R. A. F. HITS INVASION BASES
Italians Speed Tempo of Retreat in Libya

Enemy Aerial Forces Active

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Air war over Great Britain and around British shores raged all day today and continued into the night.

It was the first day in more than two weeks that both the royal air force and the luftwaffe had been active.

The R. A. F. continued a vast sweep of the French invasion coast in daylight hours, following up extensive night attacks as far as Dusseldorf in Germany. (Berlin claimed 14 British planes were shot down in the invasion coast raid.)

German planes were active over Britain and unofficial estimates said that six were believed shot down.

Tonight London's anti-aircraft guns roared into action against German raiders and other night raiders were reported over an east Britain town.

The air ministry described the R. A. F. as the most widespread of the past two weeks, and included assaults on Dusseldorf, the docks at Brest, Dunkirk, Dieppe, Ostend, Cherbourg and Bordeaux and airdromes at Vannes and other places in occupied France.

CAIRO, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Under the relentless hammering of British land and air forces, the tempo of Italian retreat was reported tonight to be increasing on all fronts, particularly in Libya, where the British were said to be making 20 to 30-mile gains daily.

In Libya, the Italian forces were falling back rapidly under constant and heavy royal air force bombardment in the direction of Benghasi. Authoritative military sources said Benghasi lacked the defenses that Bardia and Tobruk had, and it was believed the Italians might make their stand somewhere before the Libyan capital.

By UNITED PRESS

The Royal Air Force today made a great daylight sweep of the French invasion coast while crisis brewed in France, the Balkans and the far east.

The R. A. F. attack upon the French channel coast followed a smashing night raid by British planes as deep into Germany as Dusseldorf.

The daylight attack was made by bombers operating with a cloud of fighters to protect them against German interceptors. Residents of the Dover coast heard heavy explosions from the vicinity of Calais and saw clouds of smoke roll up over a channel mist.

An unofficial report said the Germans lost three planes in an attempted attack on a British convoy off the southeast coast. Another German bomber crashed in the far southwestern tip of Eire.

35 MILES FROM CAPITAL

The British in east Africa were reported to have reached a point only five miles from Keren yesterday and just 35 miles from Asmara, capital of Eritrea.

At home the British were troubled by reports from Scotland Yard that food hi-jacking and bootlegging were spreading. Drastic measures were being invoked to curb the traffic in "hot" food.

The German high command admitted damage was suffered at Dusseldorf in the British night attack and reported five civilians killed and 24 wounded.

A Nazi surface raider operated sinking 40,000 tons more of enemy shipping, bringing its bag to 110,000 tons.

GREEKS TAKE PRISONERS

The Greeks claimed that the total of Italian troops captured since outbreak of the war has reached 20,000 and reported further successes in operations developing against the important Albanian port of Valona.

A number one crisis in relations between Marshall Henri Phillipe Petain and Adolf Hitler was in progress, although it took the contemptible form of a struggle between Pierre Laval, ousted vice-premier, and the Vichy government.

Statements on both sides made plain, however, that the real struggle centered about whether Hitler should dictate French policy in toto or whether the aging French Marshal is to continue at least a nominal rule to those spheres not directly covered by the Franco-German armistice.

Germany has pointed with difficulty that Laval must return to power if Franco-German relations are not to deteriorate further.

JAPANESE ON HIKE

In the far east, French Indo-China was the focal point of rap-
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Plane Plunge Kills Kin of Local Folk

News of the death of their nephew, 2nd Lieut. Sherman E. Denny, 23, U. S. army air corps, today saddened the homes of Mrs. L. V. Bailey and H. L. Williams, both of Phinney Bay.

Denny was piloting one of the army's newest and fastest pursuit planes in a power dive yesterday near Northport, Long Island, when the ship's left wing snapped off. The plane, which Denny had apparently been trying to level off, crash into a wooded area. The plunge to death had carried Denny from altitude of 30,000 feet.

