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Allies Pressing Neutrals To Break Links With The Axis

Heat Turned Upon Turkey Particularly

Allied Supplies to All May Be Cut Off If They Do Not Act

Washington, April 15—(AP)—Allied diplomats are now putting teeth into the "no compromise" policy announced by Secretary of State Hull for neutral countries dealing with Hitler Germany. They are under instructions to pursue a relentless course for implementing this policy until Hitler is beaten.

One of the first accomplishments of reinforced diplomacy under the Hull policy may be complete economic separation of Turkey from Germany. Officials here are more hopeful now of a break-up of Turkish-German trade than they have been for several months.

Increasingly firmer policies toward Ireland, Spain and Portugal, as well as Sweden, which received a formal note on the subject this week, also are clearly indicated.

American diplomats abroad relay declaration available to the foreign offices of those governments, and reaction from their capitals suggest that they appreciate the force of his argument that the Allied nations are now so strong they need no longer accept compromise on the part of neutrals dealing with Germany.

Further American efforts to obtain the break between Eire and the Axis are regarded as possible.

In the case of Sweden, the immediate aim apparently is to reduce supplies of Swedish ball-bearings and machine tools to Germany. But under Hull's pronouncement the long range aim must be to halt Swedish-German trade entirely.

In the case of Turkey, it is reported that accomplishment of a final break is a much closer possibility.

Turkey's principal export to Germany is chrome, which, like Spanish and Portuguese wolfram and Finnish nickel and molybdenum, is an alloy for hardening steel.

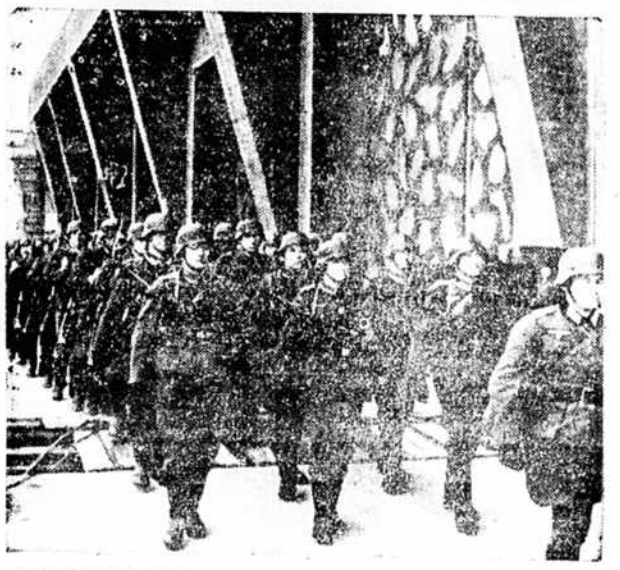
If Turkey continues to help Germany by supplying her with materials and foodstuffs, shipments of these can be stopped under the rules provisions that the Allies will not continue to draw from stocks needed for the benefit of neutral nations, which are thereby enabled to assist the enemy.

French Coast Has An Invasion Alert Near Three Hours

London, April 15.—(AP)—The Daily Mail, in a Madrid dispatch, said today that a three-hour general invasion alert had sounded Wednesday night along the Brittany coast of France.

Coastal batteries over a stretch of miles blazed away while a number of armored units moved out of their encampments, the dispatch said.

GOEBBELS DOES SOME BRAGGING



ATTEMPTING TO IMPRESS the world with their strength, German propagandists are sending pictures such as the above to neutral countries, knowing eventually they will reach England or the U. S. This shows Nazi troops marching before part of the "Atlantic Wall." (International)

Romania Oil Fields Are Heavily Bombed By U. S. Fortresses

Bucharest Is Also Hit by Liberators; Attacks Are Strong

Allied Headquarters, Naples, April 15.—(AP)—**Liberators of the fifteenth air force attacked targets at Bucharest today and Flying Fortresses streaked to the big Rumanian oil center of Ploesti, giving it the fourth attack of the war.**

The bombers took a number of [illegible] down, nearly [illegible]. Both [illegible] were [illegible] the [illegible] supply line to the armies battling the Red Army in Rumania and on the Black Sea coast. Ploesti is 35 miles north of Bucharest.

