

PRESIDENT AND DIES CONFER ON FIFTH COLUMN

Texan Firm in Demanding 'Fearless Disclosure' of Propaganda Groups.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt and Rep. Martin Dies (D., Tex.), met at a White House conference today to thrash out long-standing disagreements over the Dies Committee's investigation of un-American activities.

Before going to the conference Mr. Dies said he was willing to cooperate fully in the Administration's anti-Fifth Column drive.

He said, however, he could not agree to cease publicizing propaganda groups. He called for "fearless disclosures" of their activities.

"If we should sacrifice that," he said, "we would be going contrary to the Congress and the people."

Accompanied by Aids

He was accompanied by James H. Steadham and J. B. Matthews, both investigators for his committee, and Robert E. Stripling, committee secretary.

It was only the second time that Mr. Dies has conferred with Mr. Roosevelt since Congress created his committee two years ago. The President has criticized the committee severely many times. Mr. Dies has repeatedly accused the Administration of shielding Communists and of failure to deport C. I. O. Leader Harry Bridges.

Today's meeting was requested by the President who asked Mr. Dies to return from his home in Orange, Tex., to discuss co-ordination of all the government's anti-Fifth Column activities.

Fend With Jackson

The request followed a bitter exchange of statements between Mr. Dies and Attorney General Robert H. Jackson over the merits and efficiency of the Justice Department's campaign against subversive elements.

A few hours before the conference Mr. Jackson announced that he was studying a 200-page "factual report" on the Bridges case which he ordered reopened last Aug. 24 to determine whether there were grounds for deporting the C. I. O. leader for his alleged Communist affiliations. The report was without recommendations by Federal Bureau of Investigation Director J. Edgar Hoover.

I'm Mrs. Chaplin, Paulette Admits

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Paulette Goddard today confirmed her marriage to Charlie Chaplin, but gave no details. Mr. Chaplin introduced her at the New York premiere of "The Great Dictator" as his wife, but did not elaborate.

The confirmation came in Miss Goddard's answer, filed in Superior Court here to a suit by Joseph R. Levee of New York, her father, seeking \$150 weekly support from her.

The answer said Miss Goddard admitted a section of her father's suit "wherein Levee had alleged that the defendant is a motion picture actress and the wife of Charles Chaplin, an actor by profession and a man of great wealth, means and income."

1st Lady All Ready



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, who usually starts her Christmas shopping a year early, finished the job this year with nearly a month to spare. Here she is before a New York toy counter, where she made her last few purchases.

War Moves Today

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Pressure on the British Government by a section of British public opinion to deliver a "knockout blow" to Signor Mussolini by heavier attacks on southern Italy and in Albania is based on belief that a collapse of Fascist morale is imminent.

More evidence than is yet available, however, of Italian war weakening probably must be forthcoming before Great Britain would be justified in that course. British war leaders differ from the fatal loss of morale at this time. German and Italian air raids over Great Britain have that purpose in view; but the British Government considers it more important to attack military objectives and thus weaken the fighting power of the enemy.

Thus, although southern Italy has been brought within easy reach of the British air force by operating from Greece, nevertheless, attacks on northern Italy are being given preference. That plan of campaign is consistent with the British conviction that military damage is more important than killing or frightening civilians.

In north Italy munitions and industrial plants are largely concentrated. The Fascist installations of hydro-electric plants in the northwestern mountain regions are the sources of 50 per cent of Italy's power. Railways entering northern Italy from Germany carry constant streams of coal and other supplies.

British strategists believe that if these strictly military centers can be destroyed or seriously disrupted the effect on Italian war effort will be much greater than if bombings were concentrated on southern cities.

An eventual break in morale among the sturdy northern Italians

DIG IN RUINS FOR LIVERPOOL DEAD

Destruction Is Widespread After Eight-Hour Nazi Blast at Big Port.

