

Late Reports Indicate British Balk Axis Military, Political Thrusts in Middle East

War Analyst Asserts German-Italian Drive in North Africa Loses Punch; Turk Offer Allays Holy War Fear

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The latest war reports appear to have made the British somewhat more optimistic over the prospects of balking military and political thrusts by the axis in North Africa and Iraq.

Of the two, the successful stand at Tobruk in Libya against a sustained German-Italian attack is the most significant. Surrounded on three sides, but with the sea and the British fleet at its back, the Tobruk garrison has held out four weeks.

That alone indicates that the axis drive, harassed all along its hundreds of miles of communication lines with its Tripoli base, has lost its punch. It also indicates that the axis forces in the area have not been substantially reinforced.

Presumably, with the evacuation of Greece completed, British naval and air forces have been able to tighten the blockade against axis reinforcement via the Sicilian straits.

Cairo bulletins also show that the sand-storm season has begun in the coastal area of Libya and Egypt. An axis offensive that could overwhelm the main British line, still 130 miles east of the farthest advance of the axis drive, east of Tobruk, appears all but impossible for the time being.

Just what is happening in Iraq is not as obvious. With the small but important Iraqi air force reported put out of action, however, and British forces both at the Habbaniyah base near Baghdad and at Basra unshaken by a four-day Iraqi attack, there seem good chances that the conflict can be localized.

A reported Turkish mediation offer strikes the same note. It tends to relieve the worst British fear, which was that the nazis might grab the Golan Heights, and abetted by German and Italian agents throughout the muslim world, would succeed in inciting a "holy war" against the British.

State Budget Chief Leaves For Capital

National defense problems as they pertain to Oregon will be discussed with federal authorities in Washington, D.C., during the next two weeks by David Eccles, state budget director, he said before departing Monday for the national capital as personal representative of Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

Eccles indicated he was expected to gain additional information for the executive department regarding national defense contracts and how Oregonians may obtain them, new industries related to defense, and local organization for defense.

Call Board

ELSONORE
Today — Bing Crosby, Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour in "Road to Zanzibar"; Kent Taylor, Wendy Barrie in "Repent at Leisure".
Wednesday — James Stewart, Paulette Goddard, in "Pot o' Gold"; Arthur Godfrey, Joan Perry in "Strange Alibi".
Saturday matinee — Bette Davis in "The Great Lie".

GRAND
Today — Cary Grant, Irene Dunne in "Penny Serenade".
Saturday — Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, John Payne in "The Great American Broadcast".

CAPITOL
Today — Joel McCrea, Bob Burns, Frances Dee in "Wells Fargo"; James Cagney, Pat O'Brien in "Here Comes the Navy".
Friday only — Stage show — Major Bowes' amateurs.
Saturday — Richard Arlen, Jean Parker in "Power Dive"; Roy Rogers in "In Old Chryseene".

STATS
Today — Conrad Veidt, June Duprez, Sabu in "Thief of Baghdad"; Penny Singleton, Arthur Lake in "Blondie Plays Cupid".
Thursday — Jean Arthur, William Holden in "Arizona"; Ann Southern, Maureen O'Sullivan, Lew Ayres in "Mistie Was A Lady".
Saturday matinee — Jack Benny, Fred Allen in "Love Thy Neighbor".

LIBERTY
Today — Edward G. Robinson, Ann Southern in "Brother Orchid"; All-native cast in "Orphans of the North".
Wednesday — George Raft, Jane Bryan in "Invincible Stripes"; Wayne Morris, Priscilla Lane in "Brother Rat and a Baby".
Friday — Gene Autry in "Old Santa Fe"; George Raft, Ann Sheridan in "They Drive by Night".

HOLLYWOOD
Today — Myrna Loy, Melvyn Douglas in "Third Finger, Left Hand"; Dorothy Lamour in "Moon Over Burma".
Thursday — John Hall and Lynn Bari in "Kit Carson"; Leon Errol and Helen Parrish in "Where Did You Get That Girl?".