Denny was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Denny of San Diego, who spent last summer with relatives here. Mrs. Denny is the sister of Mrs. Bailey and Williams, and the daughter of E. J. Williams, Phinney Bay pioneer, who left this morning for San Diego to console his daughter. Mrs. Denny is a former Bremerton girl and widely known here.

Lieut. Denny was graduated last August at the army's training school at Randolph Field, Texas, and was stationed at Fort Knox.

THIS DAY

Born

To Mr. and Mrs. Patrick E. Sullivan, 2235 Burwell st., a daughter, at the Bremerton Private hospital, Feb. 5.

Marriage License Applications

Robert Lorinze Christensen, 24, Poulsbo, and Marjorie Edith Hazel Whitney, 19, Poulsbo.

Joseph Alex Lepine, 28, Bremerton, and Angela Richard, 21, Fargo, N. D.

John Henry Hutchings, 31, Silverdale, and Jeanette Marjorie Johnson, 23, Silverdale.

Died

Mrs. Viola Parker, 46, 110 S. Wycoff ave., at Olympic hospital, Feb. 4.

Vessels In Port

U.S.S. Nevada.
U.S.S. Eagle 57.
U.S.S. Pyro.
U.S.S. Saratoga.
U.S.S. Base.
U.S.S. Oriole.
U.S.S. California.
U.S.C.G.C. Cahoone.
U.S.C.G.C. Nemaha.
U.S.S. Nightingale.
U.S.S. Lexington.
U.S.C.G.C. Haida.

Tides for Thursday

First high—1:56 a.m., 9.0 ft.; first low—8:32 a.m., 7.2 ft.; second high—11:41 a.m., 10.0 ft.; second low—7:16 p.m., 1.2 ft.

SOLONS INSIST GOVERNOR ACT ON ECONOMIES

Balanced Budget Not in Sight Yet, Says State Senate

By ARTHUR L. SCHOENI

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 5.—(UP)—The Washington legislature moved today to ask Gov. Arthur B. Langlie for recommendation of new governmental economies and revenue measures to balance the state's budget.

Lt. Gov. Victor A. Meyers called a caucus of the 36 senate Democrats late Tuesday to discuss the stand the majority should take on Langlie's program. The caucus voted to appoint a seven-man committee to join with a similar house group to call on Langlie and find out more about his legislative plans.

PROGRAM "INADEQUATE"

The caucus expressed discontent with the governor's revenue program to meet needs of initiative 141 and felt it was inadequate, Meyers said. It also found a lack of any governmental reorganization program to carry out his campaign promises.

Vehemently denying that the Democratic legislature was trying to put the Republican governor "on the spot" or trying to start a fight with him, Meyers explained the purpose of the joint committee as follows:

"Both governor candidates talked during the campaign about saving 20 to 30 million in state government costs. There was also a lot of talk about reorganization and mergers of departments and cutting out of useless bureaus.

WILL CONFER

"After seeing the governor's program and finding no plan for extensive reorganization, we are going to confer with him to see if he is going to do anything about it. We don't know if he is going to present a program or if he expects the legislature to do so."

The joint committee will start work immediately, Meyers said, if the house goes along with the senate on this idea. He noted that Langlie's program contained only one major departmental change—building of the state patrol under the highway department and paying it from the gas tax.

11 PERISH WHEN FIRE HITS PLANT

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 5.—(UP)—Eleven persons perished today when fire swept the third floor of the New Haven Quilt and Pad Co., which is working on $2,000,000 of defense orders.

All of the men were working in one department. The fire started when a spark from a carding machine, used to fluff cotton as it was removed from bales, ignited a pile of loose cotton.

Assistant Fire Chief Isadore Sanzeno said the identified the men were overcome by fumes within a few minutes.

The company jumped into a rear yard of the plant from a third story window. They were taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

2 Boys, Girl Given Terms for Slaying

SHOSHONE, Ida., Feb. 5.—(UP)—Two brothers and a sister leave here tomorrow for the Idaho state penitentiary where they will begin serving long terms for killing their father.

