

Military Odds Favor Britain And "Free French" in Syrian Offensive, War Analyst Says

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Tremendous stakes for Britain and her axis foes alike are involved in the war in French mandated Syria and Lebanon; but for once the military odds are with the British and their "Free French" allies.

In seizing the initiative the allies have taken a leaf from Hitler's own book. London, not Berlin, struck first, with bright prospects of a quick victory which could powerfully strengthen British control of the eastern Mediterranean.

Vichy reports bitter resistance to the allies by French colonial garrisons loyal to the Peain-Marie regime. British and Free French accounts speak of half-hearted stands against the triple allied attack, and of increasing native and French desertions to join the Free French standard.

Quick allied penetration to within two score miles or less of Beirut and Damascus, capitals of the two mandated territories, tends to bear out the allied version of the fighting. Surrender of coastal and interior routes northward. It would permit the two allied columns driving from Palestine and trans-Jordan to make an ultimate junction with the force thrusting northward from Iraq up the valley of the Euphrates.

It appears possible that two other allied thrusts westward from Iraq toward the Lebanon-Syrian coast are also impending. Good bus-route roads across the Syrian desert offer possibilities of a five pronged assault that could overrun all Syria east of the main north-south coastal range.

With heavy British ships reported to be lying off both Beirut and Tripoli, threatening bombardment unless both are given up, quick collapse of French resistance in that area is a distinct possibility. That would put much of the Lebanon-Syrian coast-line in allied hands. The plight of the remaining French garrison, pinned between the allied drive at Damascus and that up the Euphrates, would be hopeless in that case and Free French-British occupation of all Syria would follow.

An immediate effect of allied capture of Beirut and Tripoli would be to bring the British Royal Air Force fighting planes within close range of Cyprus, island key to British defenses in the eastern Mediterranean. A repetition at Cyprus of the Nazi invasion of Crete would seem to be all but impossible in that case.

Berlin's reticence over the undeclared Franco-British war in Syria and its assertions that it is, after all, a French-British affair, strongly suggests Nazi doubts that adequate axis help can be given the French defenders there. Nor is Rome seemingly much more confident that allied mastery of the French Levant states can be prevented.

Wage and Hour Inspection of Canneries Set

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9-(AP)—An inspection of the packing and canning industry throughout California will be started this week by the wage and hour division of the US department of labor.

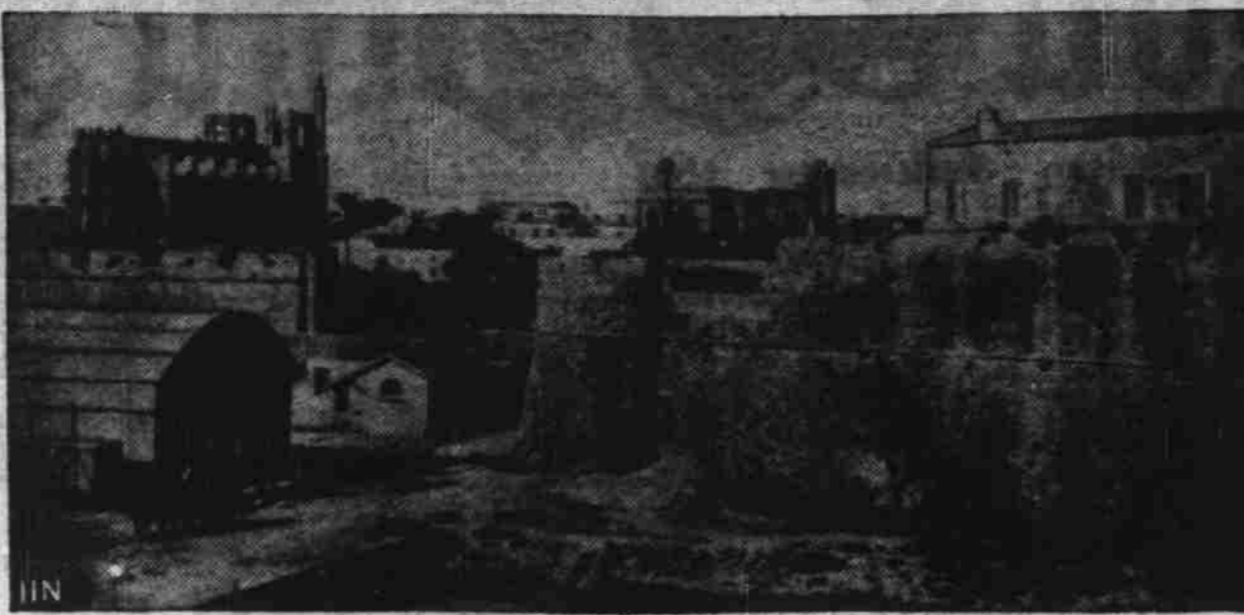
Inspectors in the western region will be concentrated in California, Washington and Oregon for the next several weeks, Wesley O. Ash, regional director said.

