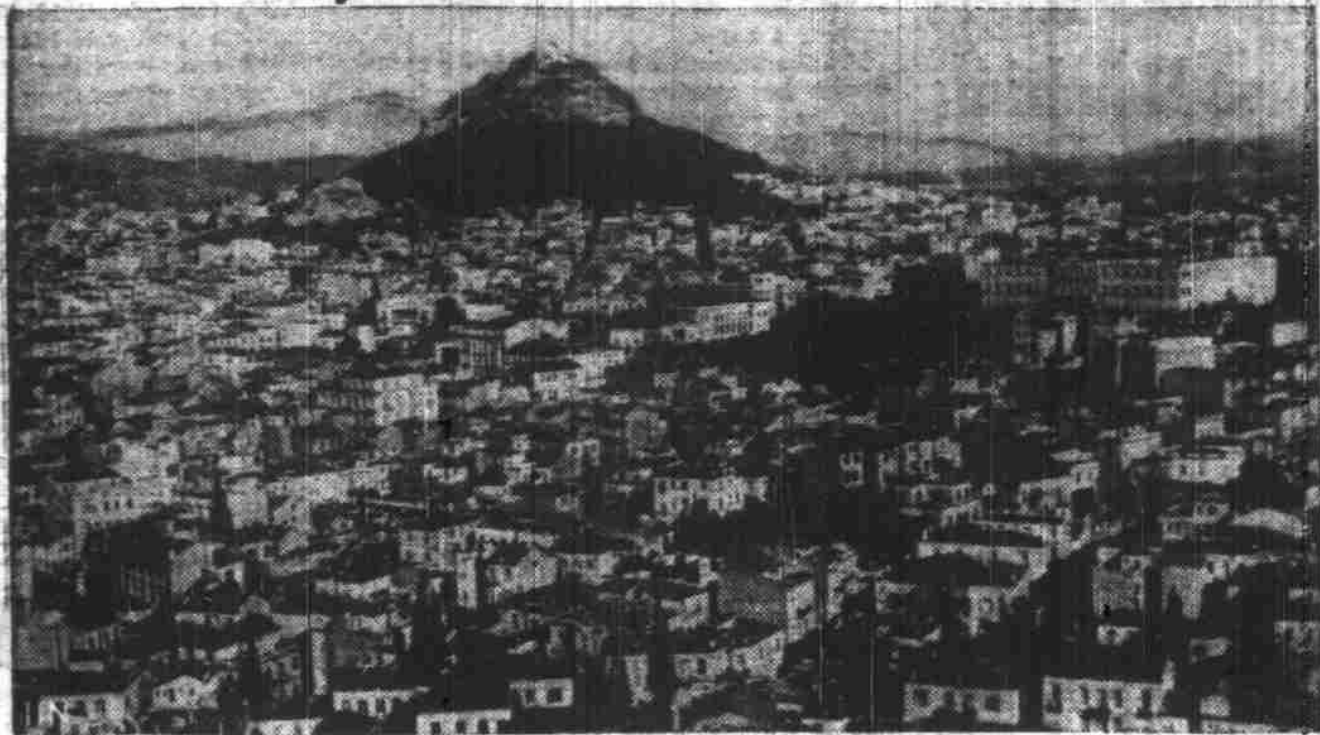


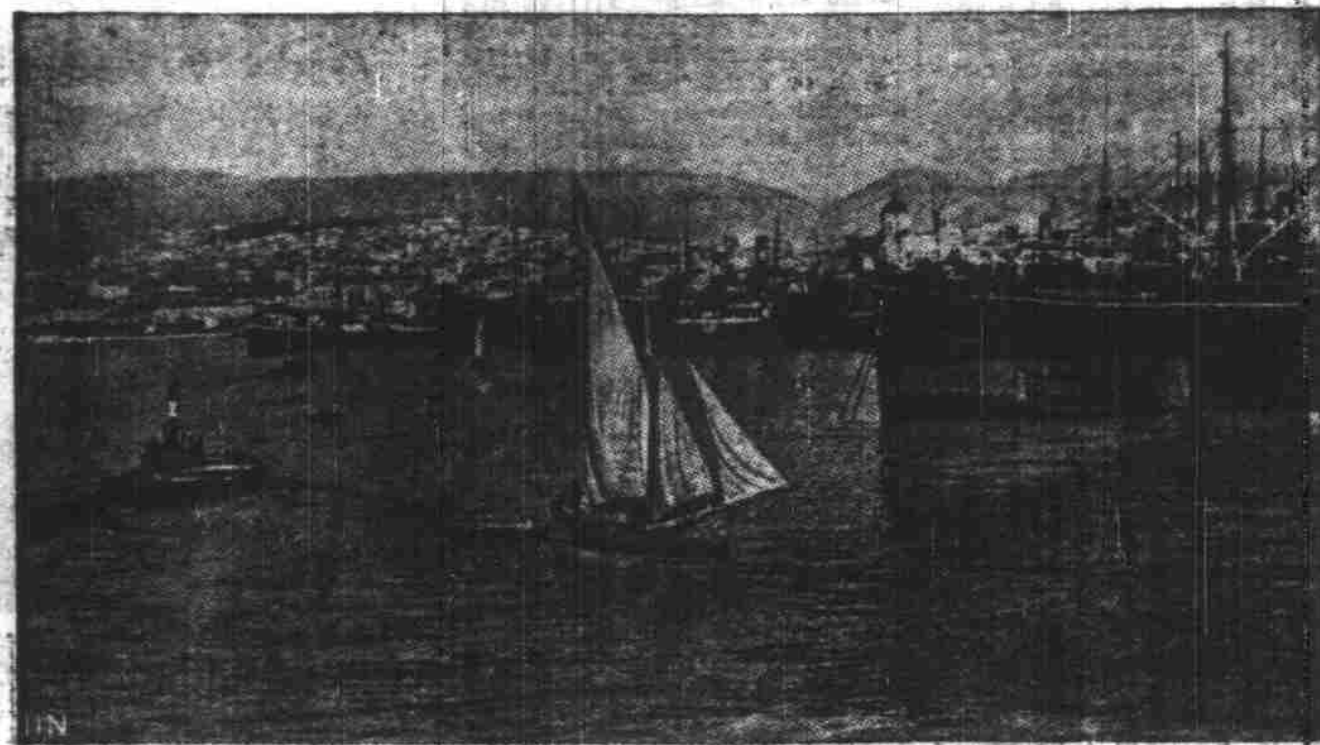
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London Suffers in Worst Bombing of War

