

Only Miracle Could Save Crete Declares War Analyst; Next Move of Nazis Pondered

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Another battle won by German air power and Nazi war technique, ruthless of losses in its grim efficiency, confronts a startled world as the closing scenes of the struggle in Crete are played out.

Whether it takes days or only hours for German air borne troops, now packed by Italian allies, to complete their conquest, the end seems to be in sight. British sea power and all the valor of Anglo-Greek troops unsupported by adequate air forces have failed to stem the Nazi thrust.

Only a miracle could reverse the outcome, or even assure escape of any substantial part of the allied forces in Crete. Seventy miles of sea have not served to save the island—and only a 20-mile strip of channel water stands between England and a like fate.

That must be the thought uppermost in many British minds Friday morning. The lost battle of Crete cannot help but intensify the apprehension that tomorrow, next week, a month from now English skies may be flooded with Nazi planes and parachuting attackers. Yet there is no real sign that such will be the case. The prime factor that accounts for the outcome at Crete, overwhelming German mastery of the air, would be lacking in an attempt on England.

There has been no intimation for months that British air patrols sweeping the continental coastline have sighted Nazi invasion preparations. The pattern of British bombing forays over German-occupied "invasion coast" areas and over Germany itself does not indicate that an invasion is in immediate prospect.

On the contrary, since the spring campaigning started, German shipbuilding yards, fuel stores and plants, big-gun emplacements and, above all, bomber and submarine nests, have been the main recipients of British air attack. They are a part of the battle of the Atlantic, the Nazi effort to strangle England by sea, rather than of the battle of Britain.

With the seemingly inescapable Nazi occupation of Crete, however, a powerful bulwark of British defenses in the eastern Mediterranean will have been lost. Just what strategic use Nazi general staff plans to make of it remains to be seen.

Bus Strikers Hurt Holiday

SEATTLE, May 29.—(P)—Cross-state bus travel was paralyzed Thursday by a drivers' union strike on the eve of what had been anticipated as heavy holiday week-end travel.

The AFL union's strike was against the Washington Motor Coach System, operator of all the state's main east-west lines. The issue was wages. About 150 drivers were affected.

Judge Gets Degree

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(P)—Justice Hall S. Lusk of the Oregon supreme court and the Rt. Rev. John F. Gallagher, vicar general of the Seattle Catholic diocese, will receive honorary doctor of law degrees here Sunday.

Italos Aid in Crete Battle

Violent Hand to Hand Fighting Continues, but Nazis Winning

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fallen and British middle east headquarters conceded its capture. Then swiftly, the Germans reported, Nazi sky troops seized the island's biggest city, Candia, 55 miles east of Suda bay, and gained another vital foothold against the allies.

The German official news agency DNB said German planes raided British troops concentrated—perhaps for embarkation—on the southern coast of Crete, setting buildings afire at Sphakia. The RAF announced that its planes attacked more than 100 German planes Tuesday night on Crete's northwest beaches, touching off fires and explosions.

British military quarters said English tommyes, Australians and New Zealanders were inflicting terrible slaughter on the Germans in the slow retreat of the imperials east of Suda bay, but no attempt was made to discount the extreme gravity of the situation.

A New Zealand ambulance driver reported that Max Schmelling, former world heavyweight boxing champion, was killed in Crete, but Berlin said he was alive, and confined to a hospital with a tropical disease suffered while fighting with the Nazi parachutists in Crete. (See story on sports page).

Fascist dispatches asserted that the British were preparing to quit Crete under terrific assault by land and air, but the British middle east command said that for the most part the Nazi invaders were being held in violent hand-to-hand fighting along the coastal plain. It was recalled, too, that the British are under orders to "fight to the death" without thought of retreat.

In the steep, craggy hills, the British said, the Germans were making little or no headway despite the arrival of Nazi alpine reinforcements.

By contrast, the Berlin radio declared that with the breakthrough in the west, "the entire British defense between Candia and the 2,000-meter-high mountain range of coastal Crete has been shaken."

A German military spokesman acknowledged, however, that "pockets of British resistance" still fought on in northern and western Crete.

