

Il Duce Admits Italy Forced

Coughs Defiance to Churchill Threat Of More Bombs

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Italy in history. France always has been arrogant. . . . In his speech to the applauding chamber of corporations and to millions of bomb-conscious Italians huddled about loud-speakers in the squares of the threatened land, Mussolini ranged from justification of Italy's entry into the war to a rather lightly considered determination to see it through.

At about the same time in London, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden was telling the house of commons that an essential preliminary to a new, peaceful world order was "to restrict for all time the aggressive power of Germany and Japan."

"I make no mention of Italy," Eden said. "I do not regard that as a major problem." Mussolini even acknowledged that the German high command had dictated postponement of impatient Italy's entrance into the war to a few days after Italy's own intended entry.

He said Japan's belligerence and he said he was "invincible." He admitted that the allied positions in north Africa posed a menace over Italy, but said that with German help Italy would survive.

He read excerpts from the speech by Churchill last Sunday in which the British prime minister gave Italy the choice of quitting or submitting to "prolonged, scientific and shattering air attack" from the allies' African "springboard" as well as the British home bases from which the RAF has been flying the trans-Alpine route to shatter Genoa, Turin, Milan and other arsenal and port cities.

To this Mussolini replied: "The Italian people are not inferior to the British and Russian peoples. In our veins flows the blood of the ancient Romans. We shall hold fast."

Almost in the same heavy breath he said the Italians must learn to hate and must carry through a "sacred cause." "We must learn to hate because we cannot fight without hating," he said. "This war is not only necessary — it is a sacred cause. We are proud to participate in this battle of giants which will transform the world." He declared the whole world would be "reduced to the status of India" if the axis lost, that the peace would be "100 times worse than Versailles," in which Italy participated on the winning side last time.

The premier said he was not surprised by the north African campaign, which actually compelled the axis to move into unoccupied France days after it occurred to face the new threat. "There were many intrigues between Americans and high French officers. There is nothing glorious in the landing."

Yankees Lead Tunisian Push

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observers to be entering its final phase.

Tunis was reported by Reuters news agency to be within artillery range of the forward allied forces. Point du Fahs, a strategic point near the capital, was stormed by French troops while British parachute troops occupied another important airfield in the Bizerte area, forcing the Luftwaffe to resort more and more to Sicilian bases.

DNB, the official German news agency, reported that a German tank attack on Teboura was "particularly successful," resulting in "heavy losses" for the "retreating" Americans.

The allied headquarters communique Wednesday said allied bombers were keeping up their assaults on the airfields at Tunis and Bizerte.

Light bombers and fighters also are operating in support of the forward troops, the communique said. It acknowledged the loss of five planes but declared that seven enemy aircraft were destroyed.

Falls From Auto

Norman Coote, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Coote of Dallas, entered Salem Deaconess hospital Wednesday for treatment of injuries received when he fell from a moving car. His head was injured with scratches and bruises about the face. Although it is thought he has concussion, his condition is reported fair.

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Legion to Give Them Party



Following a suggestion by President Roosevelt that American Legion members throughout the nation entertain at parties during December the men responsible for staffing the armed services, Salem's Capital post No. 9 will be host to members of the local draft board and the three recruiting officers pictured above on the night of December 7. The recruiting officers (standing, left to right) are Chief Quartermaster Robert Fallon, navy; Sgt. Herman Doney, marines; Sgt. Ethan W. Senn, army. The draft board members are (seated, left to right) W. I. Needham, Romeo Gouley and Ray J. Stumbo and Marcella Miller, clerk.

River Drops; High Water Recalled

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All were agreed that "real high water" only followed melting snow and no one remembered a flood of any importance coming in November.

The real high water mark was 39 feet reached on the last day of 1861. The second highest mark was reached February 2, 1890, when the river stood at 37.1 and the Marion-Polk county bridge went out for the third time in its history, according to R. J. Hendricks, editor emeritus of The Oregon Statesman and Oregon historian.

It was in 1861 when the river stood at 39 feet that a steam boat was run up the river to the Marion county court house, according to the stories told by those who remember or who have heard it from those who recall.

The most recent highwater was in 1927, when the river reached a height of 32.2 feet and in 1923 when it reached 33 feet and the Marion-Polk county bridge was closed to traffic, according to Hendricks.

Tariff Bill Faces Walls

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 —(AP)—A measure giving President Roosevelt wartime powers to suspend tariff regulations successfully weathered a death-sentence test in the house and ways and means committee Wednesday, but there were mounting signs that stiff opposition from the congressional farm bloc lay ahead.

The committee voted 13 to 7 against tabling the legislation. Such tabling, in addition to giving the measure a slow death this year, would likely have meant added difficulties for it next year, when a new congress takes over with increased republican strength.

