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F. D. R. ASKS 17-BILLION BUDGET, ORDERS NAVY OF WAR STRENGTH

Sands of Libya Never Grow Cold When British Forces Maneuver



Practice made perfect. The countless times which the Australian cavalry maneuvered in the desert sands of Egypt proved of value when the time came for their successful attack on the Italian stronghold of Bardia.



Mother Nature adds her obstacles in the North African war. Here New Zealand troops are shown battling the blinding, cutting blast of a sandstorm as well as the heat of the sun. These soldiers are moving up to the front line.

FASCIST ARMY ADDS 500,000

German Press Call F. D. R.
"War Profiteer No. 1";
Tobruk Siege Near.

BULLETIN
BUCHAREST, Jan. 8 (U.P.)—Maritime circles in Constanza reported today that a number of Soviet warships, estimated at about nine, have been warned to stay out of Rumanian territorial waters after appearing off Sulfina, Rumanian Danube port on the Black Sea. There was no official confirmation of the report.

By UNITED PRESS

Italy called 500,000 youths to Army duty today as a made-in-England "blitzkrieg" sizzled across the Libyan desert west of Tobruk and raised the question whether the British would halt short of an attempt to drive the Fascist Army out of North Africa.

Italy's military plight shared attention with an officially inspired press explosion in Berlin against President Roosevelt's State-of-the-Union message to Congress.

Authorized Nazi sources and the German press reacted with charges that

President Roosevelt and the "U.S. people" are enemies of "Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan."

President Roosevelt is "war pro-longer No. 1 and war profiteer No. 1."

The President's address was "provocative and marked by arrogance which would hardly be exceeded."

Bulgaria on Watch

Other developments included: The German anger was accompanied by London reports that Germany is moving increasing forces of planes and unknown numbers of troops into Italy to aid Benito Mussolini's hard-pressed forces.

Some previous reports have said that German planes were being sent to new bases in Sicily and southern Italy in a position where they could co-operate in the defense of North Africa both by protecting Italian sea routes from the mainland to Libya and by attacking British sea communications and land forces in the desert.

Air War Restricted

Today was the day selected by many Balkan sources for a German move into Bulgaria. But the hours ticked away without evidence that the much-rumored invasion was about to come off.

The Bulgarian Government announced that Premier Bogdan Filoff and other spokesmen will address the nation Sunday at meetings in 11 sections of the country to "explain the Government policies."

Air action by both Britain and Germany was restricted by bad weather. The German High Command reported scattered attacks in Britain yesterday and an attack in

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Victim's Relatives Oppose Freedom for Stephenson

Tell Clemency Commission of Fears If He Gets Paroled; Minister and Others Testify for Prisoner.

Fears that D. C. Stephenson, former Indiana Klan dragon, would "get even" with some witnesses if paroled from his life sentence for murder, were voiced before the State Clemency Commission at a hearing today.

The Commission, which heard a dozen witnesses both for and against Stephenson's parole, continued the hearing until tomorrow morning to hear additional witnesses.

The hearing was in Stephenson's final petition for parole from the murder of Miss Margaret Oberholzer, Indianapolis, 15 years ago.

Marshall Oberholzer, Indianapolis, a brother of the murder victim, testified that "Stephenson is a dangerous man."

Wife Testifies

Mrs. Marshall Oberholzer testified before the Commission that she feared for the safety of her daughter, if Stephenson should be released.

"He has threatened me and I am afraid that something might happen to my daughter if he is released," she said.

Commission members questioned Mrs. Oberholzer about the threats and she explained that she referred to the threats that were made against the family at the time of the trial.

We've heard no recent threats, she said.

Women Protest Parole

Two Indianapolis women civic leaders who refused to give their names for publication also protested Stephenson's parole.

"We object on moral grounds to release of a man of this type," one of them said.

If Butsch is tried for murder, Judge Omar O'Harrow of Martinsville will preside at the trial.

Butsch testified yesterday that he owned several pieces of jewelry now held by police. He said he also owned a gold mine in Colorado.

He said he had feigned insanity two years ago and had wanted to be committed to an institution until the heat died down."

Buchanan Voter Turns 100 Today

PLYMOUTH, Ind., Jan. 8 (U.P.)—Harry C. Anderson, who, by his own admission, voted for the first time when he was only 15—for James Buchanan for President and who has voted for every Republican Presidential candidate since, including Wendell Willkie, celebrates his 100th birthday here today.

Born in Sullivan County Jan.

1, 1841, Mr. Anderson helped with the work on his grandson's Marshall County farm until he broke his hip about a year ago. He has been bed-ridden at the Morris Hospital since.

ENGLAND CUTS MEAT RATION TO 24 CENTS

LONDON, Jan. 8 (U.P.)—Reduction of the meat ration from 30 to 24 cents worth per person per week was announced today by Food Minister Lord Woolton shortly after he had disclosed that Britain, for the first time since the war began, was unable to meet the meat ration last week.

There were excellent reasons for the lower rations, Woolton said in a luncheon address.

"Would you rather have a little less meat for a week or two or would you rather have Bardia?" he asked.

GOVERNORSHIP FIGHT HINTED

Lake County Candidate Charges 'Thousands of 'Aliens' Voted Nov. 5.

By EARL RICHERT

Republican legislators, already in a turmoil over cutting the patronage melon, had a new bombshell tossed in their laps today.

It was a possible protest against the election of Governor Henry F. Schricker on the basis of charges made by Virgil Whitaker, Hammon attorney, who was defeated in a Lake County judgeship race Nov. 5.

Mr. Whitaker alleged he had proof that "thousands" of aliens voted in the recent election in Lake County, which went heavily for Mr. Schricker.