The spokesman, apparently hinting at bigger things to come, declared that with the rising tempo of the war there was no reason to expect a lengthy German pause after the battle of Crete is ended.

British military experts have predicted that the Germans would strike next at the fortified British island of Cyprus, off the coast of

Syria in the extreme eastern Mediterranean.

In that middle east theater of the war, the British reported the capture of Khanuqa, only 20-odd miles from Baghdad, in a drive toward the Iraqi capital.

The British said Iraqis had cut irrigation ditches and flooded roads all along the 40-mile route from Fallujah to Baghdad in a futile attempt to halt the British advance.

Relations between France and Britain steadily worsened. Vichy officials, after protesting an RAF attack on the harbor of Sfax, French Tunisia, charged that British airmen attacked a railroad station in the important Syrian town of Hama.

Vice-premier Admiral Jean Darlan, in Paris for collaboration talks with German leaders, took time out for an interview in which he accused England of precipitating the war. France, he said, was "only a plaything in her (Britain's) hands."

Bridges Tells Position on Communists

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to the attacks made on me by the Hearst press."

"But you received the support of the communist party?" Del Guercio inquired.

"I wouldn't doubt that is correct."

"And you have supported the communist party in your career?"

"Yes and no. I've supported individuals and policies of all parties."

Bridges testified he had solicited members for the Marine Workers Industrial union in 1934, but said he did not recall whether he knew at the time that the MWIU was affiliated with the Trade Union Unity league, called communist by the government.

He Finds out About Steps

CHICAGO, May 29.—(P)—Dr. Harold L. Emley, a chiropractor, attached pedometers to hundreds of men and women in different occupations and found that:

1. A hospital intern walks an average of 16 miles a day.

2. A chorus girl dances and walks four and a half miles in each show.

3. A policeman on a beat covers 14 miles daily.

4. A salesman, who makes calls on foot, walks nearly ten miles a day.

5. Stenographers and other office girls do better than eight miles a day.

And the railroad conductor walks five to ten miles in going from car to car on each trip.

Wards Strike Spread Seen

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29.—(P)—The executive board of the American Federation of Labor will sanction a strike spread to other Montgomery Ward & Co. units if the firm refuses to deal with local strikers, Jack Estabrook, union official, said Thursday.

Striking employees of the store, which closed here recently after being picketed since December, were told by the Warehousemen's union secretary, that approximately three-fourths of their number were now employed at other jobs.

Eden Reveals British Aims

Says England to Keep Germans From Again Committing Misdeeds

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complete solution of the economic riddle after the war, but the United States, Britain, her dominions and "free" friends alone will possess the material means to evolve a postwar order "which seeks no selfish national advantage for any one of us, an order where each member of the family shall realize its own character and perfect its own gifts in liberty of conscience and person."

3. "We have learned a lesson in the interregnum between the two wars. We know that no escape can be found from the curse which has been lying on Europe except by creating and preserving economic health in every country."

4. The United States and other "free countries" untroubled by war must help the British organize a transition to peaceful activities after the war; the British empire can contribute to the enormous overseas stocks of food and materials which she will have accumulated.

5. "Under a system of free economic cooperation, Germany must play a part. But here I draw a firm distinction: we must never forget that Germany is the worst master Europe has yet known. Five times in the last century she has violated the peace. She must never be in a position to play that role again. Our political and military terms of peace will be designed to prevent repetition of Germany's misdeeds."

6. "Social security must be the first object of our domestic policy after the war. . . . abroad not less than at home. It will be our wish to work with others to prevent starvation in the post-armistice period, currency disorders throughout Europe and the wide fluctuations of employment and prices which were the cause of so much misery in the 20 years between the two wars."

7. When peace comes we shall make such relaxations of our wartime financial arrangements as will permit revival of international trade on the widest possible basis. We shall hope to see the development of a system in international exchange in which trading of goods and services will be the central feature."

