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BITTER FIGHT RAGES Many Parachute Troops Engaged; Attempt to Land By Sea Is Unsuccessful NAVAL UNITS ARE BUSY Nazis Claim Direct Bomb Hits on Seven Warships; London Is Confident

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler's attempt to crush the island of Crete by the sheer force of air and sea-borne troops raged on at a faster and more furious pace today but the desperately-fighting British claimed the Nazis had not made any headway. The attack on Crete, where the Greek King and remnants of his cabinet fled with British Imperial soldiers after the fall of Greece, went into its third day with London sources saying there was every indication 7,000 German parachute troops were now engaged.



The large numbers of German troops who made a spectacular landing on Crete marked the first time in history gliders have been used in actual combat. Germany has large numbers of men skilled in motorless flying—trained from youth like the young Nazi above. Sitting in a small glider, he gets instruction from an officer.

Germany Shipping Arms Across Turkey To Iraq

USING SQUEEZE PLAY Nazi Units Stationed in Iraq Threaten to Cut Important Railroad VICHY, France, May 21.—(AP)—German military equipment already is crossing Turkey en route to Iraq by rail due to a Nazi squeeze play, diplomatic sources here reported tonight. Reports from Istanbul said passenger traffic to Syria and Iraq had been stopped but did not mention freight traffic. Diplomatic circles here said the situation was this: Threaten to Cut Road. Small German military units in Iraq quickly established themselves along the railroad to Turkey and threatened to cut this line north of Baghdad unless the Turks agreed to let German material move through Turkey to Iraq. Since this route to the Persian gulf is a principal source of imports for Turkey now that the east Mediterranean is a war zone, the Turks had to comply. (The British have been reported in control of Basra, Iraq's Persian gulf port, and presumably could use the same means to keep the Turks from bowing to German demands, but this dispatch made no mention of the possibility.) This asserted railroad deal was cited in Vichy as proof that Turkey was doing everything possible to remain at peace. (A delayed dispatch from Istanbul, filed on Tuesday and received Wednesday, told of the cancellation of the rail passenger service which formerly ran twice a week from Turkey across Syria to Iraq. The Taurus express now stops on the Turkish side of the Syrian border, it said. Although Turkey and Iraq have a common frontier, there is no direct rail link. The dispatch

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London Confident London manifested confidence that the Allies could hold the island—the key to the middle east and thus perhaps to the safety of the Suez Canal itself—and Berlin adopted an attitude of great caution. Whatever their motive—and in this connection it was recalled that the Nazi high command had been similarly reserved in the opening phases of nearly every great contest since the war began—German spokesmen implied that it was too early to talk much about Crete. True, they said, the Nazi paratroopers had occupied certain strategic positions—but still Crete was a rough and harsh area and a hard military problem. The most recent information from Greek sources claimed that the Allies held the situation in hand and that groups of invaders still (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

FIRST KEEL TO BE LAID HERE TODAY

Public Will be Barred From Event at N. C. Shipbuilding Company's Yards Keel No. 1 of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company's yards now nearing completion at Sunset Park No. 145 of the U. S. Maritime Commission cargo ship building program—will be laid today at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday afternoon by Carl D. Fernstrom, general manager. There will be no ceremonies and the public will not be admitted. However, Maritime Commission inspectors and officials of the ship-

Release Of U. S. Citizens May Be Delayed By Nazis

BERLIN, May 21.—(AP)—Hopes of speedy release for at least part of the 10 Americans from the Egyptian steamer Zamzam, sunk by a German raider en route from New York to Alexandria, were obscured tonight by tangled questions of international law. The Germans have stated unequivocally that all of the Americans aboard the Zamzam, which for a time was feared lost with all 322 passengers and crew, were brought through the British blockade and safely at St. Jean De Luz, France, and early today a German spokes-

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man forecast their speedy release for return to the United States through neutral countries. But later, authorized sources said German military authorities first would make sure that 24 American ambulance drivers who were en route to Africa aboard the Zamzam would be in no position to reveal military secrets to the British. Donald Heath, first secretary of the United States embassy here, called at the foreign office and (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Marine Air Base Bill Presented

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the house naval affairs committee introduced today a bill (HR 4539) to authorize construction of \$31,115,000 of public works projects for the Navy. Among the projects and amounts for each were: Marine aviation facilities, Neuse River, N. C., \$14,990,000. Naval operation base, Newport, R. I., fleet operating facilities, including dredging, \$2,000,000. Naval operating base, Norfolk, Va., replacement of marine barracks, \$500,000. Expansion of facilities at various training stations, \$5,500,000. Expansion of various marine corps training facilities, \$3,500,000.

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MARTIN VIEWS SITE Plant in Baltimore Operating at Full Capacity For U. S. and Britain

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CALCUTT SENTENCE UPHELD BY COURT

RALEIGH, May 21.—(AP)—The state supreme court today upheld a one-year road sentence imposed upon Joe Calcutt, Fayetteville slot machine distributor, in Wake superior court last December on the first count of an indictment charging violation of the anti-slot machine laws. The court, however, remanded Calcutt's case to the Wake court for a new sentence on a second count under which Judge R. Hunt Parker suspended a two-year additional road term and placed Calcutt on probation on several conditions. These provided that Calcutt should pay a fine of \$10,000, dispose of his slot machine business, refrain from politics for three years, and not change his address without permission. In addition to the majority opinion, Associate Justices Heriot Clark and W. A. Devin wrote separate opinions in which they concurred with the action of the majority on the first count but dissented on the handling of the second. The majority opinion, written by Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy, upheld action of the Wake court in indicting Calcutt on two counts— (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

MEDICAL SOCIETY SELECTS OFFICERS

PINEHURST, May 21.—(AP)—The North Carolina State Medical society today chose Dr. Donald Cobb of Goldsboro its President-elect and decided to meet next year in Charlotte. Dr. F. Webb Griffith of Asheville took over the presidency. Others elected were Dr. Thomas Sparrow of Charlotte, first vice president; Dr. L. Carter of Statesville, second vice president; and (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida—Partly cloudy and continued warm Thursday and Friday. (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) (By U. S. Weather Bureau.) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 68; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 83; 7:30 p. m. 76; maximum 88; minimum 64; mean 76; normal 72. Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 79; 1:30 p. m. 49; 7:30 p. m. 60. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.85 inches. Tides For Today: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) High Low Wilmington 7:00a. 1:53a. Masonboro Inlet 7:30p. 2:07p. 5:30a. 11:43a. 5:24p. 11:39p. Sunrise 5:05a.; sunset 7:12p.; moonrise 3:09a.; moonset 4:07p. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on May 21, at 8 a. m. 9.30 feet. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

BRITISH REPORT GAINS IN AFRICA

Air and Land Successes Are Also Claimed in Campaigns in Iraq, Syria CAIRO, Egypt, May 21.—(AP)—Air and land successes against the German, Italian and Iraq foes were reported by the British Middle East command today on the far-flung battlefronts of Iraq, Syria, North Africa and Ethiopia. In Iraq, where the action continues to be largely aerial, the British gave this picture of the situation: British positions were consolidated around Fallujah, Euphrates river town just west of Baghdad, which air-borne British troops have seized. German air attacks were driven off by RAF patrols. Numbers of Iraqis were taken prisoners. The RAF inflicted "considerable damage" on hangars and other buildings of the Iraqis' Raschid air-drome near Baghdad. The Junkers troop-carrying planes were hit in continuing RAF raids (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

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San Francisco Shipyard Workers Return To Jobs

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