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1800 Army Men Make Camp Here On Way To S. F.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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."

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.

Here is something to watch: 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.

WASHINGTON, May 21 (P)—The senate foreign relations committee unanimously approved legislation today authorizing the appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the construction of a new inter-American highway to Panama.

First of Four Daily Convoys Comes Into Klamath From North

The army took over Klamath Falls last night. Over 1800 troops, comprising the vanguard of more than 8000 fighting men of the U. S. army's 41st division, sprayed over the town from Link river bridge to Pacific Terrace and from Oregon avenue to Altamont, walking singly and in groups, resting from a 144-mile junket over sun-scorched Oregon highways Wednesday.

The men rolled briskly in in 375 cargo trucks, command cars and army jeeps shortly after noon yesterday on their way from Fort Lewis, Wash., to early summer maneuvers in California. They were part of a 35,000-man movement, biggest military jaunt in far west history, which began to pour out of Washington Monday.

Ten thousand of them will camp here, the balance stopping overnight Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Ten thousand men of the 3rd division are making the trip by way of the Pacific highway. Another 15,000, traveling by rail, will file through here for four days beginning Saturday.

The 41st division is under the command of Major General George A. White who last night said he was more than pleased with the Klamath Falls reception and the bivouac site just off the Kesterson Lumber company road south of the city. Gen. White will remain here during most of Thursday as the second serial, bearing artillery, rolls in.

Stopping in Bend overnight Tuesday, the 163rd and 161st infantry rode under a blazing sun Wednesday. The first trucks reaching here about 1 p. m.

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 Cliftonville, was promptly delivered to the silver-haired commander as he was (Continued on Page Two)

Youth Gets New Elbow in North

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 21 (UP)—James Bennett, Galice, Ore., who hitch-hiked here to get a new elbow, started home today, his arm showing almost normal action.

The youth's elbow, which had been stiffened badly by an accident, was operated on by Dr. Fred H. Albee, famous New York bone surgeon, while he was attending the Montana Surgical guild meeting here several weeks ago.

When Bennett left the hospital here today, the money he had sent to pay for the operation was returned to him to use for a bus ticket home.

France To Fight for This Area



Solid black area is that in Africa controlled by what the Vichy government of France calls the "De Gaulle Rebels" and which Vichy has announced it will fight to win back. Checkered areas on map are those still dominated by the Vichy government. Inset shows Togoland and the Camerouns which, British suggest, France would hand back to Germany if successful.

Major Says Bridges Leads Among Reds

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (UP)—Harry Bridges not only is a communist, but one of the leading communists in the United States, Maj. Lemuel B. Schofield, chief of the department of immigration and naturalization, testified today at the deportation hearing for the Australian-born labor leader.

He made his statement in reply to a defense question if he considered it "in accordance with American tradition respecting judicial processes" for him as chief of the immigration service to "play any role or exert any influence for the purpose of affecting final disposition of the case."

"My Duty" "I believe it my duty to present evidence supporting my conviction Bridges is a communist and one of the leading communists in the United States," he replied.

With that statement Schofield was excused to catch a night plane for Washington, D. C.

Earlier he had testified that James O'Neil, radio announcer now serving a 60-day jail term for contempt, had declared he had seen Bridges pasting dues stamps in a communist party membership book.

Schofield was a surprise witness called by the government to refute charges of the Bridges defense that O'Neil had been subject to coercion by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The radio man was sent to jail because he failed to respond to subpoenas to testify at Bridges' hearing.

WORKERS PASS SHIP PICKETS

Senate Investigating Committee Asked To Conduct Hearings

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (UP)—Six of 11 shippers closed 12 days ago by a strike of AFL machinists, have been reopened, John P. Frey, head of the AFL metal trades unions, declared tonight. He said he personally would lead metal workers through picket lines in other plants tomorrow.

Frey said he had declined to appear before a senate committee investigating defense in Washington on Friday and had instead asked the committee adjourn its hearing to San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (UP)—AFL metal workers defied picket lines today and in a "token" gesture marched into three of 11 shipyards closed 12 days ago by a strike of AFL and CIO machinists, as an appeal was made to a senate committee investigating defense to hold hearings in San Francisco.

John F. Frey, head of the AFL trades department, who personally led 1000 workers through booby CIO lines at the Moore Drydock company, in Oakland, was understood to have informed the senate committee it was essential to hold the hearing in San Francisco because "interested parties" could not go to Washington without interrupting "delicate negotiations" now under way.

Appeal Rejected The 1700 striking AFL and CIO machinists had rejected a personal appeal to their patriotism by Gov. Culbert Olson and stood firm on their demands for a \$1.15 hourly basic scale and (Continued on Page Two)

FOUR LANES TO BE ASKED FOR SOUTH SIXTH

Proposal Will Avoid Jeopardizing 3-Lane Plan Already Asked

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 are to be moved, the state will move them.

Danger Seen It was also asserted by participants in the chamber discussion that three-lane highways are dangerous, in that the middle lane is a passing lane in which cars from opposite directions are likely to meet. Under the South Sixth street plan, it was pointed out, parking would be permitted in lanes adjoining the travel lanes, and cars stopped to park would block traffic temporarily or would force other cars into the middle passing lane.