8. The British empire, their allies, the United States and South America are alone able to restore social security to the world, "for irrespective of the nature of the political settlement, continental Europe will end this war starved and bankrupt of foods and raw materials which she is accustomed to obtain from the rest of the world. She will have no means, unaided, of breaking the vicious circle. She can export few goods until she has, first of all, received the necessary raw materials. Wasteful wartime cultivations in many lands will leave agriculture almost as weak as industry; thus Europe will face vast problems of general demobilization with a general lack of the necessary means to put men to work."

9. On the other hand a victorious Germany could offer Europe nothing, Eden said, save "a state of collapse."

Eden said the British had "listened with hearts full of thankfulness" to Mr. Roosevelt's declaration that the cause of freedom and justice will prevail.

US Seeking Plant to Solve Wheat Problem

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(P)—The United States will make a new attempt, the state department disclosed Thursday, to solve the surplus wheat problem by means of an international agreement providing production and marketing controls.

Plans are being made to call a conference of major surplus wheat producing countries and Great Britain—the one large import market not closed to overseas trade by the war—to be held here this summer.

FDR at Hyde Park

HIGHLAND, N.Y., May 29.—(P)—President Roosevelt arrived here by special train from Washington Thursday night and motored to his home at Hyde Park to spend the weekend.

Inspects Penitentiary

Members of the state board of control spent part of Thursday inspecting the state penitentiary. They were luncheon guests of Warden George Alexander.

STATE

Fredric March Betty Field
"VICTORY"
Time 2:35, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
—END HIT—

Joe E. Brown Frances Robinson
"So You Won't Talk"
Time 1:00, 3:45, 6:35, 9:25
ADDED
COLOR CARTOON
Continuous Show Daily
Matinee 1:00

World War News Today

By the Associated Press
Trapped between Germans in western Crete and Italians in the east, British-Greek forces were reported withdrawing into mountainous center of the island; Germans say they have taken Candia, midway along the northern coast after capturing Canes, island capital, and neighboring Suda bay where they sank the crippled British cruiser York; Nazi paratrooper Max Schmelling, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, was officially reported by Berlin to be alive but ill in a hospital; previous reports from Cairo said he had been killed attempting to escape from British captors.

British troops reported 20 miles from Iraqi capital, Baghdad; Iraqis say British suffered 350 casualties; axis drive from Libya into Egypt halts near Salum; besieged British in Tobruk still holding out amid sporadic fighting.

British Foreign Minister Eden in general outline of war aims says "We must never forget that Germany is the worst master Europe has yet known. . . . She must never be in a position to play that role again."

Lindy Flays FDR Motives In Address

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still in control. . . . always the same story—one defeat after another since this war began. And always the demand for more assistance from America. First they said 'Sell us the arms and we will win.' Then it was 'Lend us arms and we will win.' Tomorrow it will be 'Fight our war for us and we will win.'

"We are not children to be coddled into unpleasant situations," Lindbergh told the audience, carefully watched by extra details of police. "We are not the blind followers of a totalitarian regime. . . . We demand the truth from our leaders. We demand that they tell us where they are leading us. We demand that they stop all this vagueness and confusion, and tell us, as free men, what their intentions are about this war."

Part of Nazi Crew Saved

LONDON, May 29.—(P)—An admiralty epilogue to the thunderous death of Britain's 42,100-ton HMS Hood and German's giant battleship Bismarck disclosed Thursday that a British destroyer was sunk by German planes at the end and that more than 100 of the Bismarck's crew are safe as British prisoners.

After British torpedo planes helped to sink the 35,000-ton Bismarck in revenge for her destruction of the Hood, Nazi aircraft pounced on the victorious British fleet and sank the 1850-ton destroyer Mashona with probable loss of one officer and 45 men.

Meanwhile, the admiralty said, British ships had picked up more than 100 survivors from the Bismarck after her destruction 400 miles west of Brest last Tuesday, while only three survivors of the Hood had been accounted for.

Call Board

ELKS LODGE
Today—Jean Arthur, Robert Cummings, Charles Coburn in "The Devil and Miss Jones." John Wayne, Ona Munson in "The Lady from Louisiana."

Saturday—Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone in "Nice Girl." Binnie Barnes, Gilbert Roland in "Angel With Broken Wings." "Louis-Baer Fight Pictures."

