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Weather

Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday fair. Moderate northwest wind. Friday max. 61, min. 49. Rain .01 in. River 3.2 ft. West wind, partly cloudy.

Oregon Plans Golden Gate Fair Display

Reds and Nazis Plan Coup to Seize Mexico

Dies Says Revolution Plotted to Set up Puppet Government

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Rep. Dies (D-Texas) said today he had information that Russia and Germany were plotting to bring on a revolution in Mexico and set up a puppet government on the door-step of the United States.

The house investigator told newsmen that communist Russia was keeping alive, for use in a Mexican upheaval, "the same organizations" which functioned in the Spanish civil war.

This information, the Texan declared, constituted one of the reasons why his committee on un-American activities was questioning veterans of the Abraham Lincoln brigade, an organization of Americans who fought for the Barcelona government in Spain.

To Seek Recruits

Dies said that 5,000 to 6,000 Americans were recruited by communists for the brigade and that a military force of similar strength "might turn the decision" in Mexico. He was informed, he added, that communist organizations in the United States were prepared to begin a new recruiting drive for a Mexican coup.

The committee head said that his informants included "elective officials" in Mexico and "one or two United States senators," all of whose names he withheld. Among the things they told him, he declared, was that 10,000 communists already had moved into Mexico from Spain and France.

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Allies Purchase New Warplanes

Washington, April 13 (AP)—The army today released a fifth type of new American warplane—a Douglas attack bomber—for sale to the allied powers, which are expediting contracts for around \$1,000,000,000 worth of U. S. planes.

Final arrangements for release of this type were completed at the war department between representatives of the Douglas Aircraft Manufacturing company and the army.

The war department does not carry on direct negotiations with the allied purchasing mission in this country, but authorizes the manufacturer to sell to the allies the specific types released.

The allied mission was reported to have signed initial contracts with manufacturers after yielding to an ultimatum that it pay part of the cost of developing still better planes for the U. S. army.

The "take-it-or-leave-it" ultimatum was delivered by Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., chairman of President Roosevelt's special committee to coordinate foreign purchases, after army officials insisted that if planes developed for the army are to be released to the mission, the cost of producing better ones must be shared by the allies.

Cold Wave in East Heat Spell in West

Winter paid a belated visit to virtually all of the United States east of the Rocky mountains today (Saturday) carrying temperatures below freezing almost to the gulf coast as a premature heat wave brought 100-degree weather to the southern Pacific slope.

At least seven deaths were charged to the wintry flareback that spread from one to five inches of snow from Indiana to North Carolina.

Farm experts feared young cotton plants and fruit trees suffered extensive damage but they will be unable to determine the extent of the loss for several days. Grain crops likewise were damaged in many areas.

Meantime, warmer weather to the northwest indicated normal spring temperatures were on the way back and Weather Forecaster J. R. Lloyd at Kansas City ventured the prediction they would remain this time.

Nebraska temperatures rose to the low fifties yesterday after touching

Allies Reported Landing Troops At Narvik

Norse Attacking Nazi Army of Occupation—Sweden Prepares to Fight

(By Associated Press) Stockholm, April 13 (by radio)—A new and unconfirmed report said today that several large British warships were landing troops at Narvik, Norway, under heavy bombardment from German planes and land forces.

Norwegian troops also were said to be attacking the German army of occupation, during heavy fighting which lasted all morning and resulted in heavy losses for both sides.

Sweden made urgent preparations to fight, if necessary, in defense of her neutrality while German troops and warplanes strengthened the Nazi hold on Norway.

Along the southern Swedish coast, airfields were packed with parked taxicabs and other automobiles to prevent airplanes from landing.

Fighting Near Oslo

In Norway, meanwhile, a German force broke through Norwegian defenses between Moss, 5 miles south of Oslo, and Holen, 10 miles closer to the capital. Since the Germans were advancing toward Oslo they were presumed to be newly landed troops pushing up the shore of Oslo fjord to join the invaders' expeditionary army.

Advices reaching here said the German advance caught the Norwegians by surprise and they had no time to meet it.

Defense troops, holding positions along the narrow fjord, had established a semi-circular line from Moss to Holen, east to Mysen, northward, east of the River Glommen and Lake Ornen to Romerike, thence southward to Tyrlfjord and Vikesund, which is about 30 miles west of Oslo.

Bridge Dynamited

Fortifications were being thrown up in the valleys to the northwest to bolster the ring.

