

# ITALIAN COMMAND IN ALBANIA SHAKEN

Greeks Continue to Gain;  
R. A. F. Strikes at Oil  
Plants in Wide Area.

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resistance to any German occupation proposal.

The official Russian news agency, Tass, asserted that Russia had no knowledge of and had made no agreement concerning movement of German troops into Bulgaria.

The statement seemed to indicate that the Soviet-German trade agreement was not accompanied by an understanding on Balkan issues.

A very high Turkish official said that Turkey would go to war at Britain's side if Germany invades Bulgaria.

At the same time British officers arrived for staff conferences in Turkey. The Turks seemed to think that another two weeks would clarify German intentions in the Balkans.

Belgrade reported that German troops in Rumania were being shifted south from the Jugoslav frontier toward the Bulgarian frontier. The Jugoslavs also thought that Germany was trying to bring pressure on Greece to make a settlement with Italy.

The official German news agency, DNB, characterized reports that Germany was sending or had sent troops into Bulgaria as "untrue and sheer."

Warship Hit, Italy Claims

Rome reported more action by air squadrons apparently based on Sicily, where German air reinforcements were being sent up bases. The Italian communists reported that an Italian plane had torpedoed a big British warship but did not specify the type or size.

Action was taken in Rome against two big department stores and 11 clothing stores for violation of price regulations.

In Britain the food situation appeared to be easing after last week's short supplies.

London newspapers printed a report that the German bombings of Eire had followed a German offer to Prime Minister Eamon De Valera of "protection" in case the British tried to take over the country.

Phillips Returns to Italy

U. S. Ambassador William C. Phillips returned to Italy today and was reported to bear a message from President Roosevelt to King Victor Emmanuel. It was presumed to concern Italio-United States relations.

Mr. Roosevelt sent a New Year's greeting to the King, expressing hope that Italy might experience peace during the coming year. This followed Prime Minister Winston Churchill's appeal to the Italian King, Army and people to rise against Mussolini and seek a separate peace with Britain.

President Roosevelt's special representative, Harry L. Hopkins, was received by King George VI at Buckingham Palace. They talked for 30 minutes.

Air Warfare

The London Evening News appeared with a double-banner line in big type proclaiming that:

"Royal Air Force Fighters Machine-Gun German Invasion Troops Day Attack."

The headlines followed the report of the Air Ministry that the R. A. F. had attacked German troops in trenches on the beaches along the coast facing Britain.

Official sources declined to speculate on the purpose of the trenches or the presence of German troops in such ground works.

Lorient Attacked

The trenches, it was thought, might be designed to repel British invasion attempts, protect troops against air raids or for carrying out drills and maneuvers.

The Evening News said that yesterday's attacks were the third on successive days by the R. A. F. over German troops assembled on the invasion coast.

The Air Ministry said coastal command planes, attacking Lorient last night, "battered dry and wet docks with heavy bombs."

At Brest, the Ministry said, "a heavy bomb was seen to burst near a power station and big fires were seen at the docks." Two German supply ships were reported hit by British planes patrolling the Norwegian Coast.

The British night air attacks on

the Italian mainland and Sicily were severe.

The London Air Ministry claimed a terrific bombardment of the vital Italian northern industrial triangle of Milan-Turin-Genoa and the Italians admitted bombing of Turin, Venice and Catania, Sicily.

The Air Ministry stressed the damage on oil refineries at Borto Marghera, Regensburg and Ostend in the sweeping R. A. F. offensive.

The British have long regarded oil as the possible Achilles' heel of both Germany and Italy and have concentrated many air attacks upon German refining capacity, synthetic plants and oil reservoirs.

The British planes which raided Italy also dropped leaflets urging to contain Prime Minister Winston Churchill's appeal to Italy for the overthrow of Mussolini and peace with Britain.

British admitted British air action on the continent but claimed it was weak. The only German point admitted to have been attacked was Bayreuth, scene of Wagner festival.

German air action over Britain during the night was on a moderate scale and London believed that R. A. F. night fighters and the anti-aircraft barrage had prevented the Luftwaffe from making a stronger attack.

Russian Attitude

Concerning the Russian stand on reports of a German military move to Bulgaria, Tass said:

"If German troops are still present in Bulgaria, and further if the dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria is really taking place, then all this occurred and is occurring without the knowledge and consent of the Soviet Union, since the German side has never raised before the Soviet Union the question of a time limit of one or two years that the most popular suggestion is that the presence or dispatch of German troops to Bulgaria."

"In particular, the Bulgarian Government has never approached the Soviet Union with an urgent request concerning the passage of German troops to Bulgaria and consequently could not receive any reply from the Soviet Union."

## CONVICTIONS IN SPY CASE STAND

Act Draws No Lines Between Friendly or Enemy Nations, Court Rules.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (U. P.)—The Supreme Court today sustained the conviction of Mikhail Nicholas Gorin and Hafis Salich, Los Angeles, on charges of espionage on behalf of Soviet Russia.

The court held in a unanimous opinion that the Federal Espionage Act makes no distinction between friendly or enemy nations; that it deals with obtaining information relating to the national defense to be used to the advantage of any foreign nation.

