

HUGE PORTION OF CRETE IN NAZI HANDS

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for the Mediterranean island
raged through its fifth day.

An authorized declaration that the British do not intend to use Crete's southern ports for embarkment and others cautioning the people to expect naval losses were taken generally to mean there will be no retreat.

Defenders Have Edge
Prime Minister Churchill declared before the invasion that the island will be defended to the death and without thought of withdrawal.

However, British reports available up to late today indicated the defenders were holding an edge in the fighting.

A fierce battle was being fought around Malemi airfield, where British and Greek forces are seeking to dislodge Nazi sky troops with artillery, tanks and machine-guns.

Authoritative sources declared they had received no information indicating that the Nazis had succeeded in landing seaborne troops on the island "on any scale," but said it was probable that some odd Caïques (Greek sailing vessels) had reached the coast.

LONDON, May 24 (UP)—British sources said today that the Germans are employing a new surprise weapon—"aquagliers"—in their attack on Crete.

The gliders are similar to land gliders but alight on the sea.

The gliders, it was said, taxi up to the beaches using a light motor which drives a small propeller.

The aquagliers were said to require perfectly calm seas in order to land without capsizing but have the great advantage that they can land in the darkness or semi-darkness without being observed.

Drouth Covers East Area as 'Dust Bowl' Given Rain

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rains, has been hardest hit. The Ohio valley has fared but little better.

A new drought record for the five months ended April 30 was established in New England with precipitation 67 per cent of normal, and in Pennsylvania, 67 per cent, West Virginia, 85 per cent, Ohio, 56 per cent, Indiana 54 per cent.

Kentucky with 53 per cent of normal was the driest since 1889; Tennessee with 37 per cent the driest since 1902. Virginia had 68 per cent and New York 81 per cent, both the driest since 1931. Florida was the only state east of the Mississippi with normal fall.

It would be illegal to allow society to commit suicide.—Dr. Frank Monaghan, Yale University.

BUND ATTACKED BY DIES GROUP

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power of this force the bund, working hand in hand with the German government, "can draft men for a sabotage machine and spy net," the committee said.

Nazi organization members, the committee said, have been working in U. S. shipyards and aviation companies and are "in direct possession of secret plans for construction of U. S. battleships." Some, it said, have even been assigned to trial runs on these ships.

The bund now is planning to merge "minor subversive forces" here into a "strictly American division under the swastika leadership of Fritz Kuhn." Kuhn now is serving a prison sentence for embezzling bund funds.

The committee said that it is "greatly impressed" by evidence indicating "a relationship between the German government and the bund through the activities of Nazi consuls in this country."

Publisher Talks To Foresters on Sustained Yield

The general public of the Klamath basin is not afraid of exhausted timber in this area, Frank Jenkins, publisher of The News and Herald, told over 60 timbermen, foresters agents, and mill operators Friday night at the Willard hotel in presenting the public's views on the sustained yield issue.

Jenkins' address to the convening foresters indicated the local public, bearing in mind predictions of 25 and 30 years ago regarding depletions of natural resources, is not overly concerned with the exhaustion of timber resources. Instead, the publisher asserted, they want the payroll and supply now available under current conditions.

The public remembers predictions of 1910 foreseeing complete exhaustion of the southern states' timber supply by 1940, he said, and points to the present huge supply still extant. Another prognostication of three decades ago, predicting a gasoline shortage in 30 years, has not been borne out, the publisher stated, making the public doubtful of current predictions.

The public does approve, according to Jenkins, government control of marginal and cutover lands and the adoption of modern selective logging methods. It further believes, he asserted, that because roughly over one-half of Oregon timber is publicly-owned and therefore tax-free, the government should sponsor extensive scientific research and experimentation on fire and insect loss and new logging methods.

In short, Jenkins stated, the public wants the timber operations unhampered by too much regulation, and believes operators should be left free in order to maintain current operations and consequent payrolls.

NAZI WARSHIP BLOWS VESSEL IN DIRECT HIT

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spite the Hood's 7,000-ton edge in weight.

The Bismarck had the advantage of late improvements in hardened steel and increased gun firepower.

