

British Sealing Down Losses in Atlantic Revealed in Speeches Made by Leaders in England

War Analyst Sees Gradual Strengthening of Atlantic Defenses in Reports of U-Boat Sinkings, Other Factors

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Parliamentary re-endorsement of Prime Minister Churchill's war leadership was so clearly foreshadowed that the virtually unanimous vote of confidence extended him by lords and commons alike is less interesting than certain remarks made during the preceding debate.

Both from the prime minister himself and from his admiralty lieutenant came intimations that the British are finding means to scale down ship losses at sea. Details were withheld for obvious military reasons; yet in effect notice was given that British shipping loss figures for the past month, are apt to prove less heavy than anticipated.

That can be deduced from Churchill's assertion that a dangerous shipping crisis would not come before 1942, and that American ship construction would meet it then. Berlin contends that tonnage losses of the British since early April, when the last accounting was rendered in London, have been staggering.

With definite knowledge of the facts, however, Churchill reiterated his prediction to parliament that 1942, not 1941, would be the critical year at sea.

Even more specific was the declaration of an admiralty spokesman that encouraging progress was being made offensively against the U-boat scourge. He indicated that a heavy toll of submarines was being taken, although refusing to reveal numbers or methods.

Taken together, however, the two statements cover both phases of the sea battle around the British Isles, Churchill dealing with replacement tonnage and the naval spokesman, Captain Hudson, with counter offensive measures.

Just what has happened at sea can be deduced in some respects. Immobilization of the Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau in Brest harbor, France, since early in April is an important factor. The heaviest admitted shipping losses this year came in March while they were at sea. They have been bombed by the British nearly a score of times since they put into Brest to refuel or for repairs, and probably are out of action indefinitely now.

While those two well armored and heavily armed ships were at sea, British naval craft of equal or greater power must have been assigned to hunt them down. To what extent that reduced naval protection for ship convoys or anti-submarine patrols in the danger zone can only be conjectured; but with those menacing sea twins tied up, there has been no word of deep-sea major raids in the Atlantic. Captain Hudson's veiled reference of destruction of Nazi U-boats hinted at another item on the British score sheet. Loss of skilled and experienced submarine commanders is probably a greater blow to the Germans than loss of the ships and their crews. Several of the most effective U-boat skippers have been reported captured or missing.

Transport Gets Lumber

PORTLAND, Ore., May 7-(AP)—The army transport Meigs is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow to load lumber for the Hawaiian islands. Unusual demands of army and navy construction in mid-Pacific bases has diverted extra ships into this trade recently, with the Meigs the latest addition.

War News Briefs

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destroyed by Japanese bombers in a raid on Sian, capital of Shensi province, Tuesday, the Chinese Central News Agency reported today. Several other Shensi towns were bombed.
VALLETTA, Malta, May 7-(AP)—Three German planes attacking this British island fortress were shot down by British fighters.
SAN PEDRO, Calif., May 7-(AP)—A radio message bearing the call letters of the Dutch cargo liner Weltvlieden and saying, "Being chased by a raider," was intercepted here Wednesday. It gave a position 186 miles due south of Canton island, on the Greater Circle route between Sydney and Los Angeles harbor.

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Germans Blast British Coast

Artillery Offense Is Renewed Following Churchill Speech

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fields of the middle east would be body blows to Britain, but said he was confident that the 500,000 men under Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell could safeguard the Mediterranean area.
"Pro-axis intrigues" by Premier Rashid Ali Al Ghalib in Iraq still represented a great danger to Britain, he said. Although Iraq has suffered 1000 dead and wounded and hundreds of Iraqis have surrendered in the present fighting, he warned.
"It might be that the Germans will arrive in Iraq before we have crushed the revolt . . ."

