

BRITISH TORPEDO PLANES HIT CRUISER FLEEING NORSE PORT

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"We have had no illusions... this would be a tough job—and a long one."
—Franklin D. Roosevelt, in address to nation April 28, 1942.

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NAZIS HURL TANKS, TROOPS INTO KHARKOV DEATH TRAPS

PRINZ EUGEN IS 'GRAVELY DAMAGED' IN SEA BATTLE

Two and Possibly 3 Missiles Find Mark on Big German Warship; English Lose 9 Planes, Nazis 5

By Associated Press.
LONDON, May 18.—The British air force, which has been playing a deadly game of hide-and-seek with the 10,000-ton German cruiser Prinz Eugen for more than three months, caught up with the elusive warship off Southern Norway last night and engaged her in a running fight in which she apparently was gravely damaged, the Air Ministry announced today.

Two "definite" torpedo hits and one "probable" hit were made on the Prinz Eugen in the attack off Lister, on the southwest coast of Norway, the Air Ministry said.

American-made Hudson bombers also attacked with explosives and escorting Beaufighters raked the four escorting destroyers with machine-gun fire.

Cruiser Seen In Exercises
The Prinz Eugen, it was stated, had been seen in exercises in Trondheim fjord Saturday.

One attacking pilot said he saw a "great pillar of black, dirty smoke" rise above the superstructure of the Prinz Eugen after his torpedo hit home. Two large explosions 15 seconds apart were heard.

Another pilot said he saw a sheet of flame spring from the cruiser after he attacked. He "got a glimpse of other torpedoes running well toward the ship," the ministry said.

The Prinz Eugen evidently was trying to slip back to a German port from her refuge at Trondheim, where she has been hiding out after being damaged by a British submarine last February, a communiqué said.

The Air Ministry reported that the Prinz Eugen was escorted by four destroyers and a swarm of German fighting planes, which apparently tried desperately to ward off the British attack.

Both the Royal Navy and the Air Force have been lying in wait for the Prinz Eugen to venture

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NEW LIFE AMID ST. GILES' RUIN



IN LONDON The Rev. H. B. Brewer, rector of St. Luke's, christened Janice King, an infant, at the altar of bomb-wrecked St. Giles Church in Cripplegate. Janice is the fourth generation of her family to be christened in St. Giles. Her grandfather was verger of the church 43 years. Her father, Lance Sgt. Eric King, stands by in uniform.—A. P. wirephoto.

KING CONGRATULATES FLYERS



AT AN R. A. F. STATION England's King George VI (in cap) congratulates Royal Air Force flyers after their return from a daylight sweep over Axis-occupied territory on the Continent. The King watched squadrons take off and return during a visit to an undisclosed air station.—A. P. wirephoto.

PARACHUTE RAIDS FAIL; RUSS CLOSE IN ON CITY

Trailer-Borne German Units Ride to Doom; 12,000 of Enemy Killed, Say Soviets, Reds Advance 37 Miles

By Associated Press.
MOSCOW, May 18.—With the Soviet army closing in steadily upon vital Kharkov, battlefield dispatches reported today that the Germans were hurling flying wedges of tanks and trailer-carried troops into death traps in the Russian lines in a desperate attempt to break up the offensive, now in its seventh day.

Pravda reported that these Nazi counter-attacks on wheels and tread, as well as mass German parachute landings of as many as 120 troops at a time, had failed to check the impetus of the Russian thrust.

Already that drive has gained 13 to 37 miles over battlefields littered with the bodies of 12,000 German dead and the wreckage of war materials hard to reckon, the Russians announced officially.

(British military sources said Marshal Timoshenko's armies were advancing on a 100-mile front extending in an arc from Volchansk, 90 miles northwest of Kharkov, to Krasnohrad, 60 miles southwest of Kharkov. These sources said that, although stiffened German resistance undoubtedly had slowed the Russian push in some places, it had been stopped nowhere.)

Pravda also reported that the Germans were using—and losing—tanks in constantly increasing numbers in an attempt to save Kharkov and safeguard the vulnerable southern flank.

Tanks Pull Trailers
The Communist Party organ said that in a single attack 150 tanks pulling armored trailers loaded with troops were hurled against Russian lines in attempt to break through to a besieged Nazi position.

When the first attack was stopped, the Germans followed up with 15 others during the same day, Pravda said. It reported that 18 tanks were destroyed in the first clash and 43 in the others, and said that where wedges were driven into

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Big Lumber Sale To Navy Draws 30 Bidders Here

Representatives of 30 Pacific Northwest lumber firms prepared bids this afternoon on 30 million feet of lumber which is to be purchased by the Navy.

The bidders met at the Supply Depot, Pier 41, at 10 o'clock, were given the specifications of the lumber, and then retired to compute possible bids.

The 13th Naval District said the bidders would gather again this afternoon to announce bids and possibly pools of various dealers to fill the order.

The Navy request, it was said, is one of the biggest lumber orders ever sought in this part of the nation.

Filling Station Too Costly to Keep Now
LOS ANGELES, May 18.—(AP)—J. H. Leonard has sued to break a five-year lease on Eva Lowenstein's filling station. He says he can't pay \$90 a month because he can't sell tires and tubes, and gasoline sales are down 50 per cent.

Leonard says he is entitled to cancellation because war has created unusual business conditions.

