

# REPORT PORTO EDDA FALLS; U.S. RELEASES 20 BOMBERS

Greeks Smash Forward in South Albania; R. A. F. Bombs Turin.

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repulsing their attacks and the launching of counter-blows. Italian aviation was said to have bombed the Prese-Perau Road, and the sinking of a Greek destroyer by the Italian submarine Delfino was claimed.

## Peace Feelers

The reports of peace feelers by Salazar were vague and originated in Vichy. No secret is made in Vichy of the desirability of an early peace from the viewpoint of France. Salazar was said to be approaching both belligerents with a view to learning whether there is any possibility of mediation by President Roosevelt.

The effort seemed to offer little prospect of success. In Berlin it was said that Germany's only peace term would be unconditional surrender of Britain.

London was equally cool to the suggestion. Prime Minister Winston Churchill is already on record with a refusal—in advance—of any plan for a Christmas truce.

**Commons Rejects Appeal**

The House of Commons rejected, 341 to 4, a "peace appeal" proposal by the Independent Labor Party after Lord Privy Seal Clement R. Attlee had expressed Government opposition.

A demand for a peace conference to "bring this tragic, devastating conflict to an end" was made by J. McGovern, Independent Labor Party member of Glasgow.

But Attlee rejected the proposal and said that "the alternatives before the country are not war and peace but war and what kind of peace."

It was pointed out in Vichy that only four European nations are at war: Britain, Germany, Italy and Greece; but that seven other nations—France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Albania—are unable to repair even elementary war damage and are blockaded into starvation. The other nations—Turkey, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Sweden must keep mobilized and are unable to proceed with normal activities.

## Terrible Costs Cited

It is estimated that war casualties already approach 1,000,000; that war costs approach \$100,000,000 a day, and that if peace came today it would take two generations to work off the war debts.

Observers estimate that more buildings have been destroyed in Britain and elsewhere in Europe in the past 12 months than were built in all Europe in the past 10 years; that more shipping has been sunk than built since 1935; and that civilian casualties in this war already exceed those of the entire World War.

## Aerial War

Royal Air Force planes further harassed Italy by flying across Switzerland during the night to attack Turin, the important northern Italy center of heavy industry and arms factories. Dusseldorf and other objectives in German-occupied France and Belgium also were attacked.

Italy claimed that no military objectives were damaged but admitted fires which damaged a dye shop, a wool mill and a carpet factory and said one person was killed and three injured by British bombs.

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The British Air ministry, however, reported "considerable damage" on Turin. One plane was missing.

The attack on the Dusseldorf area was described as "sustained" and followed by fire and explosions.

Other targets of the R. A. F. were listed as Antwerp and Calais. Ger-



Morgenthau Agrees With Jones That Britain Is Good Loan Risk.

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gram into high gear. He said he was not advocating participation in the war, but just a precautionary measure against possible future lags in production.

Statements by two high Administration fiscal officials—Federal Reserve Board Chairman Mariner S. Eccles and Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator Jesse H. Jones—aroused further speculation over possible future financial aid to Britain. Mr. Jones hinted he would not be opposed to a loan or credit by asserting that he considered Britain "good risk." Mr. Eccles, however, revealed that in an off-the-record address in New York last week he suggested that Congress should consider the advisability of extending credits to Britain as a means of combating the threat of inflation in the huge reservoir of idle bank funds in this country.

## Fit Bombers With Sights

The British at the same time attacked Italian columns retreating from the south front in Albania, the air ministry said.

It was unofficially reported that British and Italian fighter planes battled over Tepelini and that 10 Italian craft were destroyed.

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London claimed 13 German planes and one British fighter were shot down in today's air battles over Britain.

## Claim Nazis Weakening

Leaders in Great Britain expressed confidence that the continental blockade and R. A. F. bombs eventually would bring the Reich to its knees.

Hits were scored by the Nazi raiders on a London police station, a church and depot.

In British air circles it was said that the intensity of the attack last night had lessened because of the weather as well as the sudden condition of airfields on the Continent.

That raised the possibility that Britain may be seeking to increase its dollar balances through some arrangement for the large-scale liquidation of assets. The Bank of England earlier this year took over British private holdings of about 175 American stocks with an aggregate market value of \$450,000,000. Since then it has liquidated less than \$200,000,000.

Meanwhile, it was learned today that several score of "surplus" Navy guns will be made available to Canada for fortification of Nova Scotia.

The four and seven-inch weapons, described as "extremely old," were taken from old warships and are considered not essential to the defense program.

Two events of possible significance were reported as affecting the Far East. The official Russian news agency, Tass, issued a statement declaring that the Soviet policy toward China—a policy of extensive aid to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek—"remains without change" despite official notification of Japan's recognition of the Nanking regime of Wang Ching-wei.

The statement was issued in response to official notification to the Soviet of Japan's recognition coupled with a Japanese expression of "desire to adjust her relations with the U. S. S. R."

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At the same time there was no slackening of tension between French Indo-China and Thailand where a small scale war has been raging for the last 10 days.

