

British See "Collaboration" of French With Nazis as Move to Give Military Aid to Enemy

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A virtual British ultimatum to the Vichy government over Franco-German "collaboration" has brought the former allies to the verge of open warfare.

Behind the London warning to Vichy must lie a British conviction that "collaboration" will mean French military aid to Germany of a scale that may gravely increase the British war peril in the Mediterranean, the middle east and the Atlantic.

A far more serious possibility than German use of French air bases in Syria to reach the British-Iraq war front is envisaged by the British action.

London promptly implemented its warning with action in the Atlantic. A huge French oil tanker, previously granted passage through the British blockade to Casablanca with a cargo of American oil has been "intercepted."

London apparently believes that the French colonial port in Morocco affording a "window" on the south Atlantic is being used by the nazis as a sea raider base. Vichy has denied that, just as its spokesmen have denied that French assistance given German planes crossing Syria to Iraq was in violation of the terms of the French surrender or an act of aggression against Britain.

Whatever the information on which London acted, it has warned Vichy that all French collaboration which takes the form of military assistance to Germany will bring British retaliation. No distinction will be made by the British between German-occupied French territory, such as the "invasion coast" of France, and unoccupied areas.

In thus referring to unoccupied areas, the British presumably refer primarily to such portions of colonial France as French-mandated Syria or French bases in Africa which German forces might use.

The warning can hardly mean British bombardment of unoccupied regions of continental France. The British purpose as stated by Foreign Minister Eden to parliament would be to strike at German and Italian forces wherever located.

Unless the undisclosed terms of Franco-German collaboration provide for axis use of routes and ports in unoccupied France to attack Gibraltar, ferry additional troops to Africa or the like, the British threat would not apply.

Vancouver, BC Has Blackout

VANCOUVER, BC, May 22—(CP)—Screaming sirens plumed British Columbia's lower mainland and lower Vancouver island into 15 minutes of darkness Thursday night in the west coast's first major blackout under military orders.

Five hundred square miles of area with a population of approximately 400,000 was affected by the order that gave air raid precaution squads their first tests under wartime conditions and indicated what the public might expect in an air raid.

Train Climbs Back Safely

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 22—(AP)—Amazed railroad men told Thursday how part of a fast passenger train jumped the track near here, ran a half mile partially derailed and then climbed safely back on the rails.

The "City of Miami," Illinois Central streamliner, stopped after the freak mishap early today and a passenger, W. H. Corbett of Columbus, averted another possible accident when he flagged to a stop a Fort Benning troop train just before it rolled into the damaged track.

Swegle News

SWEGLE—Mrs. Ella Brown is leaving this week for a trip with her brother to the middlewest and southern states. They expect to go as far east as Iowa. They are the third family from this district to leave for a trip to Iowa in the last three weeks.

Friday afternoon Mrs. A. E. Wood was hostess to the ladies of the Garden Road Neighborhood club at her home on Sunnyview avenue. Nine members and one guest, Mrs. Crawford, mother of Mrs. Wood, were present.

Notices for the June 16 school election were posted Tuesday. Menno Dalke is the director whose term expires this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Storey spent last weekend at their farm home near Monroe.

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Fear US Raid On Martinique

French Order Defense of Caribbean Island; Hull Blasts Reports

VICHY, Unoccupied France, May 22—(AP)—French forces on Martinique have been ordered to prepare to defend that Caribbean island against an attack by the United States, reports from German-occupied Paris said Thursday.

Looming large in any defense of the island are the cruiser Emile Bertin and the aircraft carrier Bearn, which have been stationed at Martinique's capital and chief port, Fort de France, since the German defeat of France last June.

Word was said to have reached Paris from Fort de France that the French naval command in the Caribbean had ordered these ships to remain in the Antilles on "practice maneuvers."

Both warships recently have engaged in maneuvers for the announced purpose of maintaining crew morale.

The Paris newspaper Le Matin said Martinique's fortress will be blown to pieces if necessary to prevent it falling into foreign hands, the paper said.

Paris papers also asserted that British warships were continuing a patrol off Martinique.

(Reports from Puerto Rico last November said that US warships had taken up the patrol around Martinique, relieving the British West Indies squadron.

WASHINGTON, May 22—(AP)—The United States struck back Thursday at what officials considered Nazi efforts to disturb American relations with Martinique, and indicated that France's new world possessions still were considered harmless.

Secretary of State Hull said there had been no recent developments that changed the general situation in these western hemisphere colonies.

His statement was interpreted as meaning that the American government had no intention of occupying Martinique and other French territories unless it was established that France would allow Germany to use them for a foothold in this hemisphere.

