

# Britons Await Radio Message By Churchill on French Stand

## Premier Speech Set Noon Here

### England Has Surcease in Aerial Bombing; One Nazi Plane Seen

LONDON, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The vast garrison of this island fortress cheered by the Bengali triumph of the army of the Nile, waited Saturday night for Winston Churchill to rally the armed forces to other campaigns in 1941 and, perhaps, to explain where Britain stands in relation to France.

Churchill speaks over the radio at 9 p. m. Sunday (12 noon in Salem).

Warfare on the British front dwindled to an aerial conflict of thrust and parry. Today a lone German fighter-bomber dived over the thick Dover strait fog, to be bed and machine-gunned aerially. An American plane was knocked down by anti-aircraft guns. A German seaplane, off the southwest coast was shot down by fighters, officials said. One British fighter was lost.

A third German plane, a bomber was shot down off the east coast by fighters, the ministry of information announced.

This slight activity followed last night's three-hour RAF raid on the docks at Boulogne, Dunkerque, Calais and Ostend. Official sources said thousands of fire bombs and many heavy explosives were dropped on the crowded docks at Boulogne and on the harbor railway; that fires sprang up at many points; that several German vessels probably were destroyed at Dunkerque, where "tons of debris was blown high in the air after our bombs straddled three of the main docks."

## British Would Bomb Bulgaria

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ready had burned their records in readiness for instant departure. The Turkish press asserted it had learned that the RAF was prepared to bomb Rumania's oil fields and other military centers, as well as those of Bulgaria, if the Germans moved to get at Greece or Turkey.

Only Friday night the Bulgarian government ordered a curtailment of passenger train service toward the Rumanian, Greek, Yugoslav and Turkish borders, and Sofia was alive with rumors that the Germans were about ready to move in from Rumania, where their troops are understood to stand 300,000 strong.

The Bulgarian foreign minister, Ivan Popoff, told members of parliament at a private meeting simply that he was unable to forecast "what may be in the future."

(British bombers based in Greece could reach Bulgaria with no great difficulty.)

Coincident with rumors in Sofia that German action was imminent, the official Turkish press which has been insisting that Bulgaria wouldn't grant troop passage to the nazis—now said that she might submit.

As for British-allied Turkey, her newspapers have warned repeatedly that a German advance toward the Aegean would bring this country into war.

### Hayesville Holds Woman's Meeting

HAYESVILLE — Hayesville Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. David Greig Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Carl Vogt and Mrs. Elizabeth Siddell served refreshments. Mrs. Vernon Clark and Mrs. Bruce Willis had charge of the program.

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## Red Schoolhouse Blamed for Tax Differences in Levies Revealed in Survey of County Costs

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estimated that this would require a levy of 5.95 mills, uniform throughout the state except that like the present elementary school tax, it would be adjusted, plus or minus, on the basis of the assessment ratio. Thus even for property in a district which has no special school tax, the cost would be only 3.95 mills.

Funds derived from this tax would be distributed to counties on the ratio of total days' attendance in the public schools. By the counties, it would be distributed to school districts 50 per cent on the days' attendance basis and 50 per cent on the teacher unit basis. High school attendance and teacher units are included.

A school district would be able to count on receiving out of this apportionment approximately \$300 for each teacher and \$10 for each pupil.

The county assessor, receiving each district's budget as he does now, would subtract the amount of these funds, as well as the amount of the irreducible school funds and county school funds the district received; and the balance if any would be the district's special levy.

In every case, the equalization fund amount would exceed the amount of present elementary school funds—though it could hardly be otherwise, this is especially provided in the bill with respect to counties—so that theoretically the plan would raise no "new money" but would simply distribute present school money more equitably.

## Late Sports

Oregon High School Basketball (By the Associated Press) Tillamook 50, Seaside 25. Astoria 33, The Dalles 20.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Rough-house hockey reached a new Pacific Coast league peak here Saturday night as Portland defeated Seattle 5 to 3 in a game punctuated by three fist fights and 16 penalties.

College Stanford 37, University of San Francisco 25. Olympic club 42, University of California 41. Colorado college 7, University of California at Los Angeles 2. University of Idaho southern branch 45, College of Idaho 42. University of California at Los Angeles 45, St. Marys 40. Washington state freshmen 51, Idaho freshmen 42 at Moscow, Feb. 8.

Hockey At Seattle: Portland 5, Seattle 3.

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—The officials whistled while they worked the Whitman-Linfield basketball game tonight, calling 48 fouls before the final gun sounded with the Missionaries in front, 42 to 26.

The 48 fouls brought the total for the two-game series to 88—Linfield with 48 and Whitman with 40.

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The same night the senate military affairs committee will hold an open house on the state guard bill, and the house and senate forestry committees on two measures in the governor's forest conservation program.

Final Hearing on Workmen's Compensation Set Monday. The senate industries committee hopes Monday afternoon to conclude its hearings on workmen's compensation, when it will consider the minority report bills. Committee members have indicated an intention to redraft the accident commission bills, most of them that will be recommended, by the end of this week. Some talk is arising of declining to re-budge the more drastic bills such as the one setting up a new position of workmen's compensation manager or administrator.

