

# BRITISH NIGHT FIGHTERS SCORE RECORD SUCCESS

## Iraq Stops Flow Of Oil From British Fields

Fighting with British continues; Deposed regent prepared to return; Turks cool to Iraq Gov't.

LONDON, May 4—(AP)—Iraq has stopped the flow of oil in the last pipeline to the Mediterranean from the little kingdom's rich oil fields, British dispatches said tonight as fighting in the three-day-old war in Iraq showed no signs of abating.

It is at Haifa, British-occupied Palestine, on the Mediterranean that the British fleet in the Middle East has received its chief oil supplies.

While Iraq artillery shelled the British air base at Habbaniyah, 60 miles west of Baghdad, for the third straight day, the deposed Regent of Iraq, Emir Abdul Ilah, announced he was prepared to return to Iraq and called on Iraq troops to go peacefully to their stations and wait for his restoration of an independent Iraq constitutional government. He issued his proclamation in Palestine.

Shelling of the airport today caused casualties among non-combatants, it was stated.

The Royal Air Force at Cairo said many raids were made by British planes on Iraqi gun positions, mechanized units and troop concentrations outside Habbaniyah "and many direct hits were obtained on these targets, which were bombed continuously throughout the day."

British bombers put at least 22 Iraqi aircraft out of action in a heavy raid on the airfield at Moascar Raschid near Baghdad.

British authorities announced occupation of the dock area, airport and power station at Basra, Iraq's chief port at the head of the Persian Gulf, after driving Iraq troops out by air and artillery attacks Friday.

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## \$5,000 fire at Graham's road Saturday night

Fire destroyed the barns of Mr. Cecil Wignome, Graham's Road, north Queen's County community Saturday night. Loss was estimated at \$5,000 partially covered by a small insurance. The blaze was discovered shortly after 10 o'clock by a neighbor, Mr. Robert Folland, Mr. Wignome, who is unmarried, was away at the time.

Mr. Folland endeavored to remove some of the livestock but all he succeeded in getting out were some sheep. They were bewildered by the fire and some rushed back into their quarters to perish. Other parts of the barn, housing four horses and 15 head of cattle were raging infernos and could not be approached.

Included in the loss was a granary building near the main barn. In it were more than 400 bushels of oats. All except about 50 bushels which were salvaged yesterday were a total loss. The grain removed from the ruins was expected to be good for feed.

All Mr. Wignome's farm machinery was in the barn and was destroyed. Origin of the blaze is unknown. There had been no fire in the dwelling for hours.

Mr. Wignome was away from home in the afternoon attending a funeral and returned with a neighbor to complete his routine work around the barns in the evening. Then Mr. Wignome went to Charlottetown with a patient for hospital. He did not learn of the fire until on his way home. His car became bogged down in a mud hole and while he was working to get it out, an acquaintance passing told him his barns were in ruins.

A pigery near the barn was saved as was the dwelling. A calm night greatly lessened the threat to the other buildings. Neighbors from miles around gathered to assist in fighting the flames. From the first, however, there was no chance to save the barn. It was a frame structure "L" shaped and 72 feet long and 30 feet wide.

The far side is the old homestead formerly owned by Mr. Wignome's father, Mr. Thomas Wignome, who removed to Pleasant Valley about ten years ago.

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## "War Bird" Gets Wings



Impressive part of the ceremony held at Summerside Airport on Saturday was the presentation of "Wings" to young airmen. Above is shown Wing Cmdr. E. G. Fullerton pinning the coveted emblem on one of the young fliers.

## Airmen get Wings at S' side Training School

The second class of graduates from No. 9 Service Flying Training School at Summerside received their wings at a ceremony Saturday. The wings were pinned on the tunics of the graduate fliers by Wing Commander E. G. Fullerton, officer commanding the school.

In an address to the class he cautioned them not to think they knew all about flying. He said, however, he knew they would make good and stressed the fact it was on themselves and on themselves alone that their success depended.

