

NAZI PINGERS TAKE BLOW IN TWO SECTORS

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reported during the course of Friday.

Six Planes Lost

The fleet air arm, the RAF, said, carried out a successful attack on oil tanks at Amara, Iraq, about 40 miles north of Basra.

In all the RAF's operations in Libya, Greece, Iraq and Ethiopia only six planes were reported lost.

British sources described the operations in the Sollum-Fort Capuzzo sector as "a frontier engagement in which we came off best."

Some 500 German prisoners were taken and axis forces were virtually driven off Egyptian soil for the first time since April 9.

A considerable number of Nazi armored fighting vehicles were disabled.

At the same time British and Australian troops in besieged Tobruk sallied from their defenses and carried out a "limited counter attack" which was said to have caused heavy fatalities among the Nazi besieging forces.

In Ethiopia, the British mopping up operations picked up speed.

The important Italian base of Amba Alagi where the bulk of the remaining Italian forces are concentrated was reported "now practically surrounded" by Indian troops advancing from the north and South African forces moving up from the south.

To the south the British reported the occupation of Giab Issire, 12 miles north of Alge and of the Italian port of Dante in Italian Somaliland.

ISTANBUL, Turkey, May 17. (UP) — Diplomatic sources reported tonight that Syria has massed four divisions of possibly 60,000 men along the Palestine frontier and unconfirmed reports circulated that small-scale skirmishes between British and French forces along the Palestine Syria border have occurred.

British diplomatic sources reported royal air force planes today attacked trains carrying French war material and 200 Syrian volunteers from Syria to Iraq.

According to information from Beirut the Syrian-Palestine border still was open and no confirmation could be obtained of the rumored border skirmishes.

Oath Reviewed
According to diplomatic sources the Syrian forces comprise two French divisions, one colonial division and one division of the French foreign legion.

It was said all officers were ordered by Gen. Henri Dentz, French high commissioner, to review their oath of loyalty to France before moving up to frontier positions.

According to Americans arriving here from Syria, the French forces include many sympathizers of Gen. Charles De Gaulle's Free French movement.

Some French officers were quoted by the Americans as suggesting they might offer only "symbolic resistance" if the British attempted to occupy the territory. There was considerable belief here the French colonial troops in Syria are not eager to fight against their former allies.

There were the unconfirmed reports clashes had occurred between the growing British troop concentrations in Palestine and French colonial border guards and many believed wider scale hostilities may follow.

The French have about 50,000 colonial troops in Syria, plus French and foreign legion forces. The size of the British army in Palestine is not known.

By The Associated Press
The German-British air war in Iraq began in earnest today, with the British officially confirming a Nazi raid on the Lake Habbaniyah airbase and reporting RAF attacks in German planes at Mosul airbase and



CIRCUS, THRILL SHOW SCHEDULED

the bombing of fuel tanks at Amara, north of Basra.

At the same time British sources in Cairo said a few additional German planes en route to Iraq had reached Syrian waystations in the last 48 hours, and the British radio broadcast a Rumanian report that German troops were moving through the Bosphorus, bound presumably for Syria and Iraq.

Another British broadcast said German officers already were leading Iraq troops locked in battle with the British.

Egypt reacted to the heightened threat against the Suez canal by appointing a military governor of the canal zone and tightening restrictions on its traffic.

The war in Iraq appeared moving into a new and more ominous phase as an Iraq communiqué reported a smashing attack by many bombers on the British-held Cindebana camp, and said a big battle was raging near Basra between British forces and Iraq troops pushing toward the Persian gulf.

Inasmuch as the British several days ago announced the practical annihilation of Iraq's weak air force by British squadrons, this first Iraq mention of important bombing activity against the British indicated axis warplanes not only had arrived in the oil-rich kingdom but were already in the initial phase of an air offensive against the British there.

This was further indicated by an official Italian dispatch revealing that Italian warplanes had arrived in Iraq via Syria. Movement of whole squadrons of German planes over the Syrian route to Iraq already had been reported this week, and the British yesterday announced RAF planes had attacked German bombers on Syrian airfields.

A British communiqué issued in Cairo today, however, said of the Iraq situation merely that "in both the Basra and Habbaniyah areas the situation remains quiet."

