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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS TODAY'S dispatches confirm what has been obvious to realistic thinkers for a week. The battle of the Balkans is ending in another smashing German victory.

FOR Hitler all that remains is the job of mopping up, and he is carrying it out methodically, skillfully and efficiently—the ultimate outcome made certain by his overwhelming superiority in numbers and equipment.

For the allies (British) there remains only the task of withdrawal with as little loss as possible from a bad situation. They are fighting heroically, skillfully and as nearly as we can judge from the dispatches COOLLY to save defeat from turning into a rout.

WHETHER the British adventure in the Balkans was wise or tragically unwise is a question for the historians to settle. Events are moving too swiftly for us to waste time now in arguing about it.

GUESSING what Hitler will do next is risky but it is reasonable to expect that he will try to close the Mediterranean to the British fleet.

The British fleet is his worst-tempered foe, and if he can't DESTROY it the logical supposition is that he will attempt to shut it out of the areas where it will do him the most harm. That area is clearly the Mediterranean.

There are rumblings from Spain and France of a German drive against Gibraltar the Mediterranean's western gate. Neither Spain nor France welcomes the idea, but neither is in a position to do anything about it.

Suez is the eastern entrance, and already a German army is pointed toward Suez along the narrow coastal plain of northern Africa. German diplomats are dickering with Turkey, presumably to obtain a land route for attacking Suez from the east.

THE British plainly anticipate such a move, and are preparing for it.

A few days ago an inconspicuous dispatch told of the landing of British forces at Basra, at the head of the Persian gulf. If you will study your map, you will note that the Persian gulf leads up from the Indian ocean to the mouth of the valley of the Tigris and the Euphrates.

In this area your map will show you, are great oil resources. The Tigris and Euphrates valley is a historic war route, and the British are skilled in desert fighting—in which the Germans have had less experience. This route leads up to Turkey and Russia from the rear.

GERMAN newspapers today break into a rage over this dastardly move on the part of the British—calling it a breach of international law, an effort to drag more small nations into the struggle, dirty pool, etc. Germany's controlled press is talking to Turkey and Russia, trying to whip them into a rage against the British.

The vehemence of this rage is some measure of the importance of the new British move on the board.

THE British, one supposes, are seeking not only to protect the Near East oil but to open up still another front that will spread the German armies out thinner. This front could be supplied by their snips that are shut out of the Mediterranean.

The Germans would have to approach it either through Turkey or through French Syria from the Mediterranean. Neither route is well supplied with railroads.

WITH the battle of the Balkans lost, with the closing of the Mediterranean to their fleet not impossible (perhaps not improbable), the British are looking forward to the opening up of other battlefields.

That's war. As you lose one position, you fall back to another. It's the LAST BATTLE that counts.

DRAFT SENTENCE

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (UP)—The U. S. circuit court of appeal today upheld a five-year sentence given Joseph Zuziak, 31, for refusal to register for selective service. Zuziak three times refused to sign draft cards

CIO PICKETS ABSENT FROM KALPINE MILL

Veneer Plant Strike Ended; Men to Get Vacations With Pay

CIO pickets Tuesday morning for the first time in seven weeks failed to appear at the Kalpine Plywood plant on the Weed highway, ending the prolonged veneer strike as suddenly as it began on March 4.

At the same time on another labor front, an important union victory was believed won with the announcement that the first wage agreement calling for a vacation with pay for lumber workers of this district was signed by the Peterson-Johnson Lumber company and the American Federation of Labor.

Workers Appear According to Kalpine figures, 16 employees, supposed members of the CIO, all of whom have been out on strike, appeared at the plant either in person or by proxy Tuesday morning to report for work.

No reason for the action was divulged at headquarters of the CIO-Plywood, Box Shook and Door Workers council.

Three weeks ago approximately 40 men, some of whom were said to be members of the AFL, walked through picket lines and went to work shortly after the AFL claimed a majority of Kalpine workers belonged to their organization. The strike was called by the CIO union who (Continued on Page Two)

Treasury Has Tax-Boosting Proposition

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—A treasury plan for raising \$3,500,000,000 in new revenue was disclosed today to embrace a steep new schedule of surtaxes on individual incomes, low and high, which would make some taxpayers pay six times as much as at present.

After treasury proposals had been laid before the house ways and means committee yesterday behind closed doors, members reported that one contemplated tax boost was an increase from 4.4 to 6.6 per cent in the "normal" levy applying to all taxable income.

A proposed income tax schedule made available to reporters today, however, would leave the normal tax on incomes at 4.4 per cent (4 per cent basic rate plus a 10 per cent defense levy applied to that tax) and add an 11 per cent surtax on the first \$2000 of taxable income.

