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British Retreat To New Greek Positions

Nazis Claim Another Dunkirk; Solum's Outer Defenses Fall; Yugoslavs Fight On

LONDON, April 15. (Tuesday)—Thousands of British imperial troops are being rushed from the Italian East African front to Egypt in an effort to stem the German onslaught toward the Suez Canal, it was understood here today.

By The Associated Press
Britain's imperial forces have fallen back to new positions along the Northern Grecian battle line, the war office acknowledged last night, and the Nazis alleged that the British expeditionary force was in flight from Greece. Soldiers were embarking, the office German news agency, DNB, claimed, not only at numerous harbors but along the shores of the open sea. British troop transports said by this same source to have been sunk by dive bombers in the Athenian harbor of Piræus, and other transports and supply ships totaling 8,000 additional tons were claimed to have been damaged.

The British made no immediate official answer to this—they had turned the Greek radio against German propaganda designed to split the Allies and the British radio announced that "new contingents" of empire troops were destined to have arrived in Greece.

Without specific mention of the German agency's report of an evacuation of British troops, the news agency stated that "young British soldiers" were being rushed to the front line in Greece. The official informed sources refused comment.

THE BRITISH FACED ON THE PAIR AWAY AFRICAN FRONT A STRONG AND GROWING AXIS CHALLENGE WHICH SOON MAY OVERSHADOW EVEN THE ITALIAN BALKAN THEATRE.

It was this second and older Egyptian front which appeared actually of most concern to London for the Germans have recognized a big area of Italian Libya, claimed advances to the east beyond Sidi Barrani, and seemed determined with Italian help to establish the very gates of empire at Alexandria and the Suez Canal.

Official said that they had no information to substantiate the statements of DNB, but the British main news agency, the British that they were retreating not only at harbors but along the shores of the open sea.

Some highly placed persons expressed doubt that this particular report was true, for two reasons: "The British," they asserted, "could hardly 'run out' on their allies."

Even if they should decide to evacuate their army from Greece, it is questionable whether they could do so with anything like the complete success that the re-embarking from Aegean ports under the fire of German bombers has been reported in Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and even in eastern Greece.

Despite reports from many quarters that the British had succeeded in getting a formidable army of 20,000 or more men to Greece, the informed persons here have been saying privately all along that it was hardly larger than a "broken force" say 5,000 or 6,000.

If that force should be defeated and all of Greece taken over, there would be a low tide in the allies, but not necessarily a low tide in the British.

After all, it is pointed out, one of the purposes of the British in the Balkans was to create a diversion, to draw the German strength away from the main theater of the war in the west, and toward England. The "broken" force would still be a good purpose. It is argued, even though only for a short time.

BUT THE AMAZING THREAT OF THE GERMANS ALONG THE NORTH AFRICAN COAST TO THE MEDITERRANEAN SEAS THING ELSE AGAIN. THERE IS EVIDENCE, IT IS SAID, THAT THE BRITISH MISCALCULATED THE STRENGTH OF THIS GERMAN OPERATION.

Even if the western Mediterranean front collapsed, there would be no disposition here to consider the war lost to the British and their allies. Far from it. But there is also no attempt to dispute the fact that it would enormously complicate the situation.



LIBYA
SALUM FALLS TO AXIS TROOPS IN EGYPT—Axis forces, sweeping along the Libyan coast, sliced into Egypt and captured Salum. A British force, consisting of a tank, skirted by the Axis troops in their drive eastward, aiming at the Suez Canal. British flags show where British took towns in westward drive. Swastika flags show where Axis armies reentered towns. The Germans hoped to break the British line at El Aghelia. It appeared that the British would fall back to Matruh.

O'Daniel Leaves Candidacy Up To Solons Work

5-Point Program Must Be Enacted Dies To Announce

AUSTIN, April 14. (AP)—Governor W. Lee O'Daniel said today that if the Legislature enacted essentials of his program it would enable him to decide whether to become a candidate in the forthcoming special election to choose a successor to the late U. S. Senator Morris Sheppard.

He asserted that he would not resign his present office and receive from his successor appointment in the Senate.

THE STATEMENTS WERE CONTAINED IN A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH LAST WEEK ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ASKING HIM TO RESIGN AND ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT.

Most reporters asked for comment, including several reports of a transaction or other broad base.

O'Daniel said five bills as legislative objectives in his program and two spoke of willingness to compromise to bring about their passage.

First—Reducing \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 by a transaction or other broad base.

Second—Submitting to the people a constitutional amendment to stop "redrafting" of the constitution by making appropriations under the constitution.