Turkey appeared determined to maintain a purely defensive attitude toward developments in the middle east, but soviet Russia loomed as an uncertain factor. The mystery of Moscow's real intentions was not clarified to any extent by a delayed dispatch from that capital revealing that Joseph Stalin was transferring some of his most expert generals from the far east to western commands.

Air Crashes Kill 7 Army Men in Ohio

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ately located in the wreckage of a basic combat navigation training plane (Beecher) which was scattered over a wide area.

When the mishap occurred the plane was en route from Louisville, Ky., to Pittsburgh.

Two air corps captains were killed as their ship plunged into the ground with great force 10 miles south of Wilmington—15 minutes after the Nelsonville crash.

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AXIS CLAIMS SALUM TAKEN FROM BRITISH

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that frontier outpost in Egypt after it had been in British hands for a day, the German high command said today.

The axis ground forces, supported by warplanes, drove the British eastward from Salum and "all positions previously held again are in the Africa corps' hands," the daily communiqué said.

The Germans also claimed a triumph over British seapower in the north African fighting. DNB, official German news agency, reporting that Nazi planes drove off British warships approaching the axis-held Libyan port of Bengasi. It also said several transports at the British-held port of Tobruk were damaged in an axis air attack.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 17. (AP)—British troops are continuing their pressure against the Germans in the Fort Capuzzo area in Libya and have captured more than 300 prisoners and disabled many armored cars, British headquarters declared today.

No mention was made, however, of axis claims to recapture Salum, on the Egyptian side of the border.

LEWIS MINERS ORDER STRIKE

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ed with suppression of internal violence. The navy itself would protect only its own property.

Earlier Eli Oliver, representative of the office of production management, said "things look hopeful for the first time," and John Frey, president of the AFL Metal Trades department, said there was "something in the air."

Gov. Olson, without divulging details of the conference, said he will address a mass meeting of the 1,700 strikers at San Francisco civic auditorium next Tuesday night.

He said he will attempt to convince the strikers that it is "their duty and in the best interests of labor generally that they waive the causes in the strike, make the sacrifices involved and call off the strike."

Gov. Olson apparently had assumed leadership in the growing drive to end the walkout which has been holding up construction on numerous navy and merchant vessels.

By The Associated Press
Wage disputes continued Saturday in the west coast shipyards and in the Appalachian soft coal industry, although one of the biggest potential threats to production of national defense material was removed by settlement of a General Motors pay controversy.

Officials of the motor corporation said the agreement, reached at Washington yesterday, would give 165,000 employees, represented by the CIO United Automobile Workers, an additional \$35,000,000, annually in wages.

The possibility of another shutdown in soft coal mining operations arose as southern Appalachian producers and workers failed to reach a permanent agreement on wages. John L. Lewis, president of the CIO United Mine Workers, said that unless an agreement was reached this week it might be necessary to call out of the pits 300,000 men in the eight-state region. Wednesday may be the deadline, he said.

Federal and state gasoline taxes, standing at an estimated \$1,116,000,000 amounted to 60 per cent of the 1940 automotive tax burden.

Puerto Rico has a fleet of 27 privately owned planes, valued at \$150,000.

Opposing Forces Figuring in Near East Situation



This map shows disposition of forces figuring in the tense situation in the Near East, centering around Syria and Iraq, and involving Russia (1), Germans (2), and British (3) and (4). Germans were reported moving through Syria toward Iraq. British with troops in both Trans-Jordan and Iraq, attacked German warplanes in Syria.

SUPER BOMBS USED BY RAF

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on both sides of the Rhine in an attack on the Cologne industrial and railroad center, the air ministry said yesterday, while other units led by American-built planes hammered Nazi bases in France.

There was a renewal of daylight fighting Saturday as British planes broke up a German fighter patrol attempting to cross the southeast coast, fighting a running battle above a hazy sky.

U. S. Planes

The American DB-7 fighter-bomber planes, re-named Havocs in Britain, again were among the fighter craft that attacked enemy airdromes during the night, bombing four main targets. The air ministry said that one pilot of a DB-7 bombed an airdrome and machine gunned a plane landing alongside the flarepath of another.

