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Italian Democrats Allowed to Meet
NAPLES (AP)—Formal authorization to assemble a gathering of six democratic parties of southern Italy and Sicily at Bari, Jan. 28 was handed to the party representatives by the Allied military government today.

It opened the way for the most important political action in Italy since the fall of the Fascist government—the formal demand by a representative political gathering for the resignation of King Victor Emmanuel.

Originally the Naples committee of the six parties attempted to convene the assembly at Naples, but the Italian military government was backed on the ground that clashes with monarchists might result.

The party representatives have notified the British and Americans that about 50 delegates would attend, that the meetings would be held in chambers and that the party heads assumed personal responsibility for maintaining order.

Swiss Report Allies Will Invade Balkans
LONDON (CP)—Strong units of the British 1st and U.S. 7th Armies are concentrating at Bari on the east coast of Italy for the invasion of the Balkans, according to reports from Zagreb, Croatia, a Reuters dispatch from Zurich said today.

The British 1st Army, under command of Gen. Sir Kenneth Anderson, played a prominent part in the campaign in northern Tunisia. The U.S. 7th Army, under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, took part in the conquest of Sicily.

All Murders Solved
KANSAS CITY (AP)—Twenty-nine homicides, 29 solutions. That is the record of the city's police department for 1941, the first year the books could be closed with all cases cleaned up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
"Postwar Program for Women," at public meeting, Friday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m., Coast Hardware Hall, 1413 Douglas St. Labor-Progressive Party.

Women's Canadian Club, Empress Hotel, Fri., Jan. 7, 8 p.m. Speaker, Mrs. T. Rolston, M.L.A. Subject: "Our Family in N.E." Solist, Miss Catherine Craig.

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British, U.S. Firms Sued As Cartel In Chemicals, Arms

WASHINGTON (AP)—A civil suit charging E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., the British Royal Ordnance Co. and Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., leaders in United States and British chemicals and armaments, with maintaining an international cartel agreement in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, was filed today by the Justice Department.

Attorney-General Francis Biddle filed the complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court in New York City, alleged restraint of trade in the manufacture of chemical products, firearms and ammunition.

Additional defendants named included Lamont du Pont, Wilmington, Del., chairman of the board of directors of the American Cyanamid Co. and Henry Duncan McGowan (Lord McGowan), president of the board of directors of Chemicals and Explosives Co. (now Metcalf), deputy chairman.

The complaint, said Biddle, charged that beginning prior to 1920, Du Pont, I.C.I. and their individual officers named in the complaint, and from 1933 Remington and its president, have been "continuously engaged in a conspiracy and combination in restraint of trade and commerce in the United States, including war materials, and ammunition in the United States and foreign countries."

The complaint names seven companies as "co-conspirators," but not as defendants. These include the Canadian Chemicals Ltd., Canada—Canadian Industries Ltd., Canada.

It is alleged that some time prior to 1920 Du Pont and I.C.I. entered into an agreement, with each other, for the elimination of competition in the production of explosives in all parts of the world, and that the agreement was "announced" to the public by Du Pont, who allocated the United States and Central America as his respective sales territory and I.C.I. as its territory in Europe, with the exception of Canada, Newfoundland and South America.

In London, Lord McGowan said co-operation between his company and E. I. du Pont de Nemours had proved beneficial to both the U.S. and Britain.

COMES AS SURPRISE
WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—Walter S. Carpenter Jr., president of E. I. du Pont de Nemours, said today that the meeting was "a surprise" to him.

"The existence of the agreement which is the subject of the complaint," he said, "has been concealed. Copies have been in the possession of government for approximately 10 years. They were not made known before several investigatory committees of Congress."

The company, Carpenter said, "is not now or ever has been a party to any cartel arrangement using the term cartel in its generally accepted sense."

B.C. Men Among Wounded Home From Fighting In Mediterranean

HALIFAX (CP)—Casualties of war, hundreds of Canadian servicemen and women spent weeks aboard two hospital ships today after landing at this port from the Canadian hospital ship Lady Nelson.

They were victims of battle or accident aboard the Lady Nelson and Italy, in the skies over Sicily and Europe, or on the training grounds of British troops in the Dominion to return to their places in the battle line.

A few members of the C.I.C. were among the returning Canadians. There was a handful, too, of veterans of the Dniepr raid.

Among the home-bound fighters were battle casualties of the Sicilian and Italian fighting. The Red Patch of Canada's 1st Airborne Division, the 2nd Airborne Division and the 4th Airborne Division, were among the hard-bitten 8th Army, predominated among them.

BEARS 28 SCARS
As though as any man of the St. John's hockey club, Stan Field of Kitchener, Ont., said, "I'm no hero," he confessed with a grin today that he had "just two days too many."

"We saw the German mortars, but they saw us first," explained Sgt. Doug Vanwinkle, Winnipeg member of the British Canadian Light Infantry. He and three other men were on reconnaissance duty when mortar shells landed among them, killing one man and wounding Vanwinkle and another, near Leonforte, Sicily.

