

GERMANS NERVOUS ABOUT 2ND FRONT

Cripps Says Government Cannot Talk About Its Plans For Offensive

BY NOLAND NORGAARD LONDON, May 17.—(P)—Mysterions talk by one of Britain's political leaders of an Allied offensive coincided today with signs of nervousness in the Axis over the Mediterranean front and reports from American correspondents arriving in Lisbon that the German and Italian people generally are disheartened and disillusioned.

A member of the British war cabinet Sir Stafford Cripps, declared that the government was as eager to form a second European front as the British public but could not talk about it publicly.

A Berlin broadcast reported that British military authorities in North Africa had carried out a regrouping of forces of the eighth army in Libya and that field marshal Erwin Rommel, the German armored force commander in Africa had held "important conferences" with Gen. Ettore Bastico, Libyan governor and commander-in-chief of Italian forces there.

The German broadcast explained that the British were reorganizing their forces because they "obviously were troubled by the reinforcements of German-Italian troops," but British dispatches quoted Swiss correspondents in Rome said Premier Mussolini and his generals were apprehensive over the possibility of an Allied drive in North Africa before the hot weather sets in in earnest.

These correspondents said the Italians had heard that United States and British sea and air forces were massing in the eastern Mediterranean. The German radio reported the first brush with an American four-motored bomber of the Consolidated type in Africa, declaring it was downed.

The determination of the British to defend Malta by reinforcing that fortress, even at great risk, also was said to have greatly impressed the Italians.

Cripps, Lord Privy Seal, told consultants at Bristol that the British government was "as keen and anxious" for the opening of a second front against the Axis as the people themselves.

"The only difference between us and you is that you can talk freely about it, whereas we cannot," he said.

"Already the Germans are getting uneasy at the militant offensive spirit of the British and American people in this matter of a second front," he added. "The Germans will, I believe, show something more than nervousness when our two governments translate that militant spirit into offensive action, as they certainly will at the moment they judge it opportune."

Tire companies are now turning out millions of inner liners which when cemented to the inside of the casing prevent small cuts or ruptures from pinching the tube. It is estimated that these liners will add 10 to 15 per cent to the life of the old casing.

LARGE SIZE GENUINE MAPLE-FRAMED MIRRORS, Spl. \$2.95
H. BERGER & SON FURNITURE CO.
707 N. 4th St. Dial 5128

MONEY TO LOAN
ON ANYTHING OF VALUE
No Loan Too Large—None Too Small
Cape Fear Loan Office
LUGGAGE HEADQUARTERS
12 S. Front St. Dial 2185

SINGIN' SAM

W.M.F.D. 12:15 to 12:30
MONDAYS thru FRIDAYS

Bandits like diamonds
Insure your wife's jewelry before a bandit takes a fancy to it!
WALKER TAYLOR INSURANCE

East Indies Child Evacuees In Australia



Almost too young to comprehend the tragedy that has come into their lives, these Javanese and Chinese children pose for the photographer in Australia. They were evacuated just before the Japanese invasion of the Netherlands East Indies. They are being cared for in a welfare center in Melbourne.—Central Press.

HITLER EXPECTED TO SHOOT WORKS

Shanke Says Winter Spent In Developing Army Of 300 Divisions For Offense

Editor's note: Edwin Shanko, native of Milwaukee, who joined the Associated Press in 1925 and was assigned to the Berlin bureau in 1937, wrote the following story recently in internment at Bad Nauheim, Germany, and brought it with him to Lisbon, place of exchange for United States and Axis internees.

By EDWIN SHANKO. LISBON, May 17.—(P)—The current German drive in the Crimea, in the opinion of observers who have had an opportunity to study the Nazi war machine at close range, is only the prelude to an attempt at an all-out offensive for which Adolf Hitler has been preparing some 300 divisions throughout the winter.

There is strong reason to believe this effort is intended to take the form of a double-pronged drive around both sides of the Black sea into the Near East to gain control of oil resources and territory which might enable Germany to stand up longer economically should she be forced into a defensive war.

It seems obvious that Hitler must "shoot the works" this summer because it probably will be his last opportunity to select the time and place for an attack which he hopes may prove decisive.

With the striking power of the United Nations increasing by leaps and bounds, his prospects of maintaining the initiative in a prolonged conflict are growing correspondingly dimmer. Therefore to him it is imperative to win control of the Near East, the Mediterranean area and at least European Russia.

