

Turkey Avoids War Entry

Prepares Army, Coordinates With Allies

By WILLIAM KING

ANKARA, Jan. 20 (Delayed) (AP)—Turkish war plans have been developed to the point where the step from neutrality to belligerency need take only a few hours.

Day and night work by the general staff had brought both offensive and defensive arrangements up to the minute.

Younger, modern minded officers have been placed in command of key units as well as on the general staff.

The army is keyed up with expectancy.

Talks with the allies have given the turks a clear idea of how Anglo-Turkish forces might best coordinate their efforts.

Coastal forces have been rushed toward readiness.

Despite all this, Turkey's entry into the war still is dependent upon a myriad of extraneous conditions.

She will not enter the war unless she has what she considers adequate arms from Anglo-American arsenals. She frankly hopes the war will come to a sudden end and obviate the necessity of her participation.

Doubt and fears of Russia also give Turkey caution. The situation, was eased by the Cairo conference, has been irritated again by the Russo-Polish controversy.

Turkey feels keenly her position as a small nation and thinks the outcome of the Polish border dispute might be a clear indication of what she may expect in the postwar world.

"If a sacrifice on the allied side is no guarantee of security when the allies win, why should we sacrifice any of our arms or cities in the war?" a prominent Turk said to me.

Turkey's preparations cannot be secret from the Germans. If they irk Hitler to the point where he strikes the first blow, Turkey will fight all out.

If the nazis ignore these warlike moves, there is more than an even chance that Turkey will get into the war only after the allies have taken a firm foothold on the Balkan peninsula, or may stay out altogether.

Turks constantly reiterate that Turkey has nothing to gain from belligerency except, perhaps, a voice at the peace conference.

"We want a voice in the post-war world," said one Turk, "but we are unwilling to swap the city of Istanbul for a seat at the peace conference."

With Germans still maintaining airfields in a crescent from Crete to the Crimea, Turkey is as exposed as a circus performer whose head is in the lion's mouth.

Turks shudder to think of bombs erasing the hard work of the last two decades of modernization.

Chicken-Hearted Reporters Suffer GI Homesickness

By KENNETH L. DIXON

WITH THE AFL IN ITALY, Jan. 19.—(Delayed) (AP)—If you prefer to believe in that old myth about war correspondents being mighty men with nerves of steel, blase boys without feeling, weaknesses or worries, just skip this column and turn on over to the classified ads.

For war correspondents, at least in this theatre, are just like other people, only more so.

In the first place, there's a vast difference between the cosmopolitan foreign correspondent of other more normal days and the reporters who have left their city beats to follow the home town boys to the battlefield.

They volunteered for the job because there's a war to cover, because it's the world's biggest story right now, and because the guys they used to write about back home are over here now.

But like those GI's, they, too get homesick. They, too, get scared and sick and worried about their families, and when they miss their mail they wail louder than any soldier you ever saw.

You see their bylines, read their stories from all parts of the world and probably imagine them right in "the thick of things."

But from where they sit their little section of the war seems lost and out of the shuffle. Often they go or months without seeing a clipping of their story, meaning pounding it out day after day and wondering if it's getting through and being used.

By the time they finally see clippings of their stories they are so old they no longer seem to be of any importance.

Contrary to popular opinion, most war correspondents do not maintain prompt cable contact with their home offices or families. Some of those in the main bureaus at the cable heads do, but the ones out in the field sometimes get cables as much as a month late.

And letters usually arrive later for the reporters than for the soldiers they write about because they shift their location so much that their mail must be forwarded from one APO to another.

One of the most unexpected sights I've seen in that respect was a world famous war correspondent sitting disconsolately on an army cot while a private from his home town read him scraps of news in the form of excerpts from his own mail.

As far as the old "nerves of steel" fable is concerned, it just ain't so in 99 per cent of the cases, any more than it's so about 99 per cent of the soldiers. They all agree that they're scared to death when the going gets rough. The point is that they keep going.

One night after the fall of San Pietro a bunch of the boys got together, talked over their close calls and formed the "Amalgamated Association of Chicken-Hearted Correspondents." The only membership requirement was that

a regimental intelligence officer told them "You're crazy to go in there now. Better wait a couple of days until it cools off."

Like the average soldier, the average war reporter looks forward to the time when he can go home again. But if he had to do it all over again he'd be right back over here somewhere.

Which is why many a soldier says they're crazy.

But the reporter usually replies that, after all, he's got it softer than the soldier. He can always grab his pencil and notebook and run if the shooting gets too hot, and the soldier can't.

Club Leaders Visit Union Hill Member

UNION HILL — Amos Bierly, county 4H club leader and L. J. Allen, assistant state club leader of Corvallis, called Thursday on Guy Scott, 4H cattle club boy who is raising Hereford beef steers. They also visited the Union Hill school.

Oregon Man Wins Award, Photography

WASHINGTON, DC, Jan. 22.—Lt. Col. Gerald Fitzgerald, a native of Burns, Ore., today on his 45th birthday anniversary was presented the Sherman Mills Fairchild award for his outstanding achievements in the aerial photography field.

The award was presented by Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air forces, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Photogrammetrists. Donor of the award is Sherman M. Fairchild, chairman of the board of directors of Fairchild Aviation corporation, who, through his experiments in designing an improved between-the-lens camera shutter, and new types of aerial cameras, opened a wide new field for aerial photographers, whose work has been

one of the biggest single factors contributing to American success in this war.

Col. Fitzgerald was selected for the award as the man who made the most valuable technical contribution to the now-famous tri-metrogon mapping method. He was also responsible for the organization, operation and supervision of all units engaged in tri-metrogon compilation for the aeronautical charting program during 1943.

Up to the time of Pearl Harbor, Gen. Arnold pointed out as he presented the Fairchild silver plaque, only 750,000 square miles of the US and its territories had been mapped. But as the result of the institution of the tri-metrogon method, 6,000,000 square miles have now been mapped.

Tri-Metrogon mapping simply means the utilization of three wide angle cameras so placed in an airplane as to secure aerial photographs of the landscape from one horizon to the other.

Druggist Buys Farm From Parr Estate

WOODBURN—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McGrath have purchased the Charles Parr residence on East Cleveland from the Parr estate, and expect to move there in the near future.

Mr. McGrath is the proprietor of the highway drug store near the eastern end of Young street.

Former Ration Clerk Returns From Visit

SILVERTON — Miss Juanita Moe has returned from Missoula, Mont., where she spent several days visiting. Miss Moe will go to Parkland, Wash., this week, to resume her studies at Pacific Lutheran college. For the past several months, prior to going to Montana, Miss Moe was junior clerk at the local ration board.

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SECOND FLOOR

Elect New President Of Turner Society

TURNER — The Sisterhood society of the Christian church met Thursday to elect new officers. Mrs. Elsie Whiteaker was elected president for the coming year, succeeding Mrs. Henry Leep; Mrs. Florence Parr, vice president; Mrs. Homer Haggard, secretary, and Mrs. Mary Standley, treasurer, were all three re-elected.

Later, Mrs. Parr served refreshments to Mrs. Gene Robinson, Mrs. Stoe Farrell, Mrs. George Good, Mrs. C. F. Trimble, Mrs. W. H. Griffin, Mrs. Mary Standley, Mrs. Homer Haggard and Mrs. Henry Leep.

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