He heartily congratulated the class on their attainments. The ceremony was held on the airfield in front of one of the hangars.

One graduate was from this Province. He was L. C. Johnston of Fortune Bridge. Others from the Maritimes included, H. D. MacPhee, Sydney, N. S.; M. A. Camty, Hebron, N. S.; D. S. Fisk, Bridgetown, N. S.; K. R. Munro, New Glasgow, N. S.; and E. A. Ross, Pictou, N. S.

## Beat Off Latest Axis Assault On Besieged Tobruk

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The sharp dogfights over the southeast coast today were seen by many observers. It was believed at least four planes were shot down. The Nazi fighters finally fled, the watchers said, with smoke pouring from the tails of several.

Fighting at times was said to have been at less than 500 feet from the roof tops.

No bombs were reported dropped during the daylight forays.

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## Down 13 Enemy Planes As Nazis Raid Liverpool

Total of 16 German planes shot out of English skies shows changed conditions.

LONDON, May 4—(CP)—British night fighters brought down a record total of 13 of the 16 German planes destroyed over this island during the week-end, the Air Ministry announced today, following a heavy raid on Liverpool that showered the west coast port with fire and high explosive bombs causing many casualties and much destruction.

The total of 13 German raiders destroyed by the R. A. F.'s night fighters eclipsed the former record of 11 shot down from dusk to dawn, and it was believed that when further reports are checked the number may be increased. Two others were brought down by anti-aircraft fire and one by a barrage balloon.

The heavy toll of raiding planes emphasized to observers that bright moonlight no longer affords an advantage to the Germans. Late in the night, night-fighting forces has expanded, the periods of moonlight have brought the heaviest losses to the raiders.

Employing the same tactics used in repeated and unremitting assaults upon Coventry and Plymouth the Germans attacked Liverpool in big waves from dusk to dawn.

All night long the drone of plane motors were heard almost without interruption. Saturday night's raid was by far the fiercest of the three-in-a-row on the Merseyside area. Many houses were demolished and damaged and a number of residents were trapped.

Thousands upon thousands of fire bombs were scattered over the residential section but were dealt with quickly by watchers who braved the shower of explosives to remain at their posts.

A Liverpool hospital was hit and the patients were removed to another. It was feared there were a number of casualties among the staff and patients.

Lord Londonderry, speaking at Newcastle, said: "We have got the full measure of German aerial attacks on this country. They may intensify as portions of the German air force become released from Greece, but I think they have reached the peak of their effort."

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STANTON, Va., May 4—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that the American people had fought before and are "ever ready to fight again" for the existence of "democracy in the world."

Speaking at the dedication of Woodrow Wilson's birthplace as a national shrine, Mr. Roosevelt said that the first great war President had taught "that democracy could not survive in isolation."

"We applaud his judgment and his faith," he added. The Presbyterian Manse where Wilson was born was the President said, "a new shrine of freedom."

By the act of dedication, he continued, "we are bearing true witness to the faith that is in us—a simple faith in the freedom of democracy in the world."

"It is the kind of faith for which we have fought before, for the existence of which we are ever ready to fight again."

The President expressed faith that democracy would emerge triumphant from the "tragic conflict which the world witnesses today."

"All of recorded history," he said, "bears witness that the human race has made true advancement only as it has appreciated spiritual values. Those unhappy peoples who have placed their sole reliance on the sword had inevitably perished by the sword in the end."

## U. S. University Head says hour For action here

BOSTON, May 4—(AP)—President James B. Conant of Harvard University called today for the United States to "fight now" with Britain against the Axis, declaring "the hour for action has clearly struck."

Recently returned from England, Dr. Conant declared in a nationwide broadcast: "Our best hope of avoiding later battle against desperate odds is to become a naval belligerent now. It is not too late. But the hour for action has clearly struck. I believe the nation is ready to join the fight for freedom."