Joseph Sanders, 20, was sentenced to a term of 5 to 10 years; George, 16, and the sister, Mrs. Florence, 18, were given terms of one to 10 years each.

They confessed killing their father. Charles Sanders, but claimed he had mistreated them. They pleaded guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter.

Puget Power Officers Get Ultimatum on Negotiations

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Public power officials of the state of Washington were here today to resume negotiations for the purchase of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., with the warning that any further breakdown in negotiations would be followed immediately by institution of condemnation proceedings against the company.

The Washington officials, representing the Bonneville dam administration and 15 public utility districts in the state, disclosed that they were ready to confer with Donald C. Barnes, president of the Engineers Public Service Co., which controls the $137,000,000 Seattle utility.

Barnes, however, refused to confirm that the conferences were to be resumed.

Negotiations were discontinued here on Jan. 9 after a two-day conference had failed to reach an

Beakley's Bondsmen Send $369 to City

The city of Bremerton today received a $369 check from the American Surety Co., bondsman of W. A. Beakley, former city attorney who was disbarred a month ago.

The sum paid the city was the amount of a judgment obtained against Beakley by the city. The city in turn assigned the judgment to the American Surety Co. for collection from Beakley.

The Bremerton Sun

Wings for U. S. Fledglings

In perfect formation, six more AT-6A advanced trainers leave North American's factory at Los Angeles, winging toward army air corps advanced training units, where they will figure in final stages of cadet training, as Uncle Sam's flying fledglings gain coveted "wings."

Radio Music War in Court; ASCAP in Anti-Trust Case

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 5.—(UP)—The government filed a criminal anti-trust suit in the federal district court today charging the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers with an unlawful conspiracy that deprived the radio public of its music.

The court set March 5 for arraignment of the defendants. The charge carries a maximum penalty of $5,000 fine and one year in prison for conviction.

Broadcast Music Inc., ASCAP's rival in the current music war, had negotiated an agreement with the government but refused to sign.

ASCAP and its members—including some of the most famous names in Tin Pan Alley—considered to withdraw on Jan. 1 the right to broadcast the compositions of its control from approximately 568 radio stations which had not renewed their license for ASCAP music. The government asserted that ASCAP's requirement that radio stations obtain a blanket license to use ASCAP music was objectionable.

The government charged that a "self-perpetuating board of 24 persons" had been created within the organization to exercise exclusive control over ASCAP activities.

The government's move, however, principally concerned ASCAP and its members' objection to

die broadcasting, sheet music, motion pictures and electrical transcriptions in violation of the anti-monopoly statutes.

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CITY AGREES TO LEASE OF LAND

Bremerton city commissioners this morning approved the application of Mott Riske, manager of the Bremerton Sand and Gravel Co., asking for permission to lease from the city the foot of 14th st. at the city park.

Rental of $75 monthly, with proceeds to go to the city's park fund, will be charged.

The company plans to use the area for storage of sand and gravel, building bunkers on the land and placing a bulkhead on the waterfront for the landing of barges.

SENATORS TOO TIRED—OR LAZY

OLYMPIA, Feb. 5.—(UP)—The senate, with good intentions, decided yesterday to start today's sessions at 10 a. m. and get some work done.

When starting time came, however, only a handful of solons was on hand and presided Pro-Tem George A. Lovejoy had to recess the senate until later so that a quorum could be gathered.

He expressed his regrets to a large gallery of women from Seattle civic clubs which had come to Olympia to view the session. Sen. W. C. Dawson, King, called the women's attention proudly to the fact that all nine senate Republicans were present.