Another Sicilian casualty was Pte. Bert LeClerc of Winnipeg, also of the P.C.L.I. He was on reconnaissance duty when soldiers injured in training accidents in Britain joined L. Cpl. C. J. Brown, who was killed in action, and Rtm. Nick Sosyniuk, Swan River, Man.

Canada Paying For All Material Supplied By U.S.
WASHINGTON (CP)—Canada pays in full for war materials obtained from the United States for use in the Dominion.

U.S. lend-lease has gone to the Dominion largely for ultimate use of other United Nations. The report to Congress on lend-lease operations up to Nov. 30, 1941.

From the beginning of operations in March, 1941, the total value of all lend-lease was \$18,600,000,000, the report showed, and some \$100,000,000 of this has been repaid to the first 10 months of 1941.

"The Canadian and U.S. war production programs are closely linked, as a result of which the production of other supplies for all for herself that she receives from the United States."

"She buys from us for cash a large part of the requirements for her war effort. She buys for cash from her fighting equipment produced in her factories as well as such war material as aircraft, of which she produces 90 per cent of the world's supply."

MUCH RE-EXPORTED
The \$350,000,000 worth of lend-lease so far, the report said, included military equipment and its components, principally for re-export from Canada to the United Kingdom, the United Nations, either directly or after further fabrication in Canadian factories.

"No real transfer is not to Canada but to the countries of ultimate destination. Other lend-lease materials, and small quantities of other supplies for use of Norwegian, Polish and other United Nations units training in Canada, are included."

Lend-Lease Total \$18,608,000,000; Reverse Increases

BY DOUGLAS CORNELL
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt today announced that the total lend-lease aid to United States' allies at \$18,608,000,000 through Nov. 30, declared today. The reverse, the total of lend-lease aid received by the United States from other countries, was \$1,100,000,000.

At the Allied war councils at Cairo, the President said, lend-lease aid was made for major offensives which will speed victory.

It was the lend-lease aid which has increased the power of Allied offensives, emphasizing tremendous increases in shipments of munitions.

It was his 13th report on lend-lease since the program was announced in March, 1941. Although the total of lend-lease aid accounted for \$10,356,000,000 of the total of lend-lease aid, compared with \$1,100,000,000 in all of 1941, a table in the report showed that the flow had been lessening every month since a peak was reached in the first 10 months of 1941.

MUNITIONS INCREASE
Exports, the assistance actually delivered to recipient nations, added up to \$13,844,000,000 through October—more than one and a half times as much as in 1941. Munitions accounted for \$4,674,000,000, an increase of 142 per cent over the corresponding 10 months of 1941.

Russia got \$3,550,000,000 of the exports and the United Kingdom \$2,100,000,000. Lend-lease aid to Russia in the first 10 months of last year was \$1,100,000,000.

The lend-lease aid we have furnished to other nations, the report asserted, "has been effectively used. It has helped to bring about the defeat of the Axis powers, the liberation of Europe, and the defeat of the Japanese in the Pacific."

By C. H. R. HOW
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
LONDON (CP)—Thousands of Canadian women who have opened their homes to boys from other countries, are being trained for fighting duties.

Mr. Roosevelt mentioned that in his letter the flow of reverse lend-lease supplies—provided for the United States by Britain and other nations—has increased.

"The flow of lend-lease assistance from the United States to our allies and of reverse lend-lease aid from our allies to us has increased the power of our united offensives," he said.

Each of the United Nations is given the right to participate in the planning of our objectives in fighting manpower and in war production. Some countries, such as Canada, located away from the fighting theatres of war, are able to make large quantities of food and manufactured arms. Other nations, like the Soviet Union and China, require large quantities of food and manufactured arms.

Li-Cmdr. Tom Denny With Sub-Chasers
OTTAWA (CP)—The navy's fleet of speedy, sub-chasing motor-torpedo boats is being sent to Canada's eastern coast, where he has been operating for the past seven months under their own command.

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Successful Revolt Staged By Italians

BARCELONA (AP)—Travelers recently arrived from northeastern Italy confirmed reports that the Italian revolt staged in the German army in the Flume sector, staged a successful revolt.

The Italian troops reportedly overcame German officers, but the revolt was crushed before it could spread to other parts of the Italian front.

International Pact Halted in Report
WASHINGTON (AP)—A post-war international agreement to accord all nations "equal access" to the world oil supply, based on the principle of "equal access," was halted in a report forwarded to congress today by President Roosevelt.

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Plants Making Accessories or Frigates to Curtail

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Liberty Ship Crews Ready to Jump
SEATTLE (AP)—Merchant mariners, "ready to jump overboard from Liberty ships at the drop of a hat," have continued to sail on them for more than a year last they are accused of sabotaging the war effort, a union official told interviewers here today after conferring with Rep. Warren G. Magnuson.

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