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B.E.F. FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ON NEW DEFENCE LINE

Churchill Hints Of New Moves In Northern Africa

Withholds comment on Balkan campaign; Many factors involved, Commons told.

(By ROLAND NORGAARD, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 22—(AP)—Britain credited her sea and air units tonight with a co-ordinated series of blows against the vulnerable Axis cross-Mediterranean connections, with these principal results:—

Six supply ships and a destroyer hit and vast destruction wrought ashore in a 42-minute bombardment of Tripoli, Libyan capital, by the 15-inch guns of the battle fleet;

Three ammunition and supply ships, totalling 23,000 tons, torpedoed by naval aircraft.

Four troop transport planes shot down at sea;

Fiery damage done to Tripoli and other Libyan ports and airdromes —FortCapuzzo, Bardia, Derna and Ain El Gazala—by the Royal Air Force and Fleet Air Arm simultaneously with the naval shelling.

British battleships and lighter units drew up at 5 a.m. Monday before Tripoli, principal African supply base of the Axis, and cast big shells into the harbor and port installations, the Admiralty announced.

Dust and smoke rose in blinding clouds, but observers saw that at least seven vessels in port were hit; that a large fire was started near an oil depot; that the railroad station was in flames; and that the Axis naval headquarters, military stores depot, power plant and quay were struck.

Only ineffective opposition was encountered from shore battaries, the Admiralty stated.

At the same time, the R.A.F. and aircraft from the fleet were dropping more than 10 tons of bombs into Tripoli.

The Mediterranean Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir Andrew Cunningham, also reported his aircraft torpedoed 10,000-ton and 6,000-ton supply ships and a 7,000-ton ammunition ship which blew up with such a tremendous explosion that fire roared 3,000 feet into the air.

The only British loss—one naval plane—was suffered in this engagement.

Prime Minister Churchill, addressing the House of Commons, announced the Tripoli bombardment amid cheers and added that naval planes had shot down in flames four of five troop-carrying planes.

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Pays tribute To Municipal Authorities

Bore Brunt of Resistance to Air Raids, High Commissioner Says.

OTTAWA, April 22.—(CP)—Much of the brunt of resistance to air raids in Britain has been borne by municipal authorities, Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner, told the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities at a dinner tonight.

'We owe the survival of Britain these fateful times in large measure to the municipal authorities," he said. "We owe it, too, to the new regional organizations which have been interposed as a link between the central government and the local authorities.'

Much of the work of local authorities went unobserved because it was not desirable to tell the enemy what damage was done, what was not done or how quickly it was repaired.

If a town's water supply were destroyed to the extent of four-fifths and half of it were restored in 48 hours and all of it by the end of the fourth day, no notice of this was published in the newspapers lest the enemy raid the town again.

"The list of stricken towns now is a long one," he said. "London, Glasgow, Cardiff, Coventry, Birmingham, Liverpool, Newcastle, Portsmouth, Bristol and a great host of others.

"There is one remarkable thing

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Standing in Man. election

	Elected	Leading
Coalition:—		
LP	13	12
C	8	4
CCF	0	2
Ind	3	3
Ind-L	0	1
SC	2-26	1-23
Opposition:—		
C	0	2
SC	0	1
WC	0	1
Ind	0-0	1-5
To come	1	
Total	55	

Defence Minister Returns to Ottawa

OTTAWA, April 22—(CP)—Defence Minister Ralston returned to Ottawa today from a tour of military centres in the Maritime Provinces and a visit to Prince County, Prince Edward Island, which he represents in the House of Commons.

Conference Of Mayors At Ottawa

Urge Reconsideration Of Federal Decision On Relief.

OTTAWA, April 22.—(CP)—Plans for the rehabilitation of soldiers, sailors and airmen into civilian life after the war were urged by speakers at the annual conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities which opened here today.

Representatives of some municipalities still confronted with the problem of unemployment, urged reconsideration of the Federal Government's decision to cut off relief grants to provinces at March 31st last, while others, expressing fear of a post-war recurrence of unemployment, urged preparation now of machinery to provide opportunity for ex-servicemen after the war.

The meeting heard Joseph C. Piggott of Hamilton, president of the Government-owned War-time Housing Limited, outline arrangements contemplated to meet a shortage of housing in centres of war industrial activity.

