

Sea Battles, Crete, Roosevelt Talk Top News

A great sea battle in the North Atlantic in which major ships of both Germany and Britain were sent to the bottom, British setbacks in the Nazi invasion of Crete and world-wide repercussions of President Roosevelt's strongly worded address to the American public held front page space of the nation's newspapers during the past week.

On Saturday, Britain heard with grim horror of the sinking of the world's greatest battleship, His Majesty's 42,100-ton Hood, with her entire complement of 1341 officers and men. The mighty armored vessel went down in the icy waters of Greenland's southern tip after a lucky torpedo hit by the German battleship Bismarck exploded the Hood's magazine.

A running battle between vessels in company with the Hood and other Nazi ships including the Bismarck then ensued and on Tuesday there was rejoicing in Britain as the news came home that after three days and nights of chasing the German ships, the Bismarck was sent to the bottom with a torpedo. Some 1400 officers and men went down with her.

A number of hits by torpedo-carrying planes were scored on the Bismarck during the three-day chase before she was finally crippled to such an extent that British ships were able to come in close for the final blow. An American-made torpedo plane is credited with the hit which led to the Nazi warship's destruction.

Wednesday reports of Nazi-British fighting for control of the Mediterranean island of Crete told of serious setbacks for the allied cause as German "sky-troops," pouring continuously and relentlessly down from transport planes and in gliders without regard for mounting losses, seized Crete, the capital of Crete and then smashed attempts of allied troops to escape by sea.

As severe fighting continued, the British middle east headquarters acknowledged the British "withdrawal to a more favorable position in the rear." At the same time, swift-moving events were reported from other parts of the Mediterranean war theater: Axis troops striking through the Suez canal captured Halfaya ("Hell Fire") pass in Egypt. British and French clashed for the first time in open combat, an air fight over Syria. Unoccupied France was granted permission by Italy and Germany to build up a continental air force for "defense of empire"—a counter blow to the impending threat of British invasion of unoccupied France as retaliation for France's collaboration with Hitler.

Official silence from both Euro-

pean axis partners followed Roosevelt's fireside chat of Tuesday but from numerous unofficial sources came statements that Roosevelt has a bid for war.

That the United States is "preparing for aggression" against Germany and Italy was the published opinion of Virginia Gayda, President Roosevelt's news mouthpiece. Other sources charged the American leader's talk virtually put this nation at war with the axis.

German spokesmen labeled as "empty words" the president's charge of German designs on Latin American countries and came back with a counter-charge that Roosevelt's words on "freedom of the seas" was nothing short of a policy of unlimited control of the sea lanes by Washington.

Japan's main concern was over Roosevelt's references to more aid for China.

Janssen Files for Non-High Director

A. M. Janssen of Reedville this week filing a petition with the county school superintendent's office here for director of non-high school district zone No. 3. The term of office is for five years.

Election for the non-high district will be held in conjunction with the annual school meeting on June 16. School districts embraced by zone No. 3 are Union, Reedville, Kinton, Hazeldale, Cooper Mountain and Aloha-Huber.

Street Projects On Council Agenda

The Hillsboro city council will meet for its regular June session next Tuesday evening. Aside from routine business, a number of street improvement action is on the agenda, among such items being a report on negotiations aimed at dedication of Eighth avenue between Oak and Walnut streets, according to City Manager J. W. Barney.

Car Lot to Open
A new used car lot for the Spencer Motor company's stock of trade-in automobiles was being graveled and fenced this week. Located on Washington street between Third and Fourth avenues, the lot will be equipped for night illumination and is expected to be opened for business yet this week, according to Tom Spencer, manager of the motor company.

Check Your Spare
Much delay and inconvenience could be avoided if motorists would have the spare tire checked each time the other tires are checked, suggests the Emergency Road Service of the Oregon State Motor Association. The spare loses pressure even though it is not in use, and unless it is reinflated regularly the pressure may be too low when an emergency arises.

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Paratroopers of the 501st Parachute Battalion, at Fort Benning, Ga., bail out of U. S. Army transports during mass maneuvers, top photo. The paratrooper, left, is equipped with an emergency pack in addition to his regular chute. Right photo shows cadets ready to board transport for a practice jump.

Army Air Corps Tripled in Size Within a Year

BY DAVID A. STEIN

AMERICA is swinging into action! With each passing day, the nation's defense program is gaining momentum — charging full speed ahead.

Nowhere is the increasingly fast tempo of American action more apparent than in the Army Air Corps. An increase of more than 300 per cent in a year will bring America's air force up to 176,100 men within the next 60 days.

At the nation's air bases, 10,100 officers, 15,000 flying cadets and 181,000 enlisted men who are specialists in all forms of maintenance work, are in training. From many far-off localities, men

within the age limits of 20 to 26 are drawn to the air force. From now on, the Army Air Corps plans to train 12,000 additional pilots each year.

EVERY five weeks, primary schools scattered throughout the nation, begin the training of approximately 2400 flying cadets. All of these schools are operated by civilians under army contracts. Instructors receive special training and must pass rigid tests.