By F. H. ATKINSON
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LIVERPOOL, England, Nov. 29.—Rescue squads dug feverishly into what had been a building today in search of bodies or persons possibly alive and trapped beneath tons of debris.

It had resulted from one of many heavy bombs dropped in last night's eight-hour concentrated German raid on Liverpool and two other northwest towns.

The building up until shortly after midnight had been an instructional center for civilians assigned to the ruins of many buildings how many persons had been in the building when bombs started crashing down.

The raiders came over the Merseyside district in waves, some from the Irish Sea, and an endless curtain of anti-aircraft shells shot into the sky in an effort to bring them down or chase them away. Shrapnel fell in the streets like rain.

Destruction Widespread

A tour of the city shortly after daylight revealed widespread destruction and rescue squads were digging in the ruins of many buildings for bodies and trapped persons. One bomb crashed into a police station, but there were no casualties.

A block away a motion picture theater was hit demolishing two persons were known to have been killed and many were injured when a high explosive bomb struck a public shelter. An apartment building in one district was badly damaged. A bank on the opposite side of the street was wrecked.

Many homes in the working class district were wrecked as the bombs showered down on Britain's second largest port to which come ships of the world with food, munitions and war equipment.

Start With Incendiaries

The raiders first showered the city with incendiary bombs, starting fires in widely scattered areas. Fire fighters and air raid precautions workers battled the flames despite bombs and shrapnel.

In some districts violent machine gunfire could be heard above the roar of the low-flying raiders as ground defenses shot at flares lighting up large areas. The path of tracer bullets also could be seen. For the first time in many weeks searchlights were turned on to light the heavens for anti-aircraft batteries blasting away at the Nazi bombers.

In one residential area a high explosive bomb crashed near an apartment house, shattering all its windows and injuring some of its residents. Many persons were trapped under debris of toppling homes in another district but were rescued and few required hospitalization.

ACTRESS TO GET \$50,000

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Jewel Carmen, film actress, will receive \$50,000 as a property settlement in her separation from Roland West, director, and partner of the late Thelma Todd, an attorney's stipulation indicated today.

British Claim Sea Victories Over Axis Fleets; Italians Rush Troops to Bolster Sagging Lines

Nazi Warships Chased Back After Foray Into Channel, London Reports.

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destroyers shelled the north coast of Corfu. According to the Greek account the Italian warship or warships fled at the approach of British and Greek airplanes.

The Italians said a successful bombardment was carried out against Greek batteries at San Salvatore, San Stefano, Caltanaro and Roda.

Demands for a whirlwind offensive against Italy were led by Leslie Hore-Belisha, former War Minister. A major point of these advocates was that if the Italian fleet could be completely smashed, British fleet concentrations in the Mediterranean could be freed for the vital task of protecting Britain's harassed sea routes against Nazi U-boat and surface raiders.

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The Germans added Liverpool to the list of major British cities against which raids of the twenty-type have been attempted.

Berlin claimed that vast fires swept Liverpool's warehouses, oil tanks, wharves, grain elevators and power plants but the British said that brave and efficient fire fighting aid air rescue squads held damage far below what might have been expected.

The British believed that the Germans hurled 300 to 300 bombers against Liverpool, most of them heavy types which can carry large loads of big bombs. German attacks—in less force—were made on other parts of Britain, including London.

The British replied with sweeping attacks on Dusseldorf, Mannheim, Antwerp, Boulogne, Le Havre and German points as far east as the port of Stettin on the Baltic.

Two enemy planes were shot down over Britain today, the War Ministry said. Two British craft were lost but both pilots landed safely.

ITALO-GREEK WAR

According to reports reaching the Yugoslav frontier, 11 more Italian transports landed troops at Durazzo and they were rushed into the front lines as the Fascists sought to block a Greek attempt to drive west from Pogradec and cut off Italian units falling back on Elbasan.