Protest Expected

Up to noon today, State G. O. P. leaders said that Mr. Whitaker had not contacted them. It is reported that Mr. Whitaker is to file his protest with leaders of both Republican and Democratic houses.

Glen R. Hillis, Republican candidate, who was defeated by Mr. Schricker by 3478 votes, said he knew of the investigation but asserted that he was not a party to the protest.

He said he would take no steps toward asking for a legislative investigation "without approval of the State Committee."

William E. Jenner, Senate president pro tem, said the matter would be discussed at the party caucus this afternoon, regardless of whether the protest had been filed by that time. He said Mr. Whitaker would be permitted to explain his charge if he appears.

Arch N. Bobbitt, State G. O. P. (Continued on Page Three)

CLOUDY, WARMER IS WEATHER FARE

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m. ... 33 10 a. m. ... 34
7 a. m. ... 33 11 a. m. ... 36
8 a. m. ... 33 12 (Noon) ... 37
9 a. m. ... 33 1 p. m. ... 37

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HEAD OF NEW 'PROP' PLANT VIEWS SITE

R. J. Sneider of Curtiss-Wright Co. Reaches City.

R. J. Sneider, who is to head the Curtiss-Wright airplane propeller factory here, arrived in Indianapolis today and inspected the site in the 1200 block, W. Morris St. The factory is to occupy five buildings of the Harmon Motor Co. structures and is expected to start next month.

At present the buildings are being used as warehouses and garages by Stokely Bros. Co., Greyhound bus lines, the Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative, International Harvester and Armor's.

Curtiss-Wright will make electrically controlled variable pitch propellers and will employ many women. About \$100,000 is expected to be expended in reconditioning the buildings.

Not So Bad if You're With Someone as Bombs Fall

LONDON (by wireless)—Although I've had my big night of fire and plenty of bombs, too, I have not achieved any intimacy with a bomb. And I'm quite willing to have the introduction filed under "things pending."

I've heard plenty of bombs explode at a distance, and I've even felt the building I was in shake, but I have yet to go through that horrible experience of hearing a

bomb whistling right down toward me. Just the same, I've had this weak old heart stopped once.

It didn't happen on our big night of fires. It happened before that.

During your first few days in London you are all at sea. You are tense and jumpy and expectant, waiting and wondering how you will feel when you get your first bad scare. Well, one night I was awakened by the guns at 2 a. m. They kept firing off and on for about an hour, and then stopped. London was black and silent. There was no sound of any kind anywhere. I just lay in the bed staring at nothing.

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G. O. P. SPLIT ON ASSEMBLY EVE

Seeks to End Cleavage Before 61-Day Session Opens Tomorrow.

By EARL RICHERT

Hoosier Troops At Fort Custer

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Jan. 8 (U.P.)—At Custer's soldier population hit a high of 11,000 today with the arrival of the 11th Infantry from Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and the three infantry regiments making up the principal strength of the Fifth Division.

Concentration of the Fifth

Division at Ft. Custer, with the exception of two Second Infantry battalions, will be completed Friday with the arrival of the 50th Medical Battalion and Seventh Engineer Battalion from Ft. Harrison.

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As soon as the intra-party activity overshadowed all other developments as the 150 Senators and Representatives moved into town and squared away for the 61-day session beginning tomorrow.

There were other attractions—lobbyists already in action, organizations polishing up bills they hope to see passed, and informal get-togethers—but the four-star special was this afternoon's final pre-session G. O. P. caucus.

Put Reorganization Ahead

At a last minute session, the Steering Committee decided by unanimous vote this afternoon to put their reorganization bill into effect May 1.

Other committee action included:

1. Approval of a bill to place the State Welfare Department under a four-man board, two members to be appointed by the Governor and two by the Lieutenant Governor.

2. Approval of a bill to separate appropriations for State educational, penal, benevolent and correctional institutions from the welfare budget.

In this afternoon's caucus the leadership of the Republican steering committee faced its acid test. The leaders were prepared to wield their biggest clubs to swing a solid party vote in both houses for their proposed State Government "decentralization" bills. They admit that failure to get a united front might bring defeat for their proposals.

Jenner Expects Unity

"If we go to the floor of the General Assembly with two or three different party leaders, there will not be time enough to straighten out the differences," declared Senator William E. Jenner, Republican Senate Majority Leader.

He and his political associate, Rep. Frank T. Mills, House Majority Leader, spent most of yesterday conferring on strategy with State Republican Chairman Arch N. Bobbitt and Lieut. Gov.-elect Charles M. Dawson, who will be presiding officer of the Senate.

Senator Jenner said he expected most of the differences to be ironed out this afternoon and tonight. (Continued on Page Three)

STOCKS UP SLIGHTLY ON BUDGET MESSAGE

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 (U.P.)—Wall Street's first reaction to the President's budget message today was bullish. The stock market rose fractions to more than \$1.

There was strong demand for railroad stocks based on anticipation that the excess profit tax setup, which favors railroad shares, would be changed little.

BILL STRIKES AT BRIDGES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (U.P.)—Rep. A. Leonard Allen (D. La.) today introduced a bill to require immediate deportation of Harry Bridges, Australian-born West Coast C. I. O. Maritime Union leader.

REVEALS BOMB DAMAGE

JANUARY 8, 1941

Ministry of Information today revealed that Westminster Cathedral, Westminster City Hall and the Temple have been damaged in recent German air raids on London.

PLEA MADE FOR TOTAL DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY

FLEET DIVIDED INTO 3 PARTS; HEADS SHIFTED

Knox Says 40,000 Will Be Added in Rearrangement To Fix Facts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt today laid before Congress a \$17,485,528,049 budget "for the total defense of our democracy."

He served notice that