There was considerable speculation as to the purpose of the German battle squadron in ranging so far west as the Greenland area. It was noted by naval experts that use of battleships for commerce raiding is extremely wasteful because each capital ship requires a substantial escort of smaller warcraft.

Some British suggested possibly the Germans "have decided to protect Greenland against the United States aggression."

BERLIN, May 24 (UP)—The Nazi high command announced tonight the new German battleship, Bismarck, has sent to the bottom a monster British cruiser, believed to be the Hood, the world's largest dreadnaught, in a great sea action off Iceland.

The success of the Bismarck was scored in what was apparently the war's first major Anglo-German naval battle.

The size of the naval forces engaged off Iceland was not fully revealed but the high command said the Bismarck was at the head of a German "naval detachment" which encountered "heavy British naval forces."

The high command said in addition to the battle cruiser another British battleship was forced to turn back, and reported the Nazi sea squadron suffering no damage of account, was continuing its operations.

The Nazi naval force was commanded by Fleet Commander Admiral Gunther Luetjens, one of Germany's top naval leaders and the man who headed the special German sea raiding force which was at large in the North Atlantic for some days in March.

According to the Nazi high command the encounter with the British occurred in the vicinity of Iceland, some 1,300 miles from Newfoundland.

Pride of Navy
The Bismarck is the pride of the German navy. Completed in 1939 a few months before the outbreak of war, she mounts a battery of eight 15-inch guns, the same armament as the Hood. She carries four airplanes and her tonnage is 35,000, about 7,000 less than the Hood. The Bismarck's speed is thought to be only slightly less than the Hood's.

Never before had the Nazi high command reported "battleships" of the Bismarck class in action.

The Bismarck was launched Feb. 10, 1939 and with her sister ship, the Admiral Von

Biggest Battleship Sunk



The British battlecruiser Hood, shown above with details of her armament, was sunk by an equally big German battleship, the Bismarck, off Iceland.



Rumors persist that Willy Messerschmitt, above, famed German plane manufacturer, may have helped his old friend Rudolf Hess pull off his flight to Scotland.

Tirpitz, constitutes the spearhead of Germany's battle fleet of four capital ships.

LONDON, May 24 (UP)—Britain's mightiest battleship, the 42,100-ton battle cruiser Hood, was blown up and sunk today in a battle between Iceland and Greenland by the German battleship Bismarck.

The admiralty announced the loss tonight.

Probably 1300 men were lost when, the announcement indicated, "unlucky" hit from the new, 35,000-ton German battleship struck a magazine of the Hood and the giant warship exploded.

The Bismarck, although hit herself, apparently escaped. The admiralty said she was being pursued.

This was Britain's greatest naval disaster of the war, her worst blow at sea since the battleship Royal Oak was torpedoed in a daring submarine raid on the Scapa Flow naval base October 14, 1939, when the war was less than two months old.

It came on Victoria day, 122nd anniversary of the birth of Queen Victoria.

The admiralty said the British and German naval forces first met off the coast of Greenland and that the Hood was sunk in the ensuing action, which the Germans placed near Iceland.

(The Germans said the Bismarck was not seriously damaged.)

(The Bismarck, at the battle position between Greenland and Iceland, was approximately 1400 miles from her nearest large port on the German North sea coast. At her top speed of approximately 30 knots she could be expected to take at least 41 hours to get home.)

Iceland and Greenland are separated by only about 250 miles of water. Thus, if both British and German statements are correct, the battle appears to have begun in waters off the western hemisphere island of Greenland and stretched south-

east into the vicinity of Iceland, in the eastern hemisphere.)

BERLIN, May 24 (UP)—A British battle cruiser, probably the giant H.M.S. Hood, has been destroyed by the new German battleship Bismarck in a naval battle off Behemoths off Iceland, Germany announced officially tonight.

A second British capital ship had to turn away under the assault by Nazi fleet units in mid-Atlantic, the high command said.

The Hood, a 42,100-ton giant, is the largest man-of-war in the British fleet and probably the largest in the world.

Never before in this war have two such warships as the Hood and the 35,000-ton Bismarck matched blows.

The German announcement said its force came out of the battle "without serious damages" and "continued its operations."

MORE STRIKES MENACE WEST

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also faced a new strike threat today at Pontiac, Mich.

