

# FRANCE CUTS OFF BRITISH RELATIONS

**Break Results From England's Attack on Fleet; Nazi Stukas Join in Mass Attacks on Isles; Red And Rumanian Troops Clash.**

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transports were sunk and damage inflicted on nine others and one warship. It also claimed the sinking of a British submarine off Norway.

Three Nazi submarines have reported sinking 85,543 tons of British shipping and, in addition, the sinking of the 5500-ton merchant ship Hartlepool, southwest of Portland, and of a 12,000-ton tanker and an 8000-ton merchant ship sailing in convoy was claimed.

The British announced 40,000 children would be removed from east and northeast coast towns over the weekend because of imminent fears of invasion attempts.

The German wireless in a dispatch from Madrid today said that a French airplane had dropped bombs at the British fortress of Gibraltar. At Gibraltar, it was admitted that "enemy planes" raided the Rock early today but it was reported all bombs exploded harmlessly in the sea.

## Red Troops Clash With Rumanians

In addition to the French realignment developments, there was increased speculation as to the role of the Soviets in the Balkans. The Rumanian general staff said Russian troops had advanced beyond the territory ceded to the Soviets and had clashed with Rumanian soldiers, with some loss of life.

Whether the clash would lead to more serious developments was uncertain but the new pro-Nazi Government of Rumania permitted circulation of dispatches telling of panic in areas adjacent to the new Russian frontier (including the big Galatz oil fields) and at Constanza, the important Black Sea port which Russia was once reported to have demanded. The dispatches also said Russia was building strong fortifications along the new Prut River frontier.

The Soviet criticism of Turkey and Iran came through the Government newspaper Izvestia and the Communist Party publication Pravda, both of which charged the Turks and Persians with failing to oppose British and French "plots" to attack the Russian oil fields.

## No Sign of Nazi-Soviet Coolness

There was still no sign, however, of coolness between Germany and Russia—a sign for which Britain has been eagerly scanning the Balkan skies—and the Moscow newspapers re-emphasized the friendly relations of the two nations.

The naval action at Oran was the most dramatic of the swift, drastic steps taken by Britain to avert possibility the powerful French fleet might fall into the hands of Germany and Italy and give the Axis powers naval superiority over Britain.

At completion of the British action the disposition of the French fleet was as follows:

In British hands in British Isles ports: The old French battleship Courbet and Paris, two cruisers, some submarines including the Surcouf, world's largest, eight destroyers, and approximately 200 lesser craft.

In British control at Alexandria: The battleship Lorraine, four cruisers and unspecified minor warships.

Put out of action at Oran: Battleships Bretagne and Provence, one sunk, the other beached and set afire; battleship Dunkerque or Strasbourg, heavily hit and fired; seaplane carrier, Commandant Teste, sunk; two destroyers, sunk.

## 12 Cruisers Still Unaccounted For

Still at large: Either Dunkerque or Strasbourg, which escaped Oran although heavily hit and was believed at Toulon; aircraft carrier Bearn, 22,146 tons, whereabouts unknown; 12 cruisers, whereabouts unknown but at least one believed probably in British control at Halifax and possibly others in similar situation in Central American and Far Eastern waters; unknown number of destroyers, some of which escaped with the Dunkerque or Strasbourg; unknown number of submarines, some of which voluntarily entered British ports.

The story of this action was told to the House of Commons yesterday by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in an address during which he fought constantly against his emotions and concluded with tears streaming from his eyes. Parliament then went into a six-and-a-half hour secret session to debate this and other problems of the war.

The German and Italian press fumed. General newspapers called Churchill "a cur, a knave, a dog and a criminal." The called him the "greatest scoundrel who ever existed."

In the Far East, Japanese soldiers made a raid in the French concession at Shanghai and seized two Chinese. Tokyo newspapers charged Great Britain with plotting with the United States to send supplies to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek. Reports circulated that some Japanese troops had been withdrawn from Hongkong where more British women and children were evacuated today.

The Japanese troops were said to be destined for service along the French Indo-China border.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### Here Is the Traffic Record

#### DEATHS TO DATE

County City Total

1939 ..... 26 19 45

1940 ..... 21 38 59

July 4—

1940 ..... 21

Injuries ..... 23

Accidents ..... 31

Arrests ..... 37

Deaths ..... 37

THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convict. Fines

Violations tried cases paid

Speeding ..... 8 8 819

Reckless driving ..... 1 1 5

Failure to stop at through street ..... 1 1 0

Disobeying traffic signals ..... 4 4 7

Drunken driving ..... 0 0 0

All others ..... 17 16 24

Totals ..... 31 30 85

MEETINGS TODAY

Exchange Club luncheon, Sevier Hotel

Optimist Club luncheon, Columbia Club

Army Officers Association luncheon

Phi Delta Theta luncheon, Canary Cottage

Delta Tau Delta luncheon, Columbia

Indiana State Club meeting, Hotel

Alumni & B. M. Club luncheon, Canary Cottage

Yankee Sagma luncheon, Canary Cottage

BIRTHS

Girls

John Martin McNamee, at St. Vincent's

Stephen Julian Drago, at St. Vincent's

Barbara Mata Stiles, at St. Vincent's

#### OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST: Fair tonight and tomorrow, not much chance in temperature.

Sunrise ..... 4:22 Sunsets ..... 7:47

Temp. ..... 70° F. 70° F. 70° F.

6 a. m. 75 1 p. m. 83

BAROMETER TODAY

6:30 a. m. 30.31

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. 00

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 16.80

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Amarillo, Tex. 31 P. C. 20.11 79

Baltimore, Md. 31 P. C. 20.11 79

Boston ..... 31 P. C. 20.18 81

Chicago ..... 31 P. C. 20.24 81

Cleveland ..... 31 P. C. 20.24 81

Dodge City, Kas. 31 P. C. 20.15 81

Jacksonville, Fla. 31 P. C. 20.15 81

Little Rock, Ark. 31 P. C. 20.19 81

Los Angeles ..... 31 P. C. 20.22 81

Minneapolis-St. Paul 31 P. C. 20.22 81

New Orleans ..... 31 P. C. 20.62 81

New York ..... 31 P. C. 20.21 81

Philadelphia, Pa. 31 P. C. 20.24 81

Omaha, Neb. 31 P. C. 20.24 81

Ottawa, Ont. 31 P. C. 20.15 81

Portland, Ore. 31 P. C. 20.15 81

San Antonio, Tex. 31 P. C. 20.15 81

St. Louis ..... 31 P. C. 20.22 81

Seattle ..... 31 P. C. 20.24 81

Washington, D. C. 31 P. C. 20.24 81

WEATHER FROM NEARBY AIRPORT STATION

Day 30.24 81

Night 30.24 81

Wind S. 10-15 mph

Clouds 80% 80%

Humidity 70% 70%

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