Ash said packers and canners of fresh fruits and vegetables would save time and trouble and avoid inconvenience during the inspections if their records show, week by week under which of the two exemptions from the federal 40-hour week they are operating.

News Carrier

Holland States Ambassador to President G. W. Winant, back in London, to report to President on the European situation. He is pictured at the door of the White House in Washington as he was about to enter and report to the president. Mrs. Winant stayed in London.

Is British Island of Cyprus Next on Nazi List?



View of fortifications on the island of Cyprus

Fearing a German attack, the British have ordered the removal of women and children from the island of Cyprus, a Mediterranean island near the Gulf of Iskanderun. Nominally a part of the Turkish empire, it is virtually a British possession, governed by a high commissioner. It serves as a British naval base. It lies between Crete, now taken by the Germans, and Syria, French-ruled Middle East state which might be the next battleground of the war.

Bayonets Are Used to Break Up Fighting

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000,000 of orders from the United States and Great Britain.

Branshaw's news was relayed promptly to President Roosevelt and Stephen Early, White House secretary, said the chief executive was "delighted."

On telephoned orders from Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson, speaking from Mr. Roosevelt's office, troops of the 15th infantry had marched to the airplane factory when pickets fought with men trying to go to work at the opening of the plant Monday morning.

Mr. Roosevelt then formally issued a proclamation directing the army to take over the plant and operate it. He said he was acting under his constitutional powers as commander-in-chief in a time of unlimited emergency.

A strike developed, meantime, in an aluminum plant in Cleveland. CIO die casters at the plant, operated by the Aluminum Company of America, walked out, charging that negotiations before the defense mediation board were "getting nowhere" and that the company was "stalling." The board had begun hearings on the dispute a few hours earlier in Washington.

The aluminum workers are asking 4 1/2 cents increase in hourly wages. They received an 8-cent increase in April, and the basic rate now was said to be 72 cents an hour.

The plant employs 7000 workers and almost its entire production is cast aluminum parts for warplanes.

In addition to ordering troops to Ingleswood, Mr. Roosevelt took a personal hand in trying to settle the strike of AFL machinists at II San Francisco shipyards holding \$500,000,000 of defense orders.

He conferred at the White House with Harvey W. Brown, head of the AFL machinists, and, Early announced, "flatly" asked Brown to adjust the strike. On leaving the White House, Brown told reporters: "As a result of the meeting with the president I am going to confer with each member of the executive council of the union by telephone."

Subsequently, Brown announced that the council would meet in Washington Thursday.

At the capitol, senate consideration of a measure empowering the government to take over defense plants when there is an "existing or threatened" failure of production was deferred until today.

A new strike developing during the day was a walkout by officers of 30 tugboats in Baltimore harbor which interfered with defense shipments. They asked wage adjustments, but details were not disclosed.

Strikers at the Marlin Rockwell corporation, Plainville, Conn., went back to work as requested by the mediation board.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 9-(AP)—AFL machinists announced that a strike vote against the Consolidated Aircraft Corp., would be taken Tuesday, despite progress made in labor contract negotiations with company officials Monday night. Balloting will start at 5:30 a. m., and continue until 10:30 p. m.