To meet Germany's strategic and economic needs, Hitler has been marshalling his forces throughout the long winter months while trying—with a minimum expenditure of effort—to hang onto his gains in Russia.

The size of the German armed forces has been increased tremendously by the winter draft, and new reserves and recruits have been put through a rigorous course of training.

The acute labor shortage now existing in Germany reflects the extent to which the reich's manpower has been stripped to swell the army. Promotions among commissioned officers also have been unusually numerous recently—far more numerous than necessary for mere replacements.

To give troops long on active service a much-needed rest and to permit overhauling of equipment, the Germans resorted to a plan during the winter whereby only about one-third of the forces available for duty in the east were kept at the front.

Another third was kept at some distance behind the lines where the men could take life easier and still be available to back up the front in emergency, while the remainder were assigned to winter quarters at home or in occupied France.

These groups were switched at various times as conditions permitted.

At the height of the Russian campaign last year the Germans used approximately 15 armies—10 infantry armies and five armored.

WHEN CLEANING YOUR Bathroom
Add a small amount of Creolin to the water. It makes a powerful disinfectant for cleaning toilets, bathtubs, basins, floors and walls. Creolin is an effective deodorant, too. Ask your druggist. Merck & Co. Inc., Rahway, N. J.

CREOLIN
CLEANS - DISINFECTS - DEODORIZES

M. P.'S FOLLOW RIGID ROUTINE

Daily Physical Fitness Program Also Provides Recreation For Men

By SGT. JOHN J. BURNS You might think that M.P. looks pretty snug as he asks for your pass at the main gate or tells you to button your collar.

He looks like a monarch by divine right as he strolls through Holly Ridge wearing a Frank Buck hat, totin' a six-shooter and swinging a night stick.

But if you could see this same M.P. at about 1:30 o'clock of an afternoon, you'd learn he's paying a price for glamor.

We stumbled on this choice bit of news when we stopped at Farnsworth Hall on business (to get a soft drink) the other day.

There in the middle of the basketball court was a huge mat, and on the mat, clad only in shorts, were dozens of military policemen.

They were having a sort of battle royal; pitching, tossing, pushing, whirling each other around—fighting for the simple privilege of staying on the mat.

Mr. Law was fighting for survival!

Growling, puffing and snorting were fat M.P.'s and skinny M.P.'s. Under the circumstances we could have (1) chuckled or (2) sympathized. We chuckled.

Through Lieut. Robert L. Wicker, Military Police athletic officer and Liee. H. A. Johnson, camp athletic officer, we learned that this strangely concentrated manpower was the M.P. physical fitness class.

Every day approximately 50 of the law enforcement boys attend the class in Farnsworth Hall.

Lieutenant Wicker explained that the course has two purposes. The first is to keep the men in shape for their sometimes dangerous assignments; the second, to provide the M.P.'s with recreation. In case you didn't know it, an M.P. doesn't have much time for play.

The class is conducted by Lieutenant Johnson, who gives the men "the works" for about an hour.

"We start out with 20 minutes of calisthenics, then, when the 'students' think they're through, we organize mass games, like the one they're playing now."

That game on the mat looked more like work than fun, we thought.

In the near future, if present plans materialize, the M.P.'s will be given thorough instruction in jiu-jitsu. Lieutenant Johnson said.

Cow's Milk Production Jumps With More Pasture

SANFORD, May 17.—R. E. Smith, Lee county farmer, was just about to sell his milk cow, thinking she was a poor animal, when he provided her with a good pasture.

Immediately her milk production jumped up, and now she provides the Smith family with all the milk it can use. Before giving her a pasture, he staked the cow anywhere grass could be found.

Smith told Farm Agent J. P. Kiser recently his pasture is the future of the world.

Gannett referred to government, and said it "must never be our master but we must always be masters of our government. Government must not displace the individual."

Stern Tests To Come, Fran Gannett Tells Oglethorpe Graduates

ATLANTA, May 17.—(P)—Warning of stern tests to come was given the graduating class of Oglethorpe University here today by Frank Gannett, Rochester, N. Y., publisher of the Gannett group of newspapers.