A delegation of a dozen mayors of United States cities arrived tonight to attend the meeting, but Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, of New York, who was expected, did not come. Called to Washington, reportedly in connection with a high post in the United States government's defence organization, Mr. LaGuardia is expected to fly to Ottawa tomorrow in time to deliver a luncheon address.

Leads Criticism

Mayor MacLean, of St. Boniface, Man., led the criticism of the cutting off of Federal relief grants.

Support for Mayor MacLean's resolution asking the Federal Government to reconsider the decision, came from Mayor Holman, of Charlottetown. He said Charlottetown had no war industries to take up

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City discusses New agreement With Theatre Co.

The City Council, at a special meeting last night, decided to accept the offer of the F. G. Spencer Company, Limited, to remodel and decorate the present entrance and stairway leading to the Strand Theatre; modernize, renovate and decorate the theatre proper, reseating the interior to a capacity of 600, and installing new lighting.

All this is to be done at no cost to the city. In return the Council was to assure the Company that the present lease, which gives them the use of the theatre for the next eight years, be varied to give a renewal privilege of six additional years.

At a meeting held to discuss the proposal last Friday, it was embodied in the agreement that the City make the whole entrance and stairway to the theatre solely available to the Company, construct a new entrance to the west end of the market, close up the doorway leading from the present entrance, make available two toilets on the theatre level, and install new heaters, at a maximum cost to the City of $1500.

Councillor Sterns, chairman of the special committee appointed to deal with the matter, received a phone call yesterday from Mr. F. G. Spencer, who is in Saint John, N.B., advising him of the new offer. Mr. Spencer explained that the Company was anxious to get started as soon as possible to renovate the theatre and did not wish to be held up, as it would take some time to have chairs and other articles landed here. For this and other reasons he agreed that the Company would pay all expenses. The work would be done at no cost to the City.

Accordingly, Councillor Sterns had City Recorder, K. M. Martin, draw up a new agreement which was approved by the Council after two changes were made in its clauses. This will be sent to Mr. Spencer for his consideration.

The only important change made in the agreement was the addition of a clause providing that the six-year renewal option would be granted only if the Company agreed to pay for the additional cost of fuel used during the next eight years, based on the average of the past two years.

This clause was inserted in the agreement after considerable dis-

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To take position At Kingston Military College

Lt.-Col. L. W. Lowther of Charlottetown will take over a position at Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., on his return from England, it was learned yesterday.

The officer, former principal of Prince Street School here, went overseas with the 1st division and has held important posts with the Canadian troops in Britain. He is due to return shortly.

Plymouth May Be Raiders Target

Heavy attacks reported on Southwest Coastal areas.

LONDON, April 23.—(Wednesday)—(CP) — German bombers struck heavily at southwest coastal areas of Britain last night and early today in two destructive attacks.

A number of persons were believed trapped in a shelter at one point, and several casualties were reported. A number of large stores and a hospital were among the buildings reported damaged.

One raid ended before midnight, but after a quiet interval, another wave of Nazi raiders arrived to cast even heavier bombs in the same area.

(The section may have been Plymouth which was raided heavily on Monday night).

The bombers came in from over the calm sea and with their usual technique dropped flares, followed up by explosives and incendiary bombs.

The Germans also raided a south coast district, but authorities said most of their bombs fell on open ground and caused no loss of life.

London had two short alarms but the only "incidents" were bursts of anti-aircraft gunfire as the raiders sped over the capital.

Hitler's former Friend sees Britain winning

TORONTO, April 22—(CP)—Hitler's only hope for ultimate victory in the war is to defeat Britain by invasion and such an invasion will fail, Dr. Otto Strasser, once one of Hitler's closest friends, said in an interview here today.

Now one of the Nazi leader's most implacable enemies, Dr. Strasser is on this continent, he said, to do all in his power for the overthrow of Naziism. His mission in Canada is to found the nucleus of a "Free German" legion which he hopes to tie in with revolutionaries in South America, the United States and even within Germany and occupied countries.

He has approached the Canadian government and is waiting for official sanction to his scheme.

Dr. Strasser became Hitler's enemy when his brother Gregor, was killed during the 1934 blood purge.

Admiral Darlan To discuss terms

VICHY, April 12—(AP)—Vice-Premier Admiral Jean Darlan plans to leave for Paris tomorrow for a preliminary discussion of German terms for closer collaboration with Vichy, which pro-German elements in both zones of the country argue is inevitable after allied reverses in Greece and North Africa.

The Admiral was understood to have established touch with former vice-premier Pierre Laval, whose friends in France are campaigning for co-operation with Germany.

