

FIVE NORDIC SHIPS RUN NAZI ARMADA

Six Others In Flotilla Accounted For As Either Sunk Or Turned Back

STOCKHOLM, April 2.—(AP)—Six of the 11 Norwegian merchant ships which dared the German blockade in a mass dash from Sweden were accounted for tonight as either lost or turned back, leaving five with at least a chance to reach haven in Britain.

The 11 vessels had been tied up in Göteborg, Sweden, since the German invasion of Norway April 9, 1940. Under charter to Britain from the Norwegian government, the vessels, all left Göteborg Tuesday night during a heavy snowstorm.

(A Swedish court had upheld the charters on March 17, overruling German attempts to get control of the ships through owners still in Norway.)

According to information based mainly on observations of fishermen, the ships were attacked Wednesday by a German destroyer and four trawlers almost as soon as they got outside Swedish territorial waters. The 6,222-ton Buccaneer and the 12,358-ton whaler Skytteren being sunk by gunfire off Maeskaer at the mouth of the narrow Skagerrak.

The fishermen said another ship was seen burning fiercely, another ran aground, and two, the 5,553-ton Lionel and the 5,263-ton Dico, fled back to Göteborg.

Empty lifeboats were seen adrift in the Skagerrak, and some reports said loss of life was probably heavy. Others said the German forces captured some of the crews.

At least two large ships were sighted racing westward for the open sea and Britain, 500 miles away. What happened to the remaining three was not reported.

(A dispatch by the Vichy news agency under a Stockholm date

Officer Who Refused To Serve On Any Ship Would Lose His License

WASHINGTON, April 2.—(AP)—Ciahrman Bland (D.-Va.) of the House Merchant Marine committee introduced today a bill to authorize revocation of the license of any Merchant Marine officer who refused to serve on any merchant vessel of the United States in the capacity for which he is licensed.

Bland said he had received complaints of some such cases from sources other than ship operators, and while he was not convinced of the merits of the legislation, the bill was offered to give the committee an opportunity to look into the reports.

Music Vital Element Of Fighting Army

MILWAUKEE, April 2.—(AP)—Music is one of the vital elements of a fighting army, Major Harold W. Kent of Washington, declared today, and it is up to music educators to do their part in the advancement of it in the war effort.

Speaking at the last general assembly of the National Conference of Music Educators, Major Kent declared that there was an ever growing utilization of music as a means of entertainment and recreation for the armed forces as well as its official application through the medium of army bands.

Lawrence David Watson Injured In Auto Wreck

Lawrence David Watson, 18, of the Lingo City section, is reported to be in a critical condition at Walker Memorial hospital following an automobile accident near Lake Village Tuesday morning.

Watson, driving a large truck, was working in the Lake Village area when his truck turned over, crushing him under a portion of it. His right leg was fractured above the knee, and he is also suffering from internal injuries, hospital attaches reported.

TWO CITY POLICE OFFICERS INJURED

Hurt When Automobile And Motorcycle Collide Here Thursday Night

Two young city policemen were injured, one seriously, in a motorcycle-car collision which occurred at the intersection of Third and Walnut streets Thursday night about 6:40 o'clock.

Prayer R. Oxley, 810 Princess street, received a compound fracture of both bones in his right leg, just above the ankle, and W. R. Bradshaw, 108 North Ninth street, was treated at Walker Memorial hospital for a laceration of the right eye, bruises, and a sprained ankle.

Both men had completed their tour of duty as city patrolmen at 6:30 o'clock Thursday night, and were riding on a motorcycle owned by Oxley, police said.

As they were traveling north on Third street, a car driven by Harvey Woodcock of Winter Park, entered the intersection at Third and Walnut streets, striking the motorcycle and knocking the men from it.

Woodcock was arrested on a charge of reckless operation with injury and placed under a bond of \$300.

RAF IS BACK OVER PARIS FACTORIES

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tuning out vehicles for the Germans in the east and the German railroads are strained to the utmost in transporting supplies for spring offensive action against the Red armies.