The action was followed first by adoption of a motion to have Chairman Doughton (D-NC) introduce a modified measure, drafted by a sub-committee. Rep. Jenkins (R-Ohio) said that it had been agreed to continue the hearings "long enough to give people from the far corners of the country time to get here to present their views."

This reopened the possibility that congressional approval might be blocked this year for lack of time. Minority Leader McNary (R-Ore.) has served notice that he will insist upon full public hearings when the bill reaches the senate.

Jefferson Lad Hurt

Kenneth Krebs, Jefferson, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Krebs, was brought to Salem Deaconess hospital Wednesday to have a broken arm set. No report was given as to the cause of this injury.

1st Aid Class Begins

A standard Red Cross first aid class, open to those interested in taking the beginners' course, opens this afternoon, meeting from 2 to 4 o'clock in room 301 of the school office building (old high school building).

Law Agents to Meet

PORTLAND, Dec. 2 —(AP)—War problems confronted by peace officers and enforcement agents will be studied at concurrent conventions here Thursday and Friday of Oregon district attorneys and sheriffs.

First Yank Ace Missing Three Days on Flight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 —(AP)—"Buzz" Wagner, the "one-man air force" and first American ace of this war, has been missing three days on a routine flight from an army air base in Florida to Maxwell Field, Ala.

A war department announcement Wednesday said he took off from Eglin Field, Fla., November 30 and has been unreported since. An extended search still is under way. Wagner, understood here to be flying a single-engine pursuit plane, may have been forced down in the Gulf of Mexico.

Commanding a squadron of P-40s in the Philippines when the war started, Lt. Boyd D. Wagner shot down five enemy planes and led his squadron in attacks that destroyed 24 more on the ground before the conflict was two weeks old. He and his companions took hand grenades from the cockpits of their pursuit planes at the invading Japanese, carried bombs in their laps and sank three small transports by flying over them time after time and shooting them full of machine gun bullet holes.

Laval Confers On New Vichy

BERN, Switzerland, Dec. 2 —(AP)—French Chief of Government Pierre Laval has arrived in Berlin for discussions on formation of a new Vichy government, a Swiss dispatch from Milan, Italy, said Wednesday night.

Laval already has announced formation of "a volunteer African falange" of Frenchmen to fight beside Germany against the United States and Britain, and earlier dispatches said negotiations were under way in Paris and Vichy for the formation of a new government to organize French armament and food production for Germany's benefit.

Sources in close touch with Vichy affairs also said that a "new army" of France would have as its nucleus the pro-Nazi "Blue Shirt" organizations of Jacques Doriot, the Paris collaborationist who openly preaches for a French declaration of war against the United Nations.

Army's Radio Class Slated

Salem's fourth class of 20 trainees in radio mechanics starts training next Monday, December 7, war production training program offices here announced Wednesday. Operated for the United States army signal corps, the classes are particularly of interest to young men who wish to get into radio and communication work in the armed forces and who are about to be called for army service, C. A. Guderian, supervisor of the program, declares.

Students are paid while in training and will be enlisted in the Ninth corps area enlisted reserves, but their enrollments must be completed before notice of induction is received.

Enrollment in the course requires considerable time, and men interested should take action at once if they wish to be included in the new class, Guderian said. Information may be obtained from him at the vocational shop building of the senior high school.

Legislator Fears For AP Future

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., Dec. 2 —(AP)—Fears that government victory in its monopoly suit against the Associated Press would cause the cooperative news agency to become "amenable to Washington bureaucracy" was expressed Wednesday night by Rep. B. Carroll Reese of Tennessee's first district in a statement to the Johnson City Chronicle.

"If the AP should be held to be a monopoly," Reese said, "it might well be held to be a public utility."

Such an eventuality, the congressman expressed belief, would subject the association to government regulation and pressure.

Council May Give Allies Dakar's Use

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his second in command; Adm. Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, head of the British and Allied naval forces under Eisenhower; Gen. Henri Honore Giraud, and others.

Informed sources believed the use of Dakar by the Allies was a certainty, with only the extent to be determined, and naval quarters were quick to point out the advantages. In Dakar's excellent harbor, they said, small craft such as corvettes, destroyers and motorboat submarine chasers could be based and serviced, since naval facilities there are in first-class shape.

Furthermore, Allied control of Dakar would change the entire balance of sea power in the South Atlantic, where U-boat activity is expected to increase along African supply lines.

Another source declared one of the best bits of news that could come from Dakar would be official information that naval units there had come over to the Fighting French.

