

# Allied Forces Enter Damascus as Vichy French Leave Capital

## Defense Withdraws to Save City From Shellfire; Somaliland Is Given Ultimatum by British

By The Associated Press

Allied forces entered Damascus late Saturday night upon the withdrawal of French troops who announced a wish to spare the ancient city from shellfire on the steadily advancing attackers.

This allied triumph in the two-weeks old Levant war and a great aerial duel between the RAF and the Luftwaffe went ahead in the international news against a background of diplomacy, propaganda, nerves and rumor behind the scenes.

A Beirut communiqué said that "in order to avoid fighting in the suburbs and streets, French troops have evacuated Damascus and our forces have taken up new positions outside the town."

A Beirut dispatch to Vichy said that 80,000 of Beirut's 180,000 inhabitants had fled that city to avoid British bombardment.

Taken together the reports meant that Damascus, 4000-year-old capital of Syria, had been surrendered to the British and free French siege forces while coastal Beirut, capital of Lebanon, was increasingly threatened.

Capture of both Damascus and Beirut might mean collapse of the Vichy resistance which had turned the "protection" offensive of the allies into a bloody struggle of old comrades-in-arms.

The British and De Gaulists said that Lebanon and Syria had to be wrested from Vichy lest they become bases for German operations against Britain's positions in the near east, including the vital Suez canal and the Alexandria naval base.

A Vichy report that the British had delivered an ultimatum to French Somaliland, giving that east African colony's administration the choice of joining the De Gaulists or undergoing a starvation blockade, gave promise of an extension of the struggle between Vichy and London.

"This ultimatum, without precedent in history, means condemnation to a slow death by famine of a population living in a land totally uncultivated with the intention of forcing it to declare a rebellion against the fa-

therland," said a Vichy note to Britain and the United States.

Washington struck a swifter tempo in its duel with the axis, parrying one thrust and delivering a whole series of its own.

1. Completing the round of such actions among the United States, Germany and Italy, Washington ordered all Italian consulates in this country closed and consular officials removed from American soil before July 15, along with all agencies and organizations of the fascist government except the Italian embassy.

2. Foregoing diplomatic custom, which would have called for a separate note, President Roosevelt ordered the state department to deliver to Germany, for its information, a copy of the president's message to congress yesterday in which he called the German sinking of the American freighter Robin Moor "the act of an international outlaw."

This was done, of course, with polite formality. Undersecretary Welles' accompanying note to the German charge d'affaires ended with the customary "Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration." A strong note demanding reparations for the sinking is expected to follow.

3. President Roosevelt approved a bill giving him virtually unlimited authority to regulate the comings and goings of aliens and citizens into and out of the United States — a further move to check espionage or subversive activities.

Those were the principal thrusts. The parry was instructions to embassies at Berlin and Rome, which now are arranging for the return of all American consular officials in Germany and Italy, to reject categorically allegations of the axis governments that the consuls had overstepped their offices.

## Salem Resident Taken by Death

Carl E. Reynolds, salesman for several years with the Jenks-White seed company, died at a local hospital on Friday after being brought here from a Portland hospital a week ago. He had undergone an operation at the Portland hospital in May, but when his condition was reported serious, was brought to Salem.

He has been in ill health since suffering from an injury in an elevator accident two years ago.

Reynolds was born at Carmel, Indiana on May 27, 1880 and came to Salem over 40 years ago. He is survived by his widow, Ona E. Reynolds, a son, Edwin, of Everett, Wash.; daughters, Mrs. Irma Griffith of Eugene and Audrey Ann Reynolds of Salem; grandson, Danny Carl Reynolds. His home was at 1340 Fir street.

## Picking Begins On Loganberries

MISSION BOTTOM—Bert L. Jones started picking loganberries Saturday and boysenberries will follow soon. Fred Viesko will commence picking boysenberries Monday.

The recent rains have been of benefit to the berries, flax and growing grains but all of the first cutting of alfalfa has been ruined.

The cherries were damaged greatly, pastures have more grass than has been common for many years. Sheep and cattle are in prime condition. Mildew in the late hops is a serious affair and fuggles are not badly damaged.

There are many fine gardens due to so much natural moisture. V. O. Kelley reports flax 30 inches tall.

## The "Cascadian" Derailed; Three Are Injured



The locomotive and mail car of the Great Northern's "Cascadian" lean against an embankment after the train jumped the track near Everett, Wash., injuring three members of the crew.

## Logger Union Names Chiefs At Silverton

SILVERTON, June 21.—Election of officers of the newly formed AFL union at the Silver Falls Timber company was held Saturday afternoon with George Christiansen named president.

Other officers are Delbert Bowe, vice-president; James Neal, recording secretary; E. A. Finlay, financial secretary; O. W. Olson, treasurer; C. E. Higinbotham, conductor; John Gerhke, warden; George Towe, A. B. Anderson and Clarence Plank, trustees; George Christiansen, Lester Whitlock, Joe Clancy, Randall Biale, W. W. Neal and A. V. Anderson, conference. The first business meeting will be held June 27.

Employees of the broom handle factory of the company, local 2532 of the carpenters and joiners union, formerly with the IEU, voted to affiliate with the AFL and joined up 100 per cent. They elected new officers with the following results: Lyle Pettit, president; John Neal, vice-president; Floyd Verbeck, treasurer; John Bowman, secretary; Charles Borte, conductor; and Arthur Anderson and L. Oren, trustees. Charter night will be July 12.

## Kennedy Elected

PORTLAND, June 21.—(P)—E. H. Kennedy of Salem was elected president of the Oregon Association of Cleaners and Dyers at the closing session of the fifth annual convention here Saturday.