(The ways and means committee is considering a number of alternative tax methods.) No surtaxes now are levied on less than \$4000 of taxable income. Taxable income is that remaining after reductions for (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

April 22, 1940 — Norwegian ports of Namsos and Andalsnes, used by allies as troop footholds for campaign against German invaders, ablaze after German bombings.

April 22, 1916—Russians repulse German attacks near Olysk.

Target of Willkie



When Wendel Willkie, 1940 republican presidential candidate wired the Rev. Gerald Shaughnessy asking apology for an Easter sermon apparently directed at him, the Seattle Catholic bishop, above, replied that instead Willkie owes "the nation" an apology for lightly dismissing statements he made as "campaign oratory."

SOUTH MINERS HOLD MEETING

Request of President Brings Factions Of Coal Men Together

NEW YORK, April 22 (UP)—Representatives of the United Mine Workers (CIO) and the southern coal operators wage conference, seeking a wage-hour agreement covering southern soft coal mines, held a short meeting tonight and adjourned until tomorrow afternoon to allow both factions to hold separate discussions.

By The Associated Press Southern coal mine operators agreed Tuesday to return to New York and reopen negotiations for a contract with the United Mine Workers which would permit resumption of soft coal production in the eight-state Appalachian area.

The southern operators withdrew from negotiations in New York after a split over a north-south wage differential, but acceded to the request of President Roosevelt to go back to New York from Washington. The president last night had urged in a formal statement that the operators and union settle (Continued on Page Two)

Cooks Take Over Klamath Falls Hotel

A five-year lease on Hotel Earley, 111 North Fifth street, and purchase of all furniture and equipment was announced Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Carl K. Cook who will take over the hostelry May 1. The sale was consummated early this week. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Earley, former owners are now operating the Holland hotel in Medford. The hotel includes 25 single rooms and two apartments, and is owned by A. B. Collins and L. W. Still of Long Beach, Calif. The hotel was formerly known as the Hall Annex. Cook stated Tuesday there would be no change in the present name. Mrs. Cook will operate the hotel.

TRIPOLI GETS BRITISH NAVAL BOMBARDMENT

Drive Into Egypt At Salum Resumed By Axis Army Column

LONDON, April 22 (AP)—Heavy units of the British fleet pounded the western Libyan port of Tripoli with 15-inch shells in a 40-minute bombardment yesterday, the admiralty reported today.

It said six transport or supply ships in the harbor were seen to be hit and added that other hits were observed on the quay, the naval headquarters, power station and a military store depot. The railway station was reported set afire.

En route to Tripoli, it was said, naval aircraft intercepted five German troop-carrying planes and shot down four in flames.

The British fleet was said not to have been seriously molested and no ships were reported lost. The admiralty said a destroyer was seen to be hit. Opposition from coastal batteries, the admiralty declared, proved "ineffective."

BERLIN, April 22 (AP)—The German African corps has resumed its advance eastward from the Egyptian frontier post of Salum, informed sources reported today.

The new movement began, these sources declared, after a Nazi detachment which has been in the Salum area for some days repulsed a British thrust.

British Repulsed The high command communiqué said that not only was the British thrust on Salum repulsed but also an attempted landing at the port of Bardia, just within Libya northwest of Salum — both with "heavy losses for the enemy in the number of prisoners taken."

Renewed attempts of enemy (Continued on Page Two)

43 Take Oath Of Allegiance To U. S. Here

Forty-three men and women, representing 13 different nationalities, forsook their home land and Tuesday morning took the oath of allegiance to the United States of America as they were granted their final citizenship papers before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. W. Blackman of Portland was the examiner.

Two women were granted their repatriation papers. Five persons were denied papers for one cause or another, 17 cases were continued upon motion of the examiner, six of these for further study.

In a fitting welcome Circuit Judge Vandenberg addressed the large group, the last until September of this year. It was, incidentally, the judge's first naturalization class to appear before him since taking office the first of the year.

Mrs. G. Logan Black, regent of Eulalona chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, gave an inspiring talk to the new citizens who listened intently as they did during greetings extended by Mrs. William Larson of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary; Mrs. Herman Lofdah of the Disabled (Continued on Page Two)

Allies Fall Back On Athens For Last Stand

Hitler Receives Birthday Congratulations



Adolf Hitler (second from right) receives congratulations on his 52nd birthday from his military leaders at a spot somewhere in the Balkans. Left to right are Admiral Erich Raeder, chief of naval forces; Marshal Herman Goering, No. 2 man of Germany; General Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command; Hitler, and Field Marshal Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German army. This picture was radioed from Berlin.

BRITON SILENT ON OPERATIONS

Churchill Says Full Information On War In Greece Unknown

LONDON, April 22 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill informed the house of commons today that he must remain silent despite British reverses in the eastern Mediterranean.

Operations of many kinds are going on and we have others to think of besides ourselves," Churchill solemnly informed the house.