NAVY CONSIDERING DRYDOCK FOR PORT

Admiral Moreell Will Discuss It With Local Delegation Today

By HOWARD SUTTLE (Star Washington Bureau) PRESS FOR DRYDOCK WASHINGTON, May 17.—The Navy Department is definitely considering a drydock for Wilmington. The matter has been brought to the attention of Admiral Ben Moreell, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. Representative J. Bayard Clark has arranged for a Monday conference between Admiral Moreell, R. B. Page, publisher of the Star-News and the Star-News Wilmington correspondent.

Representative L. Mendel Rivers of Charleston, member of the powerful House Naval Affairs Committee has agreed to work with Representative Clark and Wilmington leaders in formulating tentative plans for completion of facilities at Wilmington whereby new merchant ships, constructed by the North Carolina shipbuilding company may be loaded for their maiden voyages at the port of Wilmington.

Since all new ships must go into drydock for final repainting after installation of equipment, it has been necessary to send vessels launched at Wilmington to drydocks in other coastal cities prior to placing them in service.

In event the Navy Department decides to locate a drydock at the New Hanover port, its facilities would be available to both the Navy and Maritime Commission.

Ration Gas To Save Tires

It is generally conceded among government officials here that the gasoline rationing program now in effect was ordered more because of the rubber famine than of the petroleum shortage. The general public has obviously failed to realize the seriousness of the rubber situation. Among authorities who are acquainted with all the possibilities for obtaining rubber it is agreed that virtually all new, reclaimed, and synthetic rubber available during the next eighteen months must be used in the war effort. This means that the civilian motorist must make his tires last for at least eighteen months—maybe longer.

As a matter of fact, it is possible that the transportation situation may become so acute that the government may be required to regulate some of the automobiles now being used for civilian purposes.

Continue 'X' Card Squabble

Congress is still in an uproar over the inference in some newspapers that certain members accepted, under the gasoline rationing program, "X" cards entitling them to unlimited gasoline with the idea of using a portion of such gasoline for unofficial purposes.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds received a "X" card for himself and an "A" card for his wife.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey declined the "X" card available to members and accepted an "A" card for purchase of gasoline for the one car used by him and Mrs. Bailey.

None of the North Carolina Tidewater area congressmen, Representatives J. Bayard Clark, of Fayetteville, Graham A. Barden, of New Bern, and Hubert C. Bonner, of Washington, accepted "X" cards.

The gasoline requirements of members of Congress, like the requirements of other citizens, vary. Those who reside in hotels or apartment buildings in the center of Washington require less gasoline than those living across the District of Columbia lines in Maryland and Virginia.

There are some who use their own automobiles in calling upon various departments and agencies to transact the business of their respective states and districts. Others use taxi cab service. Use of street cars by members is not very extensive because of the great necessity for speed in the transaction of business with various agencies.

Therefore, gasoline rationing officials left to each individual member of Congress the decision concerning the extent of his gasoline requirements.

British Marines Best Devil Dogs In Shooting Match

Axis Raiders Sink 14 Ships In Week

PORTSMOUTH, England, May 17.—(P)—United States marines met the British marines in a shooting match here today, but the situation decidedly was not well in hand.

The Americans were beaten 1026 to 1126.

Just to rub it in the British used old bolt action Lee Enfield rifles and whipped the Americans using semi-automatic Garands in a rapid fire contest.

Axis Raiders Sink 14 Ships In Week

By The Associated Press Long-range Axis submarines knifing at Allied supply lines in the Atlantic sank 14 United Nations vessels, it was officially reported last week — boosting announced Allied sinkings in that area since Pearl Harbor to a total of 189 ships.

Three other merchantmen were heavily damaged but reported still afloat — two having been towed out to sea.

Warning On Firing Given At Camp Davis

Camp Davis authorities again warn of firing to be conducted during the week of May 18 on the various ranges in this vicinity.

At Sears Landing there will be firing from May 19 through May 23. This affects the danger zone known as Sector No. 2 to a distance of 25,000 yards and boats are warned to keep out of this area.

At Ft. Fisher there will be firing on the anti-mechanized range May 22. The water area known as Sector No. 3 will be dangerous for 10,000 yards off shore.

The rifle range just south of Camp Davis on Route No. 17 will be in use the entire week, from May 18 to May 23, inclusive. All persons are warned to keep out of the posted area back of the range.

Small boat operators and owners should make note of the water areas rendered dangerous by this firing.

Another Application Filed For Gas Pipeline

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(P)—Trans-American Pipeline corporation announced today it had filed a new application with the War Production Board for priorities for steel to construct a pipeline from east Texas to Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S. C. A previous application was turned down.

