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RUSH THOUSANDS OF BRITISH TROOPS TO SUEZ AREA

Reinforcements Move To Front In Greek Area

British answer to Nazi reports B.E.F. quitting country.

(By The Canadian Press)

The British Broadcasting Corporation announced during a German-language broadcast Monday night that new contingents of Empire forces are landing in Greece and followed this up by another announcement that "strong British reinforcements are now moving up to the front lines in Greece."

This was London's apparent answer to Nazi claims that the British forces were engaged in a "double Dunkerque" evacuating forces from Greece under heavy Nazi attack and from besieged Tobruk in Libya.

The Nazi claim did not indicate why British forces should be evacuating Greece at the present time since Berlin admitted at the same time that the going in the Balkans was not easy. Furthermore, Athens said that there had been "heavy losses" for the Nazis on the Greek front, and Cairo said there were similar severe losses at Tobruk.

It was possible that the Nazi claims were made in accordance with the familiar policy of the German propaganda ministry—to create as much confusion as possible abroad as to the progress of the conflict, while keeping the home front "reassured."

Germans admit British raid

BERLIN, April 14 (AP)—The crew of a British destroyer landed at a Norwegian fishing village north of Tromsø Saturday night, occupied a building used for packing fish, removed supplies and burned the building, it was reported today by D. N. B. German news agency.

The agency asserted that the British prevented an attack by the German air force and that the destroyer departed at dawn.

Enemy planes Raid Malta

VALETTA, Malta, April 14 (AP)—The following communiqué was issued here Monday:

"A large number of enemy aircraft, mostly Junkers 87s and 88s, came in in waves at intervals last night.

"Searchlights were very active and the ground defences engaged the raiders with results not yet known. "Damage done was slight although some houses were destroyed, and one person was seriously hurt and others injured slightly.

"A large number of enemy offensive and reconnaissance planes, accompanied by fighters at a great height, were engaged by our ground forces.

"Two civilians were slightly injured although no bombs were dropped."

A.C.A.F. Members Escape in Forced landing

SACKVILLE, N.B., April 14 (CP)—Three members of the Royal Canadian Air Force at the Montserrat training school, escaped uninjured today after the engines of their training plane went dead over the Azores. They made a successful forced landing on the island of St. Michael, near the New England coast.

With its wheels only partly lowered, the plane landed on soggy mounds and dragged for about a quarter of a mile. The only apparent damage occurred when the ship struck a tree and lost three feet of the right wing tip.

Nazis claim Forces firm on Egyptian soil

BERLIN, April 14 (AP)—The Nazi command said today that the German African expeditionary force is firmly established on Egyptian soil.

Salum, on the western Egyptian border with Italian Libya, has been occupied and German mechanized forces with equipment specialized for desert warfare, are heading eastward, it was claimed.

It appeared that the Germans had swept past the port of Tobruk, in Libya. That base was besieged from land and a dispatch of the German news and propaganda agency, D.N.B., claimed British troops there were trying to escape by sea.

(British dispatches said a Nazi tank attack on Tobruk was beaten off.)

In Greece, a line which ran roughly from German-occupied Salonika westward along the northern border was being consolidated by the Nazis. Whether in this region or farther south there was to be a clash with British forces in Greece was a question expected to be answered during the next few days. Some observers were inclined to the opinion that there would be a short period of preparation.

The Nazi high command claimed that the backbone of Yugoslav resistance had been broken with the destruction of the general mass of the Serb army, although fighting of a local character still was in progress.

Italian troops Take over in Occupied France

LONDON, April 14 (CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation tonight quoted a report by the "Independent" French news agency that German troops in occupied France are being replaced by Italians.

The messages said large contingents already had arrived in western France from Italy, but no Italians will be entrusted with the protection of the coast.

VICHY, April 14 (AP)—Travelers from the occupied zone reported today that Italian troops have taken the place of German guards for the last three days at Moulins, official crossing point of the demarcation line.

Coming Events

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

U. S. policy Unchanged by Latest pact

Cordell Hull Declares Russian - Japanese Pact can be "Over-estimated."