There were unconfirmed reports from the neighborhood of Laval's chateau near Vichy that he had gone there to facilitate contact with Darlan.

There also were widely circulated reports in neutral diplomatic circles that Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to France, had crossed into the free zone for conferences with Darlan.

Strike ties up Princess Colliery

SYDNEY MINES, N.S., April 22.—(CP)—Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company's Princess colliery, employing 1,100 men, was tied up tonight when the working force struck in sympathy with 16 men who were protesting a change in timbering operations.

The mine had returned to work only yesterday morning with 12 other Cape Breton pits paralyzed by a strike of 10,000 workers since last Wednesday.

Says British Ship Malaya Chased Nazis

FORT ERIE, Ont., April 22.—(CP)—The British battleship Malaya engaged the two German battle cruisers Gneisenau and Scharnhorst in the Atlantic some time ago, Petty Officer Ted Hannall, of the Malaya said here today.

Hannall, who is on a visit to Fort Erie, said last Sunday that the battleship chased the two Nazi craft into the French harbor of Brest, where they have been under bombardment by the Royal Air Force.

He elaborated on the action today but did not say where or when it took place. He said the heavy guns of the Malaya outfired those of the two German ships.

"I'm not going to say what happened in that brush, but the fact remains the Germans are both in Brest harbor right now," he said. "Whether aerial bombs will bring 'em down or not, I also do not know because a battle cruiser can stand a lot of pounding. I know the Malaya has."

Hannall is here visiting Miss Florence Naylor, who left her name in a pair of socks she knitted for the Red Cross and which were issued to the petty officer. He got the opportunity to meet her when the Malaya put into New York harbor for repairs after being struck by a torpedo.

May send Destroyer after Nazi prisoner

HERON BAY, Ont., April 22 — (CP) — Col. Hubert Stethem, director of internment operations for Canada, said tonight that British and Canadian authorities would be prepared "to send a destroyer" after Baron Franz Von Werra, whose escape from the United States has been reported from Washington.

He said that such an eventuality had been covered in previous negotiations between Canada Britain and the United States, and that it had been arranged to have a destroyer attempt to intercept the ship on which he escaped.

(The Washington dispatch said that Von Werra apparently had gone to Peru. The dispatch did not state what means of transportation he used.)

Col. Stethem here directing a search for six Germans who remain at large of 28 who escaped from a nearby internment camp early Saturday, said that the action of Von Werra jumping bail on which he was held under protective custody in the United States may be an aid to Canada in the future.

He said word to the effect that United States immigration officers and attorneys had been instructed to prevent further similar circumstances may assist Canadian officials in bringing escaped men back to Canada should one elude pursuers and cross the United States border at any future time.

Fires still rage In New England

BOSTON, April 22 — (AP) — Scores of fires continued to ravage New England woodlands tonight, leaving in their wake a steadily mounting toll of loss, already well above the $1,500,000 mark.

Cloudless skies and the weather bureau offered no hope of immediate relief through rain, the weather bureau promising only the possibility of light showers Thursday.

The Massachusetts commissioner, Raymond Kenney, said that 25 fires in Massachusetts were brought to his attention today.

C. L. Graham, supervisor of the 700,000-acre White Mountain national forest in Maine and New Hampshire closed that area tonight until further notice.

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Swastika's Shadow hangs Over Spain

Observers Believe the Next Axis Move May be Towards the West.

(By Harold Fair, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, April 22—(CP Cable)—The Swastika's shadow hung over Spain tonight. A Nazi diplomatic offensive was reported under way to bring Spain into the Axis so the Germans can try to invest Gibraltar and establish Mediterranean and Atlantic bases in an effort to sever Britain's eastern lifeline.

Although there was a flood of rumors of Nazi intentions, it was believed that this would be the next stage in Hitler's campaign. Some sources thought it might be accompanied by the application of pressure on Turkey for a non-aggression pact to permit the Nazis to pour toward Suez with the object of gaining control of the eastern end of the Mediterranean and bottling up the British fleet.

The Nazis were reported putting pressure on Vichy for permission to move six divisions through unoccupied France into Spain and meantime Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy in the Nazi party, returned to Berlin after giving Gen. Franco

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Coalition Gov't Takes lead in Manitoba Election

WINNIPEG, April 22 — (CP) — Six supporters of Manitoba's Coalition government had been elected tonight two hours after rural polls closed in the provincial election, joining the 16 Coalition supporters returned by acclamation.