As perplexing to the house judiciary committee as have been the workmen's bills to the senate industries members are the unemployment compensation amendments, Rep. Frank Bucurenciu, judiciary chairman, said Friday he didn't know when his committee's hearings concluded, would report, but Saturday it was reported in Portland that he hoped to get action not later than next week.

While labor would like to see its bills to repeal the experience rating so that theoretically the plan would raise no "new money" but would simply distribute present school money more equitably.

The cost would be slightly higher than at present for taxpayers in districts which now pay little or no special school tax, lower where the levies are high, and that is considered to be in the interests of justice and equity.

It will be observed that the plan does not disturb "home rule" in the local districts, a matter which has caused resistance to the "county unit" plan authorized by the legislature some years ago and now in effect only in Crook, Hood River, Klamath and Lincoln counties. Incidentally those counties, in which school taxes are uniform for all districts and due to various economies are substantially lower than in most "home rule counties," would also participate in the equalization program; but county unit officials would have more latitude in the use of these funds.

## Senate Will Halt Public Hearings

### Fifty Young People Are Ejected by Police From Debate Room

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can afford to strip it completely of what few planes we have." Stimson had questioned the propriety, in the light of world conditions, of a recent statement by White that the army had only 639 planes on Jan. 1.

Chairman George (D-Ga.), in announcing the majority decision to end testimony Tuesday, said that those who favor the legislation had taken only a week to present their testimony while opponents opposed to the legislation had had all of this week to offer witnesses, and also would have Monday.

Voting against ending the hearings were Senators Johnson (R-Calif.), Capper (R-Kan.), Nye (R-N.D.), Shipstead (R-Minn.) and Clark (D-Mo.), all opponents of the measure. Clark said he was certain these five votes did not include all opposition within the committee, but conceded that a majority of the group favored ending the bill on to the senate for debate.

## Bethel Residents Invite Neighbors

BETHEL—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bucurenciu recently opened their home, on the Peas road, for a card party. The prizes were won by Mrs. Cass A. Nichols, A. C. Spranger, Mrs. George Hain, W. L. Creech.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hain, Mr. and Mrs. George Hain, Mrs. Cass A. Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Spranger, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Hilborn, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Creech, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Lauderback, H. H. Boles, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bucurenciu.

## Knights to Fete Pythian Sisters

INDEPENDENCE—Knights of Pythias lodge will host Monday night to the Pythian Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Lex Wheeler of Eugene, former residents of Independence, are parents of a baby girl, named Fay Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ireland of Brownsville and Mrs. J. S. Bensch of Portland, Benschhoff and Cafey were friends at Harvard university.

Mrs. Gladys B. Olson of Molalla visited with her sister Saturday, Mrs. W. T. Hoffman.

Mrs. Hugh Van Loan, worthy matron of Adah chapter, OES, Mrs. John Foreman, Hugh Van Loan and Mrs. Paul E. Robinson visited the "Traveling Elms" ceremony at Molalla chapter Tuesday night.

Mrs. T. A. Powell of Dallas visited her daughter Tuesday, Mrs. Ira D. Mix.

The Monday bridge club will meet February 10 with Mrs. Wayne MacGowan.

## Bean Will Study Power Rate Cuts

The Portland General Electric company filed new schedules Saturday to reduce its commercial rates by \$48,000 a year effective March 31.

Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said he would not accept the proposed rates until his engineering and accounting departments study them.

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## House Approves Lease Measure

### Provisions Limit Some Power of President in Aiding British

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assigning naval vessels to convoy duty or sending American merchant ships into the zones of war. And a proviso that before sending any army and navy equipment abroad, Mr. Roosevelt must consult, though not necessarily have the approval of, the ranking officers of the army and navy.

Having backed all these restrictions—except the one providing for congressional repeal of the powers given, which went through when they were napping—administration leaders refused to grant any more concessions. Steadfastly they opposed and uniformly defeated all such amendments as the republicans offered them.

Thus, the house rejected: A proposal that assistance to Britain be put on a strictly money-loan basis.

That its cost be limited—two figures, \$2,000,000,000 and \$7,000,000,000, were advanced and rejected.

That the president be specifically forbidden to transfer any part of the navy to another country—the \$1,300,000,000 limit on the disposition of present defenses was intended to cover partially this much controverted point.

That Russia be excluded from the nations to be benefited—administration leaders argued that to adopt it would drive Stalin and Hitler closer together.

Throughout most of the battling, the administration had its way. As for the \$1,300,000,000 limitation amendment they said after it was passed that they had no objection to it.

At the last minute in fact, Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass.), still seeking a maximum vote, formally assured the house that no effort would be made to remove it from the bill.

