

Battlefield Is Found at Last

Hitler Strikes at Dawn While England Still Torn Politically

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ter Chamberlain warned that Britain must be prepared to meet sudden dangers elsewhere. Today the fears of a new German blow were realized in the low countries, but the Balkans, rent with alarming reports of war preparations in that area, still could not be certain the war would pass them for long.

Germany said she was taking steps to "safeguard the neutrality" of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg "with all military means."

Radio reports said her parachute troops already had landed in the Netherlands and had encountered opposition in numerous places.

A Reuter's (British news agency) dispatch said the Germans already had landed at Waalhaven. German airplanes invaded Belgium, and Brussels, the capital, turned on its air raid alarms as soldiers, in response to urgent mobilization calls, rushed to their concentration points. Military cars and motorcycles dashed through the streets.

It was reported German parachutists already had landed in the country. The Brussels airport was bombed.

Simultaneously the German air force struck at Paris and London, occasioning an air raid alarm of an hour and 48 minutes in Paris, and vicious anti-aircraft shooting by the British along the Thames estuary.

Prime Minister Chamberlain, his political power already badly sapped, received a sharp rebuff last night (Thursday) in his first effort to bring the labor opposition into a rebuilt cabinet under his leadership.

As he conferred, British submarines brought an indication of the quickened war efforts he promised with a series of attacks on German shipping.

Reliable London reports said leaders of the labor party responded with an emphatic "impossible" to the aged prime minister's proposition that they come into his reconstructed cabinet. The form in which he put the question was understood to have indicated his willingness to resign if that would lead to the formation of a new national government satisfactory to all parties.

The liberal opposition was understood to have taken an attitude like that of labor, and, between them, they brought Chamberlain one step closer to quitting. Chamberlain drew his "no" from the laborites as the house of commons, which last night gave the prime minister a slim 81-vote confidence margin on the conduct of the unhappy Norwegian campaign, adjourned until May 21.

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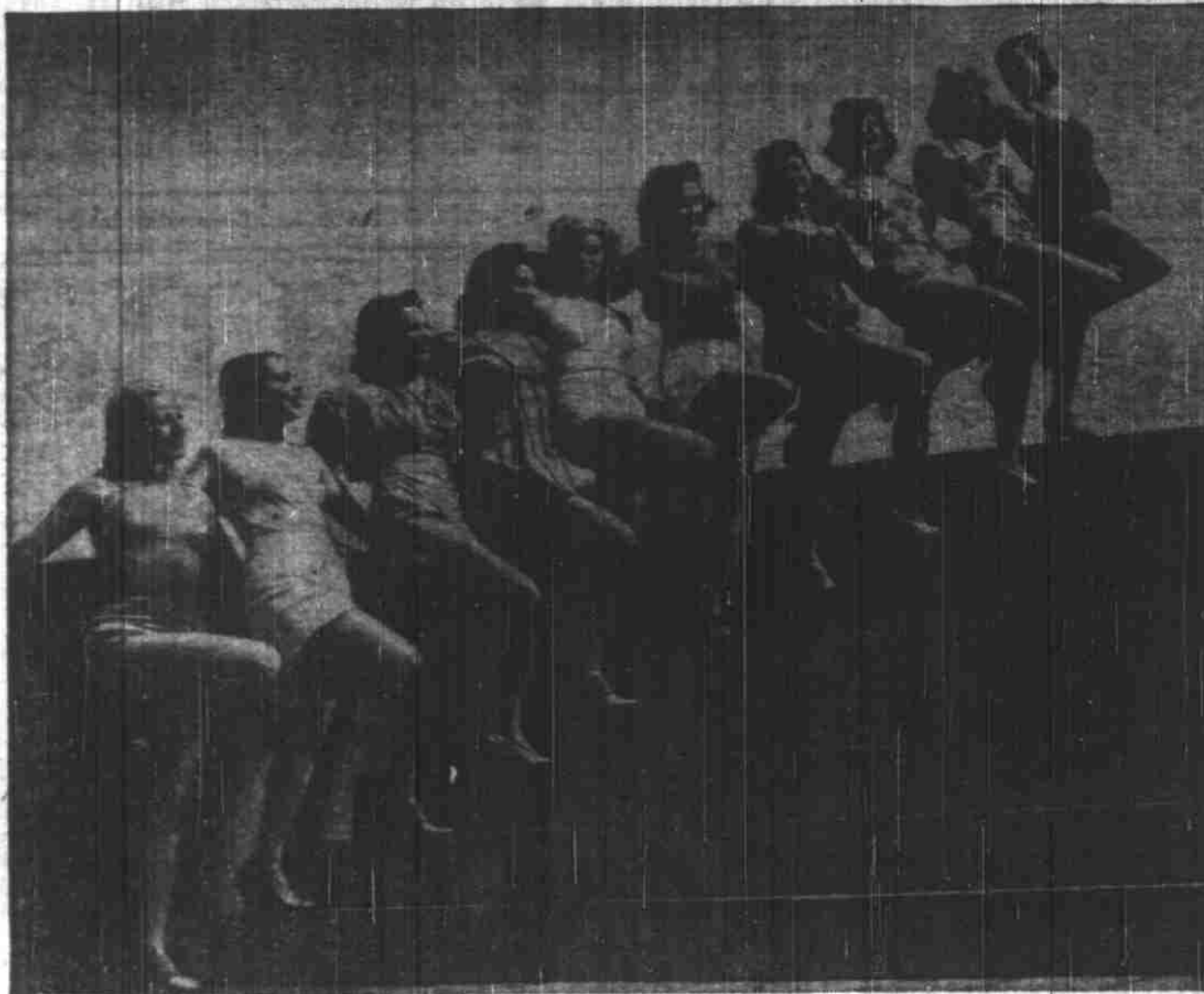
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Federal Theatre Project Refused

