

RAF STRIKES HARD AT NEW OFFENSIVE BASES IN GREECE

Middle-Eastern Force Takes Cognizance of German Massing Air, Sea Power.

By the Associated Press
Britain's Middle Eastern air force appeared today for the first time at a potential, new axis offensive in the Mediterranean region with submarines on war industries, a submarine base and air-dromes in Greece and Crete.

The raids, carried out Tuesday night, were reportedly only today in the Cairo RAF communique which also told of fresh air assaults on Britain's mid-Mediterranean base of Malta.

New Venture Seen

For days now, since the Germans started their retreat in Russia, there have been signs that Adolf Hitler, now his own commander in chief, was preparing for some new, face-saving venture somewhere along the Mediterranean.

There have been repeated reports of a massing of German airpower in Greece, including planes withdrawn from Russia.

An observer arriving recently at Istanbul, Turkey, from Greece, told allied authorities that the Germans were building new airports in Greece and on the Greek islands close to Turkey, at the same time practicing air invasion tactics similar to those used against Crete.

New airfields were said to have been laid out on the islands of Mytilene, Chios and Samos, all less than 15 minutes by air from the Turkish shore and the Dardanelles. An axis submarine force also was reported being concentrated in the Aegean sea.

The RAF communique now has underlined those reports.

Hits Scored

"Direct hits were scored on munitions factories and a submarine base at Salamis while at Piraeus (Athens' port) green explosions followed by orange-colored flame resulted from an attack on chemical works and oil installations," it said.

Unspecified objectives were hit at Malemi, Crete and bombs dropped on the airfield at Candia, capital of Crete, Greek island which British empire forces lost to the Germans "vertical envelopment" following the Nazi conquest of Greece proper.

Jap Plane Blown to Bits at Hickam



Literally blown to bits, a Japanese plane, which was among the invaders in the surprise attack on the army's Hickam Field, litters the ground near a CCC camp at Honolulu.

The Red army opened the new year today with the announcement of an enormous new victory on the Moscow front and a menacing Crimean peninsula drive as British sources predicted terrific new bombing onslaughts on Germany during 1942.

Besides recapturing Kaluga, important railway center 110 miles southwest of Moscow, smashing Col. Gen. Guderian's tank command and routing an estimated force of 250,000 nazis before Moscow, the Red army claimed it had destroyed a brigade of Hitler's handpicked elite guards who had been flown 750 miles from Krakow to halt them and was beating its way forward on both the Leningrad and Crimean fronts.

Germans, Moscow said, were leaving their wounded together with their arms in deep snow as they drew westward before the Russian offensive. Possession of the rail junction of Novy Kirishi was also claimed.

Pincers Threaten

With the capture of Kaluga and that previously announced of Volokolamsk, 65 miles northwest of Moscow, British war experts said the Russians were in a position to close the jaws of a high pincer—a favorite German practice—upon the Nazi spearhead at Mozhaisk, 57 miles

west of Moscow.

In North Africa, the British pressed hard for a final battle with Gen. Erwin Rommel's remaining tank forces. Spokesmen said the consolidation of Britain's Middle Eastern forces along a line from Bengasi to the Caucasus was the major British achievement of 1941 and summarized defeats inflicted upon Italians with claims to the destruction of three armies totaling 650,000 men. These were grouped thus: 250,000 in former Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's army beaten in the first British conquest of Cirenaica; 300,000 in East Africa, and 100,000 put out of action in the present Libyan campaign. In addition, British claimed the destruction of 47,000 Germans in north Africa.

Oregon Use Motorists

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Salem, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Oregon's gasoline consumption during the first 11 months of 1941 totaled 274,770,525 gallons, or the equivalent of more than 3,000,000,000 miles of travel, the state department said today. Consumption was up 13.7 per cent from the similar period of 1940.

Total gas taxes paid during the period was \$18,738,526, compared with \$12,042,154 in the same period of last year.

BIRTH RECORDS 'STREAMLINED'

Des Moines, Ia.—(UP)—Iowa health officials have won a long battle with federal agencies for approval of a "streamlined" certificate for persons whose births were not recorded officially.

The new form, prepared by Dr. Eric P. Pfeiffer, Iowa director of vital statistics, is intended to make it harder for aliens to pretend birth in the United States.

