

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 expanding southward to the East Indies, Singapore and beyond.

Even France will watch it, as will Norway, Denmark, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Denmark. For most upon its acts they base their hopes for a democratic victory and the restoration of their future independence.

Similarly the people of Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Spain, Portugal, Egypt and the Middle East see in America 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 bluffling; 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 victories elsewhere. 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 buckling 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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THE hotel's big dining room has been moved to a lower floor, the better to keep away from the bombs. Here the waiters are all in formal clothes, an orchestra plays and a bellboy hurries about calling people to the tables. You'd hardly know there was a war except that half of the hats in the checkroom are in uniform, and hanging from the great center chandelier is an old-fashioned kerosene lantern, just in the morning.

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UP, about those other warnings I had before leaving the States. I have sent out my laundry and my coat to be cleaned, and they will be back tomorrow. They'd be back this evening if I wanted to pay extra.

As for shirts, I could buy thousands of them, and heavy underwear, socks, suits, coats and everything else any human being could

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 airmen 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 the few inches of rain water, are still alive.

Killed when the five-year-old transport crashed were:

Machinist H. S. Neff, 34, San Diego; Radioman A. M. Perry, 31, Los Angeles; Machinist Frank Recke, 24, National City, Cal.; Radioman L. J. Hughes, 30, Grand Rapids, Mich., who leaped to safety Thursday.

Lieut.-Comm. J. H. Gowen, 54, the pilot, Leadhill, Ark.; Co-pilot D. E. Ferguson, 33, Neponset, Mass.; Lieut.-Comm. Stephen B. Cooke, 42, Harrison, Ark.; V. S. Gaulin, 34, Lowell, Mass.; Lieut. J. C. Fleming, 36, Reading, Pa.; Mechanic Marvin Magee, 32, Long Branch, N. J., and Radioman Frank R. Naylor, 25, Dayton, Ky.

Gowen 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 gasoline 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 high-way.

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

Gowen was supposed to have been riding the regular Civil Aeronautics Authority radio beam to 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 that he had been killed.

Mrs. Jenny 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.

2 DIRECT SESSION ON STUDENT WORK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) said today he favored a congressional investigation of purported German peace terms that William R. Davis, international oil operator, brought to the Senate Department.

Mr. Wheeler declared: "Since he has asked for such an investigation, I am in favor of giving it to him."

LUNCHEON SET FOR NEXT THURSDAY NOON

The Social Club of Monumental Division, 12th 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.

Mrs. Fulmer will be assisted by Mrs. D. O. Watson, Mrs. Leo Near-garder and Mrs. Cora Dorsey.

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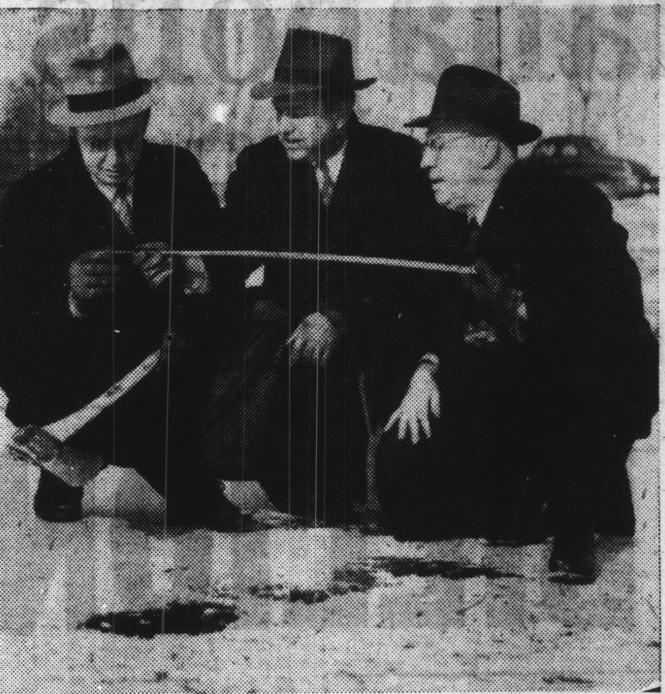
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Ice Too Thin, So Far



11TH INFANTRY HEADS TOWARD CAMP CUSTER

Base Changed to Allow Guard Training at Ft. Harrison.