Seven Billion Ceiling Turned Down 122 to 88. The effort to place a \$2,000,000,000 overall limit on the program was made by Rep. Eaton (R-N.J.) and was beaten 177 to 120. Rep. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) sought to apply the \$7,000,000,000 "ceiling" and was turned down 122 to 35.

Passage came at the close of a day of impatience, snapping tempers, charges of improper statements and allegations that democratic leaders were imposing a "gas rule" by using their dependable majority from time to time to vote a limit on debate on particular amendments.

As the final vote drew near the democratic membership began heckling the republican speakers as one after another they arose to offer their amendments. Rep. Dvorshak (R-Idaho), in particular, had a hard time with an amendment forbidding the president to commit infractions of international law in his administration of the bill.

His speech, shouted into the amplifiers above a din of conversation, was repeatedly interrupted by derisive cheering. Finally, Rep. Mundt (R-SD) pleaded that he be given a "fair hearing."

"I wouldn't expect that from that side of the house," Dvorshak said, with an angry, sweeping gesture in the direction of the democrats. His proposal finally was rejected, 142 to 94.

### Get \$200,000 in Holdup

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Edward S. Moore, prominent turtman from Sheridan, Wyo., reported to police Saturday night that masked bandits seized from him \$200,000 of jewelry from him and Mrs. Moore late today.

## In One Ear . .

### —Paul Hauser's Column

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send a Valentine by wire. Went into look for a lace one, but couldn't find it. Found one that said, "Hens cackle; roosters crow. You're my Valentine, don't cha know?" Liked best the one that said, "Roses are red . . . Violets are blue . . . Sugar you're sweet . . . Via WU WU WU."

Chugged softly on and entered the five and ten, not looking for a million dollar baby cause what would we do with two? Chugged out on the Liberty street side and found a girl in the window amusing passers-by like us by decorating candy Valentines with frosting. While we watched she put a green skirt on a previously nude chocolate cupie.

We waved goodbye to Valentines, we thought, and got back on the main course only to run into Postal Telegraph which has a Valentine that says, "My love at locksmiths now can laugh. It speeds through to you by Postal Telegraph." Apparently no deduction for the plug.

Steamed on and were greeted at a doorway by interesting intelligence that "S. S. Steiner Hops upstairs."

Woke boiled behind as we bore down on Commercial street and found that the clock of the Pioneer Trust company is untrustworthy again. It was 5 o'clock but the sometime timepiece gave us our choice of 4:22 or 4:29.

## Four Chimneys Blaze

Four chimney blazes were extinguished by Salem firemen Saturday—642 North High street, 1922 North Commercial street, 610 North Cottage street and at State and 14th streets.

## Three Colleges Status Raised

### Ruling Will Allow BA Degrees Next Year Assert Leaders

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building at the university would be authorized in a similar manner by a bill on which Secretary C. D. Byrne will confer with state officials.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 8.—(AP)—The three-day western interfraternity conference closed its business sessions at Oregon State college Saturday with the selection of Stanford university as the site of next year's conference.

Stanford's interfraternity council was authorized to select a new president to succeed Bob Hirstel of Portland.

Estes Snedecore of Portland, federal referee in bankruptcy and national officer of Kappa Sigma, warned delegates from 23 colleges and universities against houses assuming heavy financial obligations under present conditions.

Other speakers included Dean Herbert H. Wanderlick, university of Idaho; Dr. Dean Newhouse, University of Washington, and G. R. Hoerner, Corvallis.

Delegates inspected the plant and operation procedure of Oregon State's Cooperative Managers' association, which for 25 years has done the buying for the college sororities and fraternities.

Paul G. Hoffman, national president of Delta Tau Delta, said that fraternity life is the most potent factor in developing the character of college students and added that "bull sessions" should replace paddling of pledges.

EUGENE, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Dr. Donald M. Erb, president of the University of Oregon, Saturday accepted from the Oregon Dads the

## Willkie Lands On US Island

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handsome pair of wrought iron entrance gates to the campus. Continuing into the second half of their two-year terms as officers of the Dads association were Joseph Riesch, Portland, president; William M. Tugman, Eugene, vice-president; and Ed F. Averill, Portland, secretary. Re-elected for two years on the executive committee were James H. McMenamin, Portland, and Dr. R. W. Hendershott, Bend. Starting a two-year term on the committee will be Dean Vincent, Portland; Thomas R. Hudson, The Dalles; and George C. Higgins, Marshfield.

During a crowded three-hour stay at Port of Spain, he inspected the site of the United States naval base leased from Britain in the exchange of bases for destroyers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Wendell L. Willkie, in her "first and last time on the air" asserted Saturday that democracy would find ways to make itself invincible.

"The keystone of any defense is the spirit of the people," the wife of the defeated republican presidential candidate, said. "The first line of attack against the democracies is always an attack on the spirit. Our first job of defense is to see that all groups, creeds and races realize their dependence upon each other. An attack on any one group is an attack on us all."

Admitting that she was nervous during the broadcast, Mrs. Willkie said later "I'm not going to inflict my voice on the people any more. I have heard it on records and I know how it sounds."

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