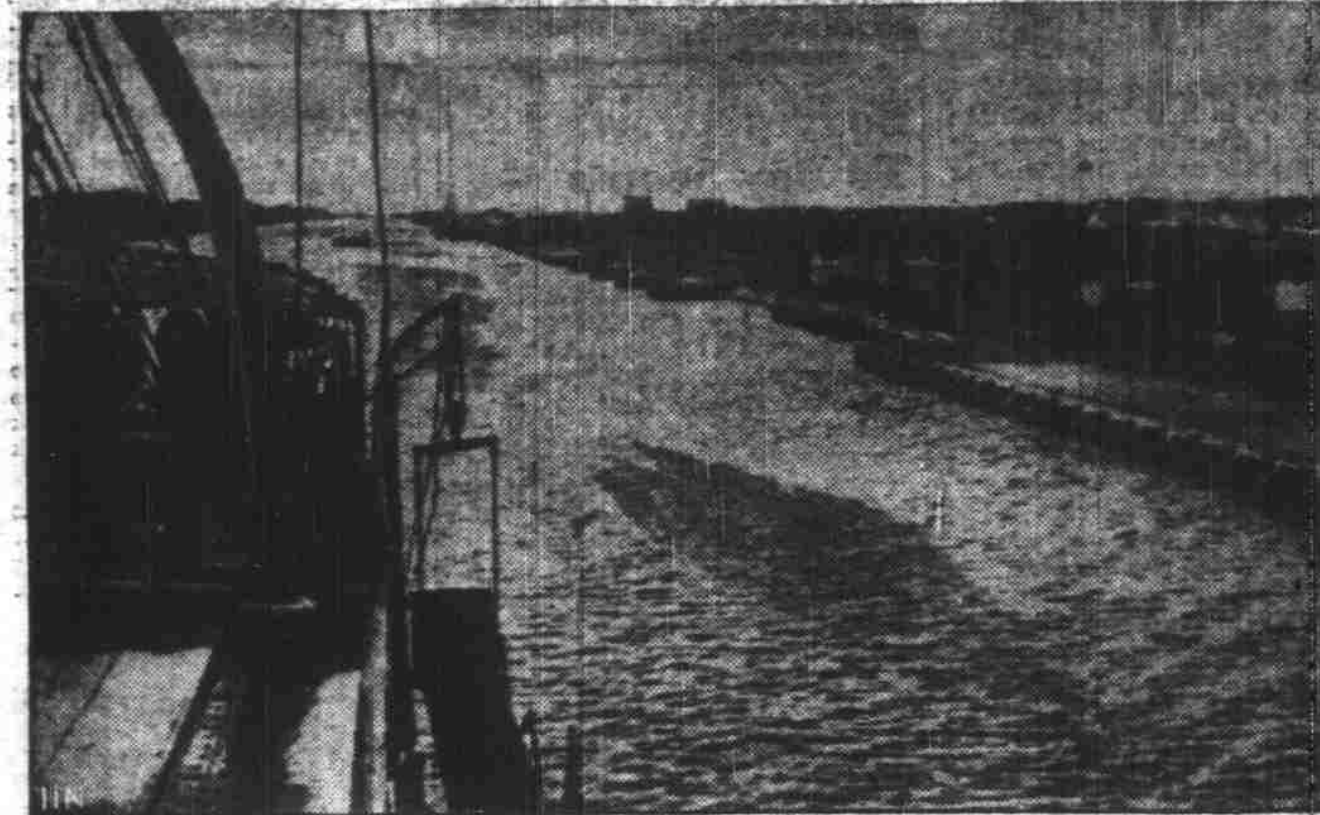
Main Objectives of Latest Nazi Thrusts



View of the city of Athens, Greek capital city.



Air view of Piraeus, five miles from Athens.



Shown above (top) is the Greek capital city, Athens, and its main sea port Piraeus, (middle) capture of which would complete the conquest of Greece by the German army. In Africa the Hitler panzer troops are pushing toward the Suez canal (below) in an effort to cut the British supply lines. Latest reports indicate the British are resisting gallantly in both sectors.—Photos by IIN.

Sink Entire Axis Convoy Countless Dead

Buried as Fires Rage Over City Choking Smoke Pall Overhangs Capital After Savage Attack

More Than 400 Nazi Planes In Bombardment; Streets Littered With Debris

LONDON, April 17 (Thursday)—(P)—Great tongues of flame and smoke coiled over this capital at dawn today and great sprawling areas of blackened masonry entombed uncounted victims of the German air force's most savage attack of the war. This was the worst ever, veterans said. The ancient capital was a stricken witness to what Berlin had promised—that the RAF attack on the Nazi capital April 9 would be repaid a "hundred-fold."

War News Briefs

BERLIN, April 17 (Thursday)—(P)—British bombers attempting widespread raids on northern Germany's coastal areas succeeded in reaching some objectives and dropped a few bombs, informed quarters said today.

ROME, April 17 (Thursday)—(P)—Italian forces operating from Albania, have crossed the Yugoslav frontier near Scutari and are driving the Yugoslav army northward, dispatches from the front said today.

ATHENS, April 17 (Thursday)—(P)—Two German columns smashing through the heart of the central Greek-British front threatened today to outflank the strong allied entrenchments thrown up on the slopes of famed Mount Olympus on the eastern coast.

VICHY, France, April 17 (Thursday)—(P)—Vichy, the temporary capital of unoccupied France, had an hour-long air raid alarm Wednesday night for the first time since the French-German armistice. (This dispatch said nothing about bombs being dropped.)

BERLIN, April 16 (Wednesday)—The German high command announced Wednesday night that the entire Serbian second army had laid down its arms in Sarajevo, birthplace of the first great war, but semi-official sources acknowledged at the same time that the British army of northern Greece is "showing more fight than heretofore."