In two seats, Coalition Independents made gains from Coalition Liberal-Progressives but in only two single-member ridings were opposition candidates in the field.

In Morris, J. C. Dryden, Coalition Independent, defeated Leo Slater, Coalition Liberal-Progressive, for the seat vacated by the resignation of W. R. Clubb, former minister of public works, to accept chairmanship of the Manitoba Liquor Control Board.

In Iberville Arthur Boivin, Coalition Independent, defeated the Liberal-Progressive member of the last House, J. S. Lamont.

Six members of the Coalition government, including Premier Bracken, were returned by acclamation April 12 when re-election of the government was assured by election of 16 of its supporters without opposition.

Another cabinet member, Hon. N. L. Turnbull, minister without portfolio, was returned by a wide margin in Hamiota in tonight's counting. He defeated William K. Fraser, Coalition Liberal-Progressive.

A close fight in Norfolk upset the last member, J. P. Lawrie Coalition Conservative, on the basis of the unofficial count. Lawrie compiled 1,235 votes in the complete unofficial count while John Muirhead, Coalition Liberal-Progressive, had 1,278. This was the first Liberal-Progressive gain.

An opposition Conservative, D. A. Best, took a lead in Assiniboia over James Aiken, Coalition C. C. F. member of the last Legislature, polling 1,782; to 1,631 with 29 of the 37 polls reported.

CANADIANS INTERNED

OTTAWA, April 22—(CP)—Names of nine Canadians interned, eight transferred, and two released from camps in enemy and occupied territory were contained in a list issued today by the Department of External Affairs. The only persons listed from the Maritimes were Marie Baines, Halifax, who has been interned at Schoorl, Netherlands, and Margaret Burke, Halifax, who has been released from Schoorl.

Expect German Attack Soon; Shipping Bombed

Nazis concentrate on isolating Greece from overseas contacts.

ATHENS, April 23.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Southern Greece and ships leaving Greek ports are being pounded by swarms of Nazi planes attacking ahead of Germany's Panzer divisions, the government said early today.

In Athens itself sirens screamed air raid alarms seven times in the 24 hours up to last midnight, but the Germans appeared to be concentrating on isolating Greece from overseas contacts.

Vessels in the Gulf of Athens were bombed and machine-gunned without regard for their size, and there were considerable casualties and damage in the coastal raids.

Scores of places in Southern Greece were reported attacked, but Nazi attention centred on ships leaving port, and wave after wave of German planes hammered vessels off the southern coast.

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN GREECE, April 22.—(AP) —The entire British expeditionary force and most of its material were fully established tonight in new defence lines which the Germans were expected to attack soon.

The German advance on the new lines continued south of captured Larisa. The port of Volos was occupied by the Nazis today.

Early arrivals in the new allied line already had dug in for determined resistance as their comrades were completing a methodical withdrawal under covering forces.

(In Berlin, German military commentators had claimed spearheads of the Panzer divisions were within sight of historic Thermopylae Pass with British troops in "full retreat").

ATHENS, April 22 —(AP) — British and Greek troops fought savagely tonight at the northern gates of Thermopylae Pass, 100 miles north of Athens, against the drive of German tanks and clouds of dive bombers.

Other units were deployed in the Lokris Mountain range in this supreme effort to prevent the Nazi tide from sweeping into Southern Greece.

Greeks in Difficulties

Far to the west, beyond the Pindus Range, Greek warriors backing out of Albania were admitted to be in difficulties, too. They were pressed by the Italians on the north and menaced by Nazi armored divisions on their eastern flank.

(Berlin claimed German mechanized troops had crossed the Pindus mountains to Ioannina, key road city, and had cut off the Greek retreat in the west.)

Poor communications and rough terrain hampered the western army.

The eastern troop, braced at Thermopylae, faced a critical task at the spot where King Leonidas in 480 B. C. died with his Spartans in a heroic but unsuccessful attempt to stem a Persian onslaught.

The Greek high command communique said:—

"The withdrawal of our lines has been completed without any serious hindrance. Enemy air action continues intensely but the enemy suffered considerable losses from the air force and anti-artillery air force and anti-aircraft artillery.

The Greek home security ministry announced repeated German air raids on Piraeus, with one bomb dropped in the Athens region. It said a hospital ship was bombed in

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Claim five Yugoslav armies Continue fight

VICHY, France, April 22.—(AP)—Yugoslav diplomatic sources said tonight that five Yugoslav armies numbering from 300,000 to 400,000 men were successfully holding out in the centre of the country against German and Italian attacks.