Official British reports said that howitzers and artillerymen were flown from Basra, Iraq, to the besieged RAF base at Habbaniyah, west of Baghdad, where they broke the grip of Iraqi forces surrounding the airfield.
Heavy losses were inflicted on the Iraqis who retreated toward Al Falluja to the east under constant RAF machine-gun and bomb attacks.
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Nothing was said about what the French conceded, if anything in order to obtain the agreement.
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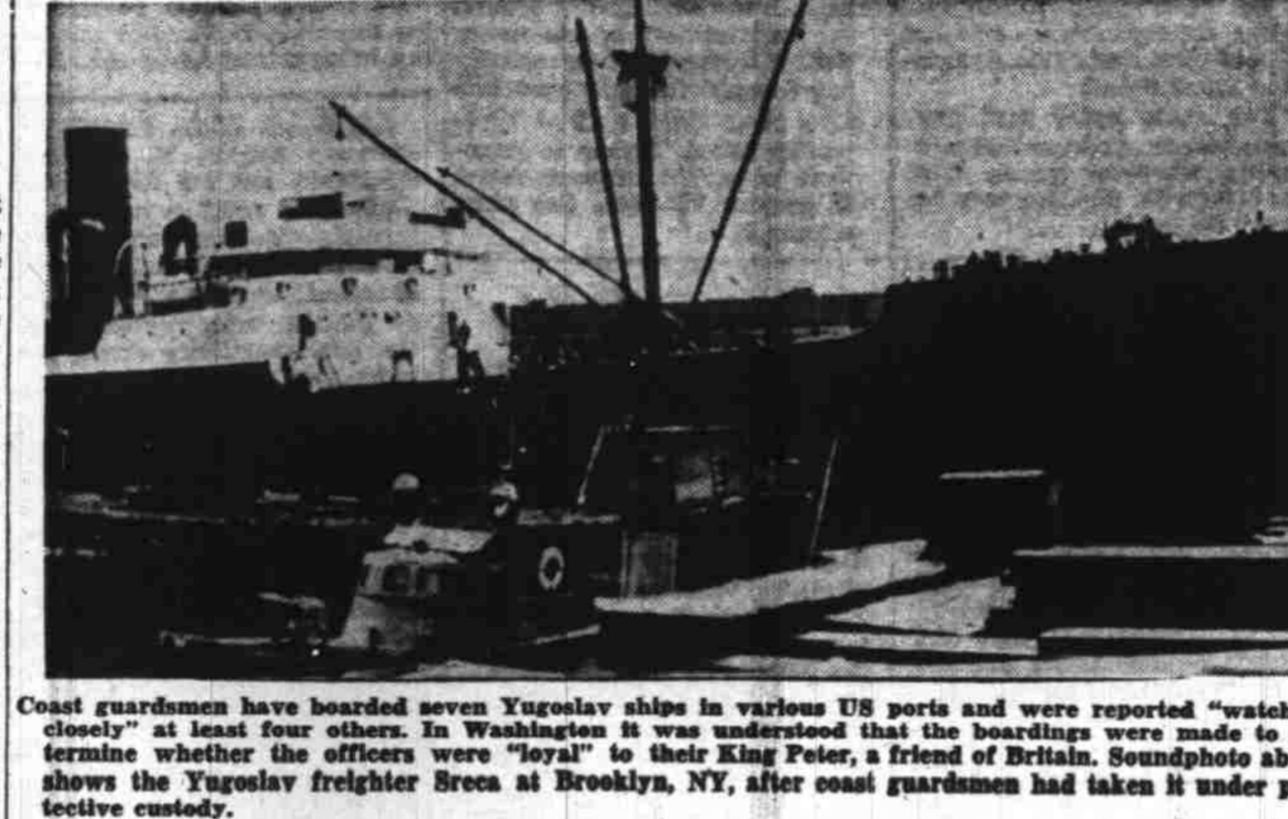
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America's Newest 35,000-Ton Super-Dreadnaught



Tied up at the Philadelphia Navy Yard is the 35,000-ton dreadnaught U.S.S. Washington, second in the series of giant battleships being built by the Navy. Workmen are completing the giant ship for commissioning almost a year and six months ahead of schedule. She is a sister ship of the recently commissioned U.S.S. North Carolina.

Coast Guards Placed Aboard Yugoslav Ships in US



Coast guardsmen have boarded seven Yugoslav ships in various US ports and were reported "watching closely" at least four others. In Washington it was understood that the boardings were made to determine whether the officers were "loyal" to their King Peter, a friend of Britain. Soundphoto above shows the Yugoslav freighter Breca at Brooklyn, NY, after coast guardsmen had taken it under protective custody.

