

British Hold Nazi Smashes

Entire Axis Convoy Sunk; Navy Pounds at African Foes

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destroyer, the 1870-ton Mohawk, was acknowledged. The disclosure that the great action at last had been joined in Greece came in an announcement of the British war office which said that fighting was heavy "in more than one sector" and in effect denied reports attributed to the Germans that the nazis had carried out a damaging breakthrough on the allied right.

The Greek command's night communique acknowledged a nazi smash deep into the center of the country which had reached the area of Grevena and was menacing the important railroad head of Kalabaka, 30 miles to the south and 90 miles within Greece.

The Italians, cooperating with the Germans from Albania, were acknowledged to have made advances south of Corizza. All this, and the statement of the British war office, made it clear that the allies were hard put to it on both their right and center.

Italian dispatches pictured the struggle in Albania — which the fascists are seeking to regain from a Greek foe faced in the homeland with a more powerful antagonist — as the most widespread since the beginning of the Italian-Greek war last October.

The Greeks, Rome claimed, were everywhere in retreat because "a tide of troops and arms spreading toward the south on all roads leading to the Greek border." Hundreds of thousands of men were declared to be engaged—although this squared ill with a seemingly casual report of the Greek high command that Italian attacks in Albania had been thrown back with heavy fascist losses.

The capture of Split, Yugoslavia's main Adriatic naval base, likewise was claimed by the Italians in a 240-mile thrust from the Italian-Yugoslav frontier.

In Africa, British imperial and axis forces fought bitterly about the Egyptian border village of Salum and the British announced heavy attacks on Fort Capuzzo in Italian Libya. The British fleet went back into the struggle with strong supporting bombardments of both areas.

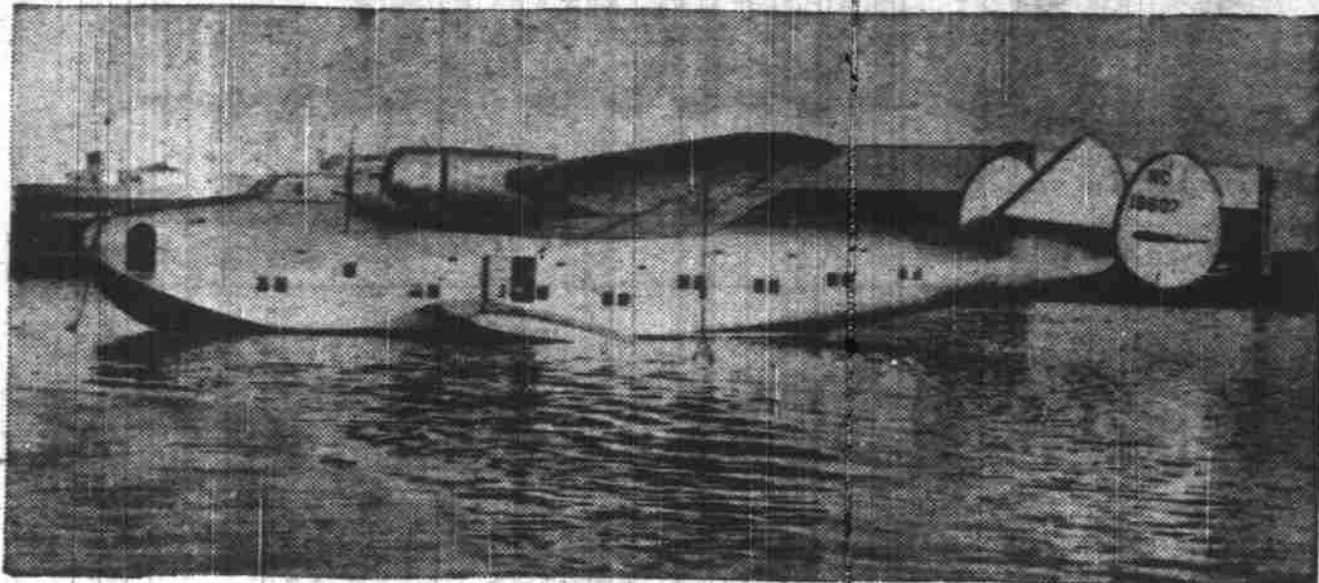
British informants in Cairo implied that both Capuzzo and Salum were in British hands; the Germans in effect denied this by declaring that British armored car assaults upon Salum, supported by warships, had been thrown back. In east Africa, the British cleanup went on and British military headquarters announced that the Duke of Aosta, the Italian viceroy of Ethiopia, had dispatched an envoy to the town of Dredawa—presumably either to negotiate for the surrender of his 76,000 fascist troops or to arrange for the evacuation of Italian women and children.

