

REPORT NORSE DESTROY NAZI TRANSPORT SHIP

Defiant Defenders Rallying
East of Oslo for Stand
Against Germans.

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planes protecting the transport at-
tempted to bomb the Draug.

Meanwhile, Norwegian soldiers and
volunteers are holding Halden, on the
Oslofjord, despite reports of a
German troop landing and the
Norwegian flag still flies over the
strong Norwegian fortress of Fred-
riksten nearby, it was reported.

It had been reported that the
Germans succeeded in landing a
force at Halden, on the eastern
side of Oslofjord near Fredrikstad,
which had made a long and stub-
born stand under terrible airplane
bombardments.

It was asserted that the German
troops had arrived during the night.

Whether they had landed or not,
the Stockholm radio flashed a dis-
patch from the official Swedish
Telegraph Agency that Halden had
not been captured and that the
Norwegians also held the fortresses.

Situation Uncertain

The situation along the 50-mile
Oslofjord which leads to Oslo, from
the Skagerrak, was extremely un-
certain. It had been reported con-
flictingly that Allied ships were
blocking the entrance; that another
German force had reached Oslo yes-
terday, including a battalion and a
number of destroyers; and other
warships to be met by ambulances,
that the German troops had arrived
at Halden.

It was believed that the Halden
troops, if landed, might have been
sent from Germany in special trans-
port planes.

It was at least apparent that the
Germans held the fjord as far down
from Oslo to Moss, a reach of some
30 miles, but that the Norwegians
were in strong force not far inland
and held the fjord east coast to
the south.

Land Battle Reported

Numerous trained Norwegian of-
ficers were reported to have arrived
in southeastern Norway to organize
volunteers who were hurrying there
by all possible transport facilities.

It was reported that railroad com-
munication had been restored by the
Germans between Trondhjem,
on the Norwegian west coast, and
the Swedish frontier, a distance of
55 miles.

The captain of an unidentified
American steamer in Trondhjem
harbor was reported negotiating
with Germans regarding his ship's
departure, and it was added that he
had been told he might leave at his
own risk.

Dispatches from the Norwegian
border reported that a battle was in
progress southeast of Askim, 30 miles
southeast of Oslo. German troops
above Frederikstad on the Oslofjord
had attacked the town.

It was said that one detachment suc-
cessfully crossed the river, but
was driven back by the Norwegians.

It was reported that the Germans
had blown up all bridges.

Volunteers Have Machine Guns

Frontier reports said that a big
fight seemed imminent at Skarnes,

40 miles northeast of Oslo. Ger-
man troops were reported 15 miles
south of the town, advancing on it.

More than 1000 volunteers had
joined Norwegian troops at Skarnes.
It was said, and were at once
equipped with machine guns and
other weapons.

It was reported that only about
300 men remained at Kongsvinger,
a town of 2000 inhabitants which is
a Norwegian headquarters near
Skarnes. The other men were in
the fighting lines.

Radio Stockholm reported that
the commander of the Kongsvinger
fortress, Gen. Koch-Nielsen, had
been relieved of his command on the
ground that he had shown sympa-
thy for the puppet regime set up
by the Germans at Oslo and be-
cause arms intended for his troops
had been delayed.

Oslo Power Is Cut Off

Gen. C. J. Erichsen, commanding
Norwegian forces in the Glommen
River area, reported that he had
succeeded in severing electricity
service to Oslo by cutting cables
from the power station north of
the capital. He had also cut all
telephone and cable communica-
tions to Germany.

A usually reliable Norwegian in-
formant here said that Maj. R.
Mosleff, who had been mentioned
as "defense minister" in the Oslo
puppet regime, had arrived secretly
in Stockholm and reported to C. J.
Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian
Upper House who had come to repre-
sent the interests of his Government.

