

RUSS PRESS NAZIS IN ARCTIC ON TWO SIDES

GERMAN LOSS AT KALININ IS HEAVY

By Associated Press.

Russian Arctic fighters defended the port and railroad of Murmansk were reported squeezing force and at today upon the invading forces of Lieut. Gen. Eduard Dietl, who won oak-leaf decorations for his Knight's Cross in the 1940 Battle of Narvik.

The Soviet army newspaper Red Star said newly announced Red Army landing from the sea on Axis-occupied soil of the Murmansk coast had developed steady pressure at the rear and "now Dietl has been forced on the defensive."

Opposed by Austrians

Austrian mountaineers were said to make up the command of General Dietl, slender, 51-year-old Bavarian, who was acclaimed by Adolf Hitler as a hero of the Norwegian campaign.

At least ten German transports were said to have been destroyed by Soviet submarines in connection with the flanking Russian troop movement, and Red Star said Russian airmen had sunk a German destroyer and damaged another.

The Soviet Information Bureau reported that 2,450 Germans had been killed, many wounded and 25 tanks destroyed in five days of fighting on the Kalinin sector brought on by Nazi counter-attacks seeking to oust "our troops wedged into enemy defenses."

Fresh Balkan trouble for the Axis was forecast in New York.

100,000 Guerrillas Ready

Col. Dragutin Savich, a special delegate of Gen. Draza Mihailovic, said 100,000 Yugoslav guerrillas were preparing for offensive.

It was said that the patriots are sent supplies by submarines or planes.

Bad weather over the Continent apparently limited the Royal Air Force to minor operations overnight, after two successive heavy raids on the industrial Ruhr.

The London Air Ministry said "a number of persons were injured and slight damage was done" by a German bomber which attacked a coastal town in Northeast England.

German night fighters shot down five British bombers which attempted to fly over Heligoland Bight, the Berlin radio said.

Italy Fights To Save 'Her Sea,' Duce Asserts

ROME (from Italian broadcasts), March 28.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini, speaking at ceremonies celebrating the 19th anniversary of the Fascist air force, declared today that Italy's armed forces were battling to "liberate her once for all" and break the chain that has held her captive in her sea.

The Duce said the Axis powers were arrayed against "an evil coalition of democratic-plutocratic-Bolshevik powers."

Mussolini conferred medals on numerous members of the air force.

British Commandos Attack St. Nazaire

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that no German warships were lost. An earlier, special Nazi communique had reported that all those troops who landed had been "encircled and destroyed."

Let 'Em Come, Say Nazis

The German radio declared that "after this costly experiment the drawing-room strategists of London will convince themselves of the hopelessness of such enterprises."

"Should this, however, still not be sufficient evidence for them, we cordially invite them over for further such experiments. Our commanders stand ready to expect them and to repeat the lesson given to the British last night."

Compared to Zebrugge

The German accounts of the night of battle in the Loire Estuary drew a close parallel with the Zebrugge invasion of April 25, 1918, by British naval units under Adm. Sir Roger Keyes—who for 15 months in this new war headed the Commando invasion units.

Like St. Nazaire, Zebrugge, on the Belgian coast, was used as a submarine base by the Germans, and, like St. Nazaire, it was bombed repeatedly and also bombarded by cruisers and monitors. This was done to check its use by the U-boats and a large fleet under Keyes attacked Zebrugge in the fog.

A submarine full of explosive was blown up beneath the viaduct connecting the harbor mole to land, while three U-boats filled with cement steamed into the harbor and headed for the Zebrugge Canal. Two of them were sunk across the channel. Meanwhile the old cruiser Vindictive was held outside the mole by two ferriesboats to enable landing parties to attack the German defenders.

Base for Atlantic Attacks

Keys lost a destroyer and four smaller craft and had 188 dead, 384 wounded and 16 missing.

St. Nazaire is so placed that the submarines which have been taking an increasing toll of Atlantic shipping can make a straight run into the Atlantic.

It is approximately 150 miles from the nearest British bases on the British coast.

Royal Air Force bombers and fighters hammered at invasion ports along the coast of German-occupied France tonight despite an intense anti-aircraft barrage which was clearly audible across the Channel.

Newspaper Raises Price

NASHUA, N. H., March 28.—(AP)—The Nashua Telegraph, an afternoon newspaper, announced today a price rise from two to three cents effective April 1.

