

# BRITISH WARSHIPS POUNDING AT NAZIS

Huge Area Is Sown With Mines and Fliers Raid German Bases in Baltic; Await Attack on West Front.

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between German and Norwegian troops in the interior continues.

Inhabitants of Stroemstad, on the Swedish-Norwegian border telephoned to Stockholm, saying that British warships seemed to be making a stubborn attempt to break through the Oslofjord toward Oslo in the face of a terrible fire from the German-manned coastal batteries.

Western Europe was tense because of the reports that Adolf Hitler might at any time order an offensive against the French Maginot Line, staking all on an attempt to smash the French and British defenses—the strongest defense line ever known.

Sweden blacked out one key town on its Western Coast during the night and mined its entire coast. There were unconfirmed reports Germany had demanded of Sweden the right of passage for troops bound for Norway.

Sweden, Holland and Belgium had asserted that they would defend their integrity by force if they had to.

The German High Command asserted that it had succeeded in extending its occupation area around Oslo, Narvik and Elvenses and that it had beaten off British airplane and naval attacks on Trondheim and Stavanger.

Rome May Add to Army

In Rome, Giulio Mussolini was expected to call 1,125,000 men to the colors today, increasing Italy's army to 2,250,000.

It was reported in reliable quarters that five classes of reserves, normally totaling 260,000 men per class, would be called within 48 hours, because of the possibility that spring would spread the war all over Europe.

Men born from 1908 to 1914 were expected to be included in the call. Officers will be summoned by telegraph; men by pink postcards.

In what was believed to have been a prelude to a mobilization communiqué, Sig. Mussolini had said in a speech at Orvieto Sunday that Italy was preparing to face any spring emergency and "we believe we are not unprepared for exceptional events."

Posters already were up in Rome asking for more naval volunteers, especially technicians. It was reported that the calling up of five classes would be only the forerunner to a still further mobilization.

Hysteria Sweeps Balkans

The Balkans were swept by a plague of hysterical rumors.

None of the alarming ones were confirmed, but pressure was coming from all sides—Germany, Italy, Russia and the Allies—and there was an ominous upsurge of internal intrigues.

In Belgrade it was reported that: Italians had disembarked at Zara, Italian port on the Jugoslav coast; Forty thousand Italian "workers" had reached Albania;

British troops had landed at Salona, Greece;

British warships had entered the Black Sea.

Calmer heads could not keep the excitement down and it was said in authoritative Belgrade sources that if the tension persisted, Jugoslavia would have to strengthen her defenses even though the flooded Danube makes her safe from invasion for the present.

Dutch Begin Evacuation Of Key Frontier Areas

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, April 12 (U. P.) — Netherlands military authorities have started evacuating some civilians from key frontier areas.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE			
County	City	Total	
1939	10	10	20
1940	8	21	29
—April 11—			
Injured	12	Arrests	18
Dead	1	Accidents	31
TOTAL	53	50	\$3

## THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Violation	Cases	Convic.	Fines
Speeding	11	11	\$3
Failure to stop at			
through street	4	4	12
Reckless driving	11	9	14
Disobeying traffic			
signal	6	6	11
Drunk driving	0	0	0
All others	21	20	14
TOTAL	53	50	\$104

## MEETINGS TODAY

Indiana Home Show, Manufacturers Building, all day.

Exchange Club, Sevier Hotel, noon.

Indiana Officers Association, Board of Trade, noon.

Psi Delta Theta, Canary Cottage, noon.

Kappa Sigma, Canary Cottage, noon.

Key Cattie Club, Hotel Washington, noon.

American Communications Association, Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.

Meeting Room, Service Club, Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.

## MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indiana Home Show, Manufacturers Building, all day.

Moderate Editorial Association, Claypool Hotel, all day.

Sigma Chi, Indianapolis Athletic Club, afternoon and night.

**BIRTHS**

Girls

Kenneth, Marian Havely, at Coleman.

