

SESSION WATCHED BY ENTIRE WORLD

Britain Wonders Whether Congress Will Hurry Aid in Time for Victory, and Hitler Will Base Striking Time on American Action.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—No Congress in the nation's history was ever watched by so many people, in so many lands, or with such varied hopes and fears.

What this Congress does can hardly fail to affect in some degree the future of every one of the earth's two billion inhabitants.

Adolf Hitler will watch it, for upon it in no small measure depends not only the timing but the success or failure of his anticipated attempt to invade England and smash the British Empire with its 450,000,000 subjects.

Japan will watch it. For upon whether she believes America is bluffing or muddling depends her policy in the western Pacific and

her plans for expansion southward to the East Indies, Singapore and beyond.

Even France will watch it, as will Norway, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Denmark.

For most of its life since its base there, it has hoped for a democratic victory and the restoration of their future independence.

Similarly the people of Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Rumania, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Egypt and the Middle East are in American opposition to the dictators their principal hope of escape from the domination of Berlin or Moscow.

In the Western Hemisphere, each of the 20 Latin republics is fearful for its own future in a world dominated by the totalitarian powers, and is looking to the United States to do something to help them.

Britain Needs U. S. Aid
The reason for this vital interest in the American Congress is that it has now become axiomatic that, without the aid of the United States, Britain and her allies can hardly win. And unless this particular session of Congress functions intelligently and promptly, foreign observers fear such aid will come too late.

Hitler is said to be convinced that the United States is not bluffing, that some time this year—during the second half rather than the first—aid to Britain will begin to arrive in considerable quantity. That is why he is said to have decided definitely to win or lose in 1941.

Normally, military experts here declare, March or April should bring Hitler's all-out offensive against Britain. They discount major moves in other possible theaters of operations because, they say, Hitler knows the war will not be won until Britain caves in, regardless of victorious disaster. So they are inclined to believe that Hitler is more likely than not to strike earlier than would normally be the case.

Japan May Hesitate
President Roosevelt, therefore, is expected to keep right behind Congress in an effort to speed up aid to Britain. Nor is it believed that Congress itself will be lagged. The chief fear of most of the observers in the diplomatic gallery is that, despite the overwhelming sentiment in favor of all possible assistance short of war, it will insist on debating while Hitler completes his preparations to land in England.

There is a growing impression here that Japan will not be easy to maneuver into the war merely to help her Axis allies. If Congress and the country show they mean business by bucking down to the job of national defense quickly and efficiently, it is felt, no amount of pressure from Berlin will budge Japan.

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2 DIRECT SESSION ON STUDENT WORK

Dr. Philip M. Ball, dean of the Butler University College of Education, and Robert S. Richey, State National Youth Administrator, will be co-chairmen in charge of arrangements for a Joint Conference on Student Work Jan. 14.

The conference will be held in Arthur Jordan Memorial Hall, and is being sponsored by the Butler College of Education and the Indiana National Youth Administration.

Paul B. Jacobson, national chairman of the Student Work Council, N.Y.A., principal of the University of Chicago High School, will speak at the opening program.

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DEATH CATCHES THE 'DOOMED 4' WITH 7 OTHERS

Naval Fliers Who Bailed Out Over Texas Perish in Crash, Explosion.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 6 (U. P.).

When five Navy fliers bailed out of a 13-ton bomber Thursday night rather than take their chances on a plane bucking a snowstorm with ice-laden wings, their numbers were up. They were doomed.

That's how aviators at the Navy's San Diego base explained today the deaths of four men who parachuted to safety over West Texas, and were killed Saturday night with seven other officers and men when the transport plane bringing them home crashed and exploded on Mother Grundy Peak, 45 miles from here.

"Think of it," one Navy flier said, "those two guys who stuck to their ship in the snowstorm are still alive in Texas. Those four other fellows took a beating in Texas and then they finally got it after all. Their numbers were simply up. That's all."

Some on Inquiry Board
The fifth man who jumped in Texas was killed when his parachute cords broke. Lieut. Murray Hanson and Ensign Robert Clark, who landed the big bomber in a few inches of rain water, are still alive.

Killed when the five-year-old transport crashed were: Machinist H. S. Neff, 31, San Diego; Radioman A. M. Perry, 31, Los Angeles; Marine Frank Recke Jr., 30, National City, Cal.; and Radioman J. J. Hughes, 30, Grand Rapids, Mich., who leaped to safety Thursday.

Lieut. Comm. J. H. Gowan, 54, the pilot, Leachville, Ark.; Capt. D. E. Ferguson, 33, Neponset, West Va.; Lieut. Comm. Stephen B. Cooke, 42, Harrison, Ark.; V. S. Gaulin, 34, Lowell, Mass.; Lieut. J. C. Fleming, 36, Reading, Pa.; Mechanic Marvin M. Long, 30, Long Branch, N. J., and Radioman Frank R. Naylor, 35, Dayton, Ky.