The announcement came after a five-hour conference of company and union negotiators which had been called by Harry Malcolm, federal conciliator, in hope of reaching an agreement which would obviate the balloting.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9-(AP)—Government witnesses Monday corroborated Morris Cannalongo's testimony that he was not intimidated when he made a deposition.

SALEM'S NEWEST THEATRE
LIBERTY
Last Times Today
KAY KYSER
"You'll Find Out"
with Peter Lore, Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi
Plus 2nd Hit
Victor McLaglen in "DIAMOND FRONTIER"
Always 15c

Majority of Men Vote No On Program

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union, were present at Monday's conference. Fifty-two operations are strike-bound.

"The sentiment of the membership found expression in the unanimous demand of the representatives of all struck operations to the conference, that the employers immediately resume negotiations," he continued.

"For the third time the proposals of the employers and the board were decisively rejected. The principle of collective bargaining has been completely set aside by the actions of the mediation board. The conference demanded that this fundamental right be restored to the striking membership of the IWA."

"I wish to reiterate that we are prepared to resume negotiations at the earliest opportunity so that a fair and satisfactory settlement can be expeditiously reached."

Other officials attending the meeting included Al F. Hartung of Portland, president of the Columbia river district council of the union; H. L. Tucker of Aberdeen, state CIO secretary; Worth Lowery, vice-president of the Woodworkers of Oregon; and B. J. McCarty, union secretary.

Hartung said he received a poor reception when he recommended that the strikers accept the mediation board's recommendation. He said he made his recommendation because of the present national emergency, but said his suggestion was not well received and that Dick Law of Aberdeen replied by agreeing there was an emergency, but that it existed for the workers in their present circumstances.

Three Hurt in Auto Mishaps

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comfortable" condition at the Salem General hospital, following a collision with a car driven by Mrs. Olive A. Pence, road seven, at 17th and Norway streets at 6:52 a.m. Monday.

Mrs. Pence received bruises on her right leg and shock. Both were given emergency treatment by the Salem first aid crew.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur C. Milligan, Portland, received bruises and cuts that were treated at the Salem General hospital when their car turned over twice and came to rest on its side on the lawn at 1795 North Capitol street after collision with a car driven by Harold Alfred Ricks, Ashland, at Capitol and Madison streets at 6:09 p.m. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milligan were released from the hospital after treatment.

Registrations Start at WU Summer School

First day registration for summer session at Willamette university was "fairly good" for its being the first at the Salem institution since 1933, Dr. William Jones, director, said Monday. No exact count was revealed.

Registration continues and classes begin today for the six weeks school. Although enrollment in some of the large variety of courses may be small, it is expected that every course for which demand is made will be given.

40 Priorities Made
WASHINGTON, June 9-(AP)—The office of production management extended its priorities system today to 40 additional items, including barrage balloon cables, photographic equipment, parachute silk and x-ray equipment.

Oyster Fete Success
BAY CITY, June 9-(AP)—Between 12,000 and 15,000 persons attended the final day of the oyster festival here Sunday despite a drizzling rain. Five hundred bushels of oysters were eaten.

DANCE
"Name" Band Parade!
Leighton Noble
June 9 to 15
PHIL HARRIS
June 16
Jack Teagarden
June 17 on
SWIM and PLAY at
Jantzen's BEACH PARK
DANCE, SWIM, PICNIC AND PLAY

Pierce of Oregon Flays OPM; Suggests "Competent" Staff

WASHINGTON, June 9-(AP)—Rep. Pierce (D-Ore.) suggests that the office of production management "secure more competent advisors on power and metals," because, he says, "Our defense program is seriously menaced by the proven incompetence of the OPM staff."

British Knife Deep in Syria

Defenders Weak and Many Deserting to Free French Force

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better of it, constantly attacked the defenders.

