

# NORSE FIGHT NAZIS; COPENHAGEN FALLS

German Troops Invade Scandinavia and Create New War Front; Allies Promise Oslo to Send Immediate Aid.

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mark and Norway had been long planned and with the same precise attention to detail and time-table efficiency that marked the German blitzkrieg on Poland, the invasion of Austria and the march into Czechoslovakia.

French reports for some days have mentioned unusual military movements along the German Baltic Coast and today it was said that practice landing and unloading operations had been carried on by German troops units for weeks.

The German attack was carried out by a flotilla estimated at upwards of 100 vessels, comprising warships, troop transports, mine-layers and auxiliary ships.

The flotilla was believed to have left German ports before the Allies laid their mines yesterday. All day yesterday it moved up through the Danish straits, into the Kattegat and up to the Skagerrak on Norway's southern coast.

## Sweden May Be Involved

It was in the Skagerrak that British submarines yesterday torpedoed at least three, and possibly four German ships as well as one German submarine. Among those vessels was a German transport ship.

Chief interest centered on Norway and Denmark. But Sweden may become involved. General Swedish mobilization was ordered and the Swedish legation at Paris had unconfirmed reports of German action along Sweden's southern coast.

Greatest nervousness was displayed in the Balkan area. Some Allied counter-move, possibly a blow at Germany's vital flow of raw materials from the Danube region was feared.

Among all the neutral capitals the opinion was voiced that intensification of the war could be almost inevitably expected. In many quarters there was bewilderment at what Germany hoped to gain from the move. It was pointed out that Germany has always sought to confine the war, so far as possible, to the restricted area of the Western Front where they feel secure behind their Westwall defenses.

Now, it was noted, they have suddenly given the Allies a chance to open up another front against the Reich in Scandinavia—a situation which the Allies have long held would work to their advantage.

This view led to speculation that the Germans may have entertained grave fears that the Allies themselves were about to move into Scandinavia forcefully.

The people of Stockholm were fully conscious of the dangers created for them by the opening of a new war front in the north, but there was no indication of nervousness in the capital.

Amsterdam picked up a flash from the Norwegian radio that Kristiansand, on the south coast of Norway, and Oslo had been bombed by German airplanes at 11:50 a. m. (4:50 a. m. Indianapolis Time).

The Norwegian legation at London said that Porsgrunn, on the south coast of Norway near the entrance to the Oslofjord had been bombed about noon (5 a. m.). After one attempt by four German warships to enter the fjord had been repulsed, the legation said, a German warship went aground in a second attempt.

The Swedish legation at Paris received unconfirmed reports that German troops had landed on Sweden.

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by and watched the German soldiers in full war kit march along the central street.

The German general in command proceeded directly to the Norwegian police headquarters after the Nazi forces had landed. The Germans took over command of the city.

The city was quiet tonight and the people were not resisting.

About 300 to 400 German soldiers, some mounted and some with machine guns, participated in the march of the first units into the city.

Norwegian officers rode in automobiles with some of the German officers, spectators noted.

About 20 houses on the outskirts of Oslo were damaged by German aerial bombs in the course of an

## OSLO OCCUPIED BY NAZIS AFTER BRIEF SKIRMISH

Marines in Sailor Disguise Reported to Have Seized Coastal Cities.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 9 (U. P.)—Germany occupied Denmark without resistance today, invaded embattled Norway in a lightning offensive on the southern and western coasts and challenged the combined Allied naval and aerial forces in the North Sea.

An air battle between British and German planes was in progress off the Norwegian Coast as the Stockholm radio announced. Reports were broadcast that a sea battle already was in progress between German and British units.

Norway fought back against the German invasion, which struck from Oslo to Far-Northern Narvik in a "protective" campaign which would give the Nazis vital importance aerial and submarine bases just across the North Sea from the British Isles. Oslo fell after being surrounded by German troops and fighting there has ceased, according to advices to Stockholm.

