

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

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

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repelling their attacks and the launching of counter-blows. Italian aviation was said to have bombed the Premeti-Perati 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 terms 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, 241 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 near starvation. Five other nations—Turkey, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Sweden must keep mobilized and are unable to proceed with normal activities.

## Terrific 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 1925; 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.

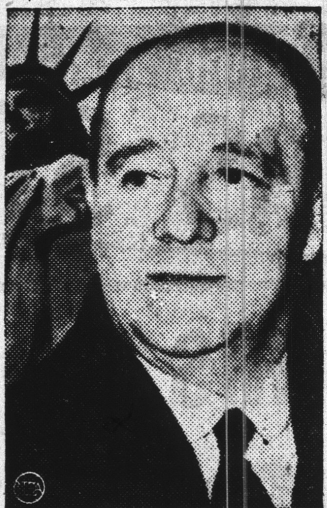
Italy claimed that no military objectives were damaged but admitted fires which damaged a dye shop, a wool mill and a carpet factory and said one person was killed and three injured by British bombs.

German air attacks on Britain last night were fairly light, concentrated mostly on London and Birmingham.

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-



Sir Frederick Phillips, British Undersecretary of the Treasury, arrives in New York by Clipper and poses by a picture of the Statue of Liberty.

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 loss in production.

Statements by two high Administration fiscal officials—Federal Reserve Board Chairman Marriner 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 a "good risk."

Mr. Eccles belatedly 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 "flying fortresses"—huge, four-engined Boeing B-17s originally ordered by the Army Air Corps—were released after several weeks of negotiations. Consideration of their release was announced last month when the Army permitted the British to take prior delivery on 26 Consolidated four-motored bombers. At least one of these has been delivered; the remainder will be ready by March 1, 1941.

The "flying fortresses" are now being fitted with Speer bombights, recently released by the Army. The Speer sight is considered highly efficient but the Army and Navy have displaced it with the highly secret and reportedly more accurate, Norden sight.

Informed sources said Britain's balances now in this country are sufficient to take care of commitments here to date.

## Short of Dollars

"The first thing to do is to discuss what are the present lacks in our financial position," Frederick said in New York. "Our financial position has never been stronger. The war is costing us \$45,000,000 a day and we are able to stand that. The only technical difficulty is one of dollars and I believe that we will be able to arrange that."

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 scores 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.

## 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. Since Argentina is at peace the Treasury will not feel obligated to discuss the matter with Congress first, he said.

Immediately following, President Warren Lee Pierson of the Export-Import Bank, indicated that his organization is contemplating further loans to Argentina.

## WHITE SHRINE TO MEET

The Indianapolis White Shrine Patrol 6 will meet at Castle Hall at 8 o'clock tonight. Charlotte Callon is president and Katherine Armstrong is captain of patrol.

# Solves Schricker Problem F. D. R. CRUISES INTO JAMAICA



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.

"Now I've got to go buy a glass for it," he said.

"I'll tell you where to get one for two bits," Mr. Tucker offered. "I paid \$2 for one last year and this year I got just as good a one for two bits."

He did and the Governor-elect smiled even more.

# Greeks Firing on Porto Edda Kneel Beside Guns and Pray

By PAUL PALEOLOGOS  
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE GREEK ARMY, Dec. 4 (Delayed).—I watched Greek artillerymen celebrate the feast of their patron St. Barbara today with a merciless bombardment of Porto Edda.

(Frontier dispatches to Struga, Yugoslavia today reported Porto Edda had been captured by the Greeks.)

There were few lulls in the firing, from zero hour this morning to dusk, but whenever one came, the Greeks crowded around white shrines or knelt beside their guns and prayed to the patroness of gunpowder.

The gunners were red-eyed from loss of sleep but were anxious to end the battle for this vital Albanian port, and they worked tirelessly to send a stream of shells screaming into the Italian encampments.

Smaller guns gradually were slogged into new positions ahead while heavy batteries dumped shells on the other side of the town, where Italian tanks were reported concentrating.

I WATCHED 30-year-old Artillery Capt. Micho jot down a message heliographed by the sun's reflection in a mirror) from the summit, snatch a telephone and give new ranges to his battery hidden near a shell-torn farmhouse, whose walls still bore placards reading: "Viva Albania Fascista! Viva Il Duce!"