Communiqués Bataan Silences Jap Battery; Nazi Bombers Attack Tobruk

FAR EASTERN FRONT—UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Covering developments until 10 a. m. Eastern War Time today, the War Department said in Communiqué No. 165:

"1. Philippine theatre: 'Corregidor Island was under almost continuous air bombardment during the afternoon of March 27. Our anti-aircraft artillery forced enemy bombers to fly at such a high altitude that hostile bombing proved very inaccurate, causing practically no damage to military installations. The enemy attempted night raids, but the Japanese planes were shot down by our searchlights and hastily fled after dropping their bombs in the bay. One heavy enemy bomber was shot down by our anti-aircraft fire.

"Batteries of our island forts shelled enemy gun emplacements on the Cavite shore.

"In Bataan enemy patrols were particularly active. A successful night raid was carried out by one of our patrols. Our artillery fired on troop and truck concentrations and on hostile batteries. One Japanese battery was silenced and numerous casualties were suffered by the enemy.

"In the vicinity of Zamboanga, on the island of Mindanao, our patrols penetrated the enemy lines to within one kilometer of the city, where an outpost was successfully raised. Our troops sustained no casualties in this encounter.

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

BRITISH

NEW DELHI, India, March 28.—(AP)—A British communique on Burma said today:

"The situation on the Toungoo front appears to have improved. Our lines have had to be straightened on the Irrawaddy front consequent to recent developments in the Toungoo area.

"There still has been no contact on this front though large parties of mixed Burmans, Japanese and local freebooters are active south of Promé.

"A town on the Irrawaddy was bombed heavily yesterday. Incendiary bombs were dropped. Three quarters of the town has been gutted. Military damage was very slight and casualties were very few, too."

CHINESE

CHUNGKING, China, March 28.—(AP)—Chinese headquaters issued the following communique last night on fighting in Burma:

"The Japanese have continued to bring up reinforcements to the Toungoo front, but up to the night of March 24 the Chinese continued to hold the Japanese in the vicinity of Okhtwin and Tantanbin to the south of Toungoo.

"The Japanese therefore moved from the northwest and a Japanese detachment occupied an air field north of Toungoo at dawn March 25 with the object of closing in on the Chinese defenders from three directions.

"The Chinese liquidated the Japanese detachment at the air field and continued to counter-attack the Japanese reinforcements arriving there.

"After arrival of reinforcements the morale of the Chinese defenders mounted, resulting in very severe fighting which is in progress at present.

"Up to last night Toungoo remained in our hands with fighting in progress in the western, southern and northern outskirts."

AUSTRALIAN

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 28.—(AP)—A Royal Australian Air Force communique said today:

"Our aircraft made a successful attack on enemy shipping at Koepang in Timor yesterday. Further details of this attack have not yet been received.

"In the course of a dog fight near Port Moresby Friday morning, the Japanese lost two aircraft. One of ours was shot down by three enemy fighters. The fight began at 20,000 feet and ended at 10,000 feet. The Japanese fighters dive-bombed our aircraft from astern. Our pilot kept going for some time against odds, but eventually his aircraft was damaged and he is believed to have bailed out. A military party was sent to search for him, but he has not yet been located.

"Another of our aircraft joined in the fight and one of the enemy planes flew through a burst from our guns. Anti-aircraft gunners nearby saw the plane later diving vertically and trailing smoke and heard it crash some distance away."

An Australian communique issued this evening said:

"A number of British prisoners were taken on the North African front in the course of night action in the area of Tmimi. German dive-bombers attacked harbor installations of Tobruk, scored direct hits on an enemy merchantman and shot down three British planes in aerial combat.

"During the night of March 27-28 there were no substantial changes at the front.

"Our rifle units on one sector of the Western (Moscow) Front after stubborn fighting dislodged the enemy from one inhabited locality. Hundreds of enemy officers and men were killed.

"During two days' fighting in a zone of the southwestern sector our troops annihilated over 500 Germans. They captured much war material."

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"Also in the central and northern sectors of the front the enemy carried out ineffective attacks at various points with strong forces supported by tanks.

"The Luftwaffe last night attacked important military objectives in Moscow.

"During yesterday 21 enemy planes were destroyed on the Eastern Front and 35 tanks were put out of action."

