

NAZIS CERTAIN BALKAN FIGHT NEARS FINISH

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and were fleeing in "another shameful Dunkerque" retreat. The capture of Lania, communications center near Thermopylae, and Volos, major port, was reported in Berlin.

German radio reports heard abroad said 30,000 British troops died in the sinking of overcrowded transports and "thousands of bodies" were being washed ashore on the east coast.

In London the British tacitly admitted that the venture in Greece was lost and that the best to be hoped for was a more or less orderly withdrawal in which losses could be held to a minimum.

The silver spot in the warcloud over the British empire was the Mediterranean fleet's bombardment of Tripoli, Italy's Libyan port and key base for the axis drive into Egypt. Warships poured big shells into Tripoli for 42 minutes, while the fleet air arm and royal air force planes rained explosives.

Island Seized
Reliable reports in Istanbul said that German troops seized the strategic Greek island of Samothrace at the entrance of the Dardanelles and attacked the British-held island of Lemnos, 25 miles south.

Rome reported that Italians were pouring across the Albanian border and driving deep into Greece. Greek resistance was reported collapsing, and the controlled press said the end of the Italian war with Greece, disastrous to the fascists in many of its phases, was in sight.

Diplomatic sources in Vichy said that Generalissimo Francisco Franco of Spain had refused Adolf Hitler's request for passage of German troops through Spain to attack Gibraltar. Hitler was believed to be offered heavy concessions for French "friendship" before starting a big axis offensive in the Mediterranean.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the house of commons that Britain urgently desires "to avoid a break" with Spain and defended a recent British loan of 2,500,000 pounds to the Spaniards.

By The Associated Press
Five Yugoslav armies numbering 300,000 to 400,000 men were reported late Tuesday to be still holding out against axis assaults in central Yugoslavia, while on the Greek front, Adolf Hitler's panzer divisions stormed down toward Thermopylae pass only 100 miles from Athens.

Yugoslav diplomatic sources in Vichy France said that 8000 Slav troops had newly attempted to break through to the south, but had been driven back, and that only the first and fourth Yugoslav armies in the north had capitulated.

Greeks Cut Off
The rest, it was said, had withdrawn to form a compact square.

Cracking both ends of the allied line, the Germans captured the Aegean coastal towns of Volos and Lania, and cut off the rear of the Greek armies fighting in the west by taking Ioannina.

Evacuation Reported
DNB, official German news agency, said Nazi reconnaissance planes had observed that eastern Greek harbors were jammed with ships of every description.

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busy moving troops out of the country.

The news agency asserted the roads leading to the various "escape" ports were clogged with columns of troops.

Daniel De Luce, an Associated Press correspondent, said in a cable dispatch from Izmir, Turkey, that when he left Greece three days ago the British were falling back in "a second Dunkerque."

Outnumbered
Fighting every inch of the way, De Luce said, the British contingent of only 50,000 to 80,000 men was hopeless outnumbered and out-gunned.

He said the British were being covered in their retreat by Greek infantrymen who had little or no chance to escape the Nazi steamroller. "A fleet of 37-ton German tanks lumbering through mountain defiles—previously believed impassable to such heavy vehicles—charged light British tanks and crushed them like eggshells," he wrote.

Planes Few
De Luce reported that the British RAF strength in Greece numbered no more than 150 planes when the invasion started.

Defense Positions
British middle east headquarters reported tersely that British troops falling back from the Mt. Olympus sector in eastern Greece "have now occupied defensive positions south of Lania."

This may mean that the British are preparing to make a "last ditch" stand near the Thermopylae gap where 300 Spartans under King Leonidas held off an invasion army led by Persian King Xerxes in 480 B.C. The new defense line was apparently being established in the rugged Loris mountains, below the flat plain of Thessaly.

Lania lies south of the Othrys mountains, where it was believed that the allies had previously decided to make a stand. In Rome, the fascist newspaper Il Tevere published an "unconfirmed report" attributed to Lisbon newspaper, circles that the Greek army surrendered last night.

Italian dispatches had previously asserted that 12 Greek divisions—about 150,000 men—were hopelessly trapped by axis forces in the Ioannina sector.

Authoritative sources in London acknowledged that British expeditionary troops had been withdrawing "through" Lania, but it was not specified whether it was a further land retirement or a debarkation by sea.

