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## War Rages In Low Countries

Announcing "Protection" of The Low Countries



Joachim von Ribbentrop, German foreign minister (center) reads the German memorandum to Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg, gist of which was that Germany was forced to take over the "protection" of those countries to forestall Allied invasion. At almost the same moment German forces were launching an aerial assault on Dutch, Belgian, French and British cities. Photo radioed from Berlin to New York.

## Nazis Claim Capture Of Liege Fort; Dutch Say Airdromes Are Retaken And Blitzkrieg Halted

### Nazi Forces At Rotterdam Are Crushed

Dutch Minister Claims No Airdromes in Holland Are Now in German Hands; Allies Hold City In Luxembourg.

London, May 11.—(AP)—Dutch shock troops, fighting for their invaded homeland, were reported officially today to have recaptured airdromes at The Hague and Rotterdam in bitter see-saw battles which saw The Hague field change hands three times.

The Dutch foreign minister, who made the announcement in London, declared that no airdromes in The Netherlands remain in the hands of German forces which seized them yesterday.

He declared that the German forces on the left bank of the Nieuwe Maas river at Rotterdam had been crushed—but at a cost to the Dutch of more than 1,000 lives.

At the same time, fresh German

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### Wings Over Amsterdam



Here is how the Dutch seaport of Amsterdam appears to German bombers who are raining high explosive and incendiary bombs on the Amsterdam airport as Nazis invade the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg.

### Nazis Say Fort Proved Defenseless

German High Command Announces Destruction of 300 to 400 Enemy Planes on the Ground, With Allied Ships Sunk at Sea.

Berlin, May 11.—(AP)—One of Belgium's strong forts before strategic Liege, where Germans were checked crucially in the World War, is in German hands after proving "completely defenseless" against surprise attack by German planes, DNB, German news agency, reported today.

At the same time authorized sources claimed that Belgian and Netherlands airports continued in German possession, although "German troops there are fighting with Belgian and Dutch troops."

(Liege, 25 miles within Belgium from the German border and 62 miles southeast of Brussels, capitulated in August, 1914, only after the stubborn Belgian resistance had given the allies more than a week to concentrate forces to throw into the path of the Germans.)

A high command communique from Adolf Hitler's headquarters at the front announced:

The destruction of between 300 and 400 enemy airplanes on the ground and the shooting down of 23 more in air fights during operation in France, Holland and Belgium.

The sinking of an enemy destroyer, one enemy submarine and two

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### PLANE OVER SWEDEN

London, May 11.—(AP)—Swedish guns opened fire on a German plane over Göteborg, Sweden, a Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Stockholm reported early today. The effect of the fire was not known.

### Japan Insists On Status Quo In East Indies

Tokyo, May 11.—(AP)—The Japanese government announced today it had notified all powers concerned that Japan would insist on the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

The foreign office said such notification had been handed to the United States, British, French, German and Italian embassies and to the Netherlands legation.

This action gave effect to a cabinet decision that Japan should state her position concerning the rich East Indies empire of The Netherlands.

### Two British Envoys Are Assaulted By Italians

Rome, May 11.—(AP)—Reliable quarters reported today that Sir Percy Loraine, the British ambassador, was preparing to protest to the Italian authorities against a reported assault on two members of his embassy staff and the appearance of anti-British posters in Rome.

Informed sources said two British diplomats, George la Bouchere, secretary of the embassy, and commander Rodd, assistant naval attaché, were attacked and beaten by men who were plastering posters on midtown walls last night.

Two American newspaper correspondents, Miss Virginia Cowles and John Whitaker, had been guests of the officials at a dinner party. The officials were taking them home when the attack occurred.

While they were reading the posters, a witness said, seven men attacked the three men without warning and slugged them for several minutes. Friends said Miss Cowles was pushed but not struck.

Premier Mussolini applauded today as the Italian senate was told that the "disturbance" by Great Britain and France "must change."

The statement was made by the undersecretary of the navy.

His declaration that "only the possession of force can modify a situation which is just contrary to one's own interest" caused Mussolini to nod in approval.

## Germans Make Attack Against Maginot Line

Full Division of Nazi Troops Thrown Against French as Blitzkrieg Against Low Countries Begins; French Say Positions Held.

Paris, May 11.—(AP)—Germany's full-scale drive of the war against France's Maginot line was launched yesterday in concert with the invasion of the low countries, French military sources said today.

The Nazis threw a full division of 22,000 to 15,000 men against the French in a reported unsuccessful assault on Luxembourg.

While French authorities termed the battle "the first great attack of the war," the high command contented itself with an announcement that the French had maintained their positions.

The attack, launched as a vast

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### Ford Plant In Antwerp Is Hit By Bombs

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—The Ford automobile plant in Antwerp, Belgium, was struck by German bombers yesterday.

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## Messages Show Approval Of Roosevelt Statement

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Roosevelt's declaration that aggression abroad posed a "definite challenge" to the world civilization brought to the world today a steady stream of messages at which the chief executives expressed gratification.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull, press secretary, and several thousand telegrams of every ten were favorable. The 10 percent which were unfavorable were from the British.

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## Amsterdam's Center Bombed By Germans

Rumanian Cabinet Quits; Tatarescu To Form New One

Bucharest, May 11.—(AP)—The government of Premier Tatarescu resigned today and King Carol immediately requested the outgoing premier to form a new national government.

Quarters close to the government said King Carol wanted representatives of all political thought, from extreme left to extreme right, represented in the new government because of belief that Rumania must be united in the face of a possible extension of the war to southeastern Europe.

The monarch was understood to be alarmed at the manner in which dissatisfied factions opened the way in other countries for Nazi penetration.

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### Twenty Persons Believed Killed in Air Raid; Engineers Complete Inundation of Main Flood Water Defenses.

Amsterdam, May 11.—(AP)—German bombs smashed today at the center of Amsterdam, The Netherlands' greatest city, killing an estimated 20 persons while the stout defense troops in the eastern frontier lines gave engineers time to complete the inundation of the main flood water defenses, cutting Holland in half.

One bomb fell 300 yards from the postoffice, demolishing dwellings. This is in the vicinity of the plaza on which is located the royal palace, seldom used.

The Dutch general staff announced that the British and French troops now are operating in conjunction with Dutch forces and that the German advance has been stopped at the front.

The radio announced this afternoon that Queen Wilhelmina had sent a message to King Vittorio Emanuele of Italy, saying: "I trust your majesty will use your influence in the

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### Allied Forces In West Indies

London, May 11.—(AP)—Authoritative sources said today allied forces had landed in the Netherlands West Indies islands of Curacao and Aruba to prevent possible sabotage by Germans.

A statement issued to the press said the United States government had been kept informed by allied diplomats in Washington of the decision to land troops.

(An Aruba dispatch last night said 150 French marines had been landed there.)

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### Bigger Army Is Forecast

Extension of War Brings Recommendations for United States Defense Moves.

Washington, May 11.—(AP)—Swift spread of the European war brought before President Roosevelt today official recommendations for quick expansion of the regular army and navy, acquisition of reserve arms and equipment for a land force of a million men.

New defense reinforcements to be

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### Important Notice To Merchants Participating In Dollar Days

The Dollar Days edition of the Daily Dispatch will be published Tuesday, May 14. Due to the large amount of advertising to appear in this edition it will be necessary for advertisers to have their advertising copy ready not later than 6 p. m. Monday, May 13. The publication of advertisements received after this hour will not be guaranteed in the Dollar Days edition.

Participating merchants are requested to contact the advertising department of the Daily Dispatch as early as possible Monday in order that their space requirements may be taken care of.

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### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Sunday; continued rather cool.

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK. Fair beginning and near (d) of week, with rain period about Wednesday or Thursday. Temperatures near normal or slightly above.