GRAND
Today—George Brent, Martha Scott in "They Dare Not Love." Ralph Bellamy, Margaret Lindsay, Charles Grapewin in "Ellery Queen's Penthouse Mystery."

Today—Guy Kibbe, Carol Hughes in "Scattergood Pulls the Strings." Roy Rogers in "The Sheriff of Tombstone."

Saturday—Basil Rathbone, Hugh Herbert, Gale Sondergaard in "The Black Cat." Bob Crosby, Ruth Terry, Marie Wilson in "Rookies on Parade."

STATE
Today—Frederic March, Betty Field in "Victory." Joe E. Brown, Frances Robinson in "So You Won't Talk." Saturday midnight—Katherine Hepburn, James Stewart in "Philadelphia Story."

HOLLYWOOD
Today—Gloria Jean, Hugh Herbert in "A Little Bit of Heaven." Roy Rogers in "Border Legion."

Today—Pat O'Brien, George Brent in "We Meet Again." Grant Withers in "Lure of the Wasteland."

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US to Check Use of Steel

Gasless Sundays, Less Electricity Proposed by High Officials

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unable to get it can report to the OPM. If the need is deemed essential the OPM will take whatever steps are necessary to see that the order is fulfilled.

In practice, it is expected to mean that defense needs will get preference over all civilian uses, and that civilian needs deemed most essential will be filled before other types of civilian users get any steel.

The OPM declined to speculate on what civilian uses might be most affected. Presumably, however, orders of farm implement manufacturers, for instance, would be filled ahead of those from golf club manufacturers.

In connection with the prospective steel shortage, the Association of American Railroads announced that it was studying the possibility of substituting wood for steel in the superstructure of freight cars.

With the problems of oil transportation in mind, the house inter-laboratory committee swiftly approved an administration bill empowering the government to build pipe lines. Officials have said pipe lines from Louisiana and Texas to the Atlantic seaboard are necessary because so many coast-wise tankers have been devoted to the service of the British.

The senate, meanwhile, completed congressional action on the administration's ship seizure bill and sent it on to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature. The measure will enable the government to use some 80 foreign vessels now idle in American ports in the joint service of the United States and Britain.

And, it was learned that army officials consider that an indefinite stretch of military duty lies ahead for members of the national guard, some 251,000 of whom were called up originally for a year's training.

The plan for training British pilots here has been long in the making, and will finally begin June 7. In making this announcement, Secretary Stimson said that "certain material costs" would be defrayed from lease lend appropriations, while Great Britain would pay for transportation, pay, clothing, food and lodging.

The first class of 550 students, all from the British isles, will begin its course of instruction June 7, with new groups coming in at intervals of five weeks. A total of 4000 fighter and bomber pilots are to be trained annually in conjunction with the United States army's own pilot training activities.

A second group of 3000 will receive a British course of instruction at schools still to be selected. A third group of some 1000 is to be trained in navigation at the Pan-American Navigational school in Miami, Fla.

Stimson said the program could be carried out "without interfering at all" with the training of American pilots. Pilot training here, he said, was far ahead of the delivery of new military planes.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, May 29.—(P)—Al Hostak, who suffered a second round knockout Wednesday night in his attempt to win the world middleweight boxing title for the third time, is going to step up to the light heavyweight division, the Post-Intelligencer reported Thursday night in a special dispatch from Chicago.

ORFINO, Idaho, May 29.—(P)—Dal Bechto, ace right-hander of the University of Idaho baseball team, will sign with the Boston Red Sox system June 5 and enter Class C professional competition in Virginia, his parents said here Thursday.

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 29.—(P)—Marvin "Bud" Ward, trailed by a large crowd of students and townspeople, carved two strokes off par Thursday to set a new course record of 68 over the University of Idaho golf links.

HOLLYWOOD

STARTS SUNDAY

Special Prices This Picture
SUNDAY—12 to 5 P. M.
Adults 40c inc. Tax
Children 25c inc. Tax

NIGHTS—All Seats—55c
MATINEE Week Days 1:30 p.m.
Adults 40c
Children 25c
Nights all seats 55c

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In One Ear . .

