Coos, Curry, Douglas and Lane counties in the proposed fourth district.

Arguments Offered

"The Lane county proposal," Rep. James A. Rodman, (R.,

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Women Protest Food Ration As Willkie Looks On

LONDON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie witnessed today a demonstration of 60 banner-waving women protesting government food policies in a hotel where he was scheduled to lunch.

"Down with oatmeal eye-wash... get rid of Lord Woolton..." said some of the banners. Lord Woolton is minister of food. The demonstration was timed obviously to coincide with the American visitor's arrival.

Willkie stepped on a landing above the milling women, removed his hat and watched. Hotel employees removed the demonstrators after a few minor scuffles.

This afternoon Willkie visited headquarters of the Polish government in exile and talked with General Sikorski, Polish premier and war minister.

"My sympathies are 100 per cent with the Polish people," he said upon leaving Sikorski. To a Polish newspaper woman he said: "Send your people my greetings."

Later he went to his hotel for an interview with Dr. Quo Tal-Chi, Chinese ambassador to London.

Willkie may have to abandon plans to visit Ireland because of the pressure of time, authoritative British sources declared today.

Time Limit Put On Power Of President

Committee Ponders Ban On Convoys, Which Are Favored by Stimson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Three amendments to the administration's British-aid bill, including a mid-1943 time limit on its grant of presidential powers, were reported to have been voted today by the house foreign affairs committee.

Meeting behind closed doors while Secretary of War Stimson testified before the senate foreign relations committee, the house foreign group was reported to have accepted modifications to:

Fix June 30, 1943, as the expiration date of the lend-lease powers proposed in the legislation.

Require President Roosevelt to consult his army and navy chiefs before transferring military equipment, and

Require periodic reports to congress on lease-lend operations.

Chairman Bloom (D-N. Y.) and other committee members declined, however, to make any formal announcement of the committee's action in the four-hour session. All three of the reported changes had been accepted by the democratic majority yesterday.

Advance indications were that a majority in both house and senate committees would vote to include these sections—perhaps with tacit White House approval.

A fourth change proposed by the democrats—a prohibition against the use of naval vessels for convoys—was reported to be still under discussion.

U. S. "Buying Time"

Stimson testified before the senators that the objective of the bill was a purchase of the "time necessary to arm and protect ourselves."

He asserted that the help in war supplies envisioned by the bill eventually would "enable Great Britain to do what military men call 'take the initiative.'"

The United States is forced to buy the time, he declared, "and we are buying time from the only nation which can sell us that time."

In a formal statement Stimson marshaled his additional arguments for the bill under these headings:

That Great Britain, given help, was in a position to prevail;

That the axis powers were vulnerable in many respects;

That international law justifies, rather than forbids, full aid to Britain, and

That the bill is not dictatorial.

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U. S. Debt Limit Boost Requested

Federal Borrowing Power to Be Exhausted in 4 Months, Secy. Morgenthau States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau said today the treasury would run out of borrowing powers in four months, and appealed for an increase in the federal debt limit from \$49,000,000,000 to \$65,000,000,000.

Testifying in support of a bill to make the increase, the treasury head told the house ways and means committee that his department had plans for the sale of "securities attractive to all classes of investors... to satisfy the overwhelming desire on the part of nearly every man, woman, and child to make some direct and tangible contribution to the national defense."

Although not describing these securities in detail, he said the bill would permit the treasury to issue small denomination savings bonds and savings certificates as well as the regular types of securities. Treasury officials previously had indicated consideration of \$5 bonds and 25 cent savings stamps.

Morgenthau said the debt limit increase was necessitated by the \$28,500,000,000 defense program outlined in President Roosevelt's recent budget. He made no mention, however, of additional borrowing which might be necessitated if congress passes the administration's bill for aid to Britain.

A major objective of his borrowing program, the secretary explained, would be to sell securities to the general public rather than banks because, "it is highly desirable to avoid further increases of deposits as far as possible." The federal reserve system recently said bank purchases of government securities tended to increase bank deposits.

Strong, Parrott Estates Admitted to Probate Here

The estates of B. W. Strong and E. L. Parrott, both pioneer residents of Roseburg, who died here recently, were admitted to probate today. Gladys H. Strong was named executrix of the estate of her father, the estate being estimated to have a value of \$11,000. W. F. Harris, Ivan G. Piekens and L. E. McClontock were named as appraisers. Helen Casey, niece, and G. V. Wimberly were named to jointly administer the estate of Mr. Parrott, estimated to value about \$35,000. H. W. Booth, J. A. Harding and W. F. Harris were appointed appraisers.

Pythian Knights To Fete Anniversary

In commemoration of the founding of Alpha lodge, No. 47, Knights of Pythias, in Roseburg, the lodge will hold a social session at the lodge hall tonight. The program will include specialty numbers, musical selections, an address by Dr. C. A. Edwards, a veteran member, and band music. Refreshments will be served following the program.