Conant said that the belief of "some intelligent" persons in the United States that the war may be ended by a "negotiated peace" was "utterly fantastic" to anyone who lately has been in Britain.

At the outset of his speech, the Harvard president said he was expressing "only my own personal views."

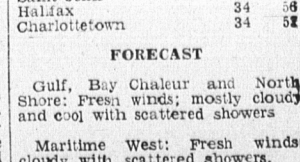
## Insurance rates Are increased

NEW YORK, May 4—(AP)—United States marine insurance underwriters today announced increases in the rate of war-risk insurance on shipments from the United States to the east and far east by way of the Panama Canal and the Pacific Ocean.

The new increases run from 1-2 to 3-4 of 1 per cent of the value of the cargo on shipments flying the United States flag and from 1-2 to 2 per cent on shipments by the vessels of other nations by way of the Panama Canal.

The new rates include Manchoukuo, but exclude Australasia, all ports west of India, western islands in the South Pacific, French Indo-China, Burma and Thailand.

## A FISHERMAN SOON LEARNS THAT A DOGFISH NEVER BITES



TORONTO, May 4—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 37 52; Victoria 45 61; Edmonton 43 66; Regina 51 74; Winnipeg 60 82; Toronto 44 68; Ottawa 46 65; Montreal 47 68; Saint John 32 50; Halifax 34 56; Charlottetown 34 52.

FORECAST  
Gulf, Bay Chaleur and North Shore: Fresh winds; mostly cloudy and cool with scattered showers.  
Maritime West: Fresh winds cloudy with scattered showers.  
Maritime East: Strong winds cloudy with occasional showers.  
High tide this morning at 5 and this afternoon at 4.31.  
Sun sets this evening at 7.00 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.43.  
First quarter moon May 5, 8.30 a.m.  
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS  
Leaves Borden 9.35 A.M. 1.00 P.M.  
Dawn P.M. (Both London and Greer sources have said that the Nazis suffered tremendous losses in the mountain fighting in Greece.)

## Hon. Horace Wright at Dominion Capital

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## Merchant cruiser Presumed lost

LONDON, May 4—(CP)—The admiralty issued this communique Saturday: "The board of admiralty regret to announce that the armed merchant cruiser Voltaire (Acting Captain J.A.P. Blackburn, D.S.C., R.N.) is overdue and must be considered lost. Next of kin have been informed."

## Prominent Newsmen Missing At Sea

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OTTAWA, May 4—(CP)—Sam Robertson, Canadian Press London Superintendent and War Correspondent, is listed as missing as a result of enemy action while on a sea voyage, according to official word received here from London. Internationally known as a correspondent and news service executive, Mr. Robertson had visited

## Not adverse To show-down On U. S. convoys

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—Administration leaders indicated today that they would not oppose a showdown in the Senate on the proposal of Senator Charles Tobey (Rep.-N. H.) to put Congress on record against using the United States navy to convoy shipments to Britain.

Although opponents succeeded in smothering Tobey's resolution in the Foreign Relations Committee last week, Democratic leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky said that if Tobey offered it as an amendment to other legislation—as the latter has said he would do—no attempt would be made to curtail debate or prevent the bill coming to a vote.

"It will just come up and we will vote it down," Barkley told reporters.

Tobey proposes to offer his resolution as an amendment to legislation which would authorize the President to seize all idle foreign ships in United States waters.

This measure is to come up in the House of Representatives tomorrow and a vote is expected Tuesday.

## Willkie urges Goods to Britain

WASHINGTON, May 4—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, charging that the United States administration's existing sea patrol "is not adequate," declared Saturday that "we have got to get the goods delivered to Great Britain."

"The rate of sinkings is so serious that we should protect our cargoes of arms and food to England," "whether it be by convoy, airplane accompaniment or any other method deemed best,"

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Canada on a month's furlough in March and April.

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