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BATTLE OF CRETE TURNS AGAINST GERMANS

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Dire Need Of Ships Told At Senate Probe

Committee Trying to End Tie-Up; Mediation Board Tackles Coal Mine Row

By the Associated Press
Chairman Emory S. Land of the Maritime commission today advocated use of United States forces to break up a strike of union machinists which has tied up work for two weeks at San Francisco shipbuilding yards.

He testified before a special senate defense investigation committee at Washington as the defense mediation board renewed for a second time its efforts to settle a wage dispute between southern soft coal mine operators and the United Mine Workers union.

Land said "the most dire need in the world today" was ships as he explained he believed there was justification "for every possible step the government might take up to and including the use of United States forces—be they city, state or national—to take off this picket line."

Chairman Truman (D-Mo) said the committee proposed to "find out what is involved in the strike, why it has not been settled, and who is responsible for the country not getting ships."

Eleven ship yards in the San Francisco bay area were closed nearly two weeks ago when CIO

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE battle of Crete today (Wednesday) fills the whole horizon of the news, blacking out for the moment all the other aspects and angles of the war.

THE battle of Crete is a TEST operation, and its success or failure involves these possibilities:

1. If the Germans can take Crete by air attack, they can take Cyprus by air attack.
2. If they take Crete and Cyprus, they will have cleared the sea route for the landing and supply of armies for a campaign against the oil fields of Iraq and Suez and Alexandria from the east—thus by-passing Turkey.
3. If they can take Crete and Cyprus (both islands) they will have shaken confidence in ENGLAND'S ability to defend itself against a similar attack on a larger scale.

THAT is why the developing battle of Crete is of such importance as to overshadow for the moment all the other developments of the war.

FROM "authoritative quarters" in London we have these disclosures today:

The Germans are using so far a full parachute division of 7,000 men, including two infantry regiments, artillery regiments with 75, an anti-tank battalion with 37-millimeter guns, a motorcycle reconnaissance group and other units.

For the transport of these forces, they are using some 250 large airplanes each carrying from 50 to 75 men, along with an undisclosed number of gliders. So far there are no reports of air-borne tanks (meaning tanks carried in by airplanes).

Today's (Wednesday's) dispatches assert that some 4500 Germans have been landed already. It must be taken for

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Union Head Leads Workers Back to Shipyards



John P. Frey, third from left, head of the A. F. of L. metal trades department, leads the first group of 1000 workers in a "back to work" movement after a strike of 1700 machinists in the San Francisco bay area tied up 500 millions of naval and maritime work and affected 15,000 unionists. Machinist pickets, still on strike, lined the route of march booing and jeering, but there was no violence. This scene, at the Moore drydock plant in Oakland, occurred last Wednesday. It was followed yesterday by a group of Navy trucks that took 600 workmen through the picket lines. The strike, affecting 11 yards, is now being probed by a U. S. senate committee.

Patriotic Spirit Of Oregon Praised By General Fuller

The spirit of patriotism in Oregon was evidenced by the attitude of its people and the editorial expression of its press was highly praised here Thursday by Brigadier General Horace A. Fuller, commanding officer of the 3rd division, who spent last night here with the division's field artillery units.

"The people of Oregon demonstrate an unusually high degree of pure patriotism and its newspapers seem in their editorial expressions to have a keener grasp of situations and conditions than I have observed elsewhere," General Fuller said. "I have been particularly interested," he commented, "since coming into the state to learn that direct contact with the people of this state bears out the opinions I had previously formed through reading the newspapers. The people of Oregon obviously are keenly interested in our defense efforts and are giving exceptional cooperation in every way."

Cooperation Aid Trek

General Fuller reported that the troop movement is proceeding with a high degree of efficiency and that fewer difficulties are being encountered than had been anticipated. The cooperation of the general public, he said, has been of inestimable aid in the mass movement.

Although making no comment on the possibility of the entrance of the United States in the present world war, he declared that in his opinion the armed forces have now reached such a point in training and experience that they could seize and hold Dakar and Suez if the need of such action should arise.

He praised the spirit of selectees being inducted into the army through the selective service act, reporting that the men conscripted into service are "taking hold" quickly and effectively and are advancing very rapidly in the training program.