It was the RAF's biggest loss in a single night since the Nov. 7 raid on Berlin in which 37 British planes were destroyed, and it was above the average of 10 to 12 which the RAF feels it can afford to lose in one night at the present scale of operations.

Bright moonlight aided the attackers and the German night fighters alike.

Canadian airmen, led by Johnny Fauquier, Ottawa bus flier, told of blasting debris high into the sky at Poissy, eight miles west of Paris on the left bank of the Seine, of setting bright fires and of feeling the blast of bombs which made direct hits on the Matford factory from extremely low altitudes.

One of the Canadian-flown Wellington bombers came out of the target area at 500 feet, and the pilot said the bomb blast "nearly lifted us out of the sky."

Vichy reports said that the Matford factory was "damaged slightly" and that one person was known to have been killed and several wounded Paris anti-aircraft defenses were active during the alert—from 4 to 5:30 a.m., and bombs were said to have been dropped in several of the western and northwestern Paris outskirts.

(Ford headquarters in Detroit said the Ford Motor Co. had had no contact with the Matford plant since the fall of France. The concern was formed about ten years ago, Ford interests combining with the Mathis Co., a French alstair firm, for the manufacture of light cars.)

Now reported turning out 20 trucks a day for the Nazis, the Matford plant was bombed in daylight March 8, five days after the big RAF raid on the Renault Works, first in the Paris area. The newest raid was not on the same scale as the Renault attack, but a British spokesman called it "a good little show."

In addition to the raids on German rail centers, the Le Havre docks and other occupied centers in France and Belgium were raided overnight and leaflets, intended for the Nazi army of occupation, were dropped over Brussels.

One of the bomber pilots who attacked northwest Germany said the attack was pressed home despite snow and sleet which stretched the return trip to four hours.

He reported hits on a freight train near the Rhine and that "the rear gunner counted 20 separate fires among freight cars."

One pilot flew so low he could see a man firing a rifle at his plane. On the return trip, ice from the propellers tore holes in the fuselage as the plane fought a 65-mile-an-hour wind.

Great Part Of Philippines Still Under American Flag

People Unwavering In Loyalty To U. S., Declares Clark Lee

By CLARK LEE

UNITED STATES ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 2.—(AP)—By far the greatest part of the Philippines, both in territory and in population, still are free of the Japanese invader and still are under the American flag.

The people are unwavering in their loyalty to the United States, although considerably puzzled over the Allies' continued withdrawals and their failure to take the initiative against Japan.

En route to Australia, where I arrived three days ago, I traveled hundreds of miles over Philippine waters and by car over the islands. It is well to recall that there are 7,000 islands and reefs in the archipelago, and that so far the enemy has landed on only five.

The Japanese control the principal cities and highways in central and northern Luzon and a few ports in southern Luzon. However, the main prize, Manila, is still beyond their reach.

Recently the Japanese occupied five points on northern Mindoro. They maintain a small force on the island of Masbate; occupy Davao and Zamboanga, at the eastern and western extremities of Mindanao, and also hold the island of Jolo.

The Japanese do not control the inner Philippine islands or the inland waters. Occasionally an enemy warship raids shipping and ports in the so-called "Inland Sea". But the Japanese apparently are afraid to keep a destroyer or a light cruiser on patrol there.

From what I have seen of the American torpedo-boats in action, I believe a few squadrons of these hard-hitting, speedy vessels in which Gen. Douglas MacArthur kept his trip to Australia could keep the islands' inner shipping lanes entirely clear of the enemy.

There are dozens of airfields and scores of ports in the inner Philippines from which American planes and ships could operate. There are American and Filipino fighting forces on almost every island.

War Goes On

The war goes on not only on Bataan but on Mindanao, where the Moros, under U. S. officers, frequently attack the Japanese.

The Japanese are reported to have put in uniform several thousand young Japanese nationals who lived at Davao before the war. Yet despite their overwhelming numerical superiority, the invaders are said to fear the Moros so much that every night hundreds of the Japanese return to their ships to sleep.