Mosleff was reported to have told
Hambro that when he accepted the
post he did not know Norway was
warring with Germany and that
as soon as he learned the truth he
escaped.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

DEATHS TO DATE
County City Total
1939 10 10 20
1940 8 21 29

—April 12—

Injured 4 Arrests 14

Dead 1 Accidents 23

FRIDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Case Convic- Fines
Violations tried paid
Speeding 18 17 \$91

Failure to stop at
through street 3 3 \$91

Reckless driving 5 5 28

Disobeying traffic
signal 13 13 37

Drunken driving 2 1 35

All others 17 16 11

Totals 58 55 \$212

MEETINGS TODAY

Indianapolis Home Show, Manufacturers

Building, all day.

Claypool Hotel, all day.

Indianapolis Athletic Club, afternoon and night.

BIRTHS

George, Anders Burckhardt, at Methodist

Richard, Hulda Warren, at Methodist

Elmer, William, at St. Vincent's

Elmer, Billie McAdams, at 1854 Cornell.

Hertha, Fannie Gross, at Arbor

Elmer, Billie, at 1000 Culton.

Kenneth, Reba, at 901 S. Miss.

Boys

William, Wildred Shee, at City

Ralph, Eleanor Buttman, at St. Vin-

cent's

Inspect Home Show Houses. Judging One of 10 Gardens.



They came, they saw, and were conquered last night as the 19th Annual Indianapolis Home Show had its premier at the Fair Grounds Manufacturers' Building. Waiting to inspect the three model homes were long lines of home-loving Hoosiers, like this one entering the "Town House," the exposition's centerpiece. Other groups filed through the "Honeymoon Home" and the "Holiday Lodge."

NAZIS SHELLED IN SAAR REGION

Revolt Suspect Hangs Himself

NEW YORK, April 13 (U. P.)— Claus Gunther Ernecke, missing defendant in the trial of 17 men charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Government, was found dead today in the cellar of an apartment house. He had hanged himself.

Ernecke failed to appear in Federal Court yesterday when the trial was resumed and his bail of \$7500 was forfeited.

Ernecke was a German who had taken out first citizenship papers and a member of the New York National Guard.

Denis Healy, chief prosecution witness at the trial, testified this week that it was through Ernecke that he was introduced into the Christian Front.

The trial is in adjournment until Monday because of Healy's collapse late Tuesday during a cross examination.

HOME SHOW HAILED AT FORMAL OPENING

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and Indiana will celebrate Garden Club Day.

By the time the ribbon-cutting ceremony had begun, long lines of visitors waited before each house. First to enter the "Town House" were Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Richardson of 655 Virginia Ave. At the "Honeymoon Home" it was Dr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Smith of 421 Blue Ridge Road. The earliest visitors at the "Holiday Lodge" were Mrs. E. M. Redick of 2033 Guilford Ave. and her daughter, Helen.

While most visitors toured in groups and pointed out items they were afraid someone might miss, three persons walked among the gardens silently and separately, each with a pencil and cardboard. They were the judges of the gardens laid out by the 10 Indianapolis Garden Clubs. They were Donald Johnson and James E. Lowery Jr., both local landscape architects, and Mrs. E. C. Cline, state president of the Garden Clubs of Indiana.

They based their choices on general design and effect, originality, plant selection and arrangement, color harmony, and adaptability of home use. The ribbon winners were: First, Marigold Garden Club, rock garden; second, Spade & Trowel Garden Club, pool garden; third, Brookside Garden Club, rose garden; fourth, Municipal Garden Club, wall and terrace garden; first honorable mention, Neophyte Garden Club, cut flower garden; second honorable mention, Irvington Garden Club, informal border.

TEA FOR CANDIDATES
All Republican candidates have been invited to a twilight tea to be given by the Ninth Precinct of the Fifth Ward tomorrow from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. in the home of Ernest Arnett, 631 Uddell St. Mrs. Mary Carlisle is general chairman.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Fair and warmer tonight and tomorrow; light frost tonight.

Sunrise 5:10 | Sunset 6:21

TEMPERATURE
—April 13, 1940

6 a. m. 39 1 p. m. 48

BAROMETER
6:30 a. m. 30.04

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 7.17

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 7.17

Wind 10 mph

Clouds 50%

Humidity 60%

Visibility 10 miles

Wind chill factor 30°

UV index 2

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