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NAZIS REINFORCE CRETE ATTACK

In The Day's News

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THE battle of Crete today fills the whole horizon of the news, blacking out for the moment all the other aspects and angles of the war.

THE battle of Crete is a TEST operation, and its success or failure involves these possibilities:

1. If the Germans can take Crete by air attack, they can take Cyprus by air attack.
2. If they can take Crete and Cyprus, they will have cleared the sea route for the landing and supply of armies for a campaign against the oil fields of Iraq and Suez and Alexandria from the east—thus by-passing Turkey.
3. If they can take Crete and Cyprus (both islands) they will have shaken confidence in ENGLAND'S ability to defend itself against a similar attack on a larger scale.

THAT is why the developing battle of Crete is of such importance as to overshadow for the moment all the other developments of the war.

FROM "authoritative quarters" in London we have these disclosures today:

The Germans are using so far a full parachute division of 7,000 men, including two infantry regiments, artillery regiments with 75s, an anti-tank battalion with 37-millimeter guns, a motorcycle reconnaissance group and other units.

For the transport of these forces, they are using some 250 large airplanes each carrying from 50 to 75 men, along with an undisclosed number of gliders. So far there are no reports of air-borne tanks (meaning tanks carried in by airplanes).

Today's dispatches assert that some 4500 Germans have been landed already. It must be taken for granted that more are pouring in.

CHURCHILL reports today:

"In one operation, the Germans dropped 3,000 parachutists. Two hours after the attack began, the greater part of these had been accounted for."

By "accounted for," he means killed, wounded or taken prisoner.

IN Cairo "informed Greek sources" say they understand the British have the Crete situation well in hand, but acknowledge that some invading units are still fighting.

Don't jump to conclusions. This will be a CONTINUING battle, not given up after any minor preliminary reverses. It is a fair guess the Germans are putting their carefully developed methods of air attack to a definite test for which they must have made complete preparation.

The battle of Crete won't be over in a day.

ONE or two German SEABORNE transports (meaning troopships) are said in London today to have penetrated the British defenses of Crete.

These are apt to be the troop-carrying ships the Germans are said to have passed through the Bosphorus (and presumably the Dardanelles) within the past few days or weeks.

NO change is reported today from Tobruk.

If the Germans attacking Tobruk begin to show suddenly increased strength, it will be a sign they have successfully taken advantage of concentration of the British fleet for the defense of Crete to rush reinforcements across the narrow straits of Sicily—perhaps landing them at French Tunis.

1800 Troops Camp Here

CITY OF TENTS RAISED BESIDE KLAMATH RIVER

First of Four Daily Convoys Arrives From North

There was a tent city in the building under a scorching afternoon sun Wednesday on a dusty, pumice soil field south of Klamath Falls.

Approximately 900 troops, the vanguard of more than 8000 fighting men of the 41st Division of the U. S. army rolled into the city shortly after noon in nearly 200 cargo trucks, command cars, and blitz buggies on their way from Fort Lewis, Wash., to early summer maneuvers in California. Before nightfall the unit will be swelled by another 900 soldiers.

First of Four
The 1800 men are only the first of a four-day movement through Klamath Falls. Their buddies will be rolling in through Thursday, Friday and Saturday, stopping overnight off the Weed highway on the Kesterson Lumber company road south of town.

Montana's 163rd Infantry today led the parade from Bend where the entire unit bivouacked Tuesday night, switching places with Washington's 161st, which has been leading the march since the trucks left Fort Lewis Monday.

While motorized columns of the 41st Division sped down The Dalles-California highway at better than 40 miles per hour, similar units of the 3rd were crossing the California border on the Pacific highway. They will encamp at Weed tonight.

Local townspeople lined sidewalks down Biehn street, up Oregon avenue, out through Siskiyou street and California to Main street as the olive drab trucks whistled by. Overhead a silver army pursuit ship wheeled, then dropped to circle over the growing tent town with a message for Brig. Gen. Jesse C. Drain, commander of the 81st brigade which is leading the columns.

The note, saying the final half of the long convoy had lunched at Chemult, was promptly delivered to the silver-haired commander as he was standing on the running board of a staff car at the camp site.

General Drain termed the movement to date a complete success and stated he was well pleased with the south edge camp ground though remarking (Continued on Page Two)

Plywood Men Given 7 1/2-Cent Pay Increase

A blanket increase of 7 1/2 cents per hour to all employees of the Kalmine Plywood company was announced Tuesday night by Joe Boyd, AFL representative, at the conclusion of negotiations between the union and the firm management.

The boost will bring the minimum Kalmine wage to 72 1/2 cents per hour, highest in the basin. Present minimum for most Klamath mills is 67 1/2 cents.

The increase, retroactive to May 1, will affect approximately 90 men and raise the company payroll nearly \$1300 per month. Although the boost is 7 1/2 cents in base scale, adjustments in the higher brackets varied from nothing to 20 cents per hour, according to a company spokesman.