(By J. C. Stack, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Policy of the United States in both Europe and Asia today was declared "unchanged" by the new Russian-Japanese "neutrality" pact which was viewed officially as merely formalizing a relationship long existing between the two eastern powers.

State Secretary Cordell Hull expressed the Government's attitude towards the pact in a formal statement which declared its significance "could be overestimated" and that it came as no surprise.

"The agreement," he said, "would seem to be descriptive of a situation which has in effect existed between the two countries for some time past.

"Therefore comes as no surprise, although there has existed doubt whether the two governments would or would not agree to say it in writing.

As to its effect on the United States...

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Island Native Dies in New Glasgow, N. S.

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., April 14 (CP)—Suddenly stricken this afternoon, George K. Biggar, 52, New Glasgow dry goods merchant, died at his home this evening.

Mr. Biggar was a native of Bradshaw, N. S., and came to New Glasgow about 25 years ago when he went into business with G. Fox. He was paymaster at the shipyards in Trenton during the last great war.

He was a member of the Masonic order and of Trinity United Church. Surviving is his wife, two sons, Earl and Earl Jr., his mother, Mrs. J. D. Biggar who resides with him. A brother, Stanford and sister Mrs. E. D. Gilms, Charlottetown, and two sisters, Mrs. Howard Park and Mrs. George Hickox, Jamaica Plain, Long Island.

Pending the arrival home of relatives funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

Athens radio Tells of air Attacks on Nazis

LONDON, April 14 (CP)—The Athens radio was heard to announce tonight that Royal Air Force and Greek air squadrons are "mercilessly bombing and machine-gunning" Germans in the Monastir (Bitol) area where the enemy appears to be concentrating troops and supplies.

Quoting the Greek ministry of war, the radio said: "Failure of the Germans to effect a breakthrough during the first days, together with continuous and effective reinforcement of allied lines of resistance, has confirmed the general conviction that a very strong front has been established, stretching from the Adriatic Sea to the Aegean.

"The positions occupied by allied forces are natural strongholds which do not lend themselves to tactics of mechanized blitz warfare.

"All reports concur that the situation may be considered as highly satisfactory.

"The morale of the army is even better than at the time of the Italian aggression.

"British and Greek soldiers are impatiently awaiting the first opportunity of getting at the Germans.

"The Greek radio commentator, attributing his information to the press ministry, reported that in Yugoslavia it appeared that "the great bulk of the Yugoslav army remains intact and has retired to the mountainous areas where it is easy to maintain the defence and whence it could constitute a permanent threat to the invader's flank."

In northern Yugoslavia, the situation was described as obscure but improved; in the south, it was stated, the Germans had been unable to use their mechanized army against "the definitely superior Serbian infantry."

Yugoslav troops were said to have opened a spirited counter-offensive on either bank of the Morava river forcing the Nazis to retreat.

Southwest of Nis, it was stated, the Yugoslavs recaptured the town of Prokuplje. It was believed here that the main Yugoslav force was concentrated to effect a push toward the south with the object of joining forces with the British and Greek armies.

Will Confer Wings On Air Graduates At Summerside

Col. Ralston to be present at first ceremony of kind held in this Province.

OTTAWA, April 14 (CP)—Itinerary of Defence Minister Ralston's visit to the Maritimes was announced tonight by the Defence Department just before the Minister left by train for the east.

Col. Ralston will transfer to Summerside tomorrow and fly on to Summerside and confer wings on a graduate class in the evening he will be guest of the city at a supper meeting.

Thursday he will fly to Charlottetown to inspect the basic training school there and other military units. The military camp at Debert, N. S., will be inspected Friday morning. The Minister plans to spend the afternoon of that day and possibly part of Saturday at Aldershot camp. He goes home here today. He returned with Amherst, N. S., Saturday evening and leaves there on his return journey Sunday, April 20.

Chinese Communists Stunned by Moscow Pact

CHUNGKING, April 14 (AP)—The Chinese Central Daily News in an editorial for publication tomorrow concerning the Japanese-Soviet non-aggression pact said, "we consider the pact a regrettable action and severe blunder on the part of Soviet Russia."