## Field Mission Worker Speaks Today

Tonight old members of the First Presbyterian church will have as their special speaker Rachel Benfer, field secretary for the national board of home missions of the Presbyterian church.

She will speak on "Salty Disciples." Special music will be furnished by a mixed quartet and by a young people's choir of 25 voices directed by Virginia Ward Elliott.

The morning service will be featured by the singing of two anthems by the senior vested choir, "O for a Closer Walk with God," and "Arie, O Lord." Rev. W. Irvin Williams will speak on the theme, "Obedience."

A special rally for all the young people's groups of the church will be held Sunday at 5:30 o'clock. A song service will be held. Miss Rachel Benfer will speak on "Unputdownables."

At the youth fellowship meeting following church, final plans will be made by the members of a party which will climb Mt. Hood Monday and Tuesday.

## Roadway Granted

ALBANY, June 21.—(P)—Additional right-of-way on an eight-mile highway section between Mema and Mill City, required of Linn county in a state highway department contract, has assured the county court that the strip would be included in the North Santiam highway.

## Two Men Die As New B26 Bomber Falls

BALTIMORE, June 21.—(P)—A new Martin B-26 bomber crashed and burned near the Glenn L. Martin airplane plant Saturday minutes after it was accepted by the US army, killing two men.

The dead were identified by Martin officials as Lieut. Col. Elmer B. Perrin and A. J. Bowman, a civilian army inspector. Cause of the crash was undetermined, but some observers reported the ship "seemed to backfire, smoke burst from it," and it dove into a heavily wooded section on Carroll's island, a mile from the Martin airport.

The plane had been flown before by company pilots on test flights.

## Davis Named To Succeed Dykstra

WASHINGTON, June 21.—(P)—William H. Davis, vice chairman of the defense mediation board, was chosen Saturday to succeed Clarence A. Dykstra as chairman. The White House announced that President Roosevelt would appoint the 61-year-old New Yorker to direct the board when Dykstra quits on July 1 to devote his full time to the presidency of the University of Wisconsin.

## First of "Crete Mock Battles" Held at Fort Lewis With 200 Parachutes and Dummies

FORT LEWIS, June 21.—(P)—The battle of Crete was reenacted Friday on the hills and fields of the Fort Lewis reservation when planes from nearby McChord field dropped 200 parachutes carrying dummy troops while anti-aircraft troops peppered them from below with machine gun bullets.

According to Col. Edward C. Dohm, commanding officer of the 205th coast artillery (anti-aircraft), the maneuver is the first of its kind to be held in the United States. The results were "entirely satisfactory and if the sandbags tied onto the parachutes had been men, not one of them would have landed alive," Col. Dohm said.

While troopers held tense fingers on the triggers of the 12 30-caliber machine guns, and 40 men with rifles flanked them on either side, six army bombers gracefully wheeled over the area and blotted out the sky with parachutes.

The parachutes, borrowed from the forest ranger service, were smaller than the 16-foot army issue but were good targets for the anti-aircraft regiment. Each chute was found to be full of holes when it reached the ground.

A fast B-25 glide bomber, also from McChord field, dropped two dummies (named Mike and Ike by the troopers) about a quarter mile from a battery of riflemen, who were sent running over the hill with fixed bayonets to give them a warm welcome on landing.

The dummies were well bayoneted when officers retrieved them.

CAMP MURRAY, June 21.—(P)—Cadet students of the reserve officers' training corps from a dozen colleges in the nation began arriving here Friday for a six-weeks' extensive training program which comes to a close July 31.

The future reserve officers will be instructed in every phase of military life and will spend the entire period living in tents and participating in maneuvers on the Fort Lewis reservation.

Colonel T. K. P. Stillwell, from Washington State college and commanding officer of the camp, said he expected 525 students to come from as far east as Cornell university at Ithaca, N.Y.

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## Lebanon Man Buried Friday

LEBANON — Milton Bradley Hickox, 75, who came here from South Dakota 11 years ago, died at the family home in Lebanon after a long illness, Wednesday. Funeral services were held Friday.

Survivors include his wife and son, Howard, and brother, Clay Hickox, in Lebanon.

## Willamette Valley Briefs

### Band Picnics Today

MT. ANGEL—Two picnics are scheduled for Mt. Angel societies during the coming week. Today all past and present members of the Mt. Angel band are invited to a picnic at the farm home of Andrew Schmidt, leader of the band.

Next Sunday the boys and girls of the Young Men's and Young Ladies societies will hold their annual picnic at Island park, near Canby.

### Anniversaries Noted

FOX VALLEY—June 19th marked the 32d wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, Fox Valley and the 25th anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. George R. Clippell, Fox Valley. June 20 is the 21st anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bodeker, Lyons.

### Takes Training

JEFFERSON—Russell Miller left Thursday for Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he will take six weeks in advanced military training. He has been attending Oregon State college for the past three years, majoring in forestry.

### Folk Song Featured

MT. ANGEL—"Calypso," the native folk song of the Ireland of Trinidad, British West Indies, will be featured in an entertainment at the Mt. Angel auditorium Tuesday, July 1 at 8:30 p. m., by natives of the island brought here through Rev. Basil Matthews, Trinidad.

### Recuperates at Home

SCIO—Lester Shimanek was at his farm home near Scio this week, recuperating from a knee injury while working in the timber. He was in a Lebanon hospital for a short time.

### USO Quota Exceeded

INDEPENDENCE — In dependence went over the top in its quota of \$150 for the USO according to the committee, James H. Hart and William J. Darling, appointed to raise the funds.

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