The attacks were made "in great strength," it was announced, and the big bombers were accompanied by Lightning and Thunderbolt fighters, working in relays.

The chief target was the [illegible] which were attacked from the [illegible] April 4, were not identified immediately, but it was said they were "in the vicinity of Bucharest" and "in the capital." [illegible] that perhaps the capital and the [illegible] were [illegible] also bombed.

Today's double-barreled assault was a continuation of the two-way blows on Hitler's Europe, begun from Italy and Britain and eight days ago and carried on relentlessly ever since, yesterday, when heavy bombers remained grounded.

Farley Re-elected

THE NEW YORK Democratic State Committee unanimously re-elected James A. Farley for an eighth term as State chairman at a meeting in New York City. The committee also approved a resolution calling for a fourth term for President Roosevelt. (International)

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Clearing tonight and preceded by thunder-showers over east portion. Sunday mostly cloudy and cooler.

Jap Navy Is Badly Hurt, King Says

Admiral Declares Nips Cannot Gain Back Loss Suffered

Washington, April 15—(AP)—"Japan's war fleet is already damaged 'so that she can never hope to make up losses, and heavy new blows at it may be expected in the 'next few months'," Admiral Ernest King, Navy commander-in-chief, declared today.

"We are seeking opportunities to strike whenever we can get within range of the warships or bases," he said. "And I think you will find within the next few months to come that we shall create these opportunities."

As examples he cited recent successful attacks on Palau, Yap and Woleai islands, in the South Pacific Carolines, adding some counted "[illegible] of the enemy, whose further damage was inflicted on the battered enemy fleet that consistently avoids engagements," then added:

"We have reduced Japan's merchant fleet to no more than two-thirds of what it was when we were attacked. We have sunk well over 2,000,000 tons of her cargo tonnage, and have so seriously damaged her fleet of warships that she can never hope to make up losses by building new fighting ships, or repairing those that we have damaged.

"In addition we have sunk, probably sunk or damaged by submarine action at least 600 Japanese merchant ships.

"She is now [illegible] at a rate of loss for any length of time, and keep her empire together. The disruption of that empire, of course, is one of the primary objectives of this war.

Such disruption of the Japanese empire, he said, the graduating class of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's police academy, is the minimum requirement for victory in the Pacific.

He decreased Japanese reasoning as holding fast by retaining possession of the "inner portion" of seized territory, upon the "outcome of the war, and continued:

"The outer ring of islands which they occupy serve directly as their fighting front. Through their persistence in holding these islands they hope to make our advance so costly that we will give up the effort to break into their inner defenses."

Woman Is Attacked At Elizabeth City By Escaped Negro

Elizabeth City, April 15.—(AP)—A 20-year-old Elizabeth City white woman was criminally attacked by a Negro and severely mangled last night at her Ketchum sportsmen's home as her 11-month-old baby slept beside her in a crib, Chief of Police Walter Spence said this morning.

The woman, the chief said, employed as a guest at the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation here, arrived home shortly after the Negro had forced his victim to accompany him to the sidewalk to avert suspicion, Chief Spence said.

Bloodhounds were used in an effort to track down the criminal, but Chief Spence would not say with what results.

The attack was the second this year made by a Negro man upon a white woman here.

State, city, county and individual peace officers have failed to bring to light the perpetrator of an attack upon a prominent white woman here last January 2.

Blows Dealt Japs Coming Daily Now

United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, April 15.—(AP)—Aerial blows at Japan's outposts from the North Pacific to the tropics have been dealt out to daily frequencies by aircraft under Admiral Chester Nimitz' command.

Four attacks Thursday on the Kuriles, Chishima, branching southeast off Japan, were repeated by Nimitz late yesterday, for a total of 43 raids on the enemy's north-south strong points in four successive days.