Residents Ordered to Return

German troops occupied the Norwegian capital, surrounding the public buildings and communications centers. Fleeing residents were ordered to return to Oslo. The Norwegian Government, at war with the Reich, fled to Hamar, north of the capital.

The Nazi invading forces already had moved into all important areas of Denmark, passing through Jutland to Aalborg, the main town in northern Jutland. German planes landed on Danish soil, from which they will be in a position to raid Allied shipping in the North Sea and the British Isles.

Norwegians, resisting strongly in the Oslo area for a time, reportedly sank the 26,000-ton German battle cruiser, Gneisenau. The Germans were driven back several times before landing and capturing the capital.

Sweden Worried

Other ports reported taken included Kristiansand, Bergen, Stavanger and Trondheim.

Norway was at war with the Nazis because Adolf Hitler's Government announced that it had taken Denmark and Norway under its protection to offset Allied attacks on their neutrality, but Sweden prepared for a determined struggle to defend her neutrality at all costs against infringement by any power.

Premier Alben Hansson summoned Parliament to meet late today to hear a statement of Sweden's intention of defending herself with all her power and by tomorrow, it was believed, the nation would know whether it could keep out of the spreading European war. Defense forces already have been ordered mobilized.

Many reports and rumors circulated as to developments off the coast of Norway following an announcement that the Allied powers were rushing aid to the Norwegians. One widely expressed belief was that the British Navy might strike into the Skagerrak against the Germans.

Russia Watched

Neutral diplomatic sources anxiously awaited word as to the attitude of Soviet Russia, which has worked in close co-operation with the Nazis and, since the end of the Spanish war, has shown a vital interest in Scandinavia. It was understood that the Russian divisions which held Petsamo, on the Arctic Coast, during the war had not been removed from that district.

Swedish dispatches from the north said that iron ore shipments from Sweden's mines to Narvik, the Norwegian port from which it is shipped to both Germany and Britain, had been suspended. Ferry services between Sweden and Germany also was suspended.

Ships scheduled to sail from Swedish ports for the North Sea, some of them en route to America, were delayed because Germany had asked Germany for permission to remove Swedish warships, now in the Kattegat between Sweden and Denmark, to the Swedish port of Karlskrona. The press reported that the Germans had refused to convoy the warships through the new mine fields.

The Government ordered all anti-aircraft units throughout the country to remain steadfast under any attack, and called for religious services in all churches to pray: "May God help us in our need."

IN INDIANAPOLIS

## Here Is the Traffic Record

### DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 ..... 9 10 10

1940 ..... 8 20 28

—April 8—

Injured ..... 5 Arrests ..... 28

Dead ..... 3 Accidents ..... 31

Totals ..... 47 46 224

### MONDAY TRAFFIC COURT

#### Cases Convic- Fines

Violations ..... 9 9 \$57

Speeding ..... 7 7 28

Failure to stop at through street ..... 7 7 28

Reckless driving ..... 1 1 1

Obedience traffic signal ..... 5 4 5

Drunken driving ..... 3 3 85

All others ..... 22 22 48

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### MEETINGS TODAY

Rotary Club, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Alpha Tau Omega, Board of Trade, noon.

Elks Club, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Mercator Club, Hotel Lincoln, noon.

University of Michigan Club, Board of Trade, noon.

Lightfoot Columbus, K. of C. club, noon.

Lutheran Service Club, Canary Cottage, noon.

Fine Paper Credit Corp., Wm. H. Block, noon.

Indiana Medical Society, City Hos-

pital, 8:15 p. m.

### MEETINGS TOMORROW

Y. M. C. A. Camera Club, Y. M. C. A., 8 p. m.

Elks Club, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Apartment Owners' Association of Indianapolis, Men's Tennis Club, Y. M. C. A., 6 p. m.

Puritan Alumni Association, Hotel Sevier, 7:30 p. m.

12th Annual American Legion, Board of Trade, 7:30 p. m.

Indiana Society, Sons of the American Revolution, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

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