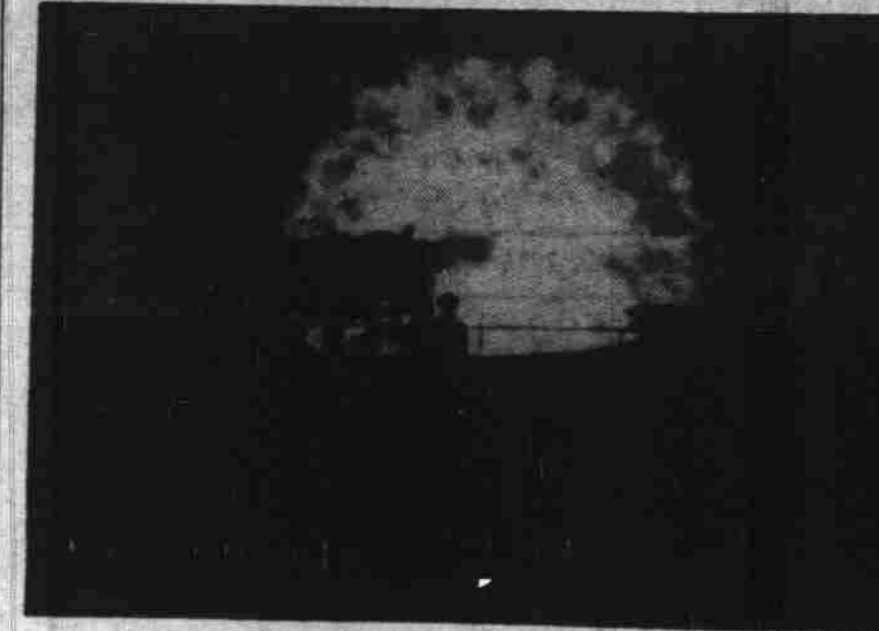
CITY BUS ROUTE CHANGE

Effective Wednesday, May 7

City bus service will be discontinued as follows: On Hines St. between 13th and 14th Sts.; on 14th St. between Hines and Mission Sts.; on Mission St. between 14th and 13th Sts. In-bound South 12th St. bus travels on 13th St. between Hines St. and Mission St. instead of old route mentioned above. No changes made in other routes.

Oregon Motor Stages,
Salem, Ore.

Magic Eye Catches US Coast Defense Gun at Work



FIRE—A huge gun at Fort Barry, Marin county, Calif., hurls a shell at mythical enemy warships far at sea approaching San Francisco's Golden Gate, while a "Magic Eye" camera looks on. This unusual photo shows the moment of detonation, a flash of sudden brilliant fire against a murky sky.

Ready for Nazi Invasion—



Typifying the spirit of the coastal defenders in England, this retired civil servant stands guard along the barren cliffs in the Dover-Folkstone area, carefully scanning the channel for the enemy. Britain is prepared for a German invasion.

In One Ear ..

—Paul Hauser's Column

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said. "We have no 191 listings at all. We have a nine-one, if you'd like that."

We told her we didn't like that and hung up. We knew all the time there was no route 25 in these parts, anyway, no matter what the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company says.

In the next column it says: "For example, if you wish to dial 2101—" All at once we had an overpowering wish to dial 2101 and we followed the directions exactly but all we got was a mournful sound lately associated with an old maid, we believe.

Other than that the volume seems to cover the ground thoroughly from AAA Oregon State Motor Assn 375 Center . . . 5022 to Zysset Arnold W R Rt 1 . . . 2-3062.

Next Week — How to Tear a Telephone Book in Two Without Use of the Teeth.

East Indies Will Fight

BATAVIA, Netherlands, East Indies, May 5—(P)—Elco N. Van Kleffens, Netherlands minister of foreign affairs, declared Monday night in a broadcast speech that The Netherlands East Indies would fight if attacked, and intimated the Indies, Malaya and Australia might stand together as allies in the event of aggression.

"We want to live in peace," he asserted, "but not at any price."

Van Kleffens did not name any nation as responsible for the situation in the far east, but said: "Dark clouds have arisen over the Pacific. There is tension now which did not exist before. Never a move threatening others can be expected from our side, but we shall most certainly resist unreasonable demands and fight, if threatened in this area with armed force."