Frontier reports said that the Italians were in danger of being caught between Greek forces southwest of the Mokra Mountains and the northern end of Lake Ochrida. In addition, a new Greek advance on the central front was reported to have resulted in capture of the village of Heseke.

Italians Counter-Attack

On the southern wing, there was no further news of the fate of Argirostom, while the border reports said the Greeks took yesterday but which Rome said was still held by the Italians.

Athens said that Greek troops had dispersed the Italian "la morte" to the death-regiment in Epirus. Rome said that counter-attacks and large-scale bombing raids had been carried out against the Greeks. The Italians admitted British bombing attempts on Brindisi and Taranto and claimed an Italian submarine sank a 10,000-ton British transport in the Atlantic. London said British planes bombed Port Laki on Leros Island in the Dodecanese and Trioli in North Africa.

British sources in Athens disclosed capture of an Italian "flying oil tanker" en route to the Dodecanese Islands and said it indicated the fate of those Italian bases in the eastern Mediterranean had been sealed.

The islands are Italy's most im-

2 NAZI FREIGHTERS MAKE 2D SEA DASH

TAMPICO, Mexico, Nov. 29 (U. P.).—Two German freighters—S. Idarwald and Rhein—steamed out of port today in another apparent attempt to elude the British Atlantic blockade.

There was general belief that the departure of the two German ships—part of a fleet of a dozen Axis merchant vessels stranded here—might be seeking to make contact with a German sea raider or submarines in the Atlantic to relay supplies.

The Idarwald and Rhein were two of the four German vessels that ran back to port when they met warships—apparently United States destroyers—on patrol off the Mexican coast two weeks ago. On that occasion one of the four, the Phrygia, was scuttled.

Considerable mystery surrounded today's departures.

The Idarwald cast off at 6:20 a. m. and started down stream and at 7 a. m. the Rhein followed. A Mexican tugboat turned both into the current of the river, after which they proceeded down stream under their own power.

A Mexican gunboat was waiting to escort them nine miles out into the Gulf of Mexico, the end of Mexican Territorial waters.

Three U. S. destroyers were reported off the mouth of the river, but they were not sighted from shore. Both vessels cleared "in ballast" indicating they had no cargoes. The destination of the Idarwald was given as Vigo, Spain, and of the Rhein as the Canary Islands.

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portant outpost of empire in the eastern Mediterranean.

Water, gasoline, oil, munitions and food are lacking on the islands which the Fascists had hoped to use as an important base in the air and sea offensive against the Suez Canal, the British said.

The fact that the Italians are sending lubricating oils by air indicates extreme shortage on the islands, according to the British.

FAR EAST

The Far Eastern sensation of the day was the wrecking of a train carrying Japanese and Chinese notables to Nanking for ceremonies tomorrow marking signing of a treaty between Japan and the puppet regime of Wang Ching Wei.

More fighting was reported between Thailand and French Indochina. The French admitted Thai planes bombed the strategic railheads of Thakhek and Savannakhet, but hoped the conflict might be localized.

Bangkok claimed three French planes were shot down in an attempted raid on Nakornphanom, Thailand. The French denied they had granted an air base to the Japanese at Saigon.

BALKANS

The situation in Rumania was tense. All sorts of rumors circulated in the Balkans to the effect that Premier Gen. Ion Antonescu and his Iron Guardist Cabinet member, Horia Sima, had resigned or would resign, that new murders were occurring, that the Iron Guardists had split, that the Germans might take over the country and that indignation within Rumania was nearing the boiling point.

Bucharest said the Government still had "firm control" of the situation but admitted that special military precautions had been taken. Iron Guardists were flocking to Bucharest and a crisis may come Sunday.

In London, seven members of the Rumanian legation staff telegraphed to Bucharest their resignations from the diplomatic service as a protest against the pro-Nazi policy of Gen. Ion Antonescu and the reign of terror in Rumania. The resignations included that of Baron Starcea, first secretary of the legation.

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