In organizing his imperial council, Adm. Darlan assumed the functions and title of chief of state for North and West Africa, naming Gov.-Gen. Auguste Nogues of Morocco, Boisson, and Yves Chatelet of Algeria, and Gen. Giraud and Gen. Jean Marie Bargeret as his council.

Sailors Lost On Navy Boat

NEWPORT, R.I., Dec. 2 —(AP)—A navy liberty boat, filled with men returning from shore leave, capsized in Narragansett bay early Wednesday and between 14 and 21 sailors were feared lost.

Two sailors, J. B. Kelly and L. J. Hinson, both seamen second class, were known to have survived. As many as 23 men may have been aboard. Jamestown firemen recovered five bodies and the boat itself, a motor whale boat, was found wedged between rocks on Conanicut island on which Jamestown is located.

The navy public relations office at Newport said it would examine a roster in an effort to determine exactly how many men were aboard.

Subsidies to Help Export of Wheat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 —(AP)—The agriculture department announced Wednesday a new subsidy program designed to expedite the export of wheat to Mexico, Cuba, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Central America. Under the program it will pay bounties to exporters on sales made for export to these countries. The initial rate will be 20 cents a bushel. It will be in effect until December 22.

Plane Crashes

By The Associated Press
Mid-air collisions, one between two army fighter ships over southwestern Washington and the other above Felts Field, Spokane municipal airport, took the lives of two men Wednesday.

Second Lt. Jack N. Finley, 23, Seattle, former University of Washington student stationed at McChord Field, was killed when his plane hit another and crashed near McKenna Field early Wednesday morning. The pilot of the second ship, Second Lt. Norman W. Jackson, Carter, Mont., bailed out and parachuted to safety.

At Spokane, two private planes slipped together as they came in for landing and the one flown by Second Lt. Tom Lauer of Ohio crashed, injuring him fatally. He was taking private flying lessons. The other ship, with two civilians aboard, made an emergency landing in a nearby plowed field and neither man was believed dangerously hurt.

Lieutenant Finley was the son of a Seattle dentist. The wreckage of the two planes fell nearly three miles apart. The pilots were on a routine training flight.

Salary Limit Rule Outlined

\$67,200 to Be Basic Top for Incomes; Some Raises Okeh

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butions to charitable, educational or other organizations."

Similarly allowances may be made for insurance premiums, provided the employee cannot pay them from other income "without disposing of assets at a substantial financial loss resulting in undue hardship." The same kind of allowances are permissible for fixed obligations—which are defined as "any enforceable liability of the employ the amount of which liability was fixed and determined on October 3, 1942."

Also, if the employee cannot meet his income taxes due on past income without sacrificing assets and suffering undue hardship, he may be allowed sufficient additional salary to take care of the taxes. Thus, it was apparent that in many cases the gross salary allowed would be far above \$67,200.

With regard to 1942 high bracket salaries, the regulations provide that an employee can receive the same amount he got in 1941, but cannot get increases beyond a "basic" figure of \$54,428 unless his salary is fixed under a bona fide contract in effect on October 3, 1942.

Concerning other salaries, raises and decreases will be possible, but most of them must first be approved by the bureau of internal revenue.

Farm Program Said Sound

DENVER, Dec. 2 —(AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Wickard said Wednesday "there are errors of commission and omission" in the department's 1943 war crop program, but that in the main it was sound and provided an unprecedented job the American farmer can and must accomplish.

He told the regional agricultural conference that criticism of the program was to be expected, and that the obstacles—manpower and equipment shortages, rationing and transportation problems—seemed almost insurmountable.

Wickard added, however, that the production goals were the farmers' war job and carried as much responsibility as that borne by every marine in the Solomon Islands. Doubt, expressed by some speakers from the floor, as to the feasibility of attaining the goals was met by Wickard with the assertion that it was the farmers' "patriotic obligation."

Chairman of the agricultural war boards from each of the 13 states represented sent Wickard a formal statement after the meeting pledging their states to meet next year's production goals.

Gannett Allows Name for Office

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 —(AP)—Frank E. Gannett, Rochester, N.Y., newspaper publisher, announced Wednesday that in response to many requests he would permit his name to be presented for the chairmanship of the Republican national committee at a committee meeting December 7.

Gannett recently resigned as assistant chairman. If selected chairman, he would succeed Rep. Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts, who has announced his resignation in order to devote his full time to his duties as House minority leader.

November Sales Of Bonds Short

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 —(AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau announced Wednesday that sales of war bonds in November fell \$65,400,000 short of the \$800,000,000 quota.

Sales of Series E bonds, which include those purchased by payroll deductions, were \$541,600,000 as against \$587,000,000 in October. Series F and G sales in November were \$193,000,000, compared with \$228,500,000 in October.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

The chamber of commerce could start draping the streets with cedar in October and I would postpone Christmas shopping until the Salvation Army's Kettles had appeared on the corners of the downtown business area.