"No Hindrance" He declared British operations in Greece have "been of the most complicated character and carried out with extraordinary skill, but even the government has not received from day to day full information from the commanders engaged."

"That has not been any hindrance to the course of the operation," he added. Asking for "forbearance" as (Continued on Page Two)

President Confident Aid To Britain Will Bring Victory Despite Reported Reverses

By ERNEST BARCELLA United Press Correspondent WASHINGTON, April 22 (UP)—President Roosevelt said today the war will be won by keeping Great Britain going.

Cautioning the nation against hasty conclusions from day-to-day developments abroad, he said he is confident the defense of Britain will be maintained despite British reverses in the eastern Mediterranean.

If people have read history, he said, they should know better than to scale the pinnacle of hope one day because of a sea battle off Italy and descend into the depths another day because of axis advances in Greece.

Isolated Events He said that this war is not to be won by such isolated events, but by keeping the existing defender of democracy going.

Life Sentence Given Man on Morals Count

A life sentence was imposed by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Tuesday on Charles C. Ahl, 47, who admitted a statutory offense against a minor member of his own family.

It was the first life sentence in years given in circuit court here in cases of this nature.

Ahl evidenced no surprise when the judge said: "I sentence you to be imprisoned in the Oregon state penitentiary for the rest of your natural life."

"Thank you, your honor," said Ahl.

The judge questioned Ahl at some length, and also listened to his attorney, Maynard Wilson. Wilson said he understood the charge was to be based on a different offense, for which the maximum penalty is 20 years. Judge Vandenberg said the charge would not be changed.

District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore told the court that an investigation had brought reports of "unsavory" activities on the part of Ahl from various communities in which the defendant has lived.

The offense to which Ahl pleaded guilty carries a punishment of from 20 years to life in prison.

Oregon Ex-Red Says Bridges Was Communist in '37, '38

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (UP)—Robert Wilmott, an Oregon communist for two years, testified today Harry Bridges was a communist in 1937 and 1938 and once told him: "We communists have got to stick together. If we don't, what kind of discipline will we have?"

Wilmott, 14th government witness called at the deportation hearing of the California CIO director, identified himself as former editor of "Labor New Dealer," a newspaper published at Portland, Ore., which ostensibly was an organ of CIO unions

NAZIS CERTAIN BALKAN FIGHT NEARS FINISH

Greeks Entrench With Short Line as Bomb Threat Draws Closer

BERLIN, Wednesday, April 23 (UP)—The tide of Germany's 17-day-old Balkan blitzkrieg was reported to be "approaching Athens" early today as Nazi war dispatches told of terrific losses among British troops fleeing from Greece aboard troopships.

The drowning or killing of 30,000 British troops in the Luftwaffe's all-out bombing of the transports was reported abroad on the basis of Nazi radio broadcasts, but the propaganda ministry said early today it had no record of such a report.

The British army, according to authorized German claims, has abandoned the war in Greece and is fleeing in "another shameful Dunkerque," leaving the battered Greeks to fight alone only 90 miles from Athens.

By United Press The allies, fighting a losing battle in Greece, were falling back on Athens Tuesday night for a last-ditch defense of that cradle of culture and democracy.

The Greeks said they had succeeded "without serious interruption" in entrenching themselves along a short mountain line hinged on the heights around historic Thermopylae. The Germans meantime were drawing ever closer around Athens their circle of air bombardment, perhaps in a menacing hint to the Greeks to give up the fight.

The Greeks announced that their hospital ship Hellenis with its cargo of wounded had been sunk by German bombers. It was the second Greek hospital ship reported sunk in two days.

"Good as Over" The Nazis said the Balkan war was as good as over. They said the British had quit fighting (Continued on Page Two)

Murderess Held In S. F. After Fleeing Texas

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (UP)—A 23-year-old girl identified by police as the escaped slayer of a House of David baseball player in Texas, was arrested by San Francisco police today.

She gave the name of "Jean Lamar," but reports from Texas indicated her true name was Isabelle Messmer, a former school teacher, who twice fled the Ector county jail at Odessa, Tex., for killing Buford Armstrong, ball player.

Inspector George Engler of the San Francisco police homicide detail said she told him she intended to kill Officer Tom O'Connor when he arrested her.

"But he was so nice I didn't do it," she was quoted as saying.

Engler said he found a fully-loaded .32 caliber pistol hidden in a chair in the young woman's room.

WPA Project For Klamath Approved

WASHINGTON, April 22 (UP) Senator Rufus C. Holman, (R-Ore.), today said that the Works Projects administration had approved several Oregon projects.

Among them was a city-wide street improvement project at Marshfield, and a \$22,119 similar project at Klamath Falls.

The WPA also approved a \$368,916 state wide project calling for supervision and coordination of public recreational activities.

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