Couple Feted At Dinner

PIONEER — A wedding dinner was enjoyed at the Tom Keller home Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Keller, who were married Saturday.
Guests were Mrs. Baldwin, Dallas, mother of the bride; Mrs. Wanetta Dark, Santa Monica, Calif.; Mrs. C. A. Cascart, Chico, Calif.; and Miss Alia Baldwin, Dallas, sisters of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Coy and children, Jimmy and Carol, Dickie Keller, and the host and hostess.

New Cadillac Proves Lowest Driving Cost

Detroit, May 7.—The lowest operating cost total ever compiled by a Cadillac on an official 25,000-mile test run has been reported by Nicholas Dreystadt, general manager of the Cadillac motor car division.
"The car used in the test was a 1941 series 61 sedan equipped with the Cadillac-engineered hydraulic drive," Dreystadt said.
"Conducted by the engineering department in an unbiased effort to obtain comparative operating cost statistics, the car followed the same route that had been laid out previously for 25,000-mile records."
According to Dreystadt, engineers went to extreme pains to imitate operating conditions of other years "because that was the only way the figures would have any value."
"Certain definite proportions of gravel, macadam and cement highways were included on the route at the General Motors proving ground," he said. "Stretches at various speeds were interspersed by series of stops and starts. While for our purpose we consider the 25,000 miles as 'average driving,' it is obviously much more difficult than that. For instance, a goodly percentage of the route was covered at five miles below top speed. Throughout the run an accurate record of service, gas and oil costs were tabulated by staff engineers."

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In One Ear . . .

—Paul Hauser's Column
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No, Mars, you can't sow dragon's teeth. And expect to win a prize. And wild oats aren't within the ken of the state fair judges' eyes.
Sisters, bend down and HOE THAT LINE!
A blue ribbon waves at the end, But even though you get the cash, The beans can't justify the bend.
So Gardners, AVANT And Allet Oop! Plan now to win the dough With master potatoes. The reddest tomatoes. At the fair's land products show.

ASTORIA, ORE., May 7-(AP)—OREGON CONTINGENTS OF TOE 41ST EQVQSIONHWITL BIV OUV L THEI HO ME TOWNS OM THE ZETURMF MZNEU VTRZ BQO MI LES SOUTH OF KINOCITYXKI PZL WX5 WNUQOZ MZYVO HI.
—Received on an Associated Press teletype.
Must be a military secret.

President Roosevelt told reporters the other day he didn't have the faintest idea of what his son Jimmy is doing in China. After all, he has to read "My Day" to keep track of what Eleanor is doing in THIS country.

State Indians May Sue WASHINGTON, May 7-(AP)—A bill was approved Wednesday by the senate Indian affairs committee authorizing the Snake or Pit River Indians of Oregon to sue in the court of claims for an undetermined amount of land allegedly taken from the tribe in 1876, 1882, 1883 and 1889 and restored to the public domain.

Hired at Talbot PIONEER — Mrs. John Calavan has been hired to teach at Talbot for the next term. Mrs. Calavan taught at Polk Station this year.

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Mother-Son Meet Slated

Members of Salem's four HI-Y clubs planned Wednesday night for the annual mother-son breakfast to honor their mothers this Sunday morning.
Pete Hauser, president of the HI-Y council, will preside over the program, set for 9 a. m. Arthur Cotton club will be in charge of decorations; Harrison Elliott the program, which will include music and short talks, and Abel Gregg and Branch Rickey clubs will supervise attendance.

Englewood Plans Water Discussion

Suburban residents east of the Englewood district have called a meeting at Englewood school for 7:30 o'clock tonight to discuss formation of a water district.
It is proposed to lay adequate mains and obtain water from the Salem city system, as is now done in districts south of the city.
The area proposed to be included in the district is that bounded by East Center street, Turner road, Sunnyview avenue and the east Salem city limits.

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Bridges Trial Recesses Waiting Colorful Witness of Portland

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7-(AP)—Harry Bridges' deportation hearing took an early recess Wednesday to await the return of the trial's most colorful witness, if Portland, Ore., subpoena servers can find him.
Defense attorneys hoped to have stocky, be-spectacled Morris Cannalunga, Seattle ex-communist and government witness, on the stand in the morning. When the government called him last month, Cannalunga sat with a leg cocked over the arm of the witness chair while, in salty language, he reluctantly answered questions about the CIO longshore leader.
The defense indicates Bridges would testify, but did not say when. The CIO leader's deportation is sought on the ground he belonged to subversive organizations, including the communist party.