WESTERN FRONT—BRITISH

LONDON, March 28.—(AP)—An Air Ministry communique said today:

"Aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked airfields in the Low Countries last night but bad weather prevented large-scale operations over enemy territory.

"Mines were laid at several points.

"Four of our aircraft are missing. The Air and Home Security Ministries issued this communique today:

"Last night an enemy aircraft dropped bombs on a coastal town in Northeast England.



SURPRISE ACTION Russian landing parties from Arctic beachheads behind the left invasion flank, combined with Soviet sea and air attacks, today were reported to be making the position of the German army before Murmansk (1) extremely difficult. The Reds also reported gains in the Leningrad area (2).—Map prepared by Associated Press and transmitted by wirephoto.

by night and day. One visited Ras Nazeira beyond the Tmimi-Mechill track. Another got to the area of Chechbin, near the Tmimi landing grounds.

"Our artillery shelled enemy positions at Aleima, too."

Royal Air Force Middle East Headquarters issued this communique today:

"While patrolling forward areas in Cyrenaica yesterday, March 27, our fighters shot down a Macchi 202. Others were damaged.

"Bombing operations were limited but during a raid on Bengasi on Thursday night a number of fires were started and a large three-masted ship was seen ablaze at the Central Mole.

"Two of our fighters were lost but both pilots were saved."

ITALIAN

ROME (from Italian broadcasts), March 28.—(AP)—The High Command communique said today:

"In the course of a night battle between advance patrols southwest of Tmimi several dozens of prisoners were captured.

"Fort and harbor installations of Tobruk were bombed by German air formations. One merchant vessel was hit. Three enemy planes were shot down in aerial combat and two Hurricanes (British fighter planes) were destroyed by our fighters.

"In the course of an attempt by enemy aircraft to raid the airfield of Tmimi one enemy bomber was hit by our anti-aircraft defenses and crashed in flames.

"Another plane which also had been hit by the anti-aircraft defenses of Bengasi was found destroyed in the region of Benina.

"Strong German air formations again attacked the harbors of Valletta and Mersah Sirocco. Direct hits were scored on three merchant vessels, one of which was sunk. One 8,000-ton vessel was set on fire. Further direct hits were scored on one cruiser and two destroyers. Anti-aircraft guns were silenced and heavy damage was caused on military buildings. In aerial combat over Malta two Hurricanes were shot down.

"Enemy planes have raided Patras, Greece, without causing damage or casualties. One enemy plane, hit by anti-aircraft defenses, was forced to land. The crew of four was taken prisoner."

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'SABOTAGE' OF AUSTRALIA VOWS MORALE CHARGED TO SAVE COAST

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—The government ordered two arrests to make it bluntly plain today that it would tolerate no suspected sabotage of the morale or loyalty of men in the armed forces.

Prosecution proceedings were instituted in Chattanooga, Tenn., against George W. Christians, organizer of the "Crusader White Shirts," on charges of distributing propaganda which advocated insubordination, disloyalty and mutiny in the Army to bring about a reign of terror.

Almost simultaneous action was taken against Rudolph Fah of Denver, Colo., who was charged with attempting to undermine the morale of the military forces.

Attorney-General Biddle announced last night that he had directed the two arrests and cited quotations from some of the purported propaganda. If the men both native born Americans, should be convicted, they face a maximum penalty of ten years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

Christians is a native of New York and once was a candidate for Congress from the 3rd Tennessee District. He is 53 years old and has been taken into custody at Chattanooga.

Fahl was discharged from the faculty of the Denver public schools in 1940 and has a suit pending before District Court to recover his job as a physical education instructor. Supt. Charles E. Green said Fahl had made inflammatory verbal attacks on President Roosevelt and Jews. Fahl is now a paint salesman.

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 28.—(AP)—The loss of Australian coastal cities would mean "the loss of her heart, her hands and her feet," C. Yates McDaniel, Associated Press correspondent, said yesterday in reporting that the people are resolved to "knock the Japanese back before they get to us."

"Look at the map of the South Pacific," the Australian friend called "Lucky" said in a broadcast to the United States over the Blue Network, "and you will see a very good reason why we cannot afford to be pushed out. If we are, what a job it will be to get back, for Southern Australia is closer to the United States than it is to Honolulu, and it is a long way farther than that to the United States."