More than nine billion cigarettes are smoked each month in the United States.

Private Jones

Come on, sarge, be a sport! Pvt. Jones isn't loafing. He's simply discovered a fresh chocolate cake made with Rumford Baking Powder. Can tell because it looks light, looks round and delicious, looks worth going after! FREE: Victory booklet of sugarless recipes! Help conserve vital supplies. Write today. Rumford Baking Powder, Box 88, Rumford, Rhode Island.

PROTECT Your Tires With A Victory THEFT PROTECTOR
CAUSEY'S
Corner Market and 12th

COASTAL CAB
Dial 4464 Dial

NOTICE!
Concord Chapter No. 1
R. A. M.
Will Hold Its Slated CONVOCATION
Monday Evening, May 18th 7:30
All Members Are Urged To Be Present
JOHN S. MEEACHERN, Secy.

Wichita Is Booming As Warplane Center

A Wise Plan of Home Financing

WICHITA, Kas., May 17.—(P)—A gigantic program of production of Army and Navy training planes is at least three factories in this area which has started a new industrial migration which is enervating villages and farms in eight states of young workers — both men and women — all on their way to Wichita.

From a complacent middle western city of 120,000, Wichita has grown into a war-mind, noisy center of training plane manufacture with 65,000 new inhabitants and the prospect of another 25,000 in the near future, Carl J. Hines, chamber of commerce president said today.

Three principal plants — Boeing Airplane company, Cessna Aircraft company and Beech Aircraft corporation — who manufacture among themselves the majority of the training planes in the United States have stepped up production until houses are at a premium, servants almost priceless, and women taxi drivers the rule rather than the exception.

safely to port and the third last seen burning fiercely and drifting out to sea.

A WISE PLAN OF HOME FINANCING

is one that suits YOU. If your requirements include economy, convenience and friendly service, the CAROLINA has the loan plan for you. Ample funds to lend on acceptable security. See us today!

BUY A WAR BOND TODAY — GET YOURS AT THE CAROLINA

TWO MILLION DOLLAR

Carolina Building and Loan Ass'n
"Member Federal Home Loan Bank"

C. M. BUTLER, Pres. W. A. FONVILLIE, Sec. Treas. W. D. JONES, Asst. Sec. Treas. J. O. CARR, Atty.

DEPENDABLE SERVICE MEANS MORE TO YOU NOW

THAN EVER BEFORE!

● SCIENTIFIC WHEEL ALIGNMENT
● MOTOR TUNE UP ● GENERAL REPAIRS

BRING YOUR CAR IN FOR FREE INSPECTION

BAUGH-McCONNELL MOTORS
2ND AND GRACE DODGE — PLYMOUTH — DODGE TRUCKS

COOKBOOKLET OF THE WEEK

THIS COUPON and 10c
Presented at Office of

THE STAR-NEWS
Entitles You To One

COOKBOOKLET

Name
Address

(This Coupon and 10c If Cookbooklet is to be mailed)

RAPID PACKAGE DELIVERY

Between
Wilmington and Jacksonville
North Carolina

Only Packages of 150 lbs or less accepted for Transportation

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Wilmington Jacksonville
Dial 3311 Dial 3226

Check Girl

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

TH' COFS AN' TH DISTRICT ATTORNEY AN' DOZENS O' BIG SHOTS FROM TH' CITY, SURE HAVE BEEN GOIN' THROUGH "DOC" ELDEEN'S PLACE--DUG UP AND IDENTIFIED ALL THOSE FOLKS HED KILLED--

RICH FOLKS, MOSTLY, THAT HED ROBBED--MAKIN' IT ALL LOOK LEGAL, THROUGH HIS PRIVATE "HOSPITAL"--PLACE IS ALL CLOSED UP NOW, AND LOCKED--HMM--WONDER WHERE "DOC" ELDEEN IS--

WONDER IF HELL EVER GET CAUGHT--SOMETIMES IT SEEMS AS THOUGH ONLY LITTLE GUYS GET PUNISHED--BUT MAYBE IT ONLY SEEMS THAT WAY--

I SURE MISS CHUCK, SINCE HE WENT TO WAR WITH "DADDY" AND PUNJAB AND TH' ASP-- HEY--WHO'S THAT KID IN TH' ROW BOAT? SURE HANDLES THE OARS NICE, FOR A KID--

5-18-42