The territory in their control was said to be roughly a quadrangle bounded on the east by a line parallel with the Belgrade-Nis railway, on the west by Foca and Pec.

It was explained that only the 1st and 4th Yugoslav armies capitulated in the north, while the rest withdrew to a compact square. Eight thousand troops just tried to break through to the south, but were repelled, according to the same account.

Nazis prepare For invasion Of Turkey?

NEW YORK, April 22—(CP)—Martin Agronsky, National Broadcasting correspondent in Turkey reported tonight in a broadcast from Ankara that the Nazis are assembling invasion barges at Bulgarian Black Sea ports with a view to an ultimate attack on Turkey.

Torpedo boats are being assembled at the Rumanian port of Constanta, he said.

He said the Nazis are increasing their concentrations in south central Bulgaria from which they would launch their main central attack on Tuckey's defences in Thrace.

Agronsky said that the Nazis plan to attack Turkey on completion of their campaign in Greece.

APPEALS FOR RECRUITS

NASSAU, The Bahamas, April 22—(CP)—The Duke of Windsor, Governor of The Bahamas, in a broadcast to the Island population has appealed for recruits for the Royal Air Force. The Governor said he had received a message from the Colonial Office stating that recruits for the R. A. F. "are most urgently needed." The appeal was broadcast the night before the Duke left Nassau last Thursday for private financial conferences in Palm Beach Florida.

TORONTO, April 22—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver	45	64
Edmonton	28	67
Regina	34	46
Winnipeg	14	44
Toronto	32	50
Ottawa	29	46
Montreal	30	48
Quebec	28	45
Saint John	40	52
Halifax	43	55
Charlottetown.	42	47

FORECAST

Maritime East: Decreasing winds; fair and cool.

High tide this morning at 8.48 and tonight at 9.12

Sun sets this evening at 6.54 and rises tomorrow morning at 5.01.

New moon April 26, 9.23 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Newsman Tells Courage Of Allied Troops

(The following story is by Daniel De Luce, Associated Press correspondent who took a small fishing boat from Greece to Turkey as the Nazis marched through northern Greece. With De Luce were four aviators and two sailors demobilized by the Greek government Friday. The boat reached the Island of Chios shortly after that island's streets had been machine-gunned by German bombers.)

By Daniel De Luce
Associated Press Staff Writer

IZMIR, (Smyrna), Turkey, April 22 —(AP) — The fact they still are fighting in Greece may be attributed to the fabulous courage of allied troops with their backs to a wall.

It is courage in desperate circumstances.

Greek troops in the field gave their lives with the utmost gallantry, even when the military situation was hopeless.

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Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

**Buying pigs Monday at Fredericton, paying $8.00 pair for good pigs over 22 lbs each. Knud Jorgenson. L-983.

**Unloading Albion Nut Coal at Milton. B. C. Webster. L-976-4-23-2i.

**Loading hogs at Albany every Thursday afternoon, Friday at Emerald until 11:30 a.m. A. C. Green Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.

**Loading hogs Thursday, April 24, Kensington 3 p. m; Summerside 10 a. m. till 1 p. m. Ray Bagnall and Mervyn Bulman, Hunter River Friday till noon. McEwen and Campbell. L 990.

Halifax women Die of burns

HALIFAX, April 22 —(CP) —Mrs. Janet Hubley, 92, and her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Naismith, 58, died in hospital here today of burns suffered when the older woman's clothes caught fire.

Mrs. Hubley was working over a kitchen stove when her clothing became ignited. Mrs. Naismith succeeded in beating out the flames but suffered severe burns herself.

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, 91, collapsed and was taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Provincial Authority To Suspend Driving Licenses Upheld By Supreme Court

OTTAWA, April 22—(CP)—Provincial authority over suspension of automobile driving licenses was sustained by the Supreme Court of Canada in allowing a Prince Edward Island appeal today.

In 1939 Michael Egan was convicted under the Criminal Code of Canada for drunken driving, and under the Prince Edward Island Highway Traffic Act his driving licence was cancelled for 12 months. Six months later Egan applied for a license and his application was refused, by virtue of the provincial act provisions.

Appeal was then made to a county court judge who ordered the provincial secretary to issue a license. Appeal was taken to the

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