Subcommittee Gives Okeh to FDR Request, WPA Eight-Month Plan

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's request for authority to spend \$975,000,000 for WPA in eight months instead of a year, if necessary, won approval of a house appropriations subcommittee, members said today, but the group rejected an administration request for revival of the federal theatre projects.

Over the objections of the republican members, the subcommittee agreed to the president's request and tentatively arranged to present the relief bill, which also carries funds for the farm security administration, to the house for consideration next Thursday.

Several legislators predicted bitter and prolonged debate would be provoked by the proposal to put the WPA fund on an eight-month basis, starting July 1, which they contended was tantamount to boosting the total for relief work for the fiscal year to \$1,500,000,000. President Roosevelt originally estimated \$975,000,000 might suffice for the year but later told congress there was no way of foretelling accurately.

Col. F. C. Harrington, WPA commissioner, had recommended that the federal theatre projects, abolished by the committee last year after widespread criticism that they were being used to disseminate radical propaganda, be revived if local sponsors could be obtained.

Spencer Accused Of Five Slayings

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—(AP)—A county grand jury today accused Verlin Spencer, 38-year-old junior high school principal, of slaying five of his associates.

The death toll of Spencer's pistol reached that number when Miss Ruth Nabett Sturgeon, art teacher in the South Pasadena junior high school, succumbed to her wounds earlier in the day.

The grand jury indictment contained five counts of murder and one count of attempted murder, the latter based on the grave wounding of Dorothea Talbert, a secretary.

School board members, employees and teachers, told the coroner's jury that the junior high school principal was suspicious of his instructors and was given to moods of elation or depression.

Spencer himself did not testify. He is in the prison ward of the county hospital, a victim of one of his own bullets.

Mrs. FDR Gives a Party



Mrs. Roosevelt abandoned original plans for an indoor tea for 500 party workers of the women's division of the Democratic national committee when 6,000 delegates showed up. Instead she gave a garden party in their honor on the White House lawn. Here, she is literally "mobbed" by her guests.

