

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 invaded Bulgaria.

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

Belgrade reported that German troops in Rumania were being shifted south from the Yugoslav frontier toward the Bulgarian frontier.

The Yugoslavs 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 in had sent troops into Bulgaria as "untrue and sheer speculation."

Warship Hit, Italy Claims

Rome reported more action by air squadrons apparently based on the Italian coast, where German reinforcements have been setting up bases.

The Italian communiqué 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 have sent a message from President Roosevelt to King Victor Emmanuel. It was presumed to concern Italy-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 in 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. upon German troops assembled on the invasion 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 Italian admitted bombing of Turin, Venice and Catania, Sicily.

The Air Ministry stressed the damage on oil refineries at Porto 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 believed to contain Prime Minister Winston Churchill's appeal to Italy for the overthrow of Mussolini and peace with Britain.

Berlin 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 into Bulgaria, Tass said:

"If German troops really are 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."

A time limit of one or two years was the most popular suggestion. Speaker Rayburn said today that he did not care to discuss any specific time limits, but would not oppose an arrangement that would terminate the President's powers when this emergency passes.

Foes of the bill will name a Republican—either Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio or Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan—to help Mr. Wheeler lead the fight against the bill that they charge is equal to a "declaration of war" and a "dictatorship for the United States."

Their first objective will be to limit drastically the powers to be granted the President.

Hearings Begin Tomorrow

Chairman Sol Bloom of the House Foreign Affairs Committee scheduled hearings to begin tomorrow.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox will be the first witnesses.

Chairman Walter F. George's Senate Foreign Relations Committee scheduled hearings to begin tomorrow.

The Senate is in recess today, but when both House and Senate convene tomorrow battle lines were expected to be sufficiently formed to set off debate on the subject now before the new Congress.

Interest in Debate

A prelude of what is to come in the weeks ahead was given in a radio debate last night when Mr. Wheeler denounced the plan as "the New Deal's triple A foreign policy—plow under every fourth American boy."

He spoke with John T. Flynn, newspaper writer and economist, against Senator Joseph R. (D. Okla.) Wheeler, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal. Mr. Lee contended that Germany "is at war with America today" in all senses except militarism, and that the only road to peace is "to get ready for Hitler before he gets ready for us."

An uproarious audience interrupted the speakers frequently with applause, comment and derision. When Mr. Flynn suggested that Germany could not invade America, if she could not enter "little England," a woman in the audience shouted: "They're already here."

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.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Y. M. C. A. Club, luncheon, Y. M. C. A. Club, noon.

Alpha Tau Omega, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Gamma Club, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Merceder Club, luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon.

University of Michigan Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Knights of Columbus, luncheon, K. of C. Clubhouse, noon.

Laurel Service Club, luncheon, Canby Cottage, noon.

Men's Grille Wm. H. Block Co., noon.

Loses Command



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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. Conn.) introduced a resolution to amend the State Constitution providing that the Legislature shall meet for 91 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 the conference by the Republican legislative program . . . upon one or more of the officers mentioned in the bills such misconception 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 introduced a resolution to act upon two of the four bills. Since all bills are composed of three members it would seem to be clear that the distribution of assignment in the main, is equal. No one official is given any authority over the other."

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

"Key men, who would appoint 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."