In a sharp rejoinder, Hull declared these reports were exclusively of German or pro-German origin. Inspired propaganda of this kind, he went on, probably would continue in an effort to create an entirely false impression of the facts.

Fine and Jail Sentence Told

SILVERTON—Jess Willhite was handed a \$100 fine, and costs and a six months jail sentence by Judge Alf O. Nelson in justice court Tuesday on a drunken driving charge.

Judge Nelson suspended five months and ten days of the sentence on condition that he pay fine and costs, serve ten days of the sentence and leave liquor alone and obey all laws for one year.



Cruise the FJORDS of British Columbia

Box Scores

SALEM (6)				VANCOUVER (9)			
	B	H	O		B	H	O
Lightner	5	1	0	Warfield	4	3	1
Bates	1	0	0	McGinnis	1	1	0
Peterson	4	2	1	Lingua	5	2	0
Bergstrom	1	0	0	Jolley	3	2	0
Lanier	2	1	0	Brenner	1	1	1
Shinn	3	0	0	Jewell	5	0	0
Griffiths	4	2	0	Wright	1	1	0
Adams	2	0	0	Callie	2	1	0
Fallon	2	0	0	Merrill	2	0	0
Swoppe	2	1	0	Goldman	1	0	0
Warren	2	1	0	Osborne	0	0	0

Totals 36 24 12 Totals 34 11 27 15
*Batted for Swoppe in ninth.
Score by innings:
Salem 201 000 002—6
Vancouver 003 010 007—9

Errors, Bates, Peterson, Adams, Fallon, Warfield, Goldman. Winning pitcher, Merrill; losing pitcher, Fallon. Off Fallon in 3 1/2 innings, four hits, six runs. Struck out one, bases on balls, four. Off Merrill in 7 1/2 innings, 8 hits 3 runs; struck out one; bases on balls, four. Swoppe in 4 1/2 innings, seven hits, three runs; bases on balls, three. Goldman in 1 1/2 innings, two hits, three hits; struck out four; bases on balls, two. Off Osborne, in 1/2 inning, no hits or runs. Hit by pitcher, Adams by Merrill. Wild pitches, Merrill, Fallon. Left on bases, Salem 12, Vancouver eight. Three-base hit, Jolley; two-base hit, Peterson; Lingua 2, Adams, Brenner. Runs batted in, Peterson, Jolly 2, Bergstrom, Brenner 2, McGinnis 1, Warfield 2, Lingua, Sacramento, Merrill, Stoen bases, Bates 2, Warfield. Double plays, Shinn, Lanier, Bates. Time 2:26. Umpires, Wessinger and Kallio.

In War News—What Fate for Her?



RUDOLF HESS FRAU ILSE HESS
What fate is in store for Frau Ilse Hess, wife of Rudolf Hess, the Nazi No. 3 man who made a sensational plane flight to Britain and now is being held at Glasgow, Scotland? Frau Hess was left behind in Germany. She is the mother of a three-year-old son and married Hess in 1927.

41st Causes Traffic Jam Joining 3rd

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into the Redding fairground, although the column only moved from Klamath Falls Thursday. Friday will be its shortest trip, to Marysville.

When the 41st hit Weed at 11:30 a. m. Thursday, it fell in behind the 3rd and IX units corps which also left Fort Lewis Monday. Two lead columns, after splitting at Vancouver Monday afternoon, fused again at Weed. A military column stretching 74 miles, the 3rd and IX corps Thursday night reached Woodland. Friday the 41st will move down the east route of highway 99.

Motorized columns stretched Thursday night from Woodland to Fort Lewis, where last truck convoys of the 41st pulled out Thursday morning. Final motorized units of the 3rd division, IX corps will clear the fort Friday. The first 27 troop trains also pull out Friday.

The troops, dressed in regulation khaki, suffered as the mercury rose over 100 degrees. The heat also caused several vehicles to break down. They were repaired by maintenance troops trailing each column.

Northern California will get its first look at big field guns Friday

British Lose Sky Control

Violent Navy Action Rages; French Given Warning on Nazis

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ing half-way along the northern coast.

Berlin still showed a discreet silence about the outcome of the fighting, aside from the reported heavy blow at Britain's navy.

The British for their part reported that in a day of violent naval-air action the fleet had smashed every German effort to land men by sea, breaking up every convoy that sought to run in under cover of German warplanes. Many German vessels—and 30 of them were said to have been thrust into the battle zone at one time—were destroyed and others dispersed, British middle eastern headquarters at Cairo asserted.