Contracts Awarded on 2 Douglas Highway Jobs

Two road grading and surfacing contracts for Douglas county were awarded today by the state highway commission. Both contracts were let to E. L. Rigdon, road contractor of Hampton, Oregon. The jobs include surfacing and oiling 4.3 miles of the Days Creek-Wright ranch section of the Tiller-Trail highway on a bid of \$46,549, and grading, surfacing and oiling of 2.97 miles of the Oak Creek-Marks ranch section of the North Umpequa road on a bid of \$65,442.

Home Defense Of Oregon Awaiting Instructions

SALEM, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—Governor Sprague said today he is awaiting instructions from the federal government before going ahead with plans to set up state and local defense organizations.

David Eccles, his executive secretary and budget director, will return from Washington early next week after conferring with government officials as on civilian defense preparations.

The governor is expected to announce personnel of the state defense council shortly after Eccles' return. County and city defense organizations then will be organized.

The defense councils will cooperate with the national civilian defense organization, headed by Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York City.

The first item on the list, the governor said, will be for the state to organize civilian volunteer airplane spotters. The governor is waiting for advice from the war department, which is sponsoring the plan on a nationwide basis.

Other organizations to be formed include air raid precautions, fire fighters, and disaster squads.

Governor Sprague said he still has no intention of organizing a state guard unless there is a grave emergency, such as could not be handled by reinforced state police or federal troops.

However, the plans for a state guard are being kept up to date, he said, so that a guard could be organized quickly if needed.

Netherlands East Indies Firm Against Jap Threats

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, May 23.—(AP)—A newly-launched Japanese press campaign bristling with threats and pointed warnings will not force the Netherlands East Indies from their firm stand in commercial negotiations with Japan, informed quarters asserted today.

Furthermore, these informants said that a Japanese commercial program as outlined by the Tokyo press with reference to the N. E. I. was considered largely unacceptable here.

The four-month-old commercial negotiations were declared to have entered a critical stage with the exchange of final memoranda earlier this month. The main stumbling block has been the disinclination of the N. E. I. to sell large quantities of vital products to Japan, lest they find their way to Germany.

Army Plane Crash Kills Ex-Washington Athlete

SEATTLE, May 23.—(AP)—Flying Cadet Ralph V. Nipper, 24, of Pocatello, Ida., one of two men killed in an army plane crash near Milpitas, Calif., yesterday, was a backstroke swimmer on the University of Washington 1940 championship swimming team who placed in the northern division championships to win his major W.

Second Lieut. Warren P. Rice, 24, Dallas, Tex., was the other crash victim.

Nine Persons Killed in Religious Riot in Bombay

BOMBAY, India, May 23.—(AP)—Nine persons were killed and 75 injured yesterday during religious rioting between Hindu and Moslems police reported after a check-up today. Police fired into the battling throngs.

A 7:30 p. m. to 6:30 a. m. curfew was imposed.

Air Armada Enlargement New U. S. Aim

Congress to Be Asked For Funds For 'Security Fleet' Of 13,000 Warplanes

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—The war department will soon ask congress, informed quarters said today, for a \$2,500,000,000 appropriation for a new "security fleet" of 13,000 bombing and fighting planes part of which will be ready for action in about 18 months.

As outlined by defense officials, the 13,000-plane program would be superimposed on the present 21,000 army goal, as well as other undisclosed additions already proposed in the regular military appropriations bill now pending before a house committee.

Interested legislators said they had been assured that plane deliveries would be in full swing 18 months after construction started. They said they had no details about how this would be accomplished except through a tremendous expansion of production capacity and through standardization of models.

If approved by congress, the "security fleet" outlay was expected to give fresh impetus to President Roosevelt's recommendations for the production of 500 bombers a month and to put the army air force in a position to cope with any turn the European war may take in the next two years.

Britain May Get Share

Legislators who were consulted about the program said it was their understanding that a request would be made for funds to construct, arm and equip the planes for the army, without any reference to British needs.

They explained that if war still was going on when the planes started to roll off the assembly

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Soldier Burned in Gas Blast at Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 23.—(AP)—Private Robert Paugh was seriously burned as the 66th artillery brigade broke camp here this morning.

His condition was reported serious at a local hospital where it was reported he was badly burned on hands, arms, face and back by a gasoline explosion. Details of the accident were not known.

