

# Germany Plans Help to Italy

## Fall of Tobruk Admitted in Official Reports; Greeks Claim Win

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causing minor damage to private property and small fires which were quickly extinguished, the German news agency, DNB, reported early Thursday.  
London reports German bombers made relatively minor strikes at the southeast coast and over Yorkshire early Thursday and two were reported shot down in aerial combat.  
Nowhere in Britain were raid casualties reported Wednesday. Six bombs fell in a town on the Kent coast — harmlessly, the government said — and a Yorkshire area was reported bombed with similar negligible effect.  
German planes also appeared over a northeast coast town and over east Anglia, but no incident of consequence was reported from those areas.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Prime Minister Churchill declared Wednesday that Britain must conscript her factory manpower and womanpower because she faces in the next six months the first intense demand for labor to supply an army on a scale unchanged from the days when British troops were to have fought "a continuous action on the continent of Europe against the German enemy."

"This great nation," he told the house of commons, "has got into its war stride; it is accomplishing the transition from the days of peace and comfort to those of supreme, organized and indomitable exertion."

Winding up debate on the manpower conscription bill after promising commons a chance to vote on later, Churchill explained that Britain had about 4,000,000 men under arms, counting the home guard; that the plan for the army, with the exception of equipment for ten more divisions, was unaltered from the early days of the war.

"It is a very large and formidable force, both for fighting overseas and for defense," he said.

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He went on to say that the bulk of the "vast series" of equipment, munitions and supply plants started in 1939 are just now coming into production. He continued:

"I say that in the next six months we shall have, for the first time, an intense demand on manpower and womanpower. This is the problem that lies before us. We are now about to begin for the first time in this war, a period of manpower stringency because, for the first time, we have come to have the apparatus and lay-out which this manpower and womanpower will be required to handle. That is the reason for the far-reaching declaration of which the minister of labor thought it necessary to apprise the house and the country in his statement."

Labor Minister Ernest Bevin yesterday announced a plan to register labor for ultimate conscription.

# Costume Skate Slated by Club

Holding a hard time party at the Mellow Moon rink tonight, the Mellow Moon skating club will open festivities at 10:20 o'clock following the regular skating session. President Betty Gallagher said Wednesday.

Among those who will attend are active and inactive members of the Mellow Moon club and the Salem Skating club members will be invited guests.

Only requirement for attendance is that persons wear costumes in keeping with the hard times theme. Others will not be admitted. Organ music will be furnished for the affair.

The party is the first in a scheduled list of skating activities.

# Umatilla Petition For PUD Received

Preliminary petition for creation of the proposed East Umatilla county peoples utility district was received at the offices of the state reclamation commission here Wednesday.

The district would embrace 296 square miles with population of 5500 and assessed valuation of \$8,500,000.

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The day also brought an endorsement of the measure from Jesse H. Jones, secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator. Jones told reporters he thought it unnecessary for him to comment on a substitute proposal of Representative Flinn (R-NY) authorizing the reconstruction corporation to lend up to \$2,000,000,000 to Britain. The RFC is part of the loan administration.  
"I'm for the bill," he said, "I'm for the president's program."  
The legislation would permit the president to make use of materials of war to Great Britain and other opponents of the axis powers.  
The tall, snowy-haired Thomas, speaking in his customary rapid manner, testified before the house education committee that he would not give the authority contained in the bill "to any living man unless and until the people, through congress, had decided on war."  
"It is a bill to set the clock of history back and give power over our fate to the executive, who by that very fact, becomes a dictator in that fast field," he shouted.

Miss Gladys C. Beardley, assistant chief clerk of the senate committee on enrolled and enrolled bills for several legislative sessions, was presented with a wrist watch by employees of the committee on her birthday anniversary Wednesday.

Forty eighth grade pupils in the Creston school, Portland, accompanied by their principal and teacher, acquired first lesson in civics by visiting the Wednesday sessions.

Intensive acquaintance with Oregon history is to be mandated to all students of elementary school teachers if a senate education committee bill is approved. It would require four term hours of Oregon history as a requirement for a certificate.

The things that happened to prevent a conference on unemployment compensation legislation between the commission and a "select" group of legislators were numerous. Someone through error invited the entire legislature and most members responded. Someone else invited the wrong room and the assembly broke in on a meeting of the board of control. Governor Sprague said they were all welcome although a small delegation to discuss state institutions had been expected.

He offered to move the board meeting, but the legislators decided to move to a large hearing room. Then the commission failed to show up, possibly through inability to find out where the board meeting was.

Last night the biennial "bust" in the Salem brewery was held with first, second and third houses well represented. Jack Caulfield served as master of ceremonies and Carl Haberlich, the Tillamook cheese king, brought a fine piece of cheese, which with rye bread, called for mugs of the Salem brew with which to wash it down.

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Wheelbase, not less than 116".  
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Color, dark blue or black.  
Standard factory equipment to include bumpers front and rear.  
Spare tire and tube, tire size not less than 600x16.  
Two tail lamps.  
Two door lock swipes.  
Red blinker type spot light.  
No. 100 snapper safety light.  
Seventeen plate 100 ampere hour, heavy duty battery of standard make.  
Low cut-in police type generator or known equal Remy package No. 1851414.  
Heater and defroster of standard make.  
All equipment to be installed and ready for service. Police sirens to be removed from cars traded in and installed on new ones. Police cars No. 1 and No. 2 in their present condition less reasonable wear and tear to be traded in less all radio equipment and sirens. Cars may be inspected by contacting Police Department, 322 Commercial street, to accept any or reject all bids in the interest of the city.  
HANNAH MARTIN, City Recorder. J. 22

FRANK H. SPEARS  
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## Plans for Independence Bridge Construction Outlined at Meet

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Marion Court Joins  
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The court joined with the Polk county court and also with the Salem-Independence-Kings Valley Highway association in offering the proposal for construction of the Independence bridge with state funds.  
The proposal itself, originally outlined in a meeting of interested groups at the local courthouse last Monday, provided for the financing of a \$350,000 steel and concrete bridge from state funds, after which the two counties would pay a total of about \$5000 yearly to the state from general taxes levied for the highway. The construction cost of the span had been defrayed.  
The yearly payment would roughly equal the sum now spent by the two counties in operating the ferry across the Willamette at Independence, a service which the building of a highway bridge at that point.  
The matter the highway commission also accepted for future consideration after questioning the two county delegations and several awards of the highway association also present in general terms about the need for such a span.  
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