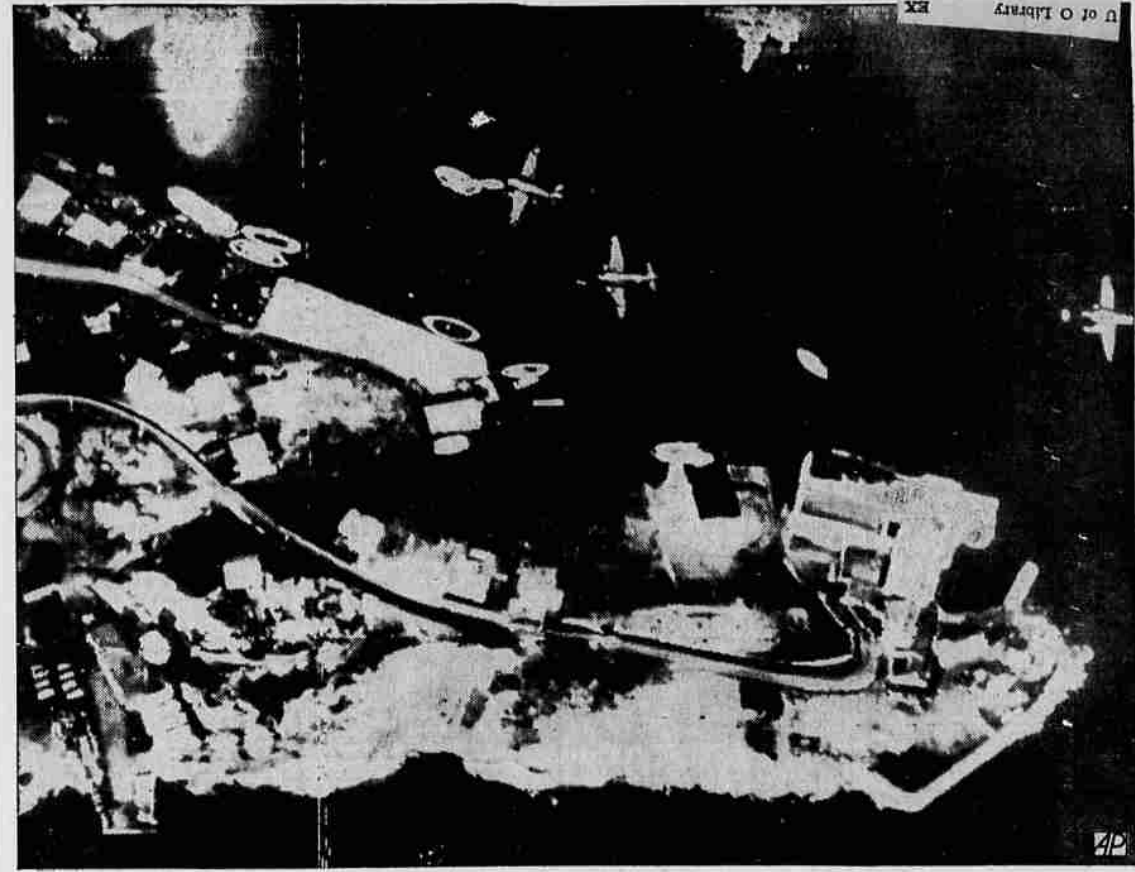
The German advance from Moss was said to have been accomplished in commandeered buses and automobiles and to have been impeded, at least briefly, when a bridge was dynamited as the first bus crossed a stream.

Refugees from the Holan region reached Stockholm by automobile today and said they had been ordered by Norwegian police to speed for the Swedish frontier to keep their motorcade from falling into the hands of the advancing Germans.

The Germans, however, were reported harassing within Oslo when Norwegians blew up a large dam at nearby Solbergafors and cut off the city's electricity.

German Transport Sunk by Norwegians

London, April 13 (AP)—A German transport, near Hagesund, has been sunk by the Norwegian destroyer Draug, which imprisoned 67 men from the Nazi ship, a Reuters (British) news agency report from Stockholm said today.



British Bomb Staanger Port

London, April 13 (AP)—British warplanes bombed the German-held southwestern Norwegian port of Stavanger today, a British announcement said.

The announcement said it was believed that extensive damage was done to a hangar and one airport. It added that the rear gunner of one British plane, although wounded, shot down an enemy fighter plane in flames.

A communiqué said: "During this morning aircraft of the coastal command reconnoitered the aerodrome at Stavanger. Salvoes of heavy bombs were dropped and it is believed, that extensive damage was done to a hangar and an aircraft on which mechanics were seen working."

"One of our aircraft was repeatedly attacked by a twin-engine enemy fighter, which fired several bursts at very close range. The rear gunner of the British aircraft, although wounded, continued to fire until the enemy fighter went down in flames."

Baltic Sealed By Mine Field

London, April 13 (AP)—With the sealing of the Baltic sea by a gigantic mine field planted in its North sea approaches, including the Skagerrak and the Kattegat, the British and French allied navies counted on bottling up the remaining German fleet and the invading action of mechanized forces such as subdued Poland in less than a month and moved into Denmark almost without opposition.

Geography, however, also offered serious tactical difficulties to the allies in any attempt to land forces to aid the Norwegians.