A British spokesman declined to say where the troops had gone from Lania.

Hitler's high command, noting "special successes" in violent dive-bombing assaults on ships in Greek waters, declared the vessels "were being held ready for the departure of the British expeditionary corps fleeing from the Greek mainland."

The German high command said six loaded ships totalling 31,000 tons were sunk and several others heavily damaged.

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EASTERN FOREST FIRES IN CHECK

By The Associated Press
Walls of flame which have advanced steadily for days through forests of 13 eastern states were beaten down or held in check today after having charred more than 150,000 wooded acres at a loss of untold millions of dollars.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire ordered all woodlands closed to the public, and several Massachusetts departments began investigations with an eye to possible sabotage. No incendiary was immediately found.

The destruction of 500 buildings at Marshfield, Mass., causing a loss of \$1,500,000 may have been due to a "sawing" of \$300,000, observers there said. The town for 20 years had appropriated that amount annually to burn over marsh grass where this year's fire started, but eliminated the item the past two years.

In New Jersey alone, 84,000 acres of woodland was blackened by 85 separate blazes at a loss of more than \$1,000,000. Nearly 100 blazes were reported in New York and Pennsylvania.

To the south, 12,000 acres in Maryland still smoldered, and small new blazes sprang up throughout the state. Virginia and West Virginia experienced scores of major fires.

A third of West Virginia's more than 150 conflagrations were being fought by 3000 men, and State Forester Dan B. Griffin predicted the worst was yet to come.

**Treasury Has
Tax - Boosting
Proposition**

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self and dependents and for such things as losses, church contributions and the like.

To the present corporation income tax of 24 per cent, a draft of treasury proposals showed a six per cent surtax would be added. Excess profits taxes, it was said, would become stiffer.

The surtaxes on individual incomes would run as high as 75 per cent on income above \$5,000,000, the same as at present, and would be increased most in the lower and middle brackets.

A summary of the income tax plan, prepared by the department's division of tax research, showed that a childless married couple with earned income of \$2500 would pay \$72 in 1941 income as opposed to \$11 under existing rates.

The summary indicated that the 10 per cent exemption now allowed on earned income up to \$14,000 would continue to apply for purposes of the normal or basic tax but not to the surtaxes.

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CIO PICKETS ABSENT FROM KALPINE MILL

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claimed the company refused to bargain despite a claimed CIO majority.

The company on April 2, one day after resumption of operations at the plant, offered to recognize the CIO until "legal means proved otherwise." Negotiations have since been in progress, a meeting being held as late as Monday night. Another conference is scheduled for Wednesday or Thursday, according to CIO officials.

In still another labor sector a conference was scheduled to be held Tuesday evening between representatives of the Electrical Workers union (AFL) and employers in an attempt to settle a week-old strike of about 20 electricians. The union is asking for a signed contract calling for a wage increase for both electricians and helpers.

Still pending before the National Labor Relations board are unfair labor practice charges filed by both unions upon the company's refusal to recognize either union and a petition for election filed by Kalpine. The Peterson-Johnson agreement, a supplement to an existing AFL contract, calls for 67 1/2 cents base pay in addition to the one-week vacation with pay for all mill and woods workers, according to Joe Boyd, AFL organizer. This, stated Boyd, is the highest base pay in the basin.

Signed Sunday, the agreement also calls for a reduction in rental for company houses and bunkhouse, free wood, free lights, and clean sheets once each week in the bunkhouse for single men, Boyd said.

A contract between the AFL, Local 2520, and the mill has been in force since 1939, the organizer said.

Oregon Ex-Red Says Bridges Was Communist In '37

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New Dealer" began publishing, October 1, 1937. Bridges, then attending a longshoremen's convention, remarked, according to Wilcott:

"Is this another of those terrible communists?"
The next day, Wilcott said, several communists, including Harry Pilcher, Portland longshoreman, and Bridges discussed with Wilcott the policies to be pursued by the paper. Discussion of Wilcott's background in Minneapolis arose, he said, "and Bridges asked me if I was a Trotskyite."

"Phonies"
"I told him that if I were, I wouldn't be where I was now," Wilcott said. Bridges told him the newspaper should be used to "get" several "phonies" among the Oregon lumber workers, who had been fighting the communist party.