Boys

Emerson, Norma Jameson, at City.

James, Mary Thrasher, at Methodist.

Kenneth, Dorothy Swanson, at St. Vincent.

Charles, Ruth Henzie, at St. Vincent's.

Walter, Victorene Spaulding, at 3712.

James, Mary Ramage, at 2117 N. Talbot.

## DEATHS

Miller, Sella, 49, at City, aortic aneurism.

Leib, Charles, 65, at St. Vincent's, mitral insufficiency.

Nancy, Small, 88, at 1038 N. Illinois, chronic mycotic.

John Henry Baker, 55, at Methodist, cerebral hemorrhage.

Walter Davis, 50, at Long, general metastasis.

Iva, Owens, 62, at Methodist, pulmonary embolism.

Walter Davis, 64, at 2206 Sheldon, car- die vascular renal.

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## GREENLAND PUT IN NEW WORLD AREA BY F. D. R.

Asks U. S. Red Cross Aid if Danish Supply Ships Are Halted.

WASHINGTON, April 12 (U. P.) — Greenland is more American than European, President Roosevelt said today in a press conference discussion of humanitarian problems on the Danish island which led to speculation whether it ultimately would be encircled within the sphere of Western Hemisphere defense.

Mr. Roosevelt said he considered discussion of political questions raised by the relationship of Greenland, Denmark and Germany to be premature. Germany this week occupied Denmark. But the President said he had suggested that the Red Cross organize relief for Greenland's 17,000 inhabitants this summer if the regular Danish supply ships are unable to care for them.

It is Mr. Roosevelt's idea that the American people would be glad to "chip in" to help the Greenlanders, practically all of whom are Eskimos.

Views Human Side

The President said, however, that questions of whether the Monroe Doctrine applies to Greenland, a Danish colony, are premature. He said that as yet he is considering Greenland problems on a humanitarian rather than a political basis.

Emphasizing his humanitarian interest in the world's largest island, Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that Danish ships in the past regularly have made several trips a year with necessary supplies.

He said that, at his suggestion, the American Red Cross is looking into the needs of Greenlanders. Emphasizing that any relief would not involve a large sum of money, he said that he believed the American people would be glad to help Greenlanders. He said the idea of Greenland relief was strictly his own idea and was prompted in no manner by Danish representatives.

Studies Island Problems

As for Iceland and its problems, said Mr. Roosevelt, he has not yet had time to get to that subject. But he will continue to study problems of Greenland closely.

Invasion of Denmark has raised questions about the future of those islands in relation to the American policy of guaranteeing defense of the Western Hemisphere. The questions appear to bear on broad principles of this country's diplomatic policy rather than military considerations.

Greenland and Iceland were bound by different ties to Denmark. But officials believed that Germany, despite its occupation of Denmark, has an incentive to make any serious bid now for actual control of them.

2 Problems Foremost

Long-range implications of the situation, however, engaged the President's serious attention. He has discussed the matter with several callers in the past two days, posing these questions:

First, are Greenland and Iceland properly within the American orbit? Most of his advisers were understood to have expressed conviction that Greenland should be considered part of the American continent; that Iceland should not.

Second, if Greenland is part of the American continent, does the German domination of Denmark bear on the Monroe Doctrine and the United States' pledge to defend the Western Hemisphere?

TRAIN HITS AUTO

William Lobb, 25, of 1529 Woodlawn Ave., escaped injury and a companion was slightly cut and bruised today when their auto was struck by a New York Central freight train at the Shelby St. Bell Railroad crossing. Carl C. Harvey, 1126 St. Peter St., a passenger in Mr. Lobb's car, was given first aid by police.

A student concert will be offered Sunday afternoon by the Floyd Jones School at the chapel at 1564 Park Ave., by the Misses Mae Norton, Virginia Pruitt, Eloise Long, Kathryn and Marion Maple and Leona Powell and Mrs. Alice Cantor.

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