

# AXIS POISED FOR TWO-WAY THRUST

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before Yugoslav would give up any of her territory. Greece was silent.

Berlin sources hinted that the German troops in north Africa were an advance guard and that more would come as soon as the conditions under which German forces must operate in the tropical climate of the African deserts had been tested.

Coincidentally, the African war theater became more active. Italians reported a sharp clash with British patrols east of the Italian advance base at Sidi Barrani. British warships shelled Sidi Barrani and British warplanes attacked Lago, in the Italian Dodecanese base off the Turkish Coast killing 34 persons and wounding 20.

## Germans Add to Forces in Rumania

Other British bombing squadrons blasted Tobruk, the main Italian sea base in Libya, while Italian planes attacked the island of Perim, which guards the entrance to the Red Sea.

German forces in Rumania continued to grow. Gestapo units arrived, it was reported, and set up operations in Bucharest and other centers. Bucharest police busied themselves hauling down mysterious posters which appeared on walls and buildings protesting the German troops.

Despite the departure of about 100 British citizens from Bucharest for Istanbul, neutral diplomats in London reported that a rupture of British-Rumanian relations might be averted.

## Air Attacks Continue Severe

Britain and Germany traded air attacks of great severity. British bombers blasted German naval bases, arms works, airdromes, oil plants and the invasion coast.

Attacks were delivered at Kiel, Wilhelmshaven, Gelsenkirchen, Duisburg, the Krupp works at Essen, and the invasion coast from Ostend to Le Havre. German sources said the British dropped between 12,000 and 17,000 pounds of bombs during the night.

The British Air Ministry said that "exceedingly heavy explosions" rocked the German invasion base at the big Dutch port of Flushing. A main line railroad nearby also was reported attacked.

The sinking of the two Nazi transports at Lorient on France's Biscay Coast, with more than 3000 Nazi soldiers aboard, was reported in a British Ministry of Information statement which cited an unidentified neutral source as its authority.

The Germans claimed they dropped 770,000 pounds of bombs on London, Liverpool and other British objectives in last night's raid. London advised that a new type of German bomb was used—a container which scattered high explosive bombs over a wide area. It apparently is similar to the "bread basket" bomb previously used to scatter incendiary bombs.

## Convent Is Struck by Bombs

Apartment houses, tenements, homes, shops, air raid shelters and a convent were hit.