American Mother of '41 Chosen

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—Mrs. Dena Shelby Diehl, of Danville, Ky., whose activities have ranged from music to gardening while mothering four children, was chosen Wednesday "The American Mother of 1941" to reign on Mothers' day.

She was elected by the American Mothers' committee of the Golden Rule foundation as "representative of the best there is in motherhood, and during the war period the spokesman of American mothers in the interests of homeless mothers and fatherless children in war-torn areas of Europe and Asia."

One of New Super Clipper Ships for Britain



Here is the new 43-ton Pan-American Clipper plane, pictured on arrival at LaGuardia airport, New York City, following a flight from Seattle, Wash. The ships were built for Pan-American

daily service between the United States and Europe. However, since placing of the orders, Pan-American has decided to let Britain take three of the planes.

Nazi Culture Destroys Self Says Speaker

The culture of national socialism can never be a great culture and will eventually destroy itself, Emanuel Beller, Austrian youth who escaped after two months in a nazi concentration camp, told Rotary club members at the Marion hotel Wednesday.

Hitler has destroyed all great individuals in Germany, Beller said. "Unless we have great individuals we cannot have a great culture." Hitler, who Beller said is merely a symbol, has sown the destructive element so thoroughly in the Germans that, even should the Germans conquer, the destruction will continue. "The destruction will go on until Hitler is destroyed," he said.

National socialism was the end product of a Germany which had turned entirely to material aims, Beller said. This grasping ideal, he declared, led to unemployment, and poverty, creating great gaps between one part of the people and another.

Hitler reached power in this environment, he said, by creating suspicion and destroying family ties so that the entire nation had no confidence in its former leaders and friends.

Beller, now a student at Linfield college at McMinnville, is a native of Vienna.

Dies Asks Texas For Senator Job

ORANGE, Tex., April 16 (AP)—Rep. Martin Dies (D-Tex) Wednesday asked Texas to elect him to the senate to press legislation "to safeguard our future against enemies that threaten from within and from without."

He formally announced his candidacy for the seat left vacant by the death of Morris Sheppard. The election will be held before July 9. Four other candidates, including Gerald Mann, Texas attorney general, had already announced.

He predicted his candidacy would encounter the "bitter opposition of all the un-American elements, not only in Texas, but throughout the United States."

Late Sports

OAKLAND, Calif., April 16 (AP)—Joy Ybarra, 140, of Oakland, won a ten-round decision over Flashy Sebastian, 149, of Manila, here Wednesday night.

Mexico Quake Cities Looted

Martial Law Asked at Colima; Death Toll Mounts in Nation

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minutes. Troops patrolled the streets. There was no light or water service. Government quarters said they believed the nation's casualty toll would be around 50 dead and 250 injured.

Tuxpan, in Jalisco state, was reported in ruins with an official toll of four dead, 85 injured. Ciudad Guzman, also in Jalisco, reported four dead and 40 injured, but the national defense ministry said a military report as yet unconfirmed listed many more casualties in that city of 18,000.

Major Velasco Grimaldo reported from Colima that 100 were reported killed in Zapoalito, but added he had been unable to confirm that figure.

In Mexico City, where damage estimated at more than \$1,000,000 resulted without casualties, the new, \$500,000 Pontiac building, which suffered heavily, began to lean at a noticeable angle and engineers said it might have to be demolished.

MEXICO CITY, April 16 (AP)—The office of President Avila Camacho was advised by the mayor of Tuxpan, Jalisco state, that up to 11 a. m. Wednesday 27 dead had been counted there and 57 injured.

Half Tuxpan was destroyed by Tuesday's earthquake.

Legion Funsters Plan "Wreck"

Date for the spring "wreck" of Marion county voiture 153, of et 8 society, is May 3, Chef de Gare Chet Zumwalt announced Wednesday night following the victory of his meeting. The session was Zumwalt's first as presiding officer.

Eugene Boat Ends Cruise On Highway

EUGENE, April 16 (AP)—The 45-foot, ocean-going ketch Norwind cruised over the highway Wednesday from Eugene to Mapleton, where it will be launched in the Siuslaw river.

The state highway commission, which had refused at first to allow the boat to be towed over the road, gave its blessing to the trip and the vessel started on its way with a police escort.

A parade of small sailing boats and motor boats on trucks preceded the departure. The Norwind was built here by Chet I. Good.