Just a week after the big motor firm averted a threatened walkout in 60 of its plants by granting wage increases of 10 cents an hour, the Pontiac local of the CIO United Automobile workers filed notice with the Michigan labor mediation board of intent to strike. The union charged the plant management with anti-union activity.

At San Francisco, where a strike of 1700 CIO and AFL machinists has tied up work by ten times that many men on a half billion dollars worth of shipbuilding in 11 yards, it was reported the navy might complete in its own yards work on some of the tied up ships, but would not try to force reopening of the struck yards.

Again today uniformed blue-jackets driving navy trucks hauled groups of shipyard craftsmen through machinists' picket lines.

The cabinet of President Franklin Pierce served the entire term without a change of personnel, 1853 to 1857.

The moon goes around the earth approximately 13 times a year, making one revolution in 27 days and 8 hours.

One-fourth or 70,000,000 acres of the farm area of the southern states is in forest or woodlands.

Births in the United States are dropping about 50,000 a year; deaths are increasing about 20,000 annually.

Indianapolis erected a bronze marker at the former home of the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison.

First Entrant



Vernon Bowman Merrill, was the first entrant in the Ford Good Drivers' League of America contest here, which will be concluded Tuesday.

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WEATHER

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Partly cloudy today and tonight; generally fair Sunday; scattered afternoon showers; thunderstorms in the mountains; slightly warmer near the coast and continued moderately warm in the interior Sunday; moderate to fresh northwest wind off coast.

WASHINGTON AND OREGON—Partly cloudy today, tonight and Sunday with scattered light showers in the mountains; cooler in the west today and in the east portion Sunday; moderate to fresh northwest wind off the coast and over inland waters of Washington.

Mail Closing Times

(Trains)
Southbound: 6:00 a. m.
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Southbound: 5:15 p. m.
Northbound: 8:30 p. m.

(Stages)

Alturas, Lakeview, Rocky Point and Ashland, all close 7:00 a. m.

Altamont Garden Club—The meeting date for the Altamont Garden club has been changed from May 28 to June 4, at which time the Tulalake club will be entertained at tea. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Schultz on South Sixth street in Altamont.

FINAL CONVOY SPENDS NIGHT AT KLAMATH

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the soldiers at Fifth and Main streets, followed by a two-block street dance from 8 to 9:30. The men were said to have enjoyed themselves more thoroughly than those of the three previous serials, though this was probably caused by an infectious spirit of Saturday night. No accidents were reported to the troops while here, although one man was said to have fainted in a steam room at a local natorium and an MP received treatment for a cut lip at Klamath Valley hospital.

In command of the brigade is Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea of Portland. Both the 162nd and 168th infantry regiments, comprising the 82nd brigade, are composed of Oregon national guardsmen and selectees.

Saturday's military group was the last in the current army trek from Fort Lewis, Wash., to California maneuvers. On completion of the war games, the long trek northward will begin with the 3rd division scheduled for routing through Klamath Falls and the 41st shunted north on the Pacific highway.

VITAL STATISTICS

WYANT—Born at Hillsdale hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 23, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wyant, Tennant, Calif., a girl. Weight: 7 pounds 14½ ounces.

METCALF—Born at Hillsdale hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 30, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis D. Metcalf, 727 Mt. Whitney street, a boy. Weight: 7 pounds 4 ounces.

BARKER—Born at Klamath Valley hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., May 24, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barker, route 3, box 982, city, a girl. Weight: 6 pounds 2½ ounces.

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While Hitler has succeeded in invading Dutch territory, he has never succeeded in invading the Dutch spirit.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands.

The 1933 Florida legislature granted the Seminole Indians additional land for their reservation.

Transient Sentenced On Morals Count

Harry G. Manning, 40, transient, charged with sodomy, was sentenced to eight years in the state penitentiary when he entered a plea of guilty before Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Saturday morning.

Berlin Admits General Dies In Air Action

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air corps that led the Luftwaffe assault on the British forces evacuating Dunkirk last summer and both had been decorated with the Chevalier's Cross of the order of the Iron Cross.

Grauert was dark-haired, hawk-faced and had penetrating eyes. He was a pioneer in developing the modern Luftwaffe under Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering and played a leading role in the war in Poland, on the western front and in the battle of Britain.

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