## Far East

ARGENTINE TO GET \$50,000,000 LOAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (U. P.)—Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. said today the Treasury is planning a \$50,000,000 currency stabilization loan to the Argentine Government.

The loan, Mr. Morgenthau said, will be "along the same general lines" as the recent \$50,000,000 stabilization agreement with China.

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Under the treaty Wang Ching-wei pledged the Nanking Government to oppose Communism. The Japanese have informed Moscow that no anti-Chinese policy is involved in the anti-Communist clause of the Chinese treaty, but Stalin can have no

illusions about the matter.

The spread of Russian influence in China cannot be severed from the spread of communism. That is a difficult problem for Chiang Kai-shek, who is not a Communist, but it is more difficult for those Japanese who still hope for an advantageous agreement with the Russians.

The political character of Russian encroachment in China, indeed, would be more seriously felt by the Japanese than a Russian territorial advance because the Japanese are convinced communism aims at the overthrow of the Japanese national structure. Japan's national survival is threatened by no western rivalry.

But Russia is forever awaiting a possible opportunity to work her will against the Japanese, politically and territorially. Japan, it would seem, can ill afford to weaken herself by western involvements while Russia conserves her strength for future use.

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The charges were brought after George A. Harris won a suit against Ziener, Patton, Scanlon, Oliver and Morris in Circuit Court for \$1400 on a claim that he had lost it with "crooked" men.

Judge Earl Cok called a conference with Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey over the evidence in the civil suit and the criminal charges dismissed today were brought.

No western power covets terri-

## Solves Schricker Problem



James Tucker (left), tells Mr. Schricker how to save \$1.75.

Governor-elect Henry F. Schricker (right), appeared at the office of Secretary of State James Tucker today for his commission. His face was clouded.

"You ought to appear more tickled than that, Henry," Mr. Tucker chided. Mr. Schricker's face broke out in smiles.

He did and the Governor-elect smiled even more.

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## F. D. R. CRUISES INTO JAMAICA

Meets Governor General During Tour of Bases Guarding Canal.

ABOARD U. S. S. MAYRANT, KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 5 (U. P.)—President Roosevelt arrived today at this British colonial capital where the United States has obtained a defense base aboard the cruiser *Tuscaloosa* after a short run from Guantanamo, Cuba.

The President scheduled a luncheon engagement with the Governor-General of Jamaica but revealed no other plans for his tour of the United States' defense bases guarding the Panama Canal.

The *Tuscaloosa* with its escorting destroyers Mayrant and Trippie arrived in Guantanamo last night after a 24-hour run from Miami.

The halt at Guantanamo apparently was only the first stop in Mr. Roosevelt's tour of United States Caribbean defense bases, including those leased from Great Britain in exchange for 500 war destroyers.

Mr. Roosevelt was conferring with Capt. George L. Weyler, commanding officer of the naval base, Comm. J. F. Hooker, the medical officer, and Col. William Rupertus, senior marine officer.

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## QUEEN WON'T VISIT U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 5 (U. P.)—A Netherlands spokesman today denied reports from Lisbon that Queen Wilhelmina was going to New York.

## New Donors

341 Children Clothed; Kingan A. C., County City Workers Help

GIFTS FROM the Kingan Athletic Association, the City and County Employees Relief Association and from "S. A. C." to-day helped swell the number of children clothed in the annual Indianapolis Times Clothe-A-Child campaign to 341.

One child is clothed for each child you are unable to do so. The Times will act for you. Here are the ways you can participate in the Clothe-A-Child campaign:

1. If you want to shop with a child yourself, call Riley 5551 and ask for "Clothe-A-Child." You can meet the child at campaign headquarters, 44 S. Capitol Ave., and go to the store with the youngster.

2. If you want The Times to act for you, mail a check or money order to "Clothe-A-Child," The Indianapolis Times, and an experienced shopper will do the rest.

3. You can join with others in your club, office, church, sports club, fraternity, sorority or lodge. Let Clothe-A-Child know how many children your group desires to clothe.

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## War Moves Today

By J. W. T. MASON  
United Press War Expert

Announcement today at Moscow that Japan has been informed there will be no change in Russia's policy toward China indicates cancellation of Tokyo's expectations of making any agreement with the Slava of far-reaching significance. Relations between the two powers in the Orient thus must continue uncertain and disturbing to each.

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LIGHT guns were taken across marshes at the foot of the hill on rafts by Greek Evezons troops. They broke the resistance of the Italian Sienna Division, which had counter-attacked in an attempt to hold a last bridgehead.

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The Russians have every reason to believe that the new triple alliance was aimed at one of its objectives; and they are too realistic to mistake potential enemies for friends. Stalin's notification to Japan

territorial control in China or political domination over any part of that country. Russia, however, has both these ambitions.

Any important extension of Russian power over the Chinese, however, would be seriously detrimental to Japan. Not only would the Japanese feel the rivalry in gaining access to China's raw materials, but also there would be the danger of communistic repercussions.

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Thus, Japan's friends and antagonists in the west as far as basic policies are concerned, with little hope of fundamental adjustment. Each is engrossed in rivalry more complicated than Japan's troubles with western powers because Russia has her strong Far Eastern army always close to Japanese territory.