WASHINGTON, April 16 (Wednesday)—Secretary of Navy Knox reported Wednesday that the United States was ready if need be to delay construction of the two-ocean navy to assure prompt repairs of war-damaged British vessels in American shipyards. Forecasting the arrival of "large numbers" of damaged ships such as the battleship Malaya, Knox said they had been given first priority "over everything else in our yards."

Wave upon wave of German bombers, some zooming low over the city, dropped tons of heavy explosive and fire bombs to surpass the great December 29 fire raid which gutted so much of London.

Observers estimated more than 400 raiders participated in the attack.

A choking smoke pall overhung the city, and London never really had a protecting darkness from the moment the first Nazi avalanche of fire and explosive hit the city.

The wailing sirens of ambulances carrying their broken loads to the hospitals and the hoarse shouts of firemen and rescuers continued on into the daylight long after the air raid sounded about 5:30 a.m. (8:30 p.m. PST.) Thousands who sleepily huddled beneath the crunch of bombs and the barking anti-aircraft barrage throughout the night saw a grim spectacle upon entering the streets again. Great gashes ripped the littered brick, timber and glass littered (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Imperial War Council Seen

LONDON, April 16 (Wednesday)—British was reported Wednesday night to be attempting to arrange an imperial war conference attended by the heads of the Canadian, Australia, New Zealand and South African dominions. It was this project, reliable sources said, which is delaying for at least two weeks the departure of Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies of Australia for the United States and Canada. (There are strong indications that the conference is intended largely to increase the dominions' output of manpower to fill the increasing British need for troops in the middle east—particularly in defense of the Suez canal.)

Air Losses High In Greece Battle

BERLIN, April 16 (Wednesday)—A German summary of Tuesday's air combat put enemy plane losses, mostly British, at 39, including 22 destroyed on the ground at Larissa and Trikala, Greece. Seventeen were said to have been shot down in dog fights, while DNB, German news agency, said German losses were only four.

NEW YORK, April 16 (Wednesday)—Columbia Broadcasting system's listening post reported Wednesday hearing a London radio report that one British royal air force squadron had shot down 100 Axis planes during the battle of Greece.

US Plans Steps On Defense

Program Mapped by FDR, Officials on Ships, Aid

WASHINGTON, April 16 (Thursday)—New steps to fortify North American defenses and perhaps to help "deliver the goods" to Great Britain appeared to be in the making Wednesday night.

Contributing to this conclusion among well-informed observers were these developments: An invitation from President Roosevelt for Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King of Canada to have tea with him this afternoon.

A conference of Neville Butler, British minister, and Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, on the shipping situation. Butler indicated that one of the questions involved was that of American merchant ships replacing British vessels in the Pacific to permit diversion of the British ships for carrying supplies to Great Britain.

An indication from Secretary Knox that the navy would guard any American land forces sent to the new United States bases in Greenland, and that a part of the coast guard might be transferred to the navy.

Prime Minister King's visit to the United States was described as primarily for a vacation. Officials were reticent about what subjects he and Mr. Roosevelt might discuss, but momentous events have emerged from informal chats over tea cups.

Since Canada and the United States are fast developing joint defenses under a program mapped out at the last meeting of the president and the prime minister, the problem of getting American (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Group Hits Lowering of Draft Age

WASHINGTON, April 16 (Thursday)—Representative Faddis (D-Pa), acting as spokesman for the house military committee chairman, said Wednesday there would be "the strongest opposition" within the committee to any lowering of the age limit for draftees, now 21 to 35.

President Roosevelt at his press conference Tuesday indicated that the matter of changing the limit was under consideration. He said both ends of the age limit might be changed, but indicated the administration would prefer not to go below 21.

Faddis was designated by Chairman May (D-Ky) to inform newsmen of what both men described as an "informal" committee discussion of the subject. "Practically every one present" expressed opposition to a change, Faddis said, adding that nearly the entire membership of the 27-man committee was present. Faddis said placing the lower age limit at 18 was discussed last year during consideration of the selective service act and was discarded.

Mexico Quake Cities Looted

MEXICO CITY, April 16 (Thursday)—Gen. Armando Escobar Steger, troop commander at earthquake-stricken Colima, asked the national defense ministry Wednesday for martial law to prevent looting in the city of 15,000, worst hit of a score or more southern Mexico cities wrecked Tuesday by a heavy earth shock.