Oregon Morticians Open Conference

PORTLAND, May 5—(P)—The Oregon Funeral Directors association opened its 38th annual convention here Monday with Wilbur M. Krieger, Chicago, executive secretary of National Selected Morticians, giving the principal address. Election of officers is slated for Tuesday.

HOLLYWOOD 15
Tues. and Wed. 15c
Myrna Loy, Melvyn Douglas in "THIRD FINGER LEFT HAND"
Dorothy Lamour, Robt. Preston, Preston Foster in "MOON OVER BURMA"

Heart Attack Is Fatal to Fruit Grower

Larkin Grice, prominent fruit grower in the Orchard Heights district of Polk county, died Monday afternoon in the yard of his home of a heart attack at the age of 79 years. Although ill a great deal during the past two years, Grice was in fair general health at the time of his death.

Born near Roanoke, Va., Mr. Grice had lived in Salem for about a year before moving to Orchard Heights shortly after 1930. The family residence is on route four.

He was an active member of the Brush College Grange and the Summit Methodist church.

Grice was also a member of the Mountain View school board for many years and a member of the Woodmen of the World.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. L. L. Canoy, Mrs. James Best, Mrs. Charles Schwartz, Mrs. Arba Martin, Mrs. Robert Adams, all of Salem; son, Ammon Grice of Salem; sisters, Mrs. W. V. Hostetter and Mrs. Will Minnix of Peru, Ind.; Mrs. Annie Grice of Los Angeles, Mrs. Addie Bohon and Mrs. S. W. Chamberlain of Virginia; 14 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Clough-Barrick company.

Repair Bid Accepted For Silvertown Span

SILVERTOWN, May 5—The bid of Hugh Range for \$788 for repairs on the James avenue bridge which collapsed after two autos passed over it on the 18th of March was accepted by the city council in its regular meeting here Monday night.

Work is expected to begin as soon as contracts are drawn up, preliminary tasks completed. Only other bid was that of Lon Jennings for \$937.50.

Deputy Sheriff's Wife In Coma at Hospital

Condition of Mrs. L. L. Pittenger, wife of Deputy Sheriff Pittenger, remained unchanged at Deaconess hospital at a late hour last night. She was taken there Saturday night, reportedly in a coma, and has not since then regained full consciousness.

LIBERTY
Last Times Today
Robinson, Southern
"BROTHER ORCHID"
Plus
"Orphans of the North"

Union Leader Backs Defense

Raps John L. Lewis of CIO for Remarks on War Activities

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The mediation board continued hearings on the contract dispute between the CIO United Automobile Workers and General Motors corporation. Board sources indicated that conferences might extend several days yet.

During the day, the board received assurances from CIO electrical workers that they would defer, pending board mediation efforts, a threatened strike at the Pittsburgh plant of Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company, employing 1200. The dispute involves wage and contract renewal demands.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5—(P)—CIO loggers of the Columbia River basin and lumber operators will resume negotiations over a 15-cent-an-hour wage demand Tuesday, Charles A. Wheeler, federal mediator, said Monday night.

EUGENE, Ore., May 5—(P)—Wayne L. Morse, Pacific coast maritime arbitrator, upheld two of three American Communications association claims in labor decisions Monday.

One granted a 5 per cent wage increase for the radio operators, and another stipulated overtime pay for operators who do not receive eight continuous hours of work between 5 p. m. and 8 a. m. The third upheld an American Shipowners' association claim that overtime pay is not required while a vessel is moving in inland waters.

SEATTLE, May 5—(P)—Box shook workers of local 2635, Lumber and Sawmill Workers' Union (AFL), returned to work Monday at an increase of 12 1/2 cents an hour after a two-day strike.

Spokesmen of the union negotiation committee said the raise brought the level to a minimum of 65 cents an hour. Two box plants here and one at Kent were closed by the strike. Wages were the only issue, the union men said.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5—(P)—Harry Bridges' attorneys opened his defense at the CIO longshore leader's deportation hearing Monday with an attack on the credibility of government witnesses.

This line of attack, expected to comprise the bulk of defense testimony, was launched after Mrs. Carol King, chief of Bridges' counsel, made a series of unsuccessful pleas for dismissal or admission that the labor leader was being discriminated against.