The German-occupied channel port of France and Holland also were bombed last night and early today, when the rumble of gunfire could be heard on the English side of the channel for several hours.

"Several RAF airdromes were attacked during the night but damage was not serious and casualties were very small," the communiqué said. "Seven enemy fighters were destroyed on the southeast coast Friday afternoon, five by fighters and two by anti-aircraft fire."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends for the beautiful floral offerings and kind expressions of sympathy tendered during our recent bereavement, the loss of our beloved mother, Cora E. Barnum.

Minnie R. Barnum and Lena B. Everett.

Airline profits are four times greater than two years ago.

Student Body Heads at KUHS



Klamath Union high school students brought a lively election campaign to a close Friday with the selection of Frank Ganong, left, above, as student body president for 1941-42. Mary Lou Johnson, right was elected secretary.

British Bomb Toll Rises to 35,756; 47,856 Injured

LONDON, May 17. (AP)—German air raiders killed 6965 and injured 6926 civilians in attacks on the United Kingdom during April, the ministry of home security announced today.

Of the dead, 2912 were men and 2418 were women; 680 were children under the age of 16 and 55 "unclassified." In addition to the total dead, 61 persons were listed missing and believed dead.

This was an increase over the total of 4259 killed and 5557 injured in March.

Including the 61 missing and believed dead, the new list raises Britain's air raid toll of civilians since June, 1940, when air raids began, to 35,756 killed and 47,856 injured.

LONDON, May 17. (AP)—The royal navy has lost 11,204 offi-

cers and men killed and missing since the start of the war, the admiralty announced last night.

Of these, 4260 were listed as killed in action and 6944 as missing. Eighty-one others were reported to have died outside of combat.

In addition 3352 were wounded and 513 taken prisoner, the announcement said.

Germans Blast Midlands Area; British Reply

BERLIN, May 17. (AP)—The main weight of Nazi night air raids on England was directed at Birmingham, which was bombed for three hours by more than 100 planes, the Germans said today.

The attack on the important English industrial center was a complete success, they said, and many fires were observed.

CLIPPER PILOT LANDS SAFELY AT THE DALLES

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Penning said visibility was poor and he climbed the lookout tower on the Upper lake refuge but could see nothing over the marsh where the plane was last heard.

Not Worried

Local airport officials, however, said they were not seriously worried about Grace, a seasoned pilot on the Clipper ships who had returned only two days ago from a trans-ocean hop to China. He was accompanied by a San Francisco man on the stop here for fuel. They said they planned to halt at Eugene, but airport officials said they may have decided not to try the mountain crossing in the storm and flew on north toward The Dalles and Seattle.

The army ship put in here about 11:30 a. m., after becoming separated from other planes flying in a group from Stockton to Medford. After circling north-east of Klamath Falls, the pilot sighted the airport and came down for fuel before taking off again for Medford.

Still another plane figured in the day's local aeronautical news. Jack Collis, Safeway employee, and Frederick Wierdt made a forced landing near Olene early Saturday morning after flying a Cub here from a private field near Portland. They said they left Portland while it was still dark and overshot the Klamath airport in early morning light. They brought the ship down in a field near Olene undamaged.

ALIEN SEAMEN ROUNDUP MADE

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with a nationwide roundup of sailors over-staying 60-day leaves in the United States.

It was understood additional aliens were being questioned but this could not be confirmed.

Officers of the San Francisco police crime prevention bureau, co-operating with immigration agents, started their search for suspects suddenly late this afternoon.

Identities of the three aliens were not disclosed. The men were held at the San Francisco hall of justice prison.

Chief of Police Charles W. Dulica and spokesmen for the immigration department and the federal bureau of investigation declined to comment on the roundup.

BAKER FUNERAL

PORTLAND, Ore., May 17. (UP)—Funeral services for George L. Baker, mayor of Portland for 16 years until his retirement in 1933, will be held Tuesday, it was announced tonight.

Baker, 72, died last night of a heart attack.

It is not only with physical invasion that you and I are concerned, but with a spiritual invasion which, if permitted, would work greater havoc than all the tons of high explosive. . . . Viscount Halifax, British ambassador to the U.S.

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