Third—Making the state auditor appointive and responsible to the legislature and making the governor's present powers in prerogative—was declared by the state's chief justice official.

Fourth—Abolishing poll tax payment as a prerequisite to voting in primary.

Fifth—Discontinuing "the state's violation of civil commitment" from which no life sentence for the death penalty.

JASPER, April 14. (AP)—Source close to Martin Dies said tonight that the U. S. representative would announce this week his candidacy for the U. S. Senate.

WAGE BOOSTS
Steel Industry Meets CIO Demand

By The Associated Press
According to CIO demands, the nation's two biggest steel producers—United Steel and Bethlehem Steel—boosted wages 10 cents an hour yesterday and Republic Steel and Youngstown Sheet & Tube quickly fell into line.

Directly, the action meant the addition of \$4 to the weekly pay envelope of more than 400,000 workers. Indirectly, it may mean similar increases for 600,000 or more workers in manufacturing and fabricating concerns which in the past have matched the pact set by "Big Steel."

There was no immediate word as to whether the wage increase would be followed by a boost in the price of steel—and a consequent increase in the cost of the defense program.

The general view in Pittsburgh steel circles, however, was that price increases would be inevitable if higher steel costs were heaped on top of the wage increase.

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Separate Crashes Kill Instructor, 2 Cadets

R. L. Stephenson Dies In Crackup North Of Eola

Lt. Burns, Pogue Victims Of Second Dive Near Veribest

Two airplane crashes less than three hours apart Monday claimed the lives of one officer and two flying cadets stationed at the Air Corps Basic Flying School in San Angelo.

The dead were: Second Lt. Elin B. Burns, Jr., 22, of Ector, Miss., a flight instructor; and Flying Cadet Raymond L. Stephenson, 22, Sweetwater, Tex., of Duluth, Minn.

Burns and Pogue were burned about beyond recognition as the BT-15 basic training plane in which both were flying crashed and burst in flames on the Henry Masur farm three miles south of Veribest. The accident occurred about 2:15 p. m. Stephenson met death instantly when his BT-15 crashed about 10 to 15 m. on the E. S. Campbell ranch about five miles north of Eola.

La Burns was Pogue's flight instructor and officer at the flying school. The two were practicing forced landing maneuvers. The plane crashed from a low altitude.

Masur said the plane appeared to be "falling as a low speed" just before the accident. It burst into flames on striking the ground. Only the tail and a wheel, ripped off, escaped the fire.

THE PLANE HEAVILY MOVED FROM WHERE IT LANDED, INDIKATING A CRASH.

Without exception, Stephenson's plane apparently fell from an altitude of 100 to 150 feet. The instructor man was dead in the cockpit of the plane when jettisoned from him. The plane was badly wrecked.

Stephenson was a member of the Air Corps Basic Flying School in San Angelo. He was a graduate of the Air Corps Basic Flying School in San Angelo. He was a graduate of the Air Corps Basic Flying School in San Angelo.

DEATH PLANE—Chorred wreckage of the BT-15 plane that Monday carried Second Lieut. Elin B. Burns, Jr., 22, of Ector, Miss., and Flying Cadet Raymond L. Stephenson, 22, of Duluth, Minn., crashed into a pasture three miles south of Veribest on the Wall road, turning into a heated inferno on striking the ground. A wire was necessary in pulling the body of Cadet Pogue from the front cockpit.

Lamb Contracts Hit Fast Pace
Most Trading Is Among Neighbors

With Texas ranchmen looking forward into what appears to be the livestock industry's best year in more than a decade, have contracts on size and quantity of 60,000 of their neighbor's lambs at low prices.

The lambs, which are even now being marked throughout this part of the sheep world, will pass from the hands of their raisers to those of other nearby ranchmen at from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per head, and at from eight to eight and one-half cents a pound.

An estimated 38,000 head have been contracted in the Fort Stockton area. Fort Hottel has contracted 18,000 head from Proctor Brothers of Midland at \$2.50 per head. Jimmy Means of Valentine has contracted around 4,000 head from Fort Montgomery at \$2.50. Will Brake is reported to have contracted about 5,000 head from Jack McChesney at eight and one-half cents a pound, net. An Alpine ranchman has contracted 4,000 head from Ed Meritt at \$2.50.

In Crockett County, George Montemery has contracted around 18,000 lambs, numerous other ranchmen at \$2.50 to \$3.00 per head.

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In Tokyo, however, the press interpreted the pact as chiefly "a bid to the activities and policies of the United States in the Pacific." And as a strengthening of the three-power alliance of Tokyo, Berlin and Rome.

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