At least 35 persons were killed and 100 injured there when the tremor shook down half the city's buildings in five minutes (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

UP Rail Plans Told

OMAHA, April 16 (Thursday)—Plans to re-lay 653 miles of new steel rail this year on the main lines of the Union Pacific railroad at an estimated cost of \$10,710,000 were announced Wednesday by W. M. Jeffers, president of the road. The program includes 79 miles in Oregon at cost of \$1,330,000.

Dismissed



HENRIK DE KAUFMANN

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (via Berlin), April 16 (Thursday)—Denmark's minister to Washington, Henrik de Kaufmann, was formally dismissed from the foreign office Wednesday on the grounds of "misusing the king's name," the foreign office announced. The foreign office statement said he "increased the difficulties of his government, grossly betrayed the state authorities, and concluded an agreement which was against the country's security and interest." Legal proceedings under the Danish penal code will follow, it concluded.

Jobs Promised Salem Youths By Lockheed

200 Sheet Metal Class Trainees Take Tests for Aviation Work

Employment in the Lockheed aircraft factory at Burbank, Calif., was promised Wednesday by two company personnel officials to members of the Salem aviation sheet metal classes who pass Lockheed tests.

Donald McBain, Salem manager of the state employment service, and Frank G. Ferris, employment officer in charge of defense training, said 200 youths took the tests Wednesday and their papers were sent immediately to Burbank for grading.

Highly trained workers is the great need now for the aircraft industry, McBain emphasized.

The Lockheed officials highly commended the Salem training, Ferris said, estimating that probably not more than two per cent of the present group would be rejected for positions, as compared with the normal 40 per cent rejection. Physical examinations and a recommendation of the Salem vocational department (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Farmer Hangs Self in Shed

Guy W. Taylor, 63-year old farmer of route six, apparently took his own life by hanging himself in the woodshed on his farm east of Salem Wednesday, Deputy Sheriff L. L. Pittinger said Wednesday night.

Pittinger said Coroner L. E. Barrick placed the time of Taylor's death at about 1 or 2 p. m. The body had been hanging about five hours before it was discovered.

A note found in the farmhouse said despondency over illness was the reason for the suicide. Taylor is survived by his wife, Bethel, school teacher at Scotts Mills; a brother, C. R. Taylor of Vallejo, Cal., and a sister, Mrs. D. V. Artie of Lancaster, Cal. The body is at Clough-Barrick mortuary.

Music Critic Dies

YUBA CITY, Calif., April 16 (Thursday)—Redfern Mason, widely known music critic and author, died here Wednesday night. Mason served as music critic for the San Francisco Examiner for 22 years. In 1937 he retired.

May Use Hemlock

WASHINGTON, April 16 (Thursday)—Senator Wallgren (D-Wash.) was notified by the procurement division of the treasury it had changed its specifications for Venetian blinds so that western hemlock can be used in their manufacture.

British Hold Line In Greece

Navy Hits Axis Troops in Africa in Suez Defense

LONDON, April 17 (Thursday)—(P)—An entire convoy of three axis destroyers and five cargo ships bound for Africa with troops, munitions and mechanized equipment has been blown up and sunk between Sicily and Tripoli by a British Mediterranean squadron at the cost of one British destroyer, the admiralty announced late Wednesday night.

Disclosure of the annihilation—so described—followed announcement that the Mediterranean fleet is continually bombarding the German and Italian troops, airports and forts along the Libyan shore in support of the hard-fighting imperial desert armies.

Thus the British Mediterranean fleet, with units freed at length from convoy service to Greece, returned to the job of blocking axis supply lanes to Africa. It has been suggested that the Italian fleet served as a lure for the British warships late last month, when the Italians were caught off Cape Matapan and battered by both light and heavy British units. Meanwhile, this theory supposes, Italian ships were carrying German Panzer forces to Tripoli.

Heavy fighting raged Wednesday night in several sectors of the allied line in Greece and the British, hard pressed as they were in the Balkans, gave explosive notice at the same time that the Mediterranean fleet had gone back into major offensive action to choke off reinforcements for the axis African drive toward the Suez canal.