For 10 years the blue shield of the 11th Infantry has been a familiar insignia on the lapsels of off-duty soldiers strolling downtown streets of Indianapolis.

By 9 o'clock tomorrow night the blue shield will become a rarity in the City. Indianapolis' famous neighbors, 3400 strong, are on the march northward.

Early this morning a truck caravan bearing advance detachments and heavy weapons left Ft. Harrison for Camp Custer, Mich., where the regiment will take up new quarters.

Baggage Moves Out

Regional baggage and freight moved out yesterday afternoon. At 8 o'clock and 8:30 o'clock tonight men will board trains at the military reservation and the remainder of the troops will move out by train tomorrow night.

Quarters vacated by the 11th Infantry will be filled Friday by 1000 men and officers of the 201st Infantry, a West Virginia National Guard regiment.

Draftees will build the organization to a strength of 3000 men and 150 officers. The local fort will become a draftee reception center and National Guard training post.

At Camp Custer, the 11th Infantry will join other units of the Fifth Division, of which it is a combat unit, for field training and winter school instruction.

Families Have Moved

Many families of officers and enlisted men of the regiment already have moved to Battle Creek, Mich., near the military post.

With the regiment, which dates from the Civil War, will go the 11th Infantry Band, one of the most famous in the country.

Men in the middle of moving activities at the Fort, the post has been a bivouac center for other Fifth Division units on the march to Camp Custer from Southern points.

Truck and train convoys have been stopping at the Fort overnight.

Guard Eyes Camp Shelby

As the 11th Infantry moved out, preparations were being made at the Indiana National Guard Armory, 711 N. Pennsylvania St., to evacuate another famous unit, the 38th National Guard Division, headed by Maj. Gen. Robert S. Tindall.

Training plans for the unit at Camp Shelby, Hattiesburg, Miss., were examined yesterday and commanded by Maj. Gen. Leslie J. McNair, U. S. Army General Headquarters chief of staff, who flew here from Washington.

The 38th Division, composed of Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia National Guardsmen, will leave for Camp Shelby a few days after Jan. 17 when it will become a part of the Army of the United States.

A group of other officers, including Col. Edgar Frye from the Fifth Corps Area headquarters at Ft. Hayes, O., also conferred with Gen. Tindall and his staff.

CATHOLIC LECTURE SERIES WILL OPEN

The New Year's series of lectures sponsored by the Catholic Information Bureau will be opened by the Rev. Fr. Bernard Gordon, tomorrow at 8 p. m. in the reading room, Capitol Ave. and Georgia St.

Father Gordon will speak on "Religion and Sacrifice." He will be followed on other Tuesdays by the Very Rev. Msgr. Henry F. Dugan and the Revs. Leonard Wernsing, Bernard Sheridan, Edwin F. Sahm, John B. Casey, Joseph V. Beechem and Raymond Bosler.

Informal talks on religious subjects also will be given each Thursday evening at the same hour and in the same place by the Rev. Fr. Richard P. Grogan, director of the lecture series.

MRS. BERTHA ISKE DIES AT SON'S HOME

Mrs. Bertha M. Iske, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, died today at the home of her son, Frank C. Iske, in Lima, O. She was 80.

The widow of Charles F. Iske, she was a member of the Carrollton A. V. A. Reformed Church. Mrs. Iske also is survived by three other sons, Carl G. Edward G. and Alvin G. Iske, all of Indianapolis; two granddaughters, and a niece.

Services will be held at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday at the Planner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

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

STATE MEDICAL AIDS TO CONVENE JAN. 19

Secretaries of Indiana medical societies will convene here Jan. 19 for the 16th annual secretaries' annual conference at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

The principal speaker of the one-day meeting will be Irvin Avell, M. D., Louisville, Ky., chairman, committee on Medical Preparedness of the American Medical Association.

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

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.

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