It was suggested by the federal bureau of census last March but other government agencies balked at accepting it.

Portland Greets First 1942 Baby

Portland, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Portland's first 1941 baby was born two minutes and five seconds after last midnight. He was the seven-pound son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Sarver, Portland. He was named Jerry.

Many units of the Department of Commerce are engaged almost exclusively in the victory program.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH POLICE HOLD TWO ANNUAL MEETING; OFFICERS ELECTED IN STRONGARMING

Members and friends of the First Christian church met in annual meeting last night to hear reports of the church's activities during 1941 and to elect officers for the coming year.

Reports showed all phases of the church life in a healthy condition. All departments reported substantial gains in financial receipts with cash balances on hand after all bills were paid for the year. There were forty-two additions to the congregation. Five members were lost by death last year, Minnie Albaugh, John Frick, M. L. Porter, Hannah Einkopf and Eli O. Walden.

Among other advances last year the church purchased a parsonage at 1102 W. Tenth Street. Allen Curry, chairman of the official board and toastmaster for the meeting, expressed appreciation for work of the minister, the choir and many other leaders in the congregation.

"The spiritual growth on the part of the members and the fine cooperative fellowship within the congregation," was noted as one of the outstanding features of the past year.

The minister, R. W. Coleman gave an address on Jesus' command "Advance, Follow Me." This was set forth as the theme for 1942. It was suggested that the First Christian church must join with the others of the community and "advance numerically, financially, in personal service, in fellowship, faith and prayer, and in Biblical knowledge of the mind and spirit of Christ."

The following officers were elected by the congregation upon recommendation of their nominating committee, and the official board:

Trustee, E. R. Cobb; Elders, L. F. Swanson, C. M. Hon, Herb Sims; Deacons, M. E. Olson, Floyd Collier, Richard Klemm, A. C. Pierce, Clarence Smith, Thayne Ford, Wayne Wakefield, Roy Cameron; Deaconesses, Kathleen Scovell, Mabel Carr, Ethel Troxell, Stella Hopkins, Mildred Sargent, Mabel Smith, Iva Walden (to fill unexpired term of Minnie Albaugh, 1942 and 1943); Treasurer, A. H. Gregory; Music Director, Effie Kurtz; pianist, Mabel Sims; Clerk, Edna Hilderbrand; registrar, Ralph Cook; Financial secretary, M. E. Olson.

Sunday School officers: Superintendent, R. V. Coleman; assistant superintendent, Louis Gentner; secretary, Dorothy Hansen Cameron; treasurer, Clarence Sargent.

Singapore grew with commerce that resulted from the opening of the Suez canal.

Frank W. Hennessy, 37 and J. J. White, 45, local men, were being held by city police today for investigation in connection with the strongarming the night of December 28 of Joseph Whyte, who lost \$9 to two men who accosted him in a downtown alley.

Whyte, police said, identified Hennessy and White as the two men who took the money from him, after ordering him to face the side of a building.

ARMY RESERVISTS TO RECEIVE CALL

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The war department has authorized the recall of all enlisted reservists to active duty by February 1 and, Secretary of War Stimson said today, the army would continue its policy of enlistments.

He would not estimate the number of men to be taken into the service by the recall of the reservists.

Births

WATSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Forest Creek, December 31, a girl, eight pounds at Community hospital.

DOG OWNERS FORGETFUL. San Rafael, Cal.—(UP)—Local police wish that when people are kept awake at night by barking dogs, they would first see if the dog has been properly fed and watered before calling the police.

In one week police investigated two cases where the dog merely wanted a drink.

DONKEY BITES BACK. Colusa, Cal.—(UP)—Fred Tanton, as an expression of joy at a softball game, bit a donkey on the ear. The donkey, as an expression of reciprocity, bit Tanton on the arm. The latter then spent 21 days in the hospital, recovering from infection and shattered arm nerves.

SAFECRACKERS PROTEST. Duncannon, Pa.—(UP)—Thieves cracked a safe at the Pennsylvania railroad station here recently and found it empty. On the same night they cracked a 1½-ton safe in the office of a novelty factory. It was empty. So the thieves penciled this note on the safe door: "A big safe, but nothing in it. Another night shot to pieces."

Closing time for Classified Ads 9 a. m.—Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

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