There were reports that the Germans were concentrating troops on the occupied Mediterranean islands for transport by sea to Syria; that some troop ships already had departed occupied Greece and that 183 Nazi paratroopers had been rounded up in Syria.

So unwelcome were these latter to all hands, the British claimed, that even the loyal French troops helped round them up. The Nazis pood-pooed the whole story.

Vichy itself, aside from claiming that two British warships had been seriously damaged in the Mediterranean by French destroyers took a somewhat melancholy tone, acknowledging the allied advance beyond Tyre.

ROME, June 9-(AP)—Fascist circles expressed anger Monday over the British invasion of Syria and awaited a probable speech by Premier Mussolini Tuesday to mark the beginning of Italy's second year of war.

Preparations were made for a solemn ceremony in the chamber of fasses and guilds at 5 p. m. (1 p. m. PST)—almost the corresponding hour that the premier announced his declaration of war on Britain and France last June 10.

It was not certain whether Mussolini would speak.

The premier in a tribute to the Italian navy Monday said the war was now "one between two worlds" and is "at one of its most decisive moments."

The statement appeared in the navy ministry newspaper on navy day.

For Tuesday's chamber session, the first in several months, cabinet ministers and nearly 800 national councilmen who composed the chamber's membership were ordered to wear the fascist uniform.

Italy's "successes"—with German aid—against France, Greece and Yugoslavia are to be commemorated. Whoever speaks also is expected to pay tribute to the valor of Italian soldiers.

Fascist newspapers predicted England's invasion of Syria will prove "a new error" and will only "delay her defeat several months." London soon will learn the "great and unforeseen effects" of its move which was termed "brutal and criminal aggression."

ANKARA, June 9-(AP)—German air force and army specialists scattered throughout Syria from Aleppo to Damascus have received orders from the Nazi high command to retire from the French mandate, it was learned on high authority here Monday night.

The orders were said to have been issued after Berlin became convinced that the British and free French drive into Syria was a full-fledged military adventure.

WVW Post Joins Drive for USO

Marion post 661 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars joined the United Service Organizations movement Monday night with the announcement it would sponsor a dance at the VFW hall, 640 Hood street, Saturday night to help raise funds to provide army encampments with recreation facilities. The Cooties have yielded their reservation on the hall for the USO benefit.

Arrangements were placed in charge of a committee consisting of Onas S. Olson, chairman; Ralph Harlan, vice-chairman; David Furlough, Robert DeLapp, Bert Tompkins, Frank Prince, Arwin Strayer and Walter Wickert. Tickets will be sold by committee members and at the local USO office, room 110, Senator hotel.

PORTLAND-(AP)—When Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burley return from their wedding trip their housewarming will not be just as they had planned it.

They left last week and asked police to keep an eye on things.

Technician TYRONE POWER in **BLOOD AND SAND** with Rita Hayworth, Linda Darnell, Nazimova

And Second Feature **THE SAINT IN PALM SPRINGS**

HOLLYWOOD 15
Today and Wed. 2:15-5:15-7:15
Lombard
Montgomery
and Radio
with
RAYMOND
Smith

And Second Feature **THE SAINT IN PALM SPRINGS**

STATE
Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Ann Rutherford
"Andy Hardy's Private Secretary"
Time 2:25 - 5:45 - 8:57
Plus 2nd Hit
Constance Bennett, Pat O'Brien
"Escape to Glory"
Time
12:50 - 4:05 - 7:20 - 10:35
Added
Mickey Mouse Cartoon

BLOOD AND SAND
Rita Hayworth, Linda Darnell, Nazimova
Last Showing at 8:15

STATE
Mickey Mouse Cartoon

Troops Lauded For Maneuvers

Chief Asserts Mock War Movements "Almost Perfect"

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were getting ready to start a realistic command post exercise designed to defend the California coast against a "Red" army which is assumed to have landed and started invasion.

Major General Charles F. Thompson of the 3rd division and Major General George A. White of the 1st commented on the critique that the two combat problems conducted by the 9th corps thus far "have been the most interesting and instructive training we have had" since the troops went into training at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The 15th infantry camp was deserted Monday night, the last battalion having departed for Ingleswood to join the rest of the regiment on duty at the North American Aviation company plant.