Salem to Send Six to Army

Five Salem youths and one registered here whose home is in Austin, Texas, have been named by the Salem local selective service board as the contingent from this area to answer the April 24 draft call.

Among the group is Robert P. Uter, personnel technician of the unemployment compensation commission. Others are Gordon Edmund Duval, Finley Elston Gibbs, David Taylor, Delmar Kenneth Gwynn and Loy Preston Townsley of Austin, Texas.

Soft Coal Groups Make 2-Year Deal

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—Labor and management Wednesday agreed upon a new two-year labor contract for most of the country's defense-vital soft coal industry, but immediate reopening of the paralyzed mines remained indefinite because southern coal operators still spurned the accord.

Salem Accordion Band Seeks New Members

Salem's uniformed marching accordion band, which appeared in the Centennial parades and has been invited to participate in the Portland Rose festival on June 14, has increased in membership to 60 players, according to George Meisinger, director. He has plans to build the organization soon to 100 members.

"This is purely a music for fun group," Meisinger said Wednesday. "We have a place for both the beginner and the advanced accordionist and for major-

US Plans New Defense Steps

Program Outlined by FDR and Officials on Ships and Aid

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and Canadian war supplies across the submarine-infested Atlantic was thought to be one of the most urgent before them this time. How this problem would be met—whether by convoys or perhaps by some as yet unmentioned device—was the subject of wide speculation.

The convoy issue itself was shunted aside temporarily in congress when the senate foreign relations committee unanimously agreed to put off consideration of the Tobey anti-convoys resolution until April 30.

Senator Tobey (R-NH) said he would continue meanwhile to seek support for his resolution banning the use of American naval vessels for convoy purposes.

President Roosevelt's remark Tuesday that the goods had to be got over to Britain in some way gave the impression that steps of some kind were in prospect to strengthen present British protection of the supply ships.

The Canadian prime minister, also vitally concerned with the problem, has first-hand knowledge of the needs in this respect since British convoys for merchant vessels are organized off the Canadian coast.

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Precautionary plans for housing 800,000 additional troops, just in case they should be needed, were revealed Wednesday by Robert P. Patterson, the undersecretary of war, with a disclosure that surveys for 28 new cantonment sites had begun.

Patterson said that with \$15,000,000 recently made available, engineers had been or would be retained to make the cantonment surveys. He was emphatic in telling reporters, however, that no plans for calling up 800,000 additional men had been made and that the measures being taken were entirely precautionary. Plans long approved call for having 1,400 men under arms by June.

Credit Men Hear Speeches at Independence

Nearly 100 persons attended the banquet and meeting of the Independence-Monmouth Credit association Monday at Independence at which representatives from Albany, Corvallis, Willamina, Sheridan, McMinnville, Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Salem were present.

Responsibilities of parents and schools in training children in honesty and the prompt payments of obligations were stressed by Frank Bennett, superintendent of Salem public schools.

Other speakers on the program, sponsored by the credit bureaus, included Wes McWain, Willamette university, and Lynn MacLachlan who said "Selling is competitive; credit granting is cooperative, and the quality of your credit control can be measured by the quality of your cooperation." Tom Smith, president of the Independence-Monmouth Credit association, presided.

Slain Editor Threatened CHICAGO, April 16 (AP)—The widow of John F. Arena, editor who raised charges of "fifth column activities" and attacked the Italian consulate in Chicago in his editorials, stated Wednesday that he had received many telephoned threats before he was slain.

In One Ear . . .

—Paul Hauser's Column (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

up to 10 inches while she caught two, one 15 and one 13 inches, and when he showed his catch his wife, Elma, deflated him "Cute, aren't they?"

It is well known to me furthermore that this department has a new desk and is dazed by the society gala to keep it as clean as the Hays code. As for the columnist with the clean desk he feels like a mother dog deprived of her pups, lost without his litter.

London Suffers Worst Bombing

Capital Laid Waste as Fires Rage in Littered Streets

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The streets. Firemen battled more flames as fast as they reduced others to smouldering pillars of smoke. Only two German planes were shot down during all this, preliminary authoritative reports said. One was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire, another by British night fighters.

Apparently London received the full impact of the German raid. There were no other bombings reported at this early hour. Many areas were roped off to protect civilians from the havoc of delayed action bombs.

(A slight interruption of communications between the Associated Press London and New York offices indicated that a time bomb forced the evacuation of the London office.)

Only two or three minute intervals at times marked the relentless attack. Great orange and red flames lighted the skies throughout the night as thousands of bombs whistled down.

The British said the raids were indiscriminate, business, residential and shopping districts suffering alike. Observers at one post counted no less than 70 to 100 bomb bursts in their single area.