British Smash Aerial Units, Navy Blasts Convoys at Sea

France Not Asked By Hitler for Navy or Colonial Concessions, Will Never Turn Over Fleet, Vice-Premier Darlan Says

VICHY, France, May 23.—(AP)—Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan told the French people today that Adolf Hitler had not asked France for her fleet in current negotiations and declared firmly: "I will never hand it over."

Nor has Hitler asked for colonial concessions, said the vice-premier.

"The chancellor did not ask me to hand over our fleet to him," Darlan asserted in a broadcast. "Everyone knows — and the English better than anyone — that I will never hand it over."

"The chancellor did not ask me for any colonial territory. He did not ask me to declare war on England."

Why has he acted so? "Germany began the war alone and judges herself able to end it alone against no matter what coalition."

"On the result of negotiations in course," Darlan asserted, "Directly depends the future of France."

"It is necessary for her to choose between life and death. The Marshal (Petain) and government have chosen life."

He emphasized that "In June, 1940, the victor could have refused us an armistice, beaten us and wiped France off the map of the world — but he did not do it."

Now, Darlan said, "In May 1941, the victor has agreed to ne-

gotiate with the French government."

"France freely is choosing the road which she is taking."

"She will have the peace which she makes herself."

"She will have the place in the organization of Europe which she will have made for herself."

French Unit in Syria Swings Over to British

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 23.—(AP)—A French commander and 200 volunteer soldiers have deserted to the British in Palestine and trans-Jordan after a fight with frontier guards in which a few were killed and wounded on both sides, it was announced officially tonight.

Authorities denied, however, that any de Gaulle (free French) troops had entered Syria or that regular French troops in Syria under General Dentz were retiring.

"Imminent Break" Given As Ship Seizure Reason

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—Great Britain seized the French tanker Sheherazade "because of the imminence of a definite break in the relations between Great Britain and Vichy," a ministry of economic warfare spokesman declared today.

The spokesman said "irrefutable proof that supplies now are reaching Germany through unoccupied France and French possessions" also was a reason for British seizure of the 13,467-ton vessel.

He added:

"While it is inaccurate to state that seizure of the Sheherazade was made with the approval of the United States government, she nevertheless carried a number of American extra-consular officials whose duty it would have been to insure that when the ship reached port none of her cargo would be transferred from French territory to German hands."

"The Sheherazade was bound for Casablanca (French Morocco) and United States officials would have to see that her cargo was consumed on the spot."

"Britain has by this interception not only acquired some 15,000 tons of oil but if the ship is held will have at her disposal one of the finest and fastest oil tankers in the world."

Britain Gives Warning To Japanese Shipping.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—(AP)—Great Britain tightened up on Japanese shipping in the Pacific today with a warning published in Los Angeles that "all disabilities" would be imposed on 11 large Japanese tankers and 81 smaller craft.

British officials here said this represented an extension of the long-standing blacklist of Japanese and other ships which contravened British regulations.

Although such ships face possible seizure, it was indicated that the "disabilities" probably would involve only the denial of British port facilities and other measures hampering their operations.

The British were believed to have insufficient naval forces in the Pacific to undertake widespread search and seizure operations.

Lord Austin, Maker of "Bantam" Auto, Passes

LONDON, May 23.—(AP)—Lord Austin, 75, manufacturer of the Austin automobile, died today at his home near Bromsgrove.

The bantam-weight, seven-horsepower "baby" was the root of the Austin fortune, and in 1930, during a visit to the United States, Lord Austin was the guest of Henry Ford, in some ways his industrial counterpart in America.

Entertainment for the visiting troops tonight will include drum corps exhibition, band concert, a quiz show at the armory, softball games and a street dance.

The 65-acre tract provided for the overnight use of troops stopping in Roseburg was almost too small for the unit, which spent last night here, as the vehicles and guns required nearly all of the available space. However, pup tents were sent up between the rows of trucks and guns and an orderly camp was prepared despite the cramped quarters.

The men were entertained with two softball games, street dance, band concert and an exhibition by the Eagles lodge drum corps and women's drill team. The exhibition drill proved a most popular feature and was enthusiastically applauded.

The artillery band presented a concert at Library park at 6:30 p. m. before a capacity crowd of Roseburg music lovers and visiting soldiers. The concert included military marches, popular selections and featured vocal selections by band soloists.