The Moros turned back one Japanese drive south of Davao in January.

On other islands we found American and Filipino forces which were ready to fight despite their shortage of equipment, if the Japanese should come. Our greatest difficulty in traveling through the Philippines was in answering questions about help from the United States. Everybody, everywhere asked the same questions.

To inquiries as to when Tokyo would be bombed, our customary reply was, "the bombing will start soon, probably the middle of this month (March)."

Then someone would proffer the polite objection that "we believe it would be difficult for us to bomb Tokyo before April, Sir, as the air fields in Alaska still are covered with snow and objectives in Japan probably would be hidden by clouds."

Some bright youngster usually would add:

"We believe arrangements can be made for the United States to use the Russian air fields at Vladivostok and on the Kamchka peninsula, inasmuch as the Russians and Americans are fighting the same war, although on different fronts, and the Russians need American supplies while Americans need Siberian bases."

The people frequently expressed their respect for President Roosevelt as a forceful leader. Their feeling for General MacArthur can be described only as reverential.

Praise MacArthur

They'd say:

"We believe, Sir, that the MacArthur line is impregnable. We are convinced that the man has not yet been born who can defeat General MacArthur."

They pronounced it Mac-Ar-tour, with the accent on the last syllable.

A Filipino who is doing one of the most dangerous jobs in the islands at present told me:

"When the war is over, win or lose, I am going to build a monument to General MacArthur in my garden with my own hands. If I die my son will do it."

There will be similar monuments all over the Philippines. General MacArthur will stand side by side with our martyred national hero Jose Rizal."

Rizal, Filipino patriot and writer, organized the "Liga Filipina" to secure the political liberty of his countrymen from Spain. Arrested by Spanish authorities at Barcelona when he was on his way to Cuba for volunteer relief work among the yellow-fever victims, he was brought back to Manila, where he was tried and shot in December, 1896. The day of his execution ever since has been a national holiday.

When our ship neared one Philippine port, the townspeople took to the hills fearing a Japanese invasion, but they came back when they saw the Filipino and American flags.

Once ashore, officers of the Philippine constabulary soon came up to shake hands. Then a few men gathered around, squatting on their haunches. They were followed by small boys, then girls fol-

Clinton Will Push Peanut Production

CLINTON, April 2.—Business men of Clinton at a meeting in Mayor Jackson's office Wednesday morning unanimously agreed to carry the message regarding the importance of Sampson county planting the minimum of 14,000 acres to peanuts direct to the farmers themselves.

Toward that end, plans were discussed and approved whereby business men of the city will get behind the campaign by attending and speaking at each of the 47 meetings to be held throughout the county next week. In addition, educational advertisements will be placed in the newspapers of next week, calling upon farmers of the county to plant a maximum of peanut acreage this spring.

J. A. Gregory, representing the Clinton Merchants association, presided over the meeting and after

outlining the purpose of the gathering and explaining briefly just what a 14,000 acre peanut crop will mean to Clinton merchants from a dollar and cents standpoint, he called upon E. J. Morgan, agricultural agent for Sampson county. Mr. Morgan outlined the proposition fully and explained that aside from the fact that peanuts will make the farmers of the county a good cash crop, the oil from peanuts planted in the county will go toward aiding the national war effort.

Thrown open for general discussion, the debate which followed brought out many interesting facts including the possible shortage of farm labor for harvesting purposes the expected cash return of \$1,000,000 from 14,000 acres of peanuts and the department of agriculture's program for the harvesting of the 1942 crop with pickers provided on a rental basis.

Ebell's Citizenship Is Ordered Revoked

EL PASO, TEX., Apr. 2.—(AP)—The United States citizenship of Dr. Wolfgang Ebell was revoked today by Federal Judge Charles Boynton after a trial on charges that the 50-year-old German-born

physician retained allegiance to the Nazi government.

Ebell was held in jail under \$20,000 bond as an enemy alien for action of the enemy alien board on charges of illegally corresponding with the German government.

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