State Legion Head To Visit Local Post

Rudy Nichols of Munroe, department commander of the American Legion, will make his official visit to Bremerton post No. 149 Monday evening at the Legion hall, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Tom Signal of Keyport, third district commander, also will attend, as will members of the Manette, Keyport, Vaughn, Port Orchard and Poulsbo posts. Nichols will present membership awards to members of the Bremerton post.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy or foggy with rains Thursday; little change in temperature, fresh to strong easterly wind off the coast and in the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

BUBAR OFFERS $450 TO SETTLE COUNTY CLAIM

Commission Refuses Partial Payment of 'Account'

County Assessor Douglas Bubar yesterday tendered a personal check for $450 to the county commissioners as payment for alleged profits he made in buying 120 acres of county land, selling the timber from it for $1,086.76 and then reselling the property for $100.

The county commissioners refused to accept the check as full payment for the claim of $1,066 they have made against Bubar.

Miss Velma Poterbin, an employe of the county assessor's office, delivered the check to the commissioners at their session yesterday.

Board Chairman Charles Klinefelter moved to reject the check, and County Commissioner Henry Brown seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

On back of the check was written the following: "In full payment of all claims due or to become due in the matter of county land sale and purchase of timber as described property . . ." Then followed the legal description of the 120 acres involved.

In refusing the offer, the county commissioners held that Assessor Bubar either owed the entire amount of $1,066 the prosecuting attorney recommended should be demanded of Bubar—or nothing at all.

County Auditor Edgar Smith this morning returned the check by mail, enclosing a letter stating the offer had been refused by vote of the commissioners.

ALARM IN YARD 'DISTURBS' CITY

Hundreds of Bremerton residents who were awakened from their slumbers at 8:10 o'clock this morning may blame a smouldering rubbish pile in the navy yard for the interruption of their shut-eye.

Sighting smoke from the burning rubbish, a marine guard turned in the fire alarm. The navy yard whistle began blasting furiously, the sound being carried over the city in the still night air by a favorable wind.

The captain of the yard's office reported no damage. The rubbish was left by contractors between dry docks No. 4 and 5. It was the second similar call for yard firemen to the same vicinity within several weeks.

Appointment of Two Policemen Approved

Appointments by Mayor Homer R. Jones of Charles Hudson and Eugene Miller as Bremerton police patrolmen were confirmed this morning by the city commissioners.

Hudson and Miller, who joined the force Saturday, were replacements for Patrolmen Les Thomas, who left the force several weeks ago, and Graham McDonald, who resigned more recently. McDonald planned upon returning to the state patrol, in which he had been employed before joining the local force.

State-Owned Cement Business Is Proposed

OLYMPIA, Feb. 5.—(UP)—A bill to put the state in the cement manufacturing business was filed today by Rep. William J. Pennock, Dem., King. The state would sell cement to itself, cities, counties and the general public.

Pennock said the state would sell cement at not less than cost, which he could save at least $2,000,000 yearly if the state operated its own cement plants.

The company department used 1,000,000 barrels of cement in road construction in 1939, Pennock said, paying $2.55 per barrel.

The federal government bought cement for Bonneville construction at $1.37 per barrel, Pennock said, "and there is no reason why the state cannot get as good a price."

Willkie at Lisbon

LISBON, Feb. 5.—(UP)—Wendell L. Willkie, en route back to the U. S. from England, arrived today by airplane.

Willkie was met by members of the American and British legation staffs.

Sen. Haddon Files Bills on Westpark 'Tax,' City Power

Two bills affecting Bremerton were introduced in the state legislature today by Senator Lulu D. Haddon, Democrat, of Kitsap county.

Carrying out a recommendation in Gov. Arthur B. Langlie's inaugural address, Sen. Haddon filed a bill to permit Bremerton's Housing Authority to contribute to city expenses in lieu of taxes.

The measure would validate any acts taken heretofore by the housing authority "notwithstanding any defeat or irregularity therein or any want of statutory authority."

AGREEMENT DRAFTED

This referred to the fact that city commissioners of Bremerton drafted a cooperation agreement with the Bremerton Housing Authority providing that the latter pay $2 per month to the city for each occupied dwelling of the original 600 at Westpark in exchange for police and fire protection and other city services.