The much-struck plywood firm, in and out of labor difficulties with both CIO and AFL during the past 10 weeks, sev- (Continued on Page Two)

FOUR LANES TO BE ASKED FOR SOUTH SIXTH

Proposals Will Avoid Jeopardy of Other Route, Early Work

Klamath's delegation to Thursday's meeting of the state highway commission will ask the commission to consider a four-lane highway for South Sixth street. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock last week said the highway department will present a three-lane plan to the commission.

After a long discussion, directors of the chamber of commerce Wednesday adopted the following statement as interpretation of the chamber's attitude on the issue:

The chamber of commerce expresses its doubts as to the value of a three lane highway: which is generally admitted to be dangerous and urges the highway commission in view of new information in regard to cost of right-of-way, to consider a four-lane highway on South Sixth street for immediate development, without in any way interfering with plans for other routes.

It was generally agreed upon by chamber directors and representatives of the city of Klamath Falls that the local group would not oppose the three-lane highway to the point of jeopardizing immediate construction, but would generally urge consideration of a four-lane job.

Alternate Route
Entering prominently into discussion was the fact that the highway department is known to be considering an alternative route into Klamath Falls, lying northerly of South Sixth street and entering the city near the main canal and the Main street bridge. While no announcement has been made, it is known that the department plan is for this route—a four-lane free-way type—to follow the three-lane construction on South Sixth street.

Mention in the chamber's resolution of "other routes" is in reference to this alternative program.

In the discussion, it was brought out that A. D. Collier has made inquiries among South Sixth street property owners as to concessions they would make for additional right-of-way. He reported that property owners interviewed had expressed willingness to give the additional 10 feet for right-of-way with the understanding that where buildings (Continued on Page Two)

Registration For Civilian Defense Eyed

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—A plan for the voluntary registration of the millions of men above the present military age was reported under consideration today as Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia came here to direct the vast new civilian defense program.

Counting in more than 2,000,000 World War veterans, authorities said there were approximately 10,000,000 men in the age group, 36 through 45. (The age limits for military service registrants are 21 through 35.)

Furthermore, they pointed out, there were 27,000,000 women between ages of 21 and 46 from whom additional millions of volunteers could be drawn, if the registration were extended to cover them.

A final decision on adoption of the voluntary registration plan, it was said, will rest with LaGuardia to whom the president has delegated full authority for supervising the organization of civilian defenses.

SENATE TO PROBE SHIPYARD STRIKE

Workers Ignore Plea From Governor to Return to Job

By The Associated Press
A senate defense investigating committee took steps today to inquire into the tie-up of \$500,000 worth of ship-building in the San Francisco area unless a strike by about 2000 CIO and AFL machinists is terminated at once.

Charles P. Clark, counsel for the committee headed by Senator Truman (D-Mo.), said he already had assurance from E. F. Dillon, business agent for a local of the International Association of Machinists at San Francisco, that the unions would "gladly" appear before the committee in Washington Friday.

Clark said he was attempting to reach other union leaders and heads of the shipbuilding industry to arrange a hearing.

The machinists rejected a personal plea of Governor Olson of California that they lay aside their grievances and return to work at 11 shipyards in the interests of patriotism.

A new strike threat came from South Bend, Ind., where officials of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) union said 3000 workers in the Bendix Aviation Corporation Products plant had rejected a proposed wage in- (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. DEMANDS FRENCH SPEAK ON NAZI PACT

Definition of Stand With Germany Eyed In Hull Request

VICHY, France, May 21 (AP)—United States and other members of the foreign diplomatic corps received word today from their respective embassies and legations in Berlin that they would have to withdraw their representatives from Paris by June 10.

The order was said to have emanated from the Wilhelmstrasse and to have been handed to foreign ambassadors and ministers in Berlin.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The United States, it was learned authoritatively today, has made the equivalent of a diplomatic call on the Vichy government for a forthright declaration of France's future intentions in "collaborating" with Germany.

Vichy has been given to understand, it was said, that it cannot hope to restore Franco-American relations to harmony unless it is first prepared to supply full assurances in writing that France will hold rigidly to the terms of the June, 1940 armistice in all subsequent dealings with the third reich.

Note Asked
Secretary Hull's sternly worded explanation of U. S. views to French Ambassador Henry-Haye contained the diplomatic cue, informed sources asserted, that a formal note, putting France on record, was the only solution.

The uncertainty over French intentions meanwhile increased overnight with the news from Martinique that the French cruiser Emile Bertin and the aircraft carrier Bearn had been out to sea for what the commanding admiral called "routine exercises."

The officer was quoted as saying that no real preparations for the ship's departure were being made.

As far as is known here, this was the first time the vessels have ventured out of port since they berthed at the French colony in the Caribbean when France fell last year.

Warning Hinted
Informed sources were slow to accept the Martinique explanation that the purpose, in part, was to keep up the morale of the crews.