Cooke, Gaulin and Fleming were members of the board of inquiry which had investigated the Texas accident.

Crashes in Storm
The plane crashed in a rainstorm 100 feet below the summit of the peak. Its fuselage tanks exploded with a flash that was visible miles away, flinging fragments of the fliers' bodies and the airplane over a quarter-mile area. A naval searching party hacked its way up the mountainside yesterday and packed the bodies of the victims to a highway.

A naval board of inquiry convened today. It was believed that Gowan, blinded by the rain, had thought he was near San Diego and crashed as he dropped to glide in. One unconfirmed report said that the plane was over San Diego at one time and had circled back.

Gowan was supposed to have been riding the regular Civil Aeronautics Authority radio beam into San Diego.

The widows of Hughes and Recke were prostrated. They had been in great suspense while the bomber was in trouble and were anticipating a joyful reunion with their husbands when they learned they had been killed.

Mrs. Jean S. Perry, mother of Radioman A. M. Perry, had described his parachute jump to her Los Angeles Sunday School class. Then she read a telegram from naval officials, sent before the wreckage of the transport had been discovered.

"We regret to inform you that your son is missing," it said. She told the class that she hoped her son was safe, that "I am a Christian woman. I commit my son to the care of God and whatever happens is the will of God."

A little later the Navy telegraphed her that he was dead.

LUNCHEON SET FOR NEXT THURSDAY NOON

The Social Club of Monumental Division 128, Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, will meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Fulmer, 2429 Adams St. A covered dish luncheon will be served at noon.

Public notices will be read by Mrs. D. O. Watson, Mrs. Leo Neargarder and Mrs. Cora Dorsey.

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Ice Too Thin, So Far



The answer is "No." There can be no ice skating on Lake Sullivan today or night because the ice isn't thick enough. However, the ice experts of the Recreation Department have a little hope for tomorrow. The ice is two inches thick now and must be four inches before it will be opened to the general public. Left to right the ice experts are Andy Miller, Lake Sullivan duck custodian; Wally Middleworth, recreation director, and J. Edward Perry, recreation department engineer.

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His talk, to precede the annual dinner, will be a discussion of "The Medical Phase of the Defense Program."

An election of 1941 officers will be held during the afternoon session.

WOMEN OF MOOSE TO DISCUSS SESSION

Mrs. Mary Sisson Wallace, of Cincinnati, O., will make her first of several visits to the Indianapolis Chapter, Women of the Moose, Thursday as official Junior Graduate Grand Regent of the "College of Regents."

These visits are to be devoted to discussion of arrangements for the International Conference of Women of the Moose, to be held in conjunction with the Loyal Order of Moose convention in August.

A Junior Graduate Grand Regent Class of candidates in honor of Mrs. Wallace will be initiated by the Indianapolis Chapter and sponsored by the membership committee. A dinner also will be given in Mrs. Wallace's honor at the temple with the executive board.

WAR MOVES TODAY

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

Advice that British advance units are now approaching Tobruk within 24 hours of the fall of Bardia indicates an intention to try to wipe the Italian Army entirely out of the Cyrenaica province of Libya.

The problem facing Marshal Graziani whether to make a major stand at Tobruk or only to duplicate the isolated defense of Bardia is a difficult one. If he concentrates his principal force at Tobruk it will be subjected to naval as well as land and air bombardment. At the same time the British should be able to cut the road west of Tobruk as they cut the western Bardia Road, which would prevent fresh supplies reaching the beleaguered garrison.

The eventual capitulation of Tobruk seems inevitable because of scarcity of supplies for no other reason. It would seem to be better strategy for Graziani under this circumstance not to bottle his main army there but to leave a holding detachment only, as at Bardia.

Drive for Suez Possible
If those tactics are followed and the main Italian body gets away from Tobruk, Graziani's final stand in Cyrenaica should be made at Benghazi. This port has been the principal supply base for the Italian operations in Libya and is 250 miles west of Tobruk.

Should the British eventually take Benghazi, the remaining part of Graziani's Army, if any would have no alternative but to disperse into Tripolitania, unfitted for further offensive operations. That objective would seem to be the major British objective.

The British must take into consideration the possibility, however remote, that Germany will try to drive through Turkey toward Suez. If the Italian Army in Libya were not demoralized, a pincer movement against Suez from the west co-operating with the German offensive from the east would be possible.

Italian Morale Declines
It is of supreme importance, therefore, for the British to keep the Italian Army in Libya as a few negligible regiments, the British will be able to concentrate their entire North African strength against a Nazi force that might attempt a Turkish campaign.

That is the reason why the fall of Bardia has such military value. It carries the British one step farther toward destruction of the Italian arm of the Suez pincer.

The fact that between 60,000 and 70,000 Italians have surrendered within a month, although British casualties seem inconsequential, indicates a grave decline in Italian military morale. It is invaluable for defection to spread through an army under such an impetus.

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