The broken coasts were deep, narrow inlets are readily defended. Unless troops are landed by stealth and surprise, as the Germans were Tuesday, they could be chopped down by a few machine gunners, these observers said.

British Bomb Staanger Port

Picture Backs Up British Claim They Bombed Bergen—This aerial view made from a British airplane shows, according to a British approved captain, four seaplanes moored in the harbor of Bergen during a Royal Air Force raid on this German-held Norwegian city. The white blob at upper left is described as a falling bomb. This picture was radiocast from London to New York. — Associated Press Photo.

Eye Dewey Drive; Rogers Nabs Plum

By Harry Crain The drive of the presidential nomination campaign forces of Thomas E. Dewey to place their candidate in a position to inherit the votes of Oregon's 10 republican convention delegates, if and when they are released by Senator Charles L. McNary, has been the political feature of the past week.

The drive was highlighted by a personal visit to Portland and Salem of Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, co-director of the Dewey campaign organization, who during yesterday and today has been devoting most of her time to prearranged personal conferences with prospective republican delegates and those persons considered in a position to exercise influence upon the delegation.

Mrs. Simms in Salem This morning Mrs. Simms made a flying trip to Salem to keep a breakfast engagement with Governor and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague at the Sprague home, and then rushed back to Portland to continue her conferences.

Reports from Portland assert that invitations to confer with Mrs. Simms were extended to all 25 of the republican candidates for the 10 places on the delegation, which will be pledged through the preferential primary to Senator McNary, but that only five of them showed up to fill the proffered appointments. DNB said in claiming that the sinking of the York had been confirmed.

Finley Asks Study Of Valley Project

Portland, April 13 (AP)—William L. Finley, naturalist and conservationist, recommended a thorough study from all points of view today before making further commitments on the Willamette valley project.

The naturalist, commenting on Rep. Angell's request for another \$5,000,000 allotment, asserted there were greater needs in the valley than expensive flood control and irrigation. He said flood damage at long intervals was not extensive and abundant rainfall removed the necessity of vast irrigation systems.

Finley added that protection of scenery, fish and game, elimination of stream pollution and development of recreational values were worth millions of dollars to Oregon.

Two Railway Lines Will Be Completed

Ankara, Turkey, April 13 (AP)—A sum of 10,000,000 pounds (currently about \$15,000,000) was appropriated today for completion of two strategic railway lines to the frontiers of Iraq and Iran (Persia).

King Haakon to Stay in Norway

Stockholm, Sweden, April 13 (AP)—King Haakon of Norway said in an interview published today by the newspaper Svenska Dagbladet that he would remain in his country so long as there remained a single inch of Norwegian soil.

"My ministers can visit Sweden, my people can evacuate to Sweden," he said. "I will have to stay."

The 67 year old king, interviewed at an unspecified place in Norway, said: "I am completely exhausted, without sleep or rest. Since I left Oslo Thursday I have not taken off my shoes and I have hardly slept. All civilization seems to have come to an end. I cannot understand how such terrible things can happen. I can no longer be sure of anything."

FDR to Await GOP Convention

Washington, April 13 (AP)—Usually reliable sources predicted today that President Roosevelt would withhold any statement regarding a third term until after the republican convention June 24.

Two administration senators, who declined to be quoted by name, said they had heard from presidential advisors that Mr. Roosevelt wanted to study the republican nominees and platform before announcing his own intentions.

These senators observed that the democratic convention had been delayed until after the republican meeting at Philadelphia in order to give the democrats any strategic advantage which might be gained from keeping the opposition guessing. This strategy, they added, virtually would be destroyed if Mr. Roosevelt made any third term declaration before the republicans met.

Meanwhile, Senator Lee (D-Okla.) a third term advocate, told reporters the president was making himself available for the nomination by his silence.

"The tradition against a third term would make it awkward for him to announce as a candidate," Lee said. "The nomination must come from the rank and file of the democrats."

Lee contended that in view of the war situation abroad, "the president certainly can't take himself out of the race."

Willamette Yields Body of Woman

Portland, April 13 (AP)—The body of a woman, about 43, her face bruised and cut as though from blows, was recovered today from the Willamette river.

Detective Captain J. J. Keegan said the body apparently had been in the water only a few hours. Detectives are attempting to determine whether she was slain and thrown into the stream or was injured after falling in.

Berlin Claims Sinking of Two British Subs

Surprised by Planes In North Sea—Germany Takes Norse Ships

Berlin, April 13 (AP)—The German high command announced today that two British submarines had been sunk in the North sea by German battle planes which surprised them just as they rose to the surface.

The same high command announcement said the German air force lost five planes in yesterday's bitter air battle over the Norwegian port of Bergen, revising upwards its previous figure of two.