Early in April 1938, Wilcott said, he attended a communist "top fraction" meeting in Portland. Bridges, Pilcher, James Fantz, a longshoreman, Leo Hemingway, a warehouseman, Joe Ring, John Fougerehouse, secretary of the Portland Industrial council, and Charles Fantz and Jack Mowry were present, he said. Discharge of E. B. O'Grady and John Brost from their jobs in the CIO was under discussion, Wilcott testified.

Wilcott said differences arose between himself and party leaders about "hewing to the line," and a meeting was called at the Roosevelt hotel in Portland to discuss this matter and also differences between sawmill workers and longshoremen.

**President Sure Aid
To Britain Will
Bring Victory**

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Halifax said after a conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull that three critical aspects of the war are shipping losses, bombings and the situation in the eastern Mediterranean. He refused to emphasize any one of these.

4. New York Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia conferred with Mr. Roosevelt about the home defense program. Mr. Roosevelt said later he had not offered LaGuardia the post as head of the program.

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SOUTH MINERS HOLD MEETING

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their wage dispute and get the mines reopened immediately.

Aluminum Agreement
An important labor development in the aluminum industry shared interest with the president's coal stand.

Late last night the Aluminum Company of America and CIO Aluminum Workers reached an agreement calling for a flat wage increase of eight cents an hour, for 17,000 hourly-paid employees at five plants—Alcoa, Tenn., Badin, N. C., Detroit, Mich., Edgewater, N. J., and New Kensington, Pa. The agreement is subject to ratification by local unions.

Neither union nor management commented immediately on Mr. Roosevelt's call for an end to the soft coal stoppage.

"It is imperative that there be no shortage now, or at any other time, of coal for defense production purposes," the president said in urging that:

1. The miners and operators already in agreement resume coal production under terms of that agreement.
2. The operators and miners who have not reached an agreement, enter into wage negotiations and at the same time reopen the mines, the agreement ultimately reached to be made retroactive to the date of resuming work.

The Michigan labor mediation board invoked a 30-day cooling-off period last night in a dispute between the CIO United Automobile Workers and General Motors corporation. The union last Friday had filed a five-day notice of intention to strike, claiming unsatisfactory progress in concluding a new union-company contract. The CIO-UAW demands union shop, recognition, wage increases and other concessions.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY
Complaints Filed
H. P. Copeland versus Grover Copeland. Suit to collect taxes and water charges on land leased to defendant. Plaintiff demands judgment of \$308.33 and \$64 and costs. William Ganong, attorney for plaintiff.

Blaine Orrell versus Leah Orrell. Suit to annul marriage. Couple married at Reno, Nev., October 16, 1936. Plaintiff prays decree annulling marriage, charging defendant was divorced from Harold Gentry October 6, 1936, less than six months prior to marriage to plaintiff. E. E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Sentences
State of Oregon versus Charles Clara Ahl. Defendant pleaded guilty to charge of rape upon a daughter. Sentenced to life imprisonment in state penitentiary.

State of Oregon versus Howard Lipman Stanford. Defendant sentenced to three years in state penitentiary for larceny of a horse, belonging to John S. Horn.

Decreases
Eva Lee versus Lucius Lee. Divorce granted plaintiff on ground of cruel and inhuman treatment.
Edna Mae Young versus Rex S. Young. Divorce granted plaintiff on ground of cruel and inhuman treatment.

Default Judgment
Paul W. Sharp and F. C. Adams versus George McNulty and Mrs. George McNulty. Defendants failed to appear. Judgment of \$208.25 with interest on sum of \$200.25 at 6 per cent, and \$75 attorney's fees and \$20 costs.

Dismissal
Georgia Zupan versus Mike Zupan. Divorce suit dismissed upon reconciliation.

Marriage Application
WALSH - LOUDWEIN. Roger Casement Walsh, 24, Klamath Falls, employee at district attorney's office, native of Oregon. Virginia Elizabeth Loudwein, 22, Klamath Falls, bookkeeper, native of Washington.

Justice Court
W. L. Harris, damage to roadbed. Plead guilty of driving tractor with lugs on Altamont drive. Fined \$50, \$40 suspended.