The occasion, marking the 50th year of the fraternity, will especially honor S. K. Skyes, the only surviving charter member of the local lodge.

Members point out that at the time the lodge was organized Roseburg truly was a pioneer town. It was before the days of telephones, automobiles, radios, airplanes and electric lights and almost before there were any methods of transportation except by horse. The lodge was organized just following the days when the Southern Pacific company had built its railroad through Oregon. At that time it took six months to cross the continent as compared to the present 24 hours by airplane.

More than 100 members are expected to be present tonight to pay respects to the fraternal order which has participated in the advances made during the period covered by the local organization's history.

Roof of Wreckina House Slightly Damaged by Fire

Roseburg's first general fire alarm since October 16 was sounded Tuesday afternoon when the department was called to Sarff's Auto Wrecking house on North Main street. The department extinguished a roof fire, apparently caused by sparks dropping from a chimney. Minor damage was caused to the roof. Since October 16, when hot asphalt spilled over and caught fire at the Judd Furniture store, the department has answered several calls to handle flue fires but has had no large fires with which to contend.

Trainee Killed In Crash of Airplane

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Robert E. Baylis, 25, a flying cadet under the U. S. army air corps, was killed today when his training plane crashed during a solo flight near Shafter 17 miles northwest of Bakersfield, Calif.

Baylis, a resident of Wenatchee, Wash., was a member of the Moffett field basic training class scheduled to finish a 10-weeks' course here February 8.

Baylis was graduated from the Wenatchee high school, attended the University of Washington, was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and of Scabbard and Blade—the reserve officers training corps honorary at the university, and served with the ROTC at Fort Funston, Calif.

Baylis was the first flying cadet from this field to die in an air crash.

Vancouver Killer Slated For Gallows Tomorrow

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Arley O. Lewis, of Centralia will go to the gallows early tomorrow morning for the slaying of Jack Avent, 21, of Portland in Vancouver, Wash., last fall, unless there is a last minute stay. Warden Mahoney said today.

He said a notice of appeal before the supreme court, reported not perfected will not delay the execution. The hanging was originally scheduled for December 31 but Lewis was granted an additional 30 days to prepare an appeal.

Ex-Champion of Hammer Throwers, McGrath, Dies

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Police Inspector Matthew J. McGrath, 64, former Olympic hammer-throwing champion, died today of pneumonia. He won his Olympic title at the 1912 games, when he set a record which stood 24 years. McGrath was a veteran of 39 years on the police force and held two heroism citations.

Possible Clue To Lost Bomber Given

Another possible clue into the disappearance of the army bomber from McChord field, Jan. 17, is contained in a letter received today by Chief of Police John S. Duer from Art Conley, who resides on a rural route two miles east of Canyonville.

Conley reported in his letter that on the date of the plane's disappearance he saw a large ship which "acted awfully queer."

He said the plane seemed to "have more load than it could possibly carry." It was flying at a very high altitude when first observed and dropped so rapidly that it lost over half of its altitude before it went out of sight, Conley reported.

He said that he mentioned the unusual action of the plane, but that he gave the matter no more thought until he read in newspapers that army officials were seeking the plane in the northern California area.

If the plane he observed was the army bomber and continued to lose altitude at the rate it was dropping when last seen, it never got as far south as Grants Pass, Conley said.

200 Escape Death in Train Wreck



Nearly 200 passengers escaped injury or death when 11 Pullman cars of a Western Pacific train miraculously stayed on the rails after the locomotive and the baggage car plunged down an embankment into the Feather river, near Oroville, Calif., last Sunday. The train smashed into a mud slide between Quincy and Oroville. The baggage man was drowned. The engineer and fireman saved themselves by jumping, suffering only minor injuries. The locomotive is on its side, the baggage car in the rain-swollen stream.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AN American radio reporter, cabling from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, quotes rumors of rioting in Turin, Milan and other Italian cities. These rumors relate that Italian soldiers are fighting on the side of the rioters.

They add that Italian army officers and men reported to be dignitaries of the fascist party have been arrested by Italian secret police and the German gestapo.

"AUTHORITATIVE" nazi sources in Berlin deny the rumors. An "authoritative" Italian source in Rome says: "These tales are a ridiculous invention without the slightest basis."

If you are wise, you will keep your fingers crossed, neither believing nor disbelieving.

Whatever it is that has been happening in Rumania, plus the rigid censorship that has been thrown around it, suggests strongly that a screw is loose somewhere in the Germans plans in the Balkans.

These Italian rumors confirm that impression.

TURKISH newspapers take in new territory by announcing (they are government-controlled) that Turkey will not only defend herself against any direct axis attack but will act at once against any threat ANYWHERE in the Balkans.

Hitherto Turkey has spoken

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TODAY'S TOP ODDITY

By the Associated Press

MONROE, La.—The junior chamber of commerce last week conducted a safety week in which coffins, wrecked automobiles and "beware" signs were scattered on downtown streets.

Today, Monroe police announced traffic accidents had doubled during the week.