The unit stopping in Roseburg tonight includes the 30th infantry, one of the nation's best known military units; the 3rd Reconnaissance group, the 3rd Engineers, the 68th quartermaster battalion and the 91st observation squadron. The observation squadron is travelling with the 30th infantry unit, but planes and part of the convoy truck will be based at Medford tonight. The convoy consists of approximately 1700 men and 300 vehicles.

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CRETE

Today's dispatches indicate the battle for the possession of the strategic island is turning in favor of Britain, but it's still anybody's victory. Will superior air power win over superior naval power? Watch NEWS-REVIEW news for the answer.

Invaders Hold Only One Spot Now, Report

Germans Counter With Claim of Costly Blows At British War Craft

By the Associated Press
Fiercely counter-attacking British troops were reported to have gained a definite edge over Adolf Hitler's aerial invaders in the 4-day-old battle of Crete today, with the severest fighting centering around the Malemi airport, 10 miles south of Cania, the Crete capital.

British headquarters said nazl air-borne detachments at Candia, in central Crete, and at Retimo, about halfway between Candia and Cania, had been accounted for—killed or taken prisoner—in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

Prime Minister Churchill reported yesterday that the Germans had occupied Candia, the old-time capital of Crete and largest island city.

Military sources in Cairo, headquarters of the British middle east command, said British naval guns were shattering German attempts to land troops by sea.

On the Mediterranean sea itself, the British said, the Germans had gained only a single "decent" foothold in the Malemi sector. Elsewhere, the trend was pictured as slowly turning to Britain's advantage despite new swarms of nazl 'chutists and other aerial troops dropping from the clouds.

Result Rests On Fleet

As long as the British fleet can ward off sea-borne landings, it was said, there is a chance that the invasion will fail.

The Rome newspaper Il Giornale D'Italia said that the British warships engaged in the defense of Crete included at least five big battleships, two aircraft carriers and a powerful group of cruisers and destroyers.

DNB, official news agency, asserted that three more British destroyers and five speedboats were sunk and two other destroyers damaged by nazl warplanes today, and that two cruisers were

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Fourteen Men Die In Mine Explosion

BICKNELL, Ind., May 23.—(AP)—The bodies of 14 miners killed by an explosion in the Panhandle mine near here were brought to the surface today.

Seventeen other men working on the same level emerged safely from the underground workings by a circuitous 2½ mile route after the explosion last night.

Most of the bodies were badly burned. Mothers, wives and children who had waited stoically since the explosion broke into sobs as rescuers brought out the bodies.

Jack Ogilvie, of Bicknell, in charge of the mine rescue squad, expressed belief gas or a mixture of gas and dust became ignited in some manner. He said part of the level was badly damaged, with timbers and other debris hampering rescue work.

Crack Army Band Will Play Here Tonight

The 30th infantry band, "San Francisco's Pride," will entertain Roseburg music lovers at Library park tonight, starting at 7 o'clock. This organization was the official army band at the Golden Gate exposition on Treasure Island for two years, and has been frequently heard on coast-to-coast radio hookups. The band recently was presented in a broadcast from Seattle in connection with a radio talk by President Roosevelt.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



AN ARMY TROOP TRANSPORT crossing the Pioneer bridge, midway in the canyon between Canyonville and Azalea.

This ten-mile section of road is one of the crookedest on the Pacific highway. It presented tremendous difficulties of passage to the early settlers in the "good old days"—it presents even greater difficulty to travellers of the present time.

What do you suppose would occur to trucks, either on the bridge shown in the picture above or others approaching it, if an enemy bomber dropped an "egg" on it? Or within hundreds of yards of it?

I'll tell you: All traffic would be stopped in its tracks, and

News-Review Photo and Engraving would be held there for a long time, a very long time indeed. Even crack engineers would encounter a tough proposition in building a "by-road"—it simply couldn't be done, there's no room.

The alternate route—south, affecting this area, is via the Tiller-Trail cutoff. There's a section of that road, paralleling Elk creek, between Tiller and Drew, which wouldn't be any paradise for travel under war conditions, either. But I think it's the best we've got. The canyon route south of Canyonville, which extends to Grants Pass, is just about hopeless as a military highway.

Too many "bottlenecks" are encountered there.