Officers Named By Garden Club

Mrs. Donald Burke became president Wednesday night of the Salem Garden club, succeeding Mrs. W. E. Anderson, who has served in that capacity for the past eight years.

Other new officers are Mrs. Robert Rieder, first vice-president; Mrs. Lester Barr, second vice-president; Mrs. Lee Caulfield, third vice-president; Mrs. Charles Cole, secretary; Mrs. Clifford Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Walter Smith, Elizabeth Lord, Edyth Schryver and Mrs. Walter Jenks, directors.

At the meeting the display comprised a number of iris from the Cooley gardens at Silvertown. Mrs. Philip Brandt gave a demonstration talk on landscape planting for the small home.

Will Supply Tankers

WASHINGTON, May 5—(P)—The maritime commission announced Monday that a conference of tanker owners agreed to provide 25 tankers immediately as the first step in President Roosevelt's call for a pool of 2,000,000 tons of shipping to aid Britain.

STATE
June Duprez, Conrad Veidt, SABU
"Thief of Baghdad"
Time 2:25 - 5:45 - 9:05
and
"Blondie Plays Cupid"
Time 1:00-4:15-7:35-10:30
— Added —
Mickey Mouse Cartoon
Continuous Show Daily
MATINEE 1:00 P. M.

Turkey, Egypt Seek Accord

Appeal to Iraq for Peace Settlement With British

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fascists are believed holding out. The town is some 280 miles north-east of Addis Ababa and one of the last points of Italian resistance in east Africa.

The royal air force in its operations over Iraq showered leaflets on Baghdad in an effort to enlist Moslem support for the British stand against the present Iraq government.

Confirmation of Cutting Oil Line Seen Confirmed

Confirmation of reports that the vital oil pipeline from Iraq to Haifa in Palestine had been shut off were seen in British acknowledgment that Iraq troops had occupied Rutba, an important communications center in western Iraq near the pipe line.

Despite British reports that the Mediterranean fleet had ample fuel reserves available in Asia Minor and North Africa, many London quarters were fearful Germany might grab the 4,000,000-ton-per-year production there and the 10,000,000-ton annual output in neighboring Iran.

In Berlin the authoritative commentary Dienst Aus Deutschland said the "calculated effects of American intervention" probably was the basis of Adolf Hitler's hint Sunday that the war might run into 1942.

Potential US technical output was recognized by one German newspaper which called America "a nation on wheels," but insisted that "one cannot swim over the ocean (to Britain) on wheels." An accelerated German arms production was accepted by most Germans now as immediate policy for an indefinite period. For a nation that already has been under heavy pressure for years in turning out weapons this meant that more and more women would have to work in vital war factories.

German airmen continued to blast at British ports as part of the broad program designed to prevent American aid from effectively helping Britain.

Nazi planes flew over Belfast Monday apparently to observe the results of Sunday night's hours-long attack which caused great industrial and residential damage and rolled up more civilian casualties. The Germans claimed that the Vickers-Armstrong warplane factory was set afire during the attack and emphasized that Belfast was an important reception point for American supplies.

The overnight attack on Belfast was accompanied by assaults on Liverpool across the Irish sea in Britain.

For their part the RAF claimed direct hits with heavy armor-piercing bombs on the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, berthed at Brest, France. It was the 15th attack on these 26,000-ton surface raiders, and Britons long since had concluded that the ships were disabled because of their continued presence in Brest harbor.

At sea, the Germans said, their bombers destroyed four freighters totaling 21,000 tons and damaged five others; the British said they hit a 15,000-ton German supply ship during raids on Rotterdam, Antwerp, and Le Havre and bombed a 3,000-ton Nazi merchantman off the southern Norwegian coast.

Stalin Says Army Rebuilt

MOSCOW, May 5—(P)—Joseph Stalin told graduates of 16 army academies and nine military departments of civil schools Monday that on the basis of experience in modern warfare, the Russian army had been rebuilt organizationally and retrained considerably. Stalin spoke for 40 minutes at a solemn graduation exercises held in the Kremlin, the Russian news agency Tass reported.

