

EISENHOWER DUE TO TAKE CHARGE OF SECOND FRONT

May Stabilize Italian Front For Winter When New Attacks Open.

London, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Reports that the Allied Mediterranean high command would be drawn upon heavily to supply field and strategic leaders for the "second front" in western Europe caused speculation tonight that the Italian front may be stabilized some time this winter as new lines of attack develop elsewhere.

A Washington report that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower possibly would assume supreme Allied command in the west, if true, would involve the transfer of many staff officers who consti-

tuted the "backfield" of the Anglo-American team in North Africa. Other generals and airmen who directed Allied Mediterranean offensives might follow in due course.

Speculation in this connection covers not only Eisenhower's deputy, Gen. Sir Harold R. L. G. Alexander, regarded as the most masterly general Britain has developed in this war, but also Air Marshal Sir Arthur W. Tedder and Air Vice-Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham, the hard-hitting RAF desert airmen who between them certainly know more about close cooperation of air and ground forces than anyone else in the empire. Several divisional generals with wide experience, all of whom are on the Mediterranean front, might also be expected to be drafted for the supreme Anglo-American effort.

Personnel of the Allied high command and identity of the active field commanders for the second front are likely to remain in the realm of speculation until the supreme commander is named and begins functioning "somewhere in England." The list of officers probably will not be published until the second front offensive strikes somewhere between Norway's North

Cape and Bordeaux, France. London military correspondents hope, however, that if Eisenhower is to handle the job he will be permitted to start soon to get his organization running.

By stabilizing a line somewhere north of Rome the Allies could base heavy bombers safely at the Foggia airfields and use Rome's airfields for medium bombers and fighters to operate against northern Italy or the Adriatic coast.

Two Oregon Soldiers Among Casualties

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—The war department announced tonight the names of 173 U. S. soldiers wounded in action in the European, Mediterranean and southwest Pacific areas.

The list included: Mediterranean area: Oregon: Marostica, Cpl. Louis B., Mrs. Katherine Marostica, mother, Rt. 2, Nyssa.

Meissna, Pfc. Anton J., Mrs. Sophie Meissna, mother, box, 625, Mount Angel.

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HUNGARIAN HELP TO DEFEAT JUGO ARMS, NAZIS AIM

London, Dec. 18.—(U.P.)—Germany was reported tonight to be appealing for Hungarian help in subduing the fighting Yugoslavs, and observers said the early winter Nazi offensive in Jugoslavia, stalled before fierce partisan counterattacks in nearly every sector, was crystallizing into a battle for strategic Bosnia.

The Yugoslav information bureau at Cairo asserted that the special German envoy for southeastern Europe was in Budapest negotiating with the Hungarian government for use of its troops in Jugoslavia.

In return, the Germans were said to be offering to withdraw all Hungarian troops now remaining on the Russian front, and to permit Hungary to annex northeastern Yugoslav territory between Vukovar, Zupanja, the

rivers Save and Danube, and the present Hungarian border.

Cairo dispatches said the Yugoslav information bureau there asserted the Germans were asking for a "sufficient number of Hungarian troops in Jugoslavia to carry on the fighting against the Yugoslav regular army and the partisans."

A partisan communique broadcast today by the free Yugoslav radio, which yesterday proclaimed the halting of the German offensive and the launching of partisan counterattacks, reported fierce fighting against tank-supported German forces in eastern Bosnia.

Observers here said the Nazi offensive, while making gains along the coast, had failed in its main objectives of crushing the partisan army and conquering Bosnia.

As long as the partisans retain control of Bosnia they can tie up the German invaders indefinitely by disrupting the enemy communications, it was believed. If the Germans win it, they will make a serious split in partisan forces and reduce them practically to guerrilla status.

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Christian Church Choir to Present Cantata Tonight

A Christmas service and cantata will be presented at the First Christian church, Ninth street and Oakdale avenue, this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Included on the program of religious services, is Christmas music by members of the choir.

The cantata, divided into three parts, is directed by Effie Herbert Kurtz. Miss Verene Bailey will be pianist, and the Rev. Ward A. Rice, pastor of the church, will furnish scripture readings. The three parts are, "A King is Promised," "The Incarnation" and "The King is Born." Participating are the choir, ladies' chorus, men's chorus, a trio and choir members who will present solos.

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