The sunk ships totaled 20,000 tons. The loss of a single British (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Film Magnate Convicted on Tax Evasion

NEW YORK, Thursday, April 17 (Thursday)—Movie magnate Joseph M. Schenck was convicted early today by a federal court jury on two of four counts of income tax evasion charges.

He was acquitted of a charge of conspiracy. His co-defendant, Joseph Moskowitz, was found guilty on one count of tax evasion and acquitted of three other counts.

The verdict was returned at 2:33 a. m. (EST) by the jury which took the case at 4:25 p. m. Wednesday.

Schenck is board chairman of the Twentieth Century-Fox Film corporation. Under the conviction he is liable to possible imprisonment of ten years and fines totaling \$20,000.

Turk Trade Deal on

BEIRUT, Lebanon, April 16 (Thursday)—Newspapers reported here Wednesday Germany and Turkey were on the verge of concluding a new trade agreement whereby more Turkish tobacco would be shipped to Germany.

Witnesses Say Bridges Seen At Communist Meetings

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16 (Thursday)—Two government witnesses testified at Harry Bridges deportation hearing Wednesday that he attended and reported to communist party meetings in 1934, the year that he became known to Americans as a militant labor leader.

Sam Diner, expelled communist, testified Bridges made a report on the San Francisco general strike at the California communist convention to the party's trade union committee. Diner, chairman of the committee, said only communists were permitted at the convention.

Thomas Laurence, former communist and now a cloth cutter for the Red Cross in Los Angeles, testified he saw Bridges at a top section committee meeting in Laurence's apartment during the 1934 coastwise waterfront strike. Laurence was attending a com-

munist rank and file meeting in another flat in the building, he said, but with another man crept downstairs and peeked through partially drawn window blinds into his basement apartment.

"We all wanted to take a look at Harry Bridges," he explained. At Bridges' first deportation hearing so-called communist witnesses said Bridges attended, were described by others as union meetings. The government is seeking to deport the California CIO director to Australia on charges (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Change of Name Needed Before US Will Name Warship Oregon

Secretary of State Earl Snell Wednesday was advised by navy department officials that the name of the old "Battleship Oregon," now moored in Portland harbor, would have to be changed before a new US battleship could be named Oregon.

Youth Killed At Jefferson

ALBANY, Ore., April 16 (Thursday)—Sammy Weeks, 9, was fatally injured near Jefferson Wednesday night by an automobile which struck him as he attempted to cross the highway.

Witnesses said the boy ran from behind a highway grader directly into the path of the car. He died at the Albany hospital four hours later.

Another accident in Albany sent Mrs. D. W. Lashmut, Albany, to the hospital with a double fracture of the left thigh. Her automobile was involved in a collision at a street intersection.

Censorship Foreseen

WASHINGTON, April 16 (Thursday)—Secretary Knox pictured censorship as a possibility, if necessary, in a new plea Wednesday for press secrecy concerning movements of damaged British warships to American ports for repairs.

Officer Back on Job

E. W. "Happy" Hewett, night desk sergeant on the Salem police force, returned to duty Tuesday following a two weeks' vacation in eastern Oregon and Washington.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

Hello, Joe! Whaddayuh know? Well, I know there aren't any circuses in town and it doesn't look like there'll be any this year and I keep hoping I'm wrong.

I know, too, that this is very seasonable weather for April and I'm hoping that all the Marys, Marys quite contraries who peruse the garden magazines got all their bulbs and seeds in their proper places.

I am also cognizant of the fact that Robert Pohle Utter, the erstwhile golf champion of these parts, will soon be Robert, Pohle Yardbird Utter and that you can't take divots on a parade ground.

I also know that when one complained of the confusion which sometimes exists in the circles of city government, Dr. W. C. Jones, the WU economist, quipped, "Would you strike a blow at democracy? Would you deprive us of our constitutional right to be confused?"

I am aware as well that the promoters of a Certain Lone Oak subdivision learned too late that their Lone Oak was no Lone Oak, but a Lone Horse Chestnut.

I further ken that when Deputy District Attorney Talbot Bennett and his wife went fishing the past weekend he caught ten ranging (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)