HITLER FEARS ALLIED PUSH ON NORWAY

By Associated Press.
LONDON, May 18.—Adolf Hitler has sent 50,000 combat troops into Norway since March, despite the demands of the Russian Front, and has persuaded Vichy to send almost half a million tons of goods—largely war materials—as well as troops to Dakar, French West Africa, British sources declared today.

They said signs that the Nazis feared an Allied thrust into Northern Norway were evident also from a German army order that traffic on all roads leading north from the port of Narvik to Tromsø be limited to military transport, and from the dispatch of several Austrian mountain regiments to the sea between Narvik and Kirkenes.

Teachers Build Fortifications
The Norwegian government circles here reported that a new group of 160 teachers had been sent to forced labor on military fortifications in the Kirkenes area in the far north on the Finnish

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Boys in service, writing home, show they know what this war is for, says Bill Cunningham, Page 17.

It's Now or Never; Axis Puts All in Fight On Russia and U-Boat War

Correspondent From Berlin and Rome Describe Desperate Efforts for Victory This Year

The following dispatch contains the last word on what is happening behind the enemy lines in Europe. Frederick Oechsner is head of the United Press staff in Germany. Reynolds Packard was manager of the United Press bureau in Rome. En route home, after having been interned since the Axis challenged the United States, they met in Lisbon to collaborate in the following connected over-all view of Germany and Italy.

By FREDERICK OECHSNER & REYNOLDS PACKARD
United Press Staff Correspondents
LISBON, May 18.—The Axis is staking everything, including almost 3,000,000 troops now in Russia and possibly 300 U-boats in the Atlantic, on a last-chance onslaught against the Red army and United Nations shipping in hopes of "victory at any price" in 1942.

When we left Germany and Italy last week, Adolf Hitler and the highest Nazi and Fascist leaders were firmly convinced the war's crisis was at hand.

The Axis is going to strike with all of its strength and it can still hit hard.

Nearing End of Rope
But the leaders know they are nearing end of their rope unless they quickly win new resources. They know the war against America is unpopular; that there is defeatism in Italy, that German psychology has swung to the defensive. They know the strain on Axis war production and on home morale is increasing; that Japan is an unpopular ally.

If they fail this summer, there is every reason to feel confident that increasing American war strength will turn the tide so decisively the Axis never will regain the initiative.

We came out of Axis Europe after years of reporting political and military crises in all parts of the Continent and five months of internment. We met in Lisbon with the United Press staffs from Berlin and Rome. Over the week-end, we compared notes and checked our information and personal experiences in order to present one composite, easily understood picture of conditions inside the Axis.

Perhaps the most important thing to emphasize is that it would

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UNIONS MAY COME UNDER RACKET ACT

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, May 18.—Legislation broadening the 1934 Anti-Racketeering Act to subject labor organizations to prosecution for interference with interstate commerce was approved today by a House judiciary subcommittee.

Introduced by Representative Hobbs, Democrat, Alabama, the bill does not specifically refer to unions in any of its provisions. But committee members said it was designed to meet a situation growing out of recent court rulings that labor unions could not be prosecuted under the 1934 act for interfering with truckers who had

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9 Killed When Bomber Falls In Louisiana

Four-Motored Ship Crashes Near Barksdale Field After Hitting Tree

BARKSDALE FIELD, La., May 18.—(AP)—Barksdale Field suffered its worst accident today when a four-motored bomber crashed near the field, killing the crew of nine.

The plane struck a tree and exploded near the south border of the reservation. Three officers and six enlisted men were killed or burned to death.

Names of the victims were withheld until the next of kin could be notified, as required by Army regulations.

'GAS' CUT TO SAVE FUTURE STOCKS--U. S.

Gasoline rationing is being ordered in Washington and Oregon, not because of any immediate shortage in gasoline supplies, but to save present supplies for an eventual famine and to educate motorists to such conditions, it was declared by federal officials here today.

Oil firms reported that gasoline storage in Seattle is up to and above the average for this time of the year. Federal officials confirmed this but they say that there is no insurance that supplies will continue to be plentiful.

Little Concern to Date
"Gasoline may be plentiful now, but that is no reason to believe that it will be so a few months from now," one official said. "We could go right ahead and use up all our available supplies and then have no gasoline a few months from now or we can ration gasoline now and be assured of at least some fuel continuously."

Phillips Dickinson, coordinator for gasoline rationing in the Pacific Northwest, pointed out today that in the event of a "token" raid on the West Coast by Japanese planes, the rationing of gasoline would be needed.

Dickinson urged that neighbors

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SUMMARY OF TODAY'S WAR NEWS

The Royal Air Force again caught up with the Prinz Eugen last night, heavily damaging the big German cruiser in a running fight as it fled from Trondheim, Norway, to a dockyard refuge in Germany.

The Air Ministry reported that two and possibly three torpedo hits were scored on the warship and that other planes strafed her destroyer escort. Five German planes also were downed in the fight. The British admitted losing nine of their planes.

The Russians told of repulsing "flying wedges" of German tanks drawing trailers with troops in the Kharkov sector. German attempts to gain an advantage by use of parachute troops also failed, the Russians said. Twelve thousand Nazis have been slain in the fighting, now in its seventh day.

The Chinese reported that a part of Yunnan Province had been cleared of Japanese. The Japanese, twice repulsed in Eastern Burma, renewed their attacks there.

United States and Allied planes searched the sea for signs of a Japanese invasion fleet believed assembling for a new move against Australia. A naval battle may be imminent.