The Germans claim the British lost ten planes in this encounter. Germany today took over Norwegian ships in Norwegian harbors occupied by German forces and German crews were placed aboard the vessels, the official news agency DNB announced.

Positions Strengthened

Meanwhile the German sources reported that the German positions in Norway were being strengthened by the hour, with reinforcements reaching Oslo "in large numbers" and with German heavy artillery reaching Trondheim to strengthen the coast defenses.

German occupation troops east of Narvik, far northern Norwegian port, have taken possession of the rail line to the Swedish border, DNB said.

Germany reported that Britain was hammering away at German positions on the Norwegian coast, but doing so ineffectively, losing 12 planes yesterday while the Germans were losing only two.

The Germans said the British had not attempted to land anywhere in Norway.

Stavanger Raid

The most effective British raid, German sources indicated, was at Stavanger, where the bombers came in waves but were met promptly by a strong German anti-aircraft fire. Reports from German quarters said that only one English plane penetrated the air barrage far enough to drop effective bombs. One bomb burst near a barracks occupied by Germans, slightly injuring three soldiers eating lunch, according to reports in Berlin.

The British lost eight planes in an ineffectual assault on the German-held Norwegian port of Bergen, the high command asserted, and later DNB said that two additional planes were destroyed in this action.

Queen Elizabeth In Radio Broadcast

London, April 13 (AP)—Queen Elizabeth in her second radio speech of the war tonight told the Young Women's Christian Association here and "on the other side of the Atlantic" that "Christian standards and values are being challenged at all points."

The queen spoke on the occasion of the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Y.W.C.A. She said that "a purely material conception of life is being offered" to the world in place of Christian standards.

Although telegraphic communication with neutral countries was resumed last night via Germany, after a three-day shut-down, telephone communication with the outside world still was prohibited and there was no indication when normal transportation facilities would be restored.

Thus far authorities have not announced what steps would be taken with reference to the citizens of belligerent nations now in Denmark. American citizens expected, however, that they would have no trouble in leaving the country when transportation is available.

Meanwhile, a German trade commission began negotiations with the Danish government in an effort to reorganize Denmark's economy.

Sprague Names Board to Stage Fair Exhibit

Cost to be Defrayed from Other Sources Than Emergency Board

Notwithstanding the refusal of the state emergency board to appropriate funds for an Oregon exhibit at the San Francisco exposition this year, Governor Charles A. Sprague declared today in announcing the appointment of a new board of fair commissioners who have volunteered to serve at their own expense.

The emergency board, the governor said, will not be asked to reconsider its recent action in turning down a request for an appropriation of \$10,500.

By adding \$8000 from the travel promotion funds of the state highway commission, which the governor has approved, to an unexpended balance of \$7000 in the world's fair commission \$15,000 will be available for the exhibit, which will be supplemented by the cooperation that has been volunteered by industrial and agricultural interests.

Banfield Chairman

I. H. Banfield, president of the Iron Pipeman company of Portland and former member of the capital reconstruction commission, will head the new commission, which will include: Mrs. Quincy Scott, Portland, former Governor A. W. Norblad of Astoria, Leo Adler, Baker publication distributor.

I have had so many expressions from people in various parts of the state urging our participation in this exposition, that I feel justified in appointing a commission to proceed with plans for Oregon's participation using available money without any supplement from the emergency fund," said Governor Sprague.

Cooperation Offered

"We have also been assured of the cooperation of numerous industrial and agricultural interests, so that I believe it will be possible to make a creditable showing at the exposition."

The new commission will hold its initial meeting in Portland next Monday.

Wounded Pilot Brings Ship In

London, April 13 (AP)—The crew of a British coastal command plane which yesterday scouted German troops and ships along 50 miles of southwestern Norway's shore told this tale of their adventure today:

A burst of shots from a German ground battery ripped into the plane and struck the pilot in the head. Dripping blood, he climbed into a cloud bank, only to be warned by the rear gunner that the starboard engine was losing oil. The engine quit at 4,000 feet, but the wounded pilot brought the plane limping home on the port engine, although the wings and tail were a mass of bullet holes.

Foreign Envoys Leave Denmark for Holland

Copenhagen, April 13 (AP)—The British, French and Polish ministers and their staffs departed today for the neutral Netherlands, leaving behind hundreds of their nationals still seeking means of getting out of German-occupied Denmark.

Many of these frantic foreigners turned for aid to the United States legation which, already busy handling the affairs of some 700 Americans, was expected to take care of British and French interests in the emergency.

Among those seeking help were scores of business men and their families, university students, Polish refugees and German Jews who were caught unprepared by the swiftness of the Nazi invasion.

The train bearing the departing ministers—Howard Smith of Britain, Jean Bonafant-Sibour of France and Jan Staszewski of Poland—was scheduled to reach The Netherlands' frontier Sunday.