He was given an ovation of exceptional force, the agency said, when he concluded his talk.

Injured OEC Student Reported "Improved"

Jean Peschke, 18, of Albany, injured in an auto accident Saturday night, was reported at the Salem General hospital Monday night as "somewhat improved." Attendants said she had partially regained consciousness. She is a student at the Oregon College of Education.

Joyously re-united
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HOME-FRONT
Dorothy Lamour
Plus
Musical Comedy
With
Matty Maloney
Colored Cartoon
Fox News

War News Briefs

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of the war severed diplomatic relations with the reich.

NEW YORK, May 5—(P)—The Berlin radio, in a German language broadcast heard here Monday night by CBS, reported that the grand mufti of Jerusalem, who lives in Baghdad, Iraq, in exile, had appealed to Arabs in Palestine to bear arms against the British.

GIBRALTAR, May 5—(P)—Further evacuation of civilians at the earliest possible time from this British fortress was officially announced Monday night. Lists of those who are to leave contain the names of more than 1000 persons, including many Spanish refugees who had found shelter here since the Spanish civil war.

CANEA, The Island of Crete, May 5—(P)—Six Greek generals were dismissed from the army Monday, four of them cited in formal decrees that charged they were "instruments of the invader to the detriment of a nation at war."

LONDON, May 5—Direct hits with armor-piercing bombs on the 26,000-ton Atlantic-raiding battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were claimed Monday for the first time in an official communiqué of the British air ministry.

US Silent on Japan Feeler

Possibility of Accord on Pacific Problem Sought by Tokyo

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here, the Japanese "feelers" seemed chiefly a diplomatic maneuver, possibly intended to create sentiment in this country for "appeasement" to Tokyo in order to concentrate efforts on aid to Britain. Thus, it was reasoned in these quarters, Japan hoped to obtain her objectives of political and economic domination in East Asia without a direct clash with the United States.

WASHINGTON, May 5—(P)—A broad congressional investigation of the extent to which the axis powers are receiving war materials from the western hemisphere was proposed Monday by Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) and Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.).

They introduced in senate and house respectively a resolution to create an investigative body of five senators and five representatives and grant it \$20,000 to finance the study.

An aid to Coffee said such an investigation would cover shipments from the United States and other American countries, via Russia or any other route.

"I am informed," Gillette said, "that there are international oil companies that are supplying the axis powers with heavy lubricants, fuel oil and other petroleum products. It was testified before the senate foreign relations committee that oil from the South American properties of American corporations is actually being delivered to German and Italian tankers in the Canary Islands."

"If these things are true the

Federal Jury Hits Breweries

Salem Association Is Among Coast Group Indicted by US

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defendants bought virtually all the fish landed here and had agreements whereby wholesalers throughout the nation would buy fish only from them.

The tobacco indictments charged price-fixing for western Washington through unfair use of the state fair practices act, and the government attorneys' press release stated "It is not insignificant that the prices of popular brand cigarettes were reduced from 18 to 16 cents within the past week, during the course of the grand jury investigation."

The indictment charged the indicted sold and distributed about 60 per cent of the tobacco in Washington state.

The defendants in the breweries case, other than the institutes, included: Salem Brewery Association, Salem; the Bohemian Breweries, Spokane; Columbia Breweries, Tacoma; Golden Age Breweries, Spokane; Interstate Brewery, Vancouver, Wash.; Olympia Brewing Co., Olympia; Pioneer Brewing Co., Aberdeen; Seattle Brewing & Malting Co., Seattle; the Spokane Brewery; Acme Breweries, San Francisco; Pacific Brewing & Malting Co., San Francisco.

Rainier Brewing Co., San Francisco; Golden West Brewing Co., Oakland; San Francisco Brewing Corp.; Becker Products Co., Ogden; East Idaho Brewing Co., Pocatello; Overland Beverage Co., Nampa, Idaho; Great Falls Breweries, Mont.; and Blitz-Weinhard, Portland.

American people are entitled to know about it."

"News reports state that the Japanese navy is operating on oil produced in California. German submarines and raiders are operating in the Atlantic on petroleum from our western hemisphere."

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