Today the kettles are out and I must commence to think. Now, that is putting it a little badly, for ever since last Christmas gift suggestions have popped out at American women from shop windows.

This year the toys are like those I remember having played with—you see, I was a youngster during World War I and now I suddenly recollect, and understand, why our toys were largely wooden rather than metal. And I'm a little unhappy because none of the nephews or nieces are exactly the right size for a pinto pony rocking horse that much resembles the one from which my brother saved the mane on December 26, 1917.

There will be some difficulty deciding between the doll in nurse's uniform and that in ruffly dress—why aren't there two five-year-old girls in my family?—And the handmade gifts—always I am left with unfinished attempts, and always I start again, but not until the Salvation Army kettles have appeared on the street.

So, just for a purely utilitarian point of view, the Army would be doing some of us a service if it started its Christmas cheer fund just a week or two earlier.

Kaiser Plans Will Be Told

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 —(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, said Wednesday he would be able to define publicly in two months the plans for the giant cargo planes to be built by him and Howard Hughes.

"We are planning," Kaiser said, "to build these huge cargo planes for permanent use. These flying ships must not be confused with passenger ships."

"They will be designed to carry heavy freight and we are building them from plans to produce the greatest possible mileage at the lowest possible cost."

Kaiser, who speaks here Friday night at the final banquet of the National Association of Manufacturers' convention, said the ships will "certainly be able to fly over the ocean, land cargo and be able to fly back without refueling."

14 Lost When Tug Plunges

CLEVELAND, Dec. 2 —(AP)—In the worst disaster on treacherous Lake Erie since 1936, the 94-ton tug Admiral plunged beneath icy wind-swept waves Wednesday, drowning her crew of 14.

Hampered by adverse weather, coast guard cutters sought meanwhile to rescue the 19 crew members of the 250-foot barge Cleveco. The barge was under the Admiral's tow when the tug went down a dozen miles northwest of Cleveland and not far from Avon point—the same area where the Canadian vessel Sand Merchant carried 18 to their deaths six years ago.

The wood-bull Admiral was built in 1893, and formerly was named the George H. Meyer. She was 89 feet long and 24 wide.

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"I Was a Prisoner On Devil's Island"

Soviets Push On 2 Fronts

3600 Nazis Killed in Day's Action; Reds Take Volga Hill

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(The German radio acknowledged "local Russian successes" at Bely, well inside the Velikie Luki-Rzhev-Vyazma triangle on the central front, and also at Demysnak, southeast of Lake Ilmen, a sector thus far not mentioned by the Russians. The Germans also suggested another powerful Russian offensive was brewing southeast of Vornesh, between the present active theatres. The Nazis told of a heavy concentration of Russian forces and equipment in the Buturlinovka-Kalach-Pavlovsk triangle below Voronezh and said Nazi airmen already were attacking there.)

The Russians said they had knocked out or captured a total of 42 German tanks Wednesday, and that the red air force destroyed another 20 on Tuesday as well as 150 trucks with troops and supplies.

Northwest of Stalingrad where the Russians are fighting their way down the eastern bank of the Don river behind the Nazi siege army that has been stalemated for 100 days before that Volga city, the communique said the red army was methodically destroying enemy gun emplacements, dugouts and blockhouses. One tank unit was said to have killed 200 Germans, crippled seven tanks and captured ten mortars with their stockpiles of ammunition.

In another sector of this salient between the Don and Volga rivers, the communique said Russian troops beat off German counter attacks and wiped out 600 Nazis.

Southwest of Stalingrad more than 500 more Germans fell, the Russians said, and the red army also destroyed eight enemy tanks, 31 guns, 18 trucks and 16 ammunition wagons. Inside Stalingrad only artillery

and patrol activities occurred Wednesday in the northern factory area, but one enemy infantry company was said to have been destroyed.

Dispatches said the Germans still were clinging to their positions in the city although weakened by the withdrawal of some units to counter soviet advances elsewhere. The newspaper Red Star also said that the Nazis were being hammered into gradual retreat on the central front where many German divisions had lost more than half their men.

Chile-Axis Break Seen Imminent

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 2 —(AP)—Informed political sources regarded a Chilean diplomatic break with the axis as inevitable and imminent Wednesday night after Foreign Minister Juan Fernandez outlined government policy at a private session of the senate.

Chile and Argentina are the only two South American nations that have not broken with the axis. Chile's President Juan Antonio Rios recently indicated that the step would be taken once he was convinced that it served Chilean and Pan-American interests.

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