Lower Court Reversed

Gorin was Los Angeles representative of the Soviet Tourist Bureau. Salich, a naturalized citizen born in Russia and a former member of the Berkeley, Cal. Police Department, was an agent for the U. S. naval intelligence at San Pedro.

They were convicted on allegations that Salich delivered to Gorin information from naval intelligence files on the activities of Japanese in the United States, Mexico and Central America.

In its only other formal opinion today the court reversed a lower court decision granting holders of certain government contracts the right to additional reimbursement for increased costs caused by old AAA processing taxes.

Labor Case to Be Reviewed

The court also: Granted the National Labor Relations Board's petition for review of the question whether the board has the power to require an employer to hire, with back pay, a person denied employment because of his union affiliations. The test was raised in litigation growing out of labor troubles at the Bisbee, Ariz., copper mine of Phelps Dodge Corp. in 1935.

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## IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total  
1940 ..... 1 0 1  
1941 ..... 0 2 2

—Jan. 11, 12—

Injured ..... 32 Accidents ..... 27

Dead ..... 1 Arrests ..... 15

SATURDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines

Violations tried tons paid

Speeding ..... 9 8 \$46

Reckless driving ..... 1 1 0

Failure to stop at through street ..... 0 0

Disobeying traffic signals ..... 1 1 35

Drunken driving ..... 1 0 0

All others ..... 5 4 2

Totals ..... 17 14 583

MEETINGS TODAY

Scientific Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Irvington Republican Club, meeting, 446½ E. Washington, 5 p. m.

New Side Readers, luncheon, Canary College, 12:15 p. m.

Notre Dame Club, luncheon, Board of Trustees, 12:15 p. m.

Central Labor Union, meeting, Plumbers' Hall, 8 p. m.

Indiana University Club, luncheon, Columbus Club, noon.

Industrial Union Council, meeting, 446½ E. Washington, 5 p. m.

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Indiana University School, afternoon, 12:15 p. m.

First Aiders' Club, meeting, Indiana World War Memorial, 7:30 p. m.

George Kratz, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 7 p. m.

Miss System Association, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 2 p. m.

State Committee, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 6 p. m.

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Cheesemen's Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, 12:15 p. m.

American Institute of Banking, dinner, Hotel Washington, 5 p. m.

World War Memorial, meeting, Hotel Washington, 5 p. m.

Indyans Synthetic Cleaners, dinner, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m.

## Loses Command

### G. O. P. SPEEDS ITS 'RIPPER' ACT

Judiciary 'A' Meets Today, Alterations Sought in Welfare Setup.

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Compensation Act to reduce the waiting period from two weeks to one week.

3. Provide free text books for public elementary and high schools.

4. Increase the gross income tax exemption for retailers from \$3000 to \$10,000.

5. Place all elective State offices and U. S. Senator on the direct primary ballot.

6. Provide that the State must pay the maintenance cost during the training of physically-handicapped persons, the payments not to exceed \$12 a week.

Rep. George W. Freeman (R. K.) introduced a resolution to amend the State Constitution providing that the legislature shall meet for 31 days instead of the present 61-day session.

Meanwhile, the Republican legislative steering committee announced through Arch N. Bobbitt, state G. O. P. chairman:

"In some quarters, there seems to be some misunderstanding of powers conferred by the Republican legislative program . . . upon one or more of the officers mentioned in the bills such misconstruction or misunderstanding is to the effect that greater powers have been conferred upon the Lieutenant Governor than upon other officers.

Claims Assignments Equal

"Attention is called to the fact that each of the four Republican officials named in the decentralization bill act upon two of the four boards. Since all boards are composed of three members it would seem to be clear that the distribution of assignment in the main, is equal. No one officer is given authority over the other."

The statement also called attention to provisions in the bill for naming "key men"—commissioners, boards, administrators and directors—by the four executive boards set up to administer the State's government machinery. Each of these division boards include two elected Republican officials and the Gov-

ernor.

Foes of the bill will name a Lee

—either Senator Robert A. Taft, or Ohio Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan—to help Mr. Wheeler lead the fight against his bill.

These "key men," who would point their subordinates and employees, could be removed only for incompetency, inefficiency or neglect of duty," the statement points out, "and then only after a hearing on written charges. If discharged, they could appeal to the Marion County Circuit or Superior Courts."

Future Operation

"Attention is also called to the statement continued, "to the provisions of the bill covering the future operation of the state penal, correctional and benevolent institutions. The committee gave serious consideration to the platform measure proposing that these institutions be put under the existing government setup in Indiana. It was unanimous in the opinion that bi-partisan boards, strictly bi-partisan, would best attain this objective."

To obtain strictly bi-partisan control the committee set out in the bill that boards of four should control each institution and that the Governor, of one political faith, and the Lieutenant Governor, of another, make two appointments each, the appointees to be of opposite political faith. The result, the committee believes, will be bi-partisan boards in the strictest sense of the word.

"The committee would call attention to one important factor in the discussion of its program.

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