Believe German Craft Damaged

Two big Battleships remain at bomb-scarred berths at Brest after R. A. F. raids.

LONDON, April 14 (CP)—Belief was expressed in London tonight by qualified sources that failure by the Germans to remove their 28,000-ton battleships, the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst, from their bomb-scarred berths at Brest, France, indicated both vessels had suffered damage.

Observers pointed to British announcements that bombs were dropped near the two ships in six separate raids in two weeks, and said that if the battleships had not been damaged "the only sensible thing" for the Germans to have done would have been to order their removal.

These sources said, however, that the Germans might still consider Brest safer than other harbors, or that damage to the harbor of Brest might have prevented the ships from leaving.

The Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security, in a joint communiqué, said there had been "rather more daylight activity" over Great Britain today than of late, and that bombs dropped in widely separated parts of the country caused few casualties but some damage which was "nowhere very great."

"Enemy aircraft" was reported over Northern Ireland during the day, a joint communiqué of the Northern Ireland Ministry of Public Security and the Northern Ireland Government.

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Blackout of Athens radio

NEW YORK, April 14 (CP)—The Athens radio, cut off from the air with a high command communiqué and a military review broadcast at 7 and 8 p.m. AST, was not heard in New York tonight by the Columbia Broadcasting System's listening station.

Police "blackouts" of the Greek radio indicated Athens was under an air raid alarm.

Sofia Bombed

SOPIA, Bulgaria, April 14 (AP)—Airmen described by British and Yugoslav raiders this city last night, a Bulgarian air defence communiqué said today.

The communiqué said the raid was "another attack on non-military objectives" and that "victims were few."

Pledge for War Savings "SALVAGE TEA"

Packed House Grooms Easter Monday Play

Rollicking Comedy, "You're Telling Me" Keeps the Audience Thrilled.

Packed houses yesterday afternoon and evening greeted the presentation of the Easter Monday play "You're Telling Me" staged under the auspices of the St. Charles Auxiliary Society in aid of the Charlottetown Hospital and was under the distinguished patronage of His Honour Lieutenant Governor B. W. LePage and Mrs. LePage, the Honourable Premier and Mrs. Campbell and His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. Holman. Unavoidably absent the Premier was represented by Hon. Mark R. McGuigan and Mrs. McGuigan.

The play, a three act comedy by Wilbur Braun, kept the large audience in gales of laughter throughout each and every scene of the performance. Kit Conrath is determined to rise above the reality of an empty pocketbook. A family who have recently come into a fortune are anxious to get into society although being far from qualified. Kit is asked...

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Turks plan To remain in Neutral class

ANKARA, April 14 (AP)—Turkish intentions to observe strict neutrality unless attacked became increasingly apparent in the press today.

The British ambassador, Sir Hugh M. Knatchbull-Hugessen, saw Turkish foreign minister Sukru Saracoglu today after visiting President Ismet Inonu Saturday, but the nature of the talks was not divulged.

Widepread air raid exercises which included dropping of parachutists yesterday in the Istanbul area were pronounced a complete success.

Germany is using very soft language to Turkey, the newspaper Ikdam said. "We are glad of this but it doesn't lull us to sleep. Perhaps Germany is sincere but let's be prepared for the worst."

Another newspaper, Aksad, declared: "Turkey's non-belligerent attitude is for the Allies' good as well as her own.

"There is nothing in our obligations which directs Turkey toward war. There is no position in which we could effectively help our Allies.

"New developments, combined with our geographical position force us to remain non-belligerent."

Mexico's Minister To Germany returns

MEXICO CITY, April 14 (AP)—Juan P. Azcarate, Mexico's minister to Germany, arrived here today by plane, and went directly to the national palace to confer with President Avila Camacho.

Foreign Minister Ezequiel Padilla called Azcarate home last week to inform the government on German-Mexican relations.

The dispute between the two governments is Mexico's recent expropriation of two German and 10 Italian ships in Tampico and Vera Cruz harbors.

International At A Glance

LONDON—Report more British troops going into Greece, retirement of British forces to new positions along Grecian battle line acknowledged.