City Engineer E. A. Thomas pointed out that even though South Sixth were constructed as planned, it would be possible to provide there two wide lanes of (Continued on Page Two)

Nazis Drop 15,000 Troops Into Crete

U. S. ENVOYS TOLD TO GET OUT OF PARIS

Washington Demands Definition of Vichy Stand With Germans

VICHY, May 21 (UP)—Germany has informed the United States that, because of "military reasons," the remaining members of the U. S. diplomatic staff in Paris must leave the Nazi-occupied city by June 10, it was revealed here tonight.

The request for withdrawal of the U. S. diplomatic attaches from Paris was made through the American embassy in Berlin.

It coincided with rapidly rising anger toward the United States and President Roosevelt among the German-controlled and owned French newspapers and asserted the presence in Vichy of U. S. Ambassador William D. Leahy was "delicate and even impossible."

The German request for the closing down of the United States embassy in Paris, insofar as diplomatic activities are concerned, said the diplomatic attaches are credited to the Vichy government at Vichy and should have followed it there after the military collapse of France in June, 1940, when the Germans occupied Paris.

No further explanation of the "military reasons" for the request was given in the information reaching Vichy.

The German request applies (Continued on Page Two)

Registration For Civilian Defense Eyed

WASHINGTON, May 21 (P)—A plan for the voluntary registration of the millions of men above the present military age was reported under consideration today as Mayor Fiorello La Guardia 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 La Guardia to whom the president has delegated full authority for supervising the organization of civilian defenses.

RAF Smashes At Nazi Bases On Greek Land

CAIRO, Egypt, May 21 (P)—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.

24 AMERICANS HELD BY NAZIS

Ambulance Men From Torpedoed Ship Eyed As War Prisoners

BERLIN, May 21 (UP)—The 24 ambulance drivers among the 140 Americans landed from the sunken Egyptian liner Zamzam may be held as prisoners of war, at least temporarily, because they were en route to serve with Free French forces in Africa, a Nazi spokesman indicated today.

"The ambulance drivers, under international law, count as members of the medical corps," the spokesman said. "If they were British or French they could be treated without further ado as prisoners of war."

Status Eyed "Since they are United States citizens, however, and it is uncertain whether they already were enrolled as De Gaulleists or merely were en route to enroll themselves as such, their status needs close investigation before their future treatment is decided."

The German spokesman also brought up the question of whether the ambulance drivers might not betray the movements of German warships in the south Atlantic if they were released immediately.

"We already are accustomed to the fact that United States warships reveal the position of German merchantmen to British warships, but we do not want the same thing to happen to our warships by actions of members of the Red Cross," he said.

The spokesman emphasized that all the Americans from the Zamzam were being well treated. "It can be assumed that all neutral passengers and crew members of the Zamzam will be treated strictly in accordance with international law," he said. (Continued on Page Two)

DEFENDERS OF ISLAND WAGE BLOODY FIGHT

Germans Claim Seven British Warships Bombed By "Stukas"

LONDON, Thursday, May 22 (UP)—British and Greek defenders of Crete were reported early today to be locked in bloody hand to hand battle. Thousands of German parachute troops were swarming over the mountains, plateaus, valleys and beaches of the beleaguered island.

Unofficial but reliable reports indicated probably 15,000 Nazi invaders already had reached Crete. Aerial troop transports were roaring overhead almost constantly.

Another 40,000 Germans were reported in Greece ready to take off and swell the invasion forces engaged in a steadily intensifying air blitzkrieg designed to drive the British from the vital empire bastion of the eastern Mediterranean which Prime Minister Winston Churchill had pledged to defend to the death.

The Nazi invaders, dumped from the sky "in fresh waves at various points," according to an official communique, attacked the British naval base at Suda bay with a force of 3000 "chut-bats" and even succeeded in penetrating the outer defenses nearby. The British were surrounded and "accounted for."

Savage Warfare The invasion of more and more well-armed Nazi troops dropped on the mountain-studded island for the second night and day was accompanied by savage aerial warfare.

German dive-bombers smashed at Crete's ports, airdromes and anti-aircraft defenses, attempting to wipe out opposition and open the way for more landings of troops. It was reported German and possibly Italian naval units were trying to break through to Crete.

British planes, striving to wreck the bases of the German invaders on the Greek mainland 70 to 150 miles north of Crete, were said to have heavily bombed German airdromes throughout Greece during the night.

A Cairo dispatch, quoting arrivals from Crete, said German Stukas bombing Crete's air and naval bases often outnumbered RAF fighter planes 20 to one but the British pilots were putting up "heroic resistance."

Many of the Nazi troop transports are being shot down before they can unload their invading forces.

Alcatraz Break Foiled By Guards

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21 (UP)—Four hardened life-term convicts made a spectacular but unsuccessful attempt to escape from Alcatraz federal prison late today, Warden James A. Johnston announced.

The convicts included Joseph Paul Cretzer, the nation's one-time No. 1 bank-robbler; his brother-in-law, Arnold Thomas Kyle; Lloyd H. Barkdoll, Oregon bank-robbler, and Sam R. Shockley, Oklahoma kidnaper-robbler.

Johnston said the prisoners broke the inside detention sash in the prison mat shop and were attempting to cut the outside tool-proof steel bars with an emery wheel, when the attempt was discovered and frustrated.

The prisoners had "ganged up" on different guards as they entered the shop for the customary inspection; bound them hand and foot and laid them on the floor, Johnston said.

Tent City in the Building South of Klamath Falls



Over 900 soldiers of the 41st division rolled into Klamath Falls shortly after noon yesterday as the vanguard of an 8000-troop movement through here in 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 rolled in around three o'clock yesterday afternoon.

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