The Crete areas acknowledged by the British to be in German hands were the town of Candia and the Malemi air-drome southwest of Canea. Some time after their occupation had been conceded London disclosed for the first time that all British fighter craft had been withdrawn from the island since the first day of the battle because they had no suitable bases.

London officially was cautiously optimistic, but the London public showed signs of grave concern. The fighting reached a new peak of fury. The Germans, aside from their attempts to bring in thousands by sea, were landing men steadily by parachute and air transport.

The Nazi successes ashore were significant, because Malemi air-drome is one of two in all Crete. The other, at Candia, was still in British hands, London announced.

Every report of the great engagement indicated that much—and perhaps everything—depended on the ability of the British navy to keep German sea-borne troops and supplies away from Crete; that it was going to be a great test of sea versus air power.

Of perhaps even greater ultimate importance than the approaching decision in the battle of Crete—a "desperate, grim battle," as Winston Churchill called it, where there could be for either side no retreat—was the British government's action in entering what many thought was a state of undeclared war against the old French ally.

Standing gravely in the house of commons, Anthony Eden, the British foreign secretary, warned Vichy that unless it stopped siding with the Germans British forces would bomb the Germans wherever they were found on

French territory—occupied or unoccupied.

Giving point to this declaration it was announced that the British navy had seized the 13,407-ton French oil tanker Sheherazade en route with oil from Houston, Tex., to Casablanca in French north Africa despite the fact that the vessel had a navicert—British permission to navigate—when she departed the United States.

The seizure was accomplished—with the full consent of the United States government, it was said in London—because the "actions of the last day or so by the Vichy government, particularly in Syria, had a keen sharpening effect not only in London but in Washington."

The British made no secret of their fear that a German attempt to send troops through unoccupied France and into Spain for an assault upon the key fortress of Gibraltar might be in the making. Some Britons declared that 70,000 Germans already were in Spain and that German "tourists" were slipping into Morocco across the Gibraltar strait.

The attack on Crete and current German support of Iraq against the British were termed by some British informants as possibly mere diversions—however violent in themselves—for a greater threat to come.

The British accused the Vichy government not only of a "slander" purpose in allowing Syrian air-dromes to be used by the nazis to help Iraq but of these other acts: allowing German torpedo boats to go down the lower Rhone river into the Mediterranean; working French industry for Germany at a higher rate than before the French-German armistice; allowing French military equipment to be sent from Syria to Iraq.

In Africa, these were the day's principal developments:

Unconfirmed reports spread that the "free French" forces of General Charles de Gaulle—British allies—were moving into Syria from Palestine, and Egypt called home all her citizens living in Syria and Lebanon.

The fighting in Iraq continued confined principally to aerial action.

In Ethiopia the British announced the capture of 5000 more Italian troops; Rome said nothing specifically on that point but claimed that the Italians had thrown back new British attacks in southwestern Ethiopia.

Entertainment Given by Men

INDEPENDENCE—"Men's night" will be observed at Adah chapter, No. 34, Eastern Star, Tuesday at the Masonic hall. The men, under the committee of Phil Schweizer, Dr. M. J. Bulter and Paul E. Robinson, will furnish the evening's entertainment.

Naval Trucks Break Lines

Marines Guard Men in Shipyard Strike as CIO Units Jeer

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Meehan, Seattle, coast secretary of the longshoremen, had asked that two men be denied working privileges because they criticized him here last Friday. The amended constitution now restricts members' right to criticize international officers.

SEATTLE, May 22—(AP)—Although the company president said he doubted there would be any work stoppage, the Motor Coach Drivers' union Thursday set 11:59 p.m. Saturday as a strike deadline in negotiations with the Washington Motor Coach company.

A strike would involve approximately 150 drivers on numerous cross-state routes, extending as far as western Montana.

TACOMA, May 22—(AP)—With an additional 500 door factory workers on a sympathy strike, the Tacoma labor situation clouded somewhat Thursday but a note of optimism was sounded by Federal Labor Conciliator Adolph Hoch, who is conferring with operators and officials of the Boonmen and Rafter's union (CIO).

Hoch announced he felt optimistic about the outcome of present conferences but said it will be several days before any definite results can be expected. Operators and union men are meeting in separate groups drawing up proposals to be submitted at a joint conference later in an attempt to arbitrate differences.

Pastor Sent Invitation

GERVAIS—A call to the pastorate of the local Presbyterian church has been extended to Rev. Cheek, Raymond, Wash., who spoke here May 4 and again May 18.

He has other churches in view and has not yet notified the board of his acceptance. However, the trustees are getting estimates on some repairs on the manse and will have a pastor soon. Rev. Hood left Gervais in October to accept a call to Waldport.

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