After acceptance at a local recruiting station, the flying cadet is sent to the elementary training school, where he lives in a military barracks and receives military training in addition to flight and ground-school instruction. During 10 weeks at the school, the cadet accumulates 65 hours of flying time, both dual and solo.

Of 100 who start training, 65 advance to basic schools, where they begin training in a

450-horsepower basic training plane. They learn instrument flying, formation flying, day navigation, and night flying in planes resembling the modern war plane in construction and instruments. The basic school, too, has a ten weeks' course, and only 58 or 59 of the original 100 cadets finish—the rest having been "washed out" for one reason or another.

In the third, advanced phase of training, cadets learn the use of their planes as flying weapons. They get advanced formation work, tactics, gunnery, and bombing. Those "washed out" as pilots may become bombardiers, navigators, meteorologists, aerial photographers, armament experts, or special engineers.

This is the first in a series of articles on "America in Action." Watch for future articles in this newspaper.

Deputy Sheriff, Two Policemen Resign Posts

Hillsboro police officers Ole Nielsen and James Greagan and Deputy Sheriff Ben Cornelius have resigned their local police posts during the past week to take positions as guards in Portland and at Bonneville according to Chief W. Weaver and Sheriff J. W. Cunnell.

Ole Nielsen has accepted a civil service appointment as a guard at Bonneville dam. Both Greagan and Cornelius have taken jobs as guards at the Oregon Shipbuilding plant in Portland.

Nelson Griffin, former special deputy at Banks, has replaced Cornelius as a working guard for Deputy Hallie Ireland on the sheriff's night crew. Glen Pickens and O. O. Freeman former chief of police here have been temporarily appointed to the two city police posts pending permanent appointments by Mayor Horn. S. Rogers, now in the Veterans' hospital at Portland.

Roosevelt Talk Approved Locally

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any transportation system, suspension of trading on securities, exchange and uncontrolled control of powerhouses, dams and conduits needed for manufacture of munitions and other war materials. Only the right to declare war is withheld under the president's unlimited emergency power. This power is reserved for congress.

Peril is Nearer
2. America is emphatically near the peril of possible attack from Nazi Germany and the United States will not pursue a policy of waiting until the enemy is "in our front yard" before taking action against him. Various interpretations have been taken from the part of the chief executive's talk, which included references to Dakar, Greenland, Ireland and the Cape Verde islands as possible points that might be used to center striking power against the United States.

3. The United States will extend and enlarge its help to Britain under our policy of patrolling the seas and will "actively resist his (Adolph Hitler's) every attempt to gain control of the seas."

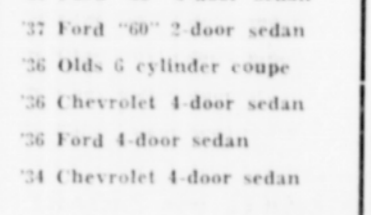
4. Labor and capital were urged to "merge their differences" to insure "survival of the only kind

Nut Co-op Retains Cady and Brown

M. P. Cady of Hillsboro and W. G. Brown of Scholls were re-elected to the board of directors of the Dundee Nut Growers' co-operative at a meeting of that organization held Tuesday at the Dundee plant.

One of the main items of action taken by the walnut and filbert growers was a vote of approval for appropriating one-half a cent per pound for advertising purposes. Reports on activities of the past year told of better than average returns for the co-operative members.

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Farm Prices Up Sharply as Big Crops in Sight

A sharp rise in farm prices from mid-March to mid-May, despite better than average crop production prospects, is the outstanding fact of the current agricultural situation as reviewed by the agricultural extension service at O. S. C. in the current report just released.

The advance in the general level of prices for farm products is estimated to have been around 10 per cent for the two-month period. The rise is attributed principally to stronger demand from domestic consumers and government activi-

ties under the defense program. Meat, Truck Crops
Compared with a year ago, most animals and truck crops show the greatest gains in price, followed by poultry products and dairy products. Prices for these commodities usually respond rather definitely to changes in the purchasing power of consumers. Although milk production on May 1 was 9 per cent greater than a year previous, farm prices for dairy products were fully 10 per cent higher due to strong demand with mounting pay rolls.

From the standpoint of production, an increase in output of most farm products appears probable. Crop conditions are generally better than average at this season of the year and interest in expanding production of certain items needed for better diets is being stimulated by government measures.

Prospects Bright
Production prospects in the country as a whole are better than average. Indications are favorable for an abundance of hay. On May 1 pastures were the best for the date since 1929. Poultry flocks are being increased substantially, and cattle, hogs, and sheep are being increased somewhat.

Wheat and rye prospects are very favorable. The May 1 estimate of winter wheat production was 653,000,000 bushels compared with 590,000,000 in 1940. Prospects are also favorable for spring wheat yields, though it is too early to make definite estimates. Carryover stocks of wheat are also sure to be abnormally high.

In view of this condition the national wheat acreage allotment for 1942 has been set at 55,000,000 acres, with Oregon's share being 756,281 acres. This national allotment is the minimum allowable under the agricultural adjustment act.

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