Brussels Airport Attacked by Air

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Soldiers were called back to their units urgently by a proclamation.

The radio reported parachute troops had landed in the north. Communications were tied up by a rush of official messages.

The cabinet met early this morning after a report was received that The Netherlands also was invaded.

The Antwerp airport also was attacked with bombs.

Artillery fire was reported on the German-Belgian frontier.

It was reported that after an interview with King Leopold, Premier Hubert Pierlot declared to the press that Belgium had been attacked.

The Belgian foreign ministry said the invasion was launched by bombardment of the Brussels airport.

Great clouds of smoke could be seen rising from the airport while anti-aircraft batteries kept up a continual pounding against the invaders.

The defense minister immediately declared a "state of alarm" throughout the nation which in the world war learned the tragic cost of a German invasion.

Unconfirmed reports said that the neighboring grand duchy of Luxembourg, wedged in between the warring powers, also had been invaded by parachute troops which landed at Hasselt.

The Belgian cabinet went into emergency session as soon as the first news came through that The Netherlands was invaded.

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nounced this action was taken to prevent seizure of Iceland by Germany.

It was not disclosed immediately whether the British forces encountered any difficulty with Germans reported to have infiltrated into the island before and since the outbreak of the European war.

Iceland has a defense force of her own of only about 70 police.

The foreign office said Iceland was given a guaranty that the occupation would be only for the duration of hostilities.

The little northern kingdom is expected to provide the allies with excellent submarine bases as well as seaplane and airplane bases.

It was disclosed that R. C. Harris of the British ministry of economic warfare arrived in Iceland today with Charles Howard, Icelandic charge d'affaires in London.

Smith recently was the British minister in Copenhagen.

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Campaign Heat Rising at Last

Even County Surveyor's Race Eventful With Charges Banded

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legal opinion to clarify the situation.

"All the work that I do is for the county," Fisher added. "I have done possibly \$100 worth of private work during the last four years. I have an account of the money in my office and I am keeping the money where I can put my hand on it when this question is settled."

Fisher said two non-salaried deputies working under him handled calls for private surveying jobs.

Whether or not the surveyor's office may receive and retain fees for private work, collected directly or indirectly, has been disputed in this county since before Fisher's accession to the office.

Waged quietly but not without feeling has been the contest between Ethel M. Niles, a deputy, and Mrs. Chester M. Cox for the republican nomination for county recorder. Mrs. Mildred Robertson Brooks, who is relinquishing the recordership after many years in the office, has given Mrs. Cox her blessing.

While the two republican women candidates vie for the job, Albert J. Egan, lone democrat seeking it, sits by, hoping for a chance to take it over after the November election.

The Commonwealth federation's unsolicited endorsement of J. F. Ulrich, Salem Roosevelt democrat, for first district delegate to the national convention, is giving Monroe Sweetland, OCF executive secretary, some worry.

He doesn't like to see an OCF endorse working for the Louis Johnson vice-presidential write-in movement when the federation has voted its support to a write-in for Senator LaFollette, progressive party, for the nomination.

The OCF got off to a bad start this election, if reports brought back from Washington may be believed, when it "drafted" President Roosevelt on the Oregon ballot for a third term. The president, so the report goes, didn't want a place on Oregon's ballot. Of course, a victory in Oregon wouldn't mean so much nationally but a defeat would be damaging.

Fighting General Charles H.

weeks, special efforts by the chamber of commerce and the census bureau a "very considerable" number of names have been added to the bureau's lists, Thielsen indicated.

But "there may still be some who have been missed," Thielsen said, "and we don't want them to be left out."

Persons whom the regular census enumerators have missed or been unable to get in touch with were requested by Thielsen to telephone the census bureau, 6329, or call at the office, 223 Oregon building, in person.

The bureau, Thielsen said, has been cooperating with the chamber in tagging census stragglers.

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