On the same day Ponape, the enemy base 440 miles east of Truk in the Caroline Islands, and three islands in the eastern part of the Caroline group, also were hit. It was the 12th day's daily hammering this month for Ponape.

In an earlier announcement yesterday Nimitz told of attacks on Truk by seventh army air force liberators Wednesday night, giving the base of one of the heaviest aerial

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Stock Buying Is Scattered

New York, April 15—(AP)—Stock market buying picked up scattered leading issues on speculation in today's brief session, but left many leaders to struggle in slightly lower ground.

Ahead of intervals were United States Steel, Standard Oil N. J., General Motors, International Harvester and General Electric. Occasional decline was posted by Southern Railway, Greyhound and Western Union A.

Bonds moved in spots. Commodities were scarcer.

Cotton Moves Into Advance

New York, April 15—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to ten cents a bale higher and closed ten to 30 cents a bale higher.

	Open	Close
May	21.04	21.05
July	20.67	20.71
October	19.99	20.03
December	19.76	19.83
March	19.57	19.63

Middling spot 21.79.

Germans Being Pushed Into Sea By Russians

CRIMEA BECOMES NAZI DUNKERQUE

"FOOTBALL OF MARS" since the Seventh Century B.C., the Crimea again occupies the spotlight as Red forces push the Nazis into a pocket at Sevastopol and the Black Sea becomes the only means of escape. This close-up illustrates how the German and Rumanian armies were quickly trapped into semi-helplessness. Sweeping down in two drives from the north (1) the Reds quickly reached Dzhankoi (2) and cut the communications link. Meanwhile amphibious forces took over Kerch (3) and moved rapidly toward Feodosiya, heading for Simferopol. Beyond easy evacuation is being attempted by boat. At one time some 150,000 Nazi troops were declared to be in the Crimea, but some may have managed to get to the Rumanian coast in the past few weeks. (International)

Planes Report Less German Opposition In Latest Attacks

Top Scorer

A COMMUNIQUE from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters discloses that Capt. Richard I. Bong, Poplar, Wis., has shot down his 26th and 27th planes in combat. This passes the record of 26 attained by Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker in World War I and places him three planes behind Capt. Don Gentile who was recently credited with 30 enemy craft. Bong's kills were all scored in the air while seven of the planes in Gentile's record were destroyed on the ground. (International)

Fighters Fan Out Over Continent as Bombers Stay Home

London, April 15.—(AP)—Strong formations of deadly Allied fighters fanned out over Germany today, the Berlin radio said, taking over the pre-invasion offensive from heavy bomber fleets, which had closed out a week of shattering blows at Hitler's air arm and transport.

Waves of broadcast warnings from German stations traced the swarming fighters' progress into northwest, north and central Germany, indicating an ambitious series of thrusts from British bases.

The formations probably were made up of American Mustangs and Thunderbolts, often employed as fighter bombers, as well as American Lightnings and British Mosquitos and Typhoons.

These swift fighters, although carrying a relatively lighter sting in comparison to the destructive blows borne by the bombers they ordinarily shepherd, have been increasingly used by the Allies to strafe air fields, shoot up trains and small shipping, and chase German aircraft into cover.

[illegible] German radios broadcast that Allied plates were releasing the Allied challenge to come up and fight.

There were no signs of a major heavy bomber formation, apparently the second day American Flying Fortresses and Liberators have re-

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Nazi Escape Ships Sunk On Beaches

Soviet Planes And Warships Battering Enemy at Sevastopol

London, April 15.—(AP)—Tarnopol, stubborn German bastion which had held out for weeks against the Russians in southeastern Poland, has been captured by the Red army, Premier Stalin announced in an order of the day.

The German "house" position, 75 miles southeast of Lwow, has held out, although encircled since March 25. Its capture frees the Russian forces in that area for concentrated drives either on the Dniestrian border or the supply and transport center of Lwow.