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opic condition created by a restless legislature, which does the best it can and hopes you'll get it.

Now you take out compensation, or practically. Now file a claim and wait, during which you file your teeth, or toenails. This gives you experience. So then all you need is a rating. With the experience and the rating, provided you keep them together, you then have your Experience Rating.

If you don't get it, call me up sometime.

As average, Angus McGoobor.

Dear McGoobor,

That's fine, but what's Experience Rating?

Hauser.

P. S. Your's must be zero.

Memorial Day Rites Slated

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Rex Putnam, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, Mayor Guy Nugent of West Salem, Col. Carl Abrams, Lt. Col. Elmer Woolton, Chief of Police Frank A. Minie, Rev. Guy Drift, and B. E. "Kelly" Owens.

Should the weather be inclement the Memorial observances will be held in the armory instead of on the courthouse grounds.

All state, county and city offices except law enforcement and fire protection agencies will be closed for the day and most Salem mercantile establishments will also be closed.

Coast Cities Fear Sabotage

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Angeles harbor Thursday night because of mysterious reports of possible sabotage over the Memorial holiday week-end.

Armed guards were stationed in the Huntington Park oil field area at request of Mayor H. M. McCallen of Huntington Beach.

"We have placed officers at strategic points throughout the harbor," said Capt. W. H. Bachman, commanding the harbor division of Los Angeles police. "Every steamship company and major industrial unit in the port area has called special patrolmen and have floodlighted their facilities."

"We have caused certain patriotic bodies to hold themselves in readiness over the week end." FBI headquarters here declined to comment on the activity, and nothing could be learned elsewhere of the source of reports leading to the precautions.

Medics Group Plans Appeal

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(P)—The American Medical association, fined \$2500 today on a charge of violating the anti-trust law by conducting a campaign against a medical cooperative, indicated it would make an immediate appeal. The fine was imposed by Federal District Judge James M. Proctor. He also assessed a fine of \$1500 against the Medical society of the District of Columbia, which was convicted with the AMA.

Salem's Newest Theatre

TODAY & SATURDAY

MERLE OBERON

Her arms held captive a man the law could not hold

GEORGE BRENT

"WE MEET AGAIN"

PAT O'BRIEN
GREGG KIRBY
FITZGERALD

—PLUS 2nd HIT—

LURE OF THE WASTELAND

CHAP. 1
BIG NEW SERIAL

MYSTERIOUS DOCTOR SATAN

EDWARD GIANELLI

US, Nippon Policy Same

Efforts Seen to Give Japan Opportunity to Refute Axis Pact

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press conference apparently was intended to counteract assertions by responsible legislators concerning the reasons for the omission of any mention of Japan from President Roosevelt's "fireside chat" Tuesday night.

They attributed this to a growing belief in administration quarters that Japan's ties with the axis were weakening; that business interests were growing more influential in Tokyo and might eventually gain the ascendancy over more militaristic elements.

Secretary Hull said only that American policies and relations with Japan had not changed. This was believed to rule out any possibility that the United States would be willing to make economic or other concessions to Japan to induce her to break away from the tripartite pact.

On the chance, however, that Japan herself may want a way out of the pact, President Roosevelt was believed in diplomatic quarters to have phrased his speech carefully to provide such an escape.

Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese foreign minister, reaffirmed Japan's loyalty to the three-power pact in a speech Thursday, but he said also that Germany and Italy had accepted the original Japanese text of the accord without modification—a possible hint that Japan had left a "loophole."

TOKYO, Friday, May 30.—(P)—Koh Ishii, Japanese spokesman for the cabinet information bureau, in commenting on President Roosevelt's speech said today "When the president says Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek of China is fighting for democracy I suspect he may have inaccurate information on east Asia."

ELKS LODGE

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ROBERT CUMMINGS - CHARLES COBURN
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John Wayne - Ona Munson
Plus "March on Marines"

Dennis Morgan - John Lital

STARTS SATURDAY

DEANNA DURBIN

"Nice Girl?"