At 4:22 a. m. London time, (7:22 p. m. PST) the Associated Press office messaged that there was a temporary delay in communications, recalling a similar interruption during the devastating attack last December 29, when the Associated Press building was destroyed by fire.

Earlier, in New York both the National Broadcasting company and the Columbia Broadcasting system reported building housing their offices had been struck. The German radio, in a broadcast heard by CBS, quoted German pilots saying on return to their bases that the raid had "excellent results." Great fires were said to be raging in the Thames docks.

Mailman Finds Gas Death Note

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 16 (AP)—A postman on his rounds found on a mailbox a note which read: "Please call police station and tell them to investigate gas coming from 1831 White avenue."

Police investigated. They found Barnett Cantrell Price, about 40, attorney, dead from gas fumes.

Jobs Promised Salem Youths

200 Sheet Metal Class Trainees Take Tests for Aviation Work

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partment is also required for employment. Lockheed plants now employ about 17,500 men and expect to double the figure as trained men become available. They are cooperating with the state employment service in California and came only this week into Oregon. Youths are given personality and intelligence tests and kept on file to be hired when recommended by their schools.

As the present classes are depleted by employment there will be vacancies for the training. The shops' capacity is about 70. Requirements are age of 18 to 25 years, high school education or its equivalent and American citizenship, which must be proved by birth certificate or naturalization papers.

The course can be completed in about three months, depending upon the ability of the student. Entrance is secured through the state employment office.

The 200 now available for employment, Ferris said, have had from six to 14 weeks of training, while about 40 are in a class started this week. C. A. Guderian is coordinator of the program.

The course, which has been conducted since June, 1940, has sent 62 youths to positions at the Boeing aircraft plant in Seattle. Ferris said these received high praise from Boeing officials and were among the first called back to work after short plant layoffs.

Seven or eight from Salem have obtained jobs in Lockheed and some in other California factories on their own initiative.

Willkie Joins NY Law Firm

NEW YORK, April 16 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie announced Wednesday that he has become a member of the firm of Miller, Owen, Otis and Bailly which will continue the general practice of law under the name of Willkie, Owen, Otis and Bailly.

Nathan L. Miller, former governor of New York, whom Willkie succeeds as senior partner, will continue as counsel to the firm. The 1940 republican presidential candidate said he expected to do occasional writing and speaking on public questions involving principle and belief.

Badges Awarded To Boy Scouts

Two life and two star badges and a bronze eagle palm were awarded Salem Boy Scouts Wednesday night at the Cherry City district court of honor. Robert Lange presided.

William Ready and Douglas Carter, both of troop 11, became life scouts, while Richard Colley of troop 14 and Roy Houck of troop 11 became star scouts. Edward Porter of troop 13 was given the palm, signifying five merit badges and three months' service above eagle rank.

New second class scouts are Hubert Edwards, William Langley, Willard Hart, Jess Stone and August Nelson of troop 23; Carl Pope, Wendall Hall, David Jordan and Arthur Engelbart of troop one, and Carl Ellston of troop 12.

Merit badges were awarded to

David Scott, Clarence Conrad, Hugh Lovell, Clarence Hammer and Harry Hammer of troop 13; Wallace Adams and Bob Baller of troop 23; Don Bowers of ship 12; Cole Stephens, Jim Arnett, Howard Beagly, Douglas Carter, John Hagan, Roy Houck and Rollin Hammett of troop 11; Richard Colley, Delmer Michener, Robert Hoague and Ray Jordan of troop 14.

Witnesses Tell Of Red Meets

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that he is or once was affiliated with an organization advocating the violent overthrow of the government.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16 (AP)—AFL unionists accused Montgomery Ward and company officials Wednesday of refusing to submit a dispute at the Portland store to arbitration.

Max Langford, retail clerks' union representative, told George Bokart, national labor relations board examiner who is hearing charges of unfair labor practices against the firm, that Ward officials would not agree to a union shop, wage increase or any form of arbitration that did not give the company final decision.

A strike has been under way at the Portland store since December.

COFFEE EXPERT LAUDS NEW PACK

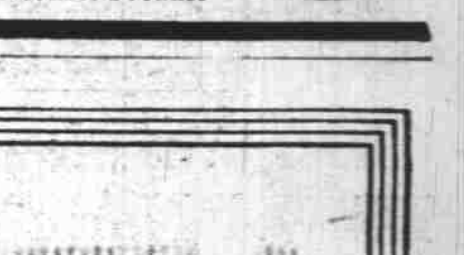


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