Pierce said he was "not familiar with the steel situation and the dangerous shortage on which (OPM's) Game Dunn made a widely publicized review report showing that the needs had been definitely underestimated."

"Those who accept technical responsibilities in this tragic hour should be competent and trustworthy," Pierce continued. "I have no doubt that it is true in connection with power and aluminum anywhere in several governmental offices."

Pierce reviewed his efforts of the past few years to avert a power shortage and paid tribute to the cooperative spirit of the army engineers, who listened to his advice.

To other officials of the government, Pierce said, his "improbabilities resembled only the proverbial voice crying in the wilderness."

"I demand," he said, "to be informed why it is necessary to use coal and to make the people sacrifice necessities of life in order to locate great defense industries in sections in which there is a definite power shortage."

"I would like to be told why it was necessary to spend a million dollars of government money to build a Bonneville transmission line in order to locate a pressingly needed aluminum plant with an eye to salvaging a real estate investment rather than for the purpose of rescuing our air program which is definitely in jeopardy."

Pierce recalled a meeting in July, 1940, attended by Washington and Oregon members of congress and OPM advisers on power and metals.

"The congressional delegation pressed for the immediate utilization of the Columbia river power for the production of light metals," Pierce said.

"The OPM representatives countered with the statement that there were sufficient supplies of these metals and that there was no justification of further utilization of Bonneville power in their production."

"I so resented the neglectful and careless attitude of OPM advisers that I constantly brought it to the attention of the public and the house."

WOMAN SLASHES WRIST IN JAIL

Using a fingernail file, Mrs. Marie Jeffers, 613 SE Ash street, Portland, was reported by Salem police Monday night to have slashed her left wrist shortly after being booked here on a drunk-and-disorderly charge. Local first aid officers, called to the scene, said only "slight" injury was caused.

Mrs. Jeffers, officers said, aroused attention by outcries while the matron was busy getting bedding.

Scouts Discuss Styles of Hats

Explorer scouts of troop 8 met at the First Presbyterian church Monday night. Those present were: Dan Norris, Dave Weston, Frank Southwick, Don Douris and Bill Burns. They discussed styles of hats to go with their official uniforms and voted on a western style. They then worked on a craft project for vacation church school.

Patrolman H. L. Baker reports that pictures had been shattered, the radio wrecked, furniture upholstery slashed and acid poured on the lawn by vandals.

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Mickey Rooney, Lewis Stone, Ann Rutherford
"Andy Hardy's Private Secretary"
Time 2:25 - 5:45 - 8:57
Plus 2nd Hit
Constance Bennett, Pat O'Brien
"Escape to Glory"
Time
12:50 - 4:05 - 7:20 - 10:35
Added
Mickey Mouse Cartoon

Something New Under the Sea
800 SEATS
20c

EL SINORE
LAST TIMES TODAY
"I WANTED WINGS"
Starring Ray Milland, Wm. Holden, Wayne Morris, Brian Donlevy
Plus 2nd Hit
"Singapore Woman"
Brenda Marshall, David Bruce
Coming Wednesday, 2 Hits

THE PEOPLE vs. DEKILBARE
Law and Order
AYRES - BARRYMORE
Lundquist
DAYS GRANVILLE
A Home-Action-New Picture

"ROAR OF THE PRESS"
Jean Parker
Plus Latest
"March of Time"

SPECIAL WED. NIGHT
FREE To the Ladies!
Constance Bennett
COSMETICS

CAPITOL
STARTS TONITE
Dick and Andy track down the one who killed "Doc" Robin!
Richard ARLEN and DEVINE
A DANGEROUS GAME
Jeanne KELLY - Vince BARNETT
COMPANION FEATURE
SHARK
A Thousand Terrors!
WOMAN
LOVE IN A NIGHT
FULL OF DANGER
AND THRILLS!!
Where it is low that lovers must live...
perish together!