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TRIPOLI GETS BRITISH NAVAL BOMBARDMENT

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lanks to break through from Tobruk were frustrated," the daily communique said.

CAIRO, Egypt, April 22 (AP)—Italian forces have turned and are giving battle to British imperial forces at Desse, in Ethiopia 175 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, the British reported today.

Despite the Italian stand, British middle east headquarters said the south African column advancing on the Ethiopian capital from this sector yesterday occupied an important position covering the approach to Desse after inflicting serious losses on the fascists.

The advance of another northern column on this east African front was reported hampered by extensive road demolitions.

In southern Ethiopia it was announced that 17 Italian officers and 549 men had been taken prisoner and that "operations are proceeding satisfactorily."

On the north African front the British headquarters said briefly that "Our patrols again have been active" in the Salum sector, just across the Egyptian border from Libya and at Tobruk, 80 miles west of the front.

U. S. Observer Killed in Air Crash in Egypt

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)
Colonel Gerald Brower, United States military air observer, has been killed in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, the war department said today, "in an airplane accident."

Colonel Brower, attached as an observer to the royal air force in the middle east, is the first casualty among American military observers assigned to the European war zones. The state department said a cablegram received today from the American legation in Cairo related that Colonel Brower was killed on Sunday at El Obeld, 250 miles southwest of Khartoum.

The cable gave no details but said the military attaché at Cairo would report them to the war department.

(Although Colonel Brower was the first observer killed while attached to foreign fighting forces, Captain Robert M. Losey, assistant military air attaché in the Scandinavian countries, was killed in Norway on April 21, 1940, during a German air attack.)

Tests have shown that the German Messerschmitt Me-109 has a speed of 354 miles an hour at 12,000 feet. The planes have a range of 450 miles at full speed—or about one hour and 15 minutes wide open.

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American War Veterans auxiliary; Mrs. S. F. Konnie, American Legion auxiliary; Angus Newton, commander of the local post, American Legion.

Mrs. Harry Ackley of the DAR chapter distributed small American flags to the group and said briefly:

"Probably in all history there has never been a time when this flag means as much as it does today."

The theme of virtually all addresses was the caution to cherish their hard-earned citizenship, to take root in American soil, and to be prepared to defend the freedom of this, one of the last free countries on the face of the earth.

Following are names of those granted their citizenship papers: David Adolph Schatz, Germany; Martin Winther, Germany; Thomas Hefner, Germany; Marie Hutcheson, Britain; Harold Dittmar Hornseth, Norway; Floyd Arlo Stewart, Canada; Daniel Martin Murphy, Ireland; James Ferguson Leggett, Scotland; Harry Earl Ewing, Canada; Elizabeth Abbott Gray, Canada; Gust Demetrakos, Greece; Bernice Nettie Knapp, Canada; Andrew George Gray, Ceylon; Margaret Williams, Canada; David Reinoldson, Sweden; Roger Charles Porret, Switzerland; Eugene Werner, Sweden; Con Fitzgerald, Ireland; Galva Janette Ledingham, Canada; Harry Remington Huddart, England; John Dwight Larson Jr., Canada; Marie Julia Kilgore, France; Leah Bean, England; Daniel David McAuliffe, Ireland; Ethel Bleak, England; Dena Dalmer Backus, Canada; Jenny Constance Gervie, Sweden; Ivar John Hult, Sweden; Oscar Pedersen, Norway; Mary Wayne Wells, Canada; John Pink, Russia; Ruby Annette White, Canada; Theodor Hendricksen, Norway; George Raymond Beimler, Canada; Delphine Viola Morino, Canada; Gerda Birgit Persson, Sweden; Michael Joseph Murphy, Ireland; Laurence Lindsay Smith, Canada; Olga Malvina Backstrom, Sweden; Angela Baralis Galletti, Italy; Mary Emma Pierson, Canada; Maria Bianchini, Italy; Haakon Jacobsen, Norway. Two re-patriation cases were also granted. Ellen Nickerson and Emma Elizabeth Oelmann, both of Great Britain.

**Bomb Raid Deaths
In Ireland 500**
BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 22 (AP)—About 500 persons were killed, 420 seriously injured and 1142 slightly injured in last Tuesday night's mass German raid on Belfast and other regions of northern Ireland, it was announced in the house of commons.

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