Moscow, April 15.—(AP)—A powerful Red army land force has pinned the Germans to a narrow area of coast around Sevastopol, Black Sea Crimean naval base, and has converged to within sight of Hitler on the outskirts, with [illegible] planes and [illegible] pouring fire into the city by day and night, Russian correspondents reported today.

The night raid, [illegible] the speed with which exploding ammunition dumps [illegible] Soviet airmen "paralyzed the [illegible] of enemy ships," the Soviet barracks boat and guns [illegible] the Black Sea fleet shelled [illegible] German points, a Pravda [illegible] said.

Fires, bombs and strafing ships and [illegible] were followed with [illegible] and with German and Rumanian losses, the account said.

This dispatch, saying that ammunition dumps were being destroyed, indicated that the Germans were attempting a Crimean Dunkirk, and that Soviet forces were striking powerfully to break it up.

Soviet marines and airmen are prevent in any attempt to rescue even a small part of the enemy's Crimean forces. Yesterday nearly every ship attempting to leave the port, still in German hands, was either sunk or severely damaged," said a dispatch from the Crimea, relayed from Moscow by a CBS correspondent.)

The Pravda correspondent added among the enemy and that he ed that panic was mounting had counted 150 dead Rumanians and Germans along less than a mile of highways between Simferopol and Sevastopol. He said that the enemy had tried to sack the Crimea, loading many craft with pillaged goods, but forget them in their haste to get away, just as they forgot their tanks and guns.

A Moscow broadcast recorded by the Soviet monitor in London quoted Red Star as saying the Russian [illegible] moving through the Crimean hills were more difficult terrain after leaving the easier steppe region behind. "The offensive continues at the same tempo as before," the newspaper said.

More Votes For Dewey In Week-End Primaries

(By The Associated Press)

Additional support for Governor Thomas Dewey of New York for the Republican presidential nomination appeared likely to materialize today as Arizona, Idaho and Virginia party members met to pick delegates to the national convention.

Iowa Democrats expected to select a delegation bearing 20 votes to be cast for President Roosevelt for a fourth term, and a Democratic-Farmer Labor fusion move in many Minnesota was scheduled to be capped by the choice of a 24-vote group from that State.

In Arizona a definite move was reported under way to climb on the Dewey bandwagon with that State's eight votes. There were indications also that he would get the support of a major portion of Idaho's eleven delegates and share in Virginia's quota of nineteen.

Dewey apparently was the beneficiary of most of the support that Wendell Willkie, withdrawn candidate, had held in Connecticut, although the Republican State Committee yesterday endorsed Governor Raymond Baldwin as a presidential nominee.

Nine Republicans yesterday elected 13 unpledged delegates, three of them with announced leanings toward Dewey. One delegate candidate supporting Governor John Bricker of Ohio for the nomination failed to win a place on the group.

A more complete count on last Tuesday's delegate choosing primary in Nebraska indicated that seven pledged to support Governor Dwight Griswold, of that State, had been elected, as well as four supporting Lt. Com. Harold Stassen and four unpledged.

130 American Airmen Held By The Swiss

Bern, Switzerland, April 15—(AP)—Two hundred thirty American airmen, the crews of two bombers which landed at Stuttgart, and at another bomber which landed at Zurich, and at another bomber which landed near the Swiss [illegible] today, are the equivalent of a [illegible] Allied division, it [illegible].

The Swiss will release the men [illegible] now the United States is prepared to handle them upon their return to Germany and occupied Europe.

The entire crew, however, parachuted to safety, the plane falling near the village of Steinen, south east of Zurich. Three of the men, slightly injured, were hospitalized.

There are now approximately 400 Unfortunate Americans interned in Switzerland and nearly 100 others who escaped from Germany at the city of Kloesters. Those who escaped into Switzerland wear civilian clothes. Seventeen American fliers

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Nation Is Edging Toward Strong Postwar Military

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—[illegible] Senate Foreign Relations committee [illegible] Senator Fulbright (D-Ark) said today that the United States should be prepared to use force against any nation which would try to upset the peace after the war.

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