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## **Comment in Brief**

HURSDAY'S news from the Balkans appears badly confused, as is customary at this stage of a big military action. There are a few gleams of hope for the allied forces resting the great German machine, but in general the situa-on remains gloomy, indeed, for sympathizers with the Britin and their partners. It appears to be well established that Greece has been

shed in two, that Yugoslavia's defenses have been badly shattered, and that unless something happens soon to the axis push it will rush on to final triumph in southeastern

Hitler's military machine thus far has proved itself in-vincible in land attacks.

The possibility of a German assault on Turkey is not being overlooked. Wednesday's news reported the Turk-in government as "tranquil" in the face of the approaching German legions, but by Thursday the Turks were get-ting scared. They were reported moving civilians from Intanbul, which is in the path of the Germans if they keep

going after over-running Greece. Perhaps what has really frightened the Turks was an assurance from Germany's ambassador to Turkey that Germany had no intention of attacking Turkey.

It has become increasingly evident in the new develop-ents that the Italian end of the axis is virtually impotent without help from the other end.

After ignominious defeat in Libya, the Italians reselved German reinforcements and no doubt German leadthe Italian record is such that it seems doubtful II Duce's y could have advanced even against a weakened Britforce.

Likewise Greece, which had notable success in mak-ing the Italians look bad, remained invincible until at-tacked by the Germans. It's a pretty safe bet that Italy never could have won in the Balkans without nazi aid.

There seems to be quite a mystery surrounding the location and intentions of the British forces reported to be in Greece. Best indications are that the British and Greeks are laying out a new line of defense on the Greek penin-In and eventually this force will be joined in combat ith the mechanized German units. It ultimately will be pitched battle with the Germans

another Dunkirk for the British in the Balkans.

What will Russia do? Again that question arises as the situation grows hot in an area in which Moscow has definite interests, and there are even reports that Hitler's armies will seize the wheatlands of the Russian Ukraine.





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WASHINGTON, April 10 Any military authority around here who expected the Yugoslavs to hold out longer than three to six weeks from the start was considered an opti-mist by his colleagues. The long-est possible period of resistance est possible period of resistance suggested even by a Yugoslav source was four months. But even aix weeks of German ab-sorption in the Balkan fighting could delay the chances of an invasion attack on Britain until fall Sheritest nicht in the war fall. Shortest night in the year is June 22, and the Germans must have the protection of darkness to make the effort.

darkness to make the effort. Consequently the official strat-egists expect the next Hitler blow will be directed against Gibraltar instead of Britain. If that front door to the Mediter-ranean can be locked and the Balkans seized, the British can be isolated around the Suez in this second year of World war II. II.

This, however, will not bring the German victory Hitler prom ised his people for 1941.

### SHORT-LIVED

## German successes are expected to be short-lived along the north African route over which Wav-ell's army chased the Italians FLAMES USED only a few months ago. They were made possible not only be cause General Wavell stripped all British naval units are tied up in the Greek supply lines. The British laid a small mine-field between Sicily and Tripoli, expecting it to prevent the send-ing of large Greeken projects. ing of large German reinforceswept it clear and now the path glum) they met with some suc-across the Mediterranean is wide cess. open. The British may have to fall back to their fortifications

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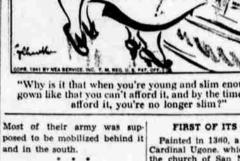
Struma valley front against the Greeks the first day of the attack, although Berlin and Athens failed to advertise it. The tanks were manned by nazi soldiers in asbestos suits. Hurled against the Greek fortifications

### "DONOVAN'S WAR"

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