Micho told me the Italians already had moved their heavy guns away from Porto Edda to prevent their capture, and that the shells bursting on a ridge ahead of us were from Italian light artillery.

"Our heavies will soon silence them," the curly-haired captain said. Italian planes appeared and dropped bombs blindly, hoping to hit a hidden Greek battery. When Greek chasers arrived, the Italian planes fled.

Lorry after lorry arrived with loads of shells, which moved in an almost endless stream to the foremost batteries and points between. The front batteries soon were blasting the last Italian defenders down a hillside on the outskirts of town with point blank fire.

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

Several Italian strongholds on the edge of town received hundreds of direct hits. They were burning by mid-day. The sharp barks of the Greek 75s, and the deep roar of heavy guns are followed by columns of dust rising high over house-tops around the target as I write this. The Evzones are waiting impatiently for orders to storm the town, but the officers want to give the Italians time to evacuate and prevent as much bloodshed as possible.

# 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 Slavs of far-reaching significance. Relations between the two powers in the Orient thus must continue uncertain and disturbing to each.

Efforts by Hitler to bring about a better Russo-Japanese understanding show no signs of succeeding. The Russians have every reason to believe that the new triple alliance, as one of its objectives, and they are too realistic to mistake potential enemies for friends. Stalin's notification to Japan

as before follows signing of the new basic peace treaty between Japan and China, and the Japanese, Russia thus reaffirms her support of Chiang Kai-shek, in opposition to the Japanese.

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

Any territorial concessions in the Orient to the Russians, such as have been rumored from time to time, would formally stabilize Communism in the conceded areas. Whatever brings Communism nearer to Japanese borders must cause disquietude among those who guide Japan's national welfare, and thus serve as an obstacle to Japan's recognition of new Slav spheres of influence in China.

Thus, Japan and Russia seem destined to remain antagonistic to each other, in so far as basic political and fundamental adjustment. Each is entangled in rivalry more complicated than Japan's troubles with western powers because Russia has her strong Far Eastern army always close to Japanese territory.

Japan's friendships and antagonisms in the west as now existing have no permanent foundation. They are temporary arrangements due to secondary causes. Many Japanese believe they are antagonistic to Japan's long range interests.

If the future shows that to be the case, Japan can readjust her western commitments by diplomatic means, without serious loss, even though that requires curtailing to some extent the ambitions of extremists.

No western power covets terri-

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 Trippe 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 50 overage destroyers.

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

The naval base officers gave Mr. Roosevelt detailed reports of the progress of barracks and sanitary precautions preliminary to the enlargement of the base which is on the southeast coast of Cuba and dominates the Windward Passage from the Atlantic to the Caribbean and the Straits of Florida.

The President remained aboard the Tuscaloosa during the night.

INTERURBAN KILLS DRIVER,  
MUNCIE, Ind., Dec. 5 (U. P.).—James B. Hesler, 24, Hillsboro, was killed today when his automobile was struck by an Indiana Railroad interurban. Sixty pupils of the Park School at Bluffton were passengers on the interurban, but none was injured.

STRAUSS  
SAYS—

HUSKY FOOTWEAR—EASY TO WEAR

This is the CHUKKA—stock upper—thick soles, 5.85.

The CHUKKA in a smart "mudguard" last is 7.50.

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# Boney Hughes Died Penniless; Clothe-A-Child Outfits His 6

All of Them From Baby to  
12-Year-Old Will Be  
Warm This Winter.

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whom fortune has frowned for some time. The 11th annual Times Clothe-A-Child campaign has just begun. It will try, between now and Christmas, to see that not one needy Indianapolis youngster has to face the winter months without the proper clothing. But it cannot succeed unless you do your bit.

It's very easy to help. You can clothe a child directly yourself, or if 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 team, fraternity, sorority or lodge. Let Clothe-A-Child know how many children your group desires to clothe.

All the lists of children are checked by the social service department of the Indianapolis public schools and with social service agencies to avoid duplication. The cost of outfitting depends on the child's needs. It usually runs from \$8 to \$12. The average is \$10.

The children—and their parents, too—will appreciate your help. Call Riley 5551 now, and ask for "Clothe-A-Child."

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