CAIRO—German forces reach Salum on Egyptian soil; British Tobruk garrison in sharp battle against Axis forces.

CHUNGKING—Chinese Communists left on limb by Soviet-Japanese neutrality treaty; may have to break altogether with Comintern to continue supporting China's nationalist forces.

ATHENS—German moves paraded in opening of battle of Greece, Greek officials say.

MOSCOW—Japan, Russia to iron out other problems in wake of neutrality pact.

WASHINGTON—Hull says Russian-Japanese pact must not be "over-estimated."

LONDON—Failure to remove Gneisenau, Scharnhorst from Brest held to indicate German battleships damaged.

Taken From East African Front To Stem Nazi Push

Confidence Wavell can turn tide in Desert warfare; News of new withdrawals causes dismay in Britain.

LONDON, April 15 (Tuesday)—(CP)—Thousands of British Imperial troops are being rushed from the Italian East African front to Egypt in an effort to stem the German onrush toward the Suez canal, it was understood here today.

Most of the East African resistance is crushed, but the British Commander-in-Chief in the Middle East, Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, faces a situation in western Egypt parallel to that of December, when Italian forces penetrated east of Salum.

This time, Nazi mechanized units and Italian veterans are on the march toward the vital Nile valley.

News of this threat, combined with a War Office acknowledgement that British troops in eastern Greece had withdrawn to new positions, caused visible public dismay in Britain.

Many, however, still are optimistic that Gen. Wavell could hold and defeat the Axis desert legions.

Any British naval support for British land forces, however, must face the prospect of Nazi dive-bomber attacks, it was said.

British sources said that in Greece heavy losses were inflicted on Axis infantrymen before the withdrawal.

American Bombers Break all records

LONDON, April 14 (CP)—The first lot of American-made Boeing B17C bombers, just arrived in Britain, broke all speed records for trans-Atlantic flights, the ministry of aircraft production said tonight.

The big bombers have a speed of 300 miles an hour at 25,000 feet and a flying range of 2,450 miles with a "very heavy bomb load," it was said.

A German bomber and fighter...

Will urge Road to Alaska

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The Aaskan International highway commission decided today to expedite negotiations for a treaty with Canada for the joint construction of a \$25,000,000 road from the United States through Canada to Alaska.

The commission members decided to ask the state department to expedite negotiations for a treaty with Canada for the joint construction of the road.

Report Poachers, Trappers clash

THE PAS, Man., April 14 (CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police said today they are investigating reports of a clash between alleged fur poachers and trappers patrolling the boundary of the Summerby muskrat preserve, 40 miles southeast of The Pas.

Police said one man was brought here by plane during the week-end after being arrested by a senior trapper and that another alleged poacher was held at the preserve.

The R.C.M.P. reported that information reaching them was that alleged poachers fired shots into the air in an attempt to intimidate trappers who discovered them on the preserve Saturday night.

One man was reported arrested by game guardians at Baptizing Creek, and police said they believed up to 40 men are engaged in poaching on the preserve, crossing the boundary stream at night to raid muskrat houses and take the catch of trappers legally participating in the pelting on the Manitoba government's fur conservation area.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

APRIL 15, 1916—Trenches and prisoners captured by French in attacks between Douaumont and Vaux in Verdun area. British mid-level German trenches south of the Bethune-La Bassée Road. Russians advanced near Vilna on the Eastern Front.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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TORONTO, April 14 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver	41	50
Edmonton	31	27
Regina	36	55
Winnipeg	32	48
Toronto	57	78
Ottawa	53	71
Montreal	53	68
Quebec	43	69
Saint John	37	42
Halifax	38	41
Charlottetown	38	42

FORECAST

Maritime East; Moderate winds; partly cloudy and a little milder; light scattered showers.

Synopsis: The weather has been fair and warm in southern Ontario, while showers have occurred in the northern districts. It has been generally fair in the Prairie Provinces, rather cooler in Manitoba but quite mild farther west.

High tide this afternoon at 1:07 and tomorrow morning at 2:11.

Sun sets this evening at 6:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 3:15.

Last quarter moon April 18, 9:03 a.m.

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