One theory advanced was that the "exercises" constituted a veiled warning to the United States that the warships were ready to resist any attempt to make the island a hemisphere protectorate, should the course of Franco-German "collaboration" so warrant.

British Blast Greek Bases Of Nazi Force

CAIRO, Egypt, May 21 (AP)—Heavy bombers of the RAF smashed last night at the Greek mainland bases of the German air invasion of Crete, but detailed results are not yet available, the RAF middle east command reported today.

The Germans were reported to have made their first raid on the British air base at Habbaniyah, Iraq, yesterday afternoon. At dawn, the British said, the RAF had heavily bombed the Iraq airdrome at Raschnid, doing "considerable damage." Damage from the German raid was minimized.

Renewed British raids on German aircraft at landing fields in the neighboring French mandate of Syria also were announced.

FREE FRENCH FORCE IN SYRIA, REPORT

German War Material Crossing Turkey, Rumor Claims

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—Radio Brazzaville, free French station in equatorial Africa, broadcast a report today that free French troops have entered Syria to combat axis forces aiding Iraq and that a regular French regiment was reported to have joined the De Gaulles.

In Vichy, competent French sources said they had heard of no such penetration.

The Free French broadcast was recorded in New York by CBS.

VICHY, May 21 (AP)—Diplomatic sources said today they had been informed that German military equipment is rolling across Turkey into Iraq by railroad.

(Istanbul said passenger traffic to Iraq had been stopped.)

Reports that Turkey had demanded territorial concessions in Syria from France were, however, denied flatly by the Turkish embassy here.

BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit	4	7	2
New York	5	14	1
Rowe, Benton (7), and Tebbetts; Donald, Stanceau (9), and Dickey. (10 innings).			
Chicago	6	9	0
Philadelphia	7	12	0
Hallett and Tresh; Marchildon, Harris (5), and Hayes.			
St. Louis	6	13	0
Boston	8	10	0
Allen, R. Harris (7), and Ferrell; Ryba, Fleming (5), H. New- some (8), and Peacock.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston	4	7	0
Pittsburgh	8	10	0
Tobin, Earley (6), Johnson (8), and Berres, Masi (8); Heintzelman, Bauers (1), Wilkie (6), and Baker.			

GERMANS SAY BRITISH NAVY VESSELS HIT

Hot Fight Predicted By Churchill in London Report

LONDON, May 21 (AP)—A German attempt to land soldiers in Crete from small speed boats, in support of air-borne troops, has been defeated, authoritative British sources said tonight.

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—The German wireless declared today that nazi warplanes had scored hits with heavy bombs on a British battleship, five cruisers and a destroyer in the eastern Mediterranean.

Four of the warships caught fire, it was claimed, and a cruiser listed heavily.

The report was in elaboration of earlier German claims that a single British cruiser had been hit, and indicated that the British fleet had been in major action off Crete.

CAIRO, May 21 (AP)—It was estimated unofficially tonight at this middle-east British headquarters city that the Germans had at least 1000 casualties in parachutists killed or wounded during yesterday's first operations in their air-borne invasion of Crete.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 21 (AP)—Informed Greek sources said they understood the British had the situation in Crete in hand early this morning, but they acknowledged that some invading units still were fighting.

The Germans were said to have suffered heavy casualties in landing and the Greek sources here expressed confidence the allies were well able to mop up those still resisting today.

LONDON, May 21 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill warned today that the battle of Crete would continue with "increasing severity" as reliable sources declared air-borne nazi shock troops were still pouring into the invaded Greek island.

The latest total of the German invasion force made known in London—and unofficially—was 4500 men.

Bay Attacked
The Germans were delivered by aerial transports and sailed in by glider and parachute, the prime minister informed the house of commons, bringing forward the running account we gave it with first news of the invasion yesterday.

He told of a second assault on Suda bay which, although available only to shallow draft vessels, is Crete's best anchorage.

Canea, the island capital to which King George II of nazi-occupied Greece has shifted his government, is less than five miles from Suda bay. On the northwest corner of the island, it is closest to the southern Greek airdromes from which the Germans are launching their sustained aerial invasion attempt.

In Cairo, the middle east command said German parachute and air-borne troops had suffered "serious losses" and that one detachment which penetrated the outskirts of Canea yesterday was "quickly surrounded and accounted for."

STRIKES BANNED
AMSTERDAM, (via Berlin), May 21 (AP)—Strikes and lock-outs were banned today in a decree by Arthur Seyss-Inquart, German commissioner in the Netherlands, which provided for penalties as severe as life imprisonment or death.

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Tent City in the Building South of Klamath Falls
Over 900 soldiers of the 41st division rolled into Klamath Falls shortly after noon Wednesday as the vanguard of an 8000-troop movement through here in the next four days. The men disembarked at a camp ground south of the city near the Kesterson Lumber company road off Highway 97 and began the task of erecting pup tents for the overnight housing. A second unit of approximately the same number of men began to roll in around three o'clock this afternoon.