Willkie Hurls Defi at Nazis

Declares America Is Strongest Nation in History of World
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able to decide concerning what is right and what is wrong. There never was any people so capable of success, once their decision is made."
The garden rally, sponsored by the New York chapter of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, drew a capacity house of more than 18,000. Garden officials said, and police estimated 4000 more were outside.
There are some who say America is weak and unprepared, Willkie declared, but this is a doctrine of "confusion, fear and despair" which he said he rejected and repudiated utterly.
England will win, he continued, if this country sees that its ever increasing production reaches the British Isles. He added: "We want those cargoes protected and at once and with less talk and with more action."
Mayor F. H. LaGuardia of New York, referring to the lease-lend law, said "the law was intended to aid England and not serve as a living target for the Nazi submarines. Otherwise the law has no sense."
LaGuardia said it was the duty of every citizen to aid his country and "if one is a great flyer and believes the nation's aviation program is not speeding fast enough it is his duty to serve his government."
LaGuardia, who served as chairman of the meeting, said "I bring you the personal greetings of the president of the United States and I can assure you, although slightly indisposed, he is right on top."
The mayor was a White House visitor during the day.
By acclamation the crowd approved sending a telegram to Roosevelt which called upon the president to see that machines and materials for England "shall be delivered and not consigned to the bottom of the Atlantic by Hitler's savage sea warfare."
"If this means convoys, Mr. President," the telegram said, "we call upon you as a free people's leader to supply them. We assure you of our faith in you and our loyal support of whatever measures you deem essential to a complete victory for democracy."

Portland, Ore., May 7-(AP)—Minimum wage requirements of the Portland shipyard contract must be met by sub-contractors, Wayne L. Morse, Pacific coast waterfront arbiter, ruled yesterday.
PORTLAND, Ore., May 7-(AP)—Columbia river area lumber and logging operators and CIO representatives will discuss all items bearing on logging costs when they resume their wage negotiations here Friday.

EUGENE, May 7-(AP)—A picket line from the building trades council Wednesday halted construction work on Eugene's new \$510,000 steam power plant.
WASHINGTON, May 7-(AP)—Secretary Knox said Wednesday the navy would enlist 4900 young college graduates for training for naval reserve commissions.
After four months training, the youths either may volunteer for fleet duty or be subject to calls to duty when conditions warrant.
Enlistments will be taken at naval headquarters in San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle for the west coast.
Preliminary training courses will be given at Northwestern university, Chicago; New York city, and the naval academy at Annapolis.

New Tax Plan Is Proposed

High Officials Urge Congress Bear Down on Excess Profits
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reconstruction finance corporation plans to establish a government-owned international airline.
The measure, sped through the committee with one day's hearing, attracted little attention until Jones, the federal loan administrator, discussed it at a press conference later in the day.
It would amend legislation passed last year authorizing the RFC to set up subsidiaries to purchase strategic materials and manufacture armaments. The president and the federal loan administrator would be given such powers in this connection as they may deem necessary in order to expedite the defense program.

WASHINGTON, May 7-(AP)—Leon Henderson, price control administrator, discussing scrap metal shipments to Japan with house ways and means committee members Wednesday, expressed the wish that "we had back all that we sent"—with a qualification:
"I hope we don't get it back in a converted form, such as cannon balls."
MISSIONARY SPEAKS PRATUM — Miss Etta Davis, a missionary from China, stopped on her way home to Pennsylvania, with her friends, Rev. and Mrs. D. J. Unruh. She spoke at the Mennonite church Sunday and will probably stay for the Mennonite convention to meet at Dallas May 15.

Car Ruined By Blaze

AMITY — Fire of unknown origin badly damaged the garage and ruined the car of Postmaster Earl Burch, Monday about 10 o'clock.
Mr. Burch had just returned home and did not notice anything wrong until the smoke began coming into the house. The fire department was called and the blaze was extinguished without doing any further damage.
AMITY — Amity is to have a new building for its public library. An addition is being built to the city hall. It is 14x24 feet. It will be a well lighted room with attractive interior finish.

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To Show Romney Ram

MONMOUTH, May 7-(AP)—A newly imported Romney Ram from New Zealand will be one of the exhibits when the fourth annual spring lamb show is held here May 10 under chamber of commerce auspices.

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