Payment of such fees in lieu of taxes is at present in opposition to the state's slum clearance housing laws, and today's bill serves to change the law in order that the housing authority may purchase the city's services.

Sen. Haddon filed another measure authorizing cities of 10,000 population or more which have voted to acquire private utility properties to proceed with the purchase. It provided the step could be taken even though the properties had increased in value in excess of the amount specified in the city's purchasing ordinance.

POWER ISSUE CITED

This, of course, refers directly to the proposed purchase by the city of Bremerton of the Puget Sound Power & Light Co.'s local plant, equipment and holdings. An election authorizing the city to make the purchase was held in 1929, and the city earlier this week started suit in Kitsap county superior court to exercise its option to buy.

The legislative developments of today followed yesterday's visit of Bremerton's official family to Olympia.

Mayor Homer R. Jones, City Commissioners C. C. Casad and H. A. Breeen, City Attorney James W. Bryan Jr., Police Chief Charles Lewis and Fire Chief Ernest Yett made up the party of Bremerton officials which went to Olympia yesterday to confer with various state officers.

PRAISE FOR DELEGATION

The group met with Kitsap county's legislative delegation, composed of Sen. Haddon and Reps. Bob Ford and C. A. Hanks.

"A splendid delegation, and one that is working hard for Bremerton and all of Kitsap county at the current session," Mayor Jones said on returning today.

Included in the visits to state officials was one to James Davis, the acting highway department director, who spoke to the Bremerton officials about the expected start of work in April on the straightening and widening of the Navy Yard highway from the head of the bay to Bremerton. Appropriation item of $322,000 has been included in the budget for the roadway, but the funds are not expected to become available until the end of the legislative session, when the appropriation bill is taken up.

Relief of the Washington avenue traffic bottleneck was also discussed with highway department officials.

WILL CHANGE WAR-AID BILL

Administration May Accept Further Modifications

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(UP)—General house debate on the momentous British aid bill, punctuated by shouts of a masked woman in the gallery, swept toward its climax today amid indications that the administration might accept some additional amendments.

On the senate side, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, through President James S. Kemper, denounced the bill as granting President Roosevelt authority to deliver the entire army, navy and air force to foreign nations without existing congress.

"LOOSE LANGUAGE"

Kemper also contended before the foreign relations committee that the bill's "loose language" might permit the president to seize private property for delivery to foreign governments. This interpretation was promptly challenged by administration supporters.

The final day of house debate was interrupted by a young woman from New York, shrouded in black and wearing a skull mask. She stood in one of the spectators' galleries and shouted "My novena! My novena!"

When booked at the District of Columbia police station for investigation, she gave her name as Margaret Russell, 34, of New York City, and said that she was a writer who used the pen name of "Margaret Andra."

"DEATH IS THE VICTOR"

She explained that she had desired to protest the bill because "death is the victor—not Germany, not England."

Speaker Sam Rayburn, Dem., announced that "serious consideration" is being given to further amendment of the measure.

He said that particular attention was paid to proposals to place a ceiling on the amount of money which the president could spend under the program and to limit the time of contractual commitments. Another proposal which is being studied would write into the bill a clause stating that the measure is neither authorizes nor repeals any existing law on the use of American ships to carry supplies to Britain.

No Bids Received On Sewer Project For Vandalia Ave.

No bids were received today on the Vandalia ave. sewer project in East Bremerton. It was the second time the city commissioners have advertised for bids on the job and received no estimates.

The problem of supplying the Vandalia ave. district with sewage disposal was referred to the commission as a whole.

Contractors who might otherwise bid on the job fear they will be unable to sell the bonds the city issues in payment of the project.

Bremerton Sketches - By WILL DANCH

"They're going to be in my wedding party so I'm taking them down to the Rialto so they can learn a few things about ushering from Phyllis Ford!"