'Agitated' Wife Struck Teacher, Husband Admits

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 28.—(AP)—Arthur H. Leslie, 47-year-old Lafayette railroad worker, testified in Circuit Court today that his wife, accused of flogging a school teacher who disciplined their 11-year-old son, Danny, left the courtroom in a state of "mental agitation."

Leslie, who with his wife, is charged with assault and battery, previously had told a jury of 11 men and a woman that he saw Mrs. Leslie strike four or five blows on the head of the 11-year-old fifth grade teacher in Longlois School.

The boy's father said that his 45-year-old wife left the room with "her eyes bulging and in a state of mental agitation." He added that she was "mumbling and appeared to be out of her mind."

A plea of temporary insanity has been filed for Mrs. Leslie.

On cross-examination, Leslie admitted, however, that Mrs. Leslie drove their automobile home.

Danny told the jury Miss Davis hit him on the head with a book and the boy tapped Defense Counsel Francis J. Murphy lightly on the head to show how. When he went home and told his parents, he said they went on going back to school with him.

The teacher entered the classroom while he was trying to fix an automatic pencil for another boy, he related, walked up and thumped him on the head with a textbook she held in both hands.

Danny testified "She said: 'I wanted it to hurt.'"

Premier Hints Bulgaria Will Fight Russia

BERN, Switzerland, March 28.—(AP)—Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philov declared in a speech today that Bulgaria was ready to fulfill her tasks in the Axis and said the destruction of Bolshevism was necessary to the establishment of a new order, Havas reported in a dispatch from Sofia.

The premier's speech, which the French news agency said was made at Sobranje, was regarded as the first official indication that Bulgaria may have decided finally to join actively in the war against Russia.

Bulgarian sources declared that King Boris has agreed to Bulgaria's active participation in the war at the insistence of Adolf Hitler, who has been reported campaigning in the Balkans for additional manpower to hurl against Russia this spring.

Remington Arms Plant Blasted

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mitting six persons, none believed to be seriously hurt.

Mary Nemeth, being treated for shock at a shoulder abrasions, told the police.

"The fellow next to me was asking me if I was going to get married soon, and I said, 'Yes, that I was going to get married in June. Then everything went black. My girl friend was pinned under a plank, and the fellow who was talking to me was pinned under the plank. I tried to drag my girl friend but she was too heavy. The whole ceiling caved in, and seemed as though the building crashed down. One of the fellows tried to climb up a conveyor. Then I saw a fellow climbing toward some light and I followed him.

"There were flames all around an dthat's what stopped up from getting out. We couldn't get out because of the flames that would shoot out. The flames singed my hair but I put it out with my handkerchief. My steady job, which it was Saturday afternoon and I was doing a little extra work. The explosion must have been right above us because the ceiling fell down."

War - Damage Bill Is Signed by F. R.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has signed a bill authorizing a \$1,000,000,000 fund for the War Damage Corporation to provide federal insurance against damage to private property resulting from air raids.

The act does not stipulate the insurance terms, but Secretary of Commerce Jesse H. Jones, under whose jurisdiction the corporation operates, has said the premium rates would range upward from \$1 per \$1,000.

200 Finns, Deserted By Germans, Killed

MOSCOW, March 28.—(AP)—The Moscow radio, quoting Stockholm dispatches, said today that an entire company of 200 Finnish ski volunteers, attached to the S. S. Norland German Regiment in the North, had deserted and were being driven toward the West by the Finns. Among the killed, the dispatch said, was Paavo Vietro, "world champion in ski jumping."

(Available records in New York do not include the name of Vietro. These records in the last two years are incomplete, however.)

B. C. Hearing to Be Set

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 28.—Date for hearing of six charges against The Sun Publishing Company under Defense of Regulations will be set on April 1, it was decided in Police Court yesterday.

Chiangs Mourn Mills, Writer, Friend of China

CHUNGKING, China, March 28.—(AP)—Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek issued this statement today in connection with the death of James A. Mills, veteran Associated Press Foreign correspondent:

"The death of the distinguished American journalist, James Mills, brought grief to his wide circle of friends in China. We have known him not only as a sympathetic friend of China but also as a courageous champion of human justice and freedom."

(Mills died yesterday after a stroke at Ventura, Calif.)

PLANES AT POSTS TO FIGHT SUBS

WASHINGTON, March 28.—(AP)—Army bombers and Navy patrol boats were quartered today in American waters from Iceland to Panama in the Navy's new counter-offensive against the submarines that have sunk 70 ships off Atlantic and Caribbean shores.

Clearing spring weather was expected to aid the hunt. The submarines have less chance of remaining undetected than during winter months when the frothy wake of a periscope is indistinguishable from white caps of breaking waves. Also, the lengthening of days will give the undersea craft fewer dark hours in which to surface and recharge their batteries.

Under the counter-offensive announced yesterday all anti-submarine forces are grouped in sea-frontier commands, with Army planes under direct control of the Navy. Establishment of the system followed a complaint by Gov. J. M. Broughton of North Carolina that there had been a "shocking lack of cooperation" between the Army and the Navy on the U-boat hunt.

Rear Adm. Adolphus Andrews has the vital Atlantic sea-frontier command, from Canada to the Caribbean.

Ten of Family Serving With Armed Forces

RED BANK, N. J., March 28.—(AP)—The D'Antonios consider their participation in the war effort somewhat of a record.

Martin, Frank, Rocco, Dominic, James, Peter, Carmine, Vincent, Samuel and Tony—ten in all—are already in the American armed forces. John is awaiting his call and Michael is anxious to join his brothers. Victor will have to wait a while, however, as he is only 14 years old.

To complete the picture, three married sisters are working in war plants.

Aliens Taken In Harbor Raid

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who was called into F. B. I. service several months ago.

Aliens Rounded Up In S. F. Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—(AP)—Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, assisted by local officers, today renewed their large-scale round-up of potential fifth columnists in simultaneous sweeps through 25 Northern California communities.

The activity was the most general since the week-end of March 6, when 105 enemy aliens were taken into custody in their homes and business establishments searched for guns, ammunition, signal devices and other contraband.

Today's raids covered 13 counties—San Francisco, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Monterey, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Sacramento, Yuba, Sutter, Placer and Solano.

Particular targets of the systematic drive, the F. B. I. announced, were alien Japanese suspected of being members of the Military Virtue Society, or leaders of a group collecting funds for the Japanese army and navy and as shinto priests.

Japs, Chinese Look Alike to Stanfordites

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 28.—(AP)—Stanford University students can't tell a Japanese from a Chinese, even after reading a couple of sets of instructions.

Two groups of 50 students each were shown photographs of 28 Japanese and 28 Chinese. All the Orientals were former Stanford students. One test group picked an average of 30.4 pictures correctly and the other group scored an even 21. This was not much better than the group should have done by just guessing under the law of averages.

Midwest Colleges To Take Jap Students

BERKELEY, Calif., March 28.—(AP)—Japanese college students facing evacuation from the West Coast will be accepted by universities in the Midwest and other sections of the country, President Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California, said today.

Students, American-born but of Japanese ancestry, would be affected by evacuation orders, he said.

Colleges which have offered to accept them, waiving tuition and non-residence fees, include the University of Idaho, Iowa State College, University of Kansas City, and Colorado State College.

Mormons Change Missionary Plans

SALT LAKE CITY, March 28.—(AP)—Missionary service for the Latter Day Saints Church will be confined during the war to members of the First Council of Seventy and high priests.

In the past, much of the missionary work has been done by elders, a priesthood office usually held by younger men. The church said the new policy was adopted because of the wide-spread disast of material and spiritual matters has brought vital and difficult problems to the nation and to the church."

ABOLISH LORDS? BRITAIN STIRRED

By Associated Press.

LONDON, March 28.—Parliamentary circles expressed astonishment today at The Daily Herald's assertion that the government was considering a plan to abolish the hereditary House of Lords and set up a new chamber on a representative basis.

"It is a bolt from the blue to us," declared one source, who said the proposal evidently was "the brain-child of some labor leaders" for whom The Herald was acting as journalistic spokesman.

The Herald's political correspondent asserted the plan already was being drafted for early submission to the war cabinet by a committee under Sir John Anderson, lord president of the Council and a member of the war cabinet himself.

Proposed Membership Outlined

"It is part of a comprehensive review of constitutional and electoral problems recently put in hand by the government," the writer added.

The writer said the proposed new upper house would include representatives of churches, spokesmen of organized employers and workers, representatives of scientific and literary organizations, educational leaders, members of main political parties according to their strength in Commons and chairmen of county councils.

Change Soon Doubtful

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