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WIDE-OPEN BATTLE FLAMING IN GREECE

Army Institutes Surveys For Many Cantonment Sites

Plans Underway for Housing for Additional 800,000 Troops; Work Is Only Precautionary Measure, Patterson Declares.

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Robert F. Patterson, the undersecretary of War, disclosed today that the Army had instituted surveys for 23 new cantonment sites which would house an additional 800,000 troops.

Patterson told the Senate defense investigating committee that architectural engineers were being retained to study the \$15,000,000 recently made available by Congress. He predicted that surveys would eliminate excessive cantonment expenditures by making it possible to ask for comparatively little in Congress, approve construction of the camps later.

The undersecretary explained to reporters that these plans contemplated the possibility of calling 800,000 additional men to the colors.

He made it plain, however, that the work was being done only as a precautionary measure and said there were no present plans to make such a tremendous addition to the Army's personnel, expected to reach 1,400,000 men in June.

No Nazi-Turk Negotiations

Ankara, April 16.—(AP)—Official quarters declared today that no non-aggression pact was being negotiated with Germany.

The people's party unanimously endorsed a secret statement of policy by Foreign Minister Sukra Saracoglu.

The Turkish radio said Germany was finding her troops insufficient for the Balkan campaign and therefore would have to double the number to 1,000,000. This, the radio said, would entail delay and also complicate the problem of supply.

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Preliminary polls of committee members showed an administration majority and Senate Democratic Leader Barkley said he assumed the vote would go against reporting the resolution out for Senate debate, but Tobey, who is not a foreign relations member, arranged to make a personal plea for favorable action.

The committee's deliberations on the convoy question at this time assumed added significance because of President Roosevelt's statement at a press conference yesterday that American merchant ships traveling the world's sea lanes outside of prohibited combat zones would be accorded full protection.

Emphatically, Mr. Roosevelt told reporters such protection was not a question of policy but a matter of law. Some legislators speculated that his statement meant, in effect, that naval escorts would be provided any time a vessel under the American flag faced potential danger in delivering her cargo.

Such potential danger must arise, authorities generally agreed, if and when United States ships undertake to deliver munitions to Egypt, through the newly opened Red sea route, for trans-shipment to British forces operating in Africa and Greece.

British Attack Nazi Position At Capuzzo

London, April 16.—(AP)—An official announcement today said British forces in Africa had "successfully attacked the rear of the German position in the Capuzzo area on the Egyptian border."

Fort Capuzzo is a strong point in Libya just across the border from Salum, where the British have been resisting Axis panzer forces thrusting eastward.

A ministry of information statement said:

"It is learned in London that in Libya our forces have successfully attacked the rear of the enemy position in the Capuzzo area where enemy vehicles were shelled and set on fire."

"In Ethiopia," the statement continued, "our patrols have routed the enemy, 30 miles southeast of Debra Markos, and have captured forts on the left bank of the Blue Nile in this sector."

ELECTED

Raleigh, April 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Hortense F. Maye of Greenville was elected honorary president of the North Carolina branch of the International Order of the King's Daughters at the opening session of the organization's 51st annual convention here today.

Tar Heel School Officials To Support Bill Providing Federal Aid For Schools

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, April 16.—North Carolina's school officials and leaders are preparing to go all the way down the line in support of Senate Bill 1313, a federal measure which would be a tremendous help in enabling the state to comply fully with U. S. court decisions requiring equality of salaries between white and Negro teachers.

Julie Warren, executive secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, probably Superintendent of Public Instruction Clyde A. Erwin and perhaps others will go to Washington April 28 for a committee hearing on the bill.

Introduced by Senator Thomas of Utah, the measure would appropriate

U. S. Must Prepare to Fight Anywhere, Stimson Warns



Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson (left) tells a Senate committee investigating the defense program that the United States must be prepared to fight anywhere in the Western Hemisphere or even possibly other regions. He declared America faces greater danger than in World War days. Left to right are Stimson, Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson, Julius Amberg, Patterson's legal advisor; and (seated at table) committee members M. C. Wallgren of Washington, Hugh A. Fulton, chief counsel; H. S. Truman of Missouri, J. H. Ball of Minnesota and R. O. Brewster of Maine.

Uncounted Dead In Temblor

Chicago Newspaper Editor Is Slain

Dies To Run For Senate

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Red Cross Is Ready

Liquor Sales Mount In State

Stock Market Head To Army

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Nazis Admit Stubborn Resistance

Climactic Struggle Which May Decide Fate of Greece Developing; Germans Capture Sarajevo; Italians Take Naval Base.

(By The Associated Press)

Wide-open battle flamed along the entire British front in Greece today, and the Germans acknowledged that Hitler's blitzkrieg invasion was meeting "stubborn" resistance after previously asserting that the allies were in headlong retreat.

"Our troops are now in contact with the enemy along the whole of our front in Greece," the British middle east command said tersely.

It was apparent that a climactic struggle which may decide the fate of the Aegean kingdom was now fast developing.

DNB, official German news agency, said hundreds of British prisoners, including engineers—from the English midlands, Australian and New Zealand—had been captured by Nazi infantry in "hard fighting" in the mountains.

British quarters in Athens said German panzer spearheads were executing savage thrusts, but declared that nowhere had they oversteered the new allied defense line.

The apparent collapse of Yugoslavia, coupled with a 65-mile German break into northern Greece, gave a darker turn to events for the allies, however, in the eleven-day old battle of the Balkans.

London conceded that the situation in Yugoslavia was bad.

Hitler's high command reported the capture of Sarajevo, central Yugoslavia, where the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand touched off the 1914-18 World War, and declared that "thousands of Serbs" were surrendering.

The British likewise acknowledged that the pressure of Nazi panzer divisions—striking on the allied right flank and pouring through the lofty Sialista Pass to easier terrain to the south—was increasing violently.

The Greek legation in London as-

Thousands Homeless In Seven States Rocked by 'Quake; Colima Hardest Hit.

Mexico City, April 16.—(AP)—Thousands were homeless and the dead and injured still were uncounted today as the government rushed aid to stricken cities and towns of seven states in the wake of devastating shocks in Mexico's southern earthquake belt yesterday.

Communications were crippled and the full magnitude of property destruction and human toll, especially in the remote sections, may not be known for days.

Colima, capital of Colima state, 275 miles west of Mexico City, appeared to be the hardest hit in the towns able to communicate with the capital. Governor Pedro Ortiz radiated that half of the city's 15,000 residents were homeless, dead, or injured.

Colima V lemons, near Colima, erupted, Governor Ortiz said, kindling forest fires that seriously menaced the city.

Mexico City sustained damage estimated unofficially at more than \$1,000,000 when heavy shocks wrecked buildings and started a fire in the industrial area.

The temblor, which began with violent shocks lasting five minutes in Colima tapering off in a series of lesser tremors, apparently centered in the historic earthquake center of Chapultepec, about 30 miles inland from the Pacific coast resort town of Acapulco.

(Chapultepec is about 700 miles due south of Laredo, Tex.)

Destruction and undetermined numbers of casualties were reported from Guadalajara, capital of Jalisco state and Mexico's second largest city; and a dozen other cities across the country as far east as Vera Cruz state which borders on the Gulf of Mexico.

Appeal Made To President In Coal Strike

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Representatives from southern coal producing states sought intervention by President Roosevelt today in an effort to settle disagreements which have kept many soft coal mines idle since April 1.

They turned to the White House after southern coal operators told them that "we have done everything we possibly could do" to settle wage differences and pave the way for a working contract for the next two years.

Nazis Bomb North Eire

Raids Extend Over Large Part of Ulster; Royal Air Force Attacks Kiel.

London, April 16.—(AP)—The German air force carried the war to northern Ireland again last night, raining bombs over a large part of Ulster in a prolonged attack which apparently equaled in intensity simultaneous raids on many areas of England.

At the same time, the RAF swept across the channel to attack Kiel, bombing that north German naval base for the 38th time since the start of the war.

The British made no immediate

Younger Men May Be Called Into Service

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Congress may amend the selective service act this session to require military training in future years for a generally younger group of men than those in the 21-35 age group now subject to the draft.

President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday that the subject of changing the age limit was under study by the War department and congressional committees and that the committees might take up the matter formally in early June.

Back From Bermuda



Returning to New York by clipper plane from Bermuda, where he inspected construction of the new U. S. naval base, L. W. (Chip) Robert refreshes himself with a hot drink. Robert, who has held numerous important government posts, will report to the Navy department on progress at the British island outpost.

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Secretary of American Red Cross Tells D. A. R. Convention of Preparations.

Washington, April 16.—(AP)—Miss Mabel T. Boardman, secretary of the American Red Cross, told the Daughters of the American Revolution today to "rest assured the American Red cross is ready for action" should war come to the United States.

Since hostilities broke out abroad, Miss Boardman declared, the Red Cross has spent \$25,000,000 in war relief.

"I believe when you have seen what our Red Cross has done for other lands," she said, "you will have confidence that it is in no way lacking in its readiness for obligations to our own country."

Those obligations, she said, have been worked out carefully with the general staff of the Army and with the chiefs of the Army and Navy medical services who are members of the Red Cross central committee.

ENVOY SENT

Cairo, April 16.—(AP)—British general headquarters said today that the Duke of Aosta, Italian viceroy of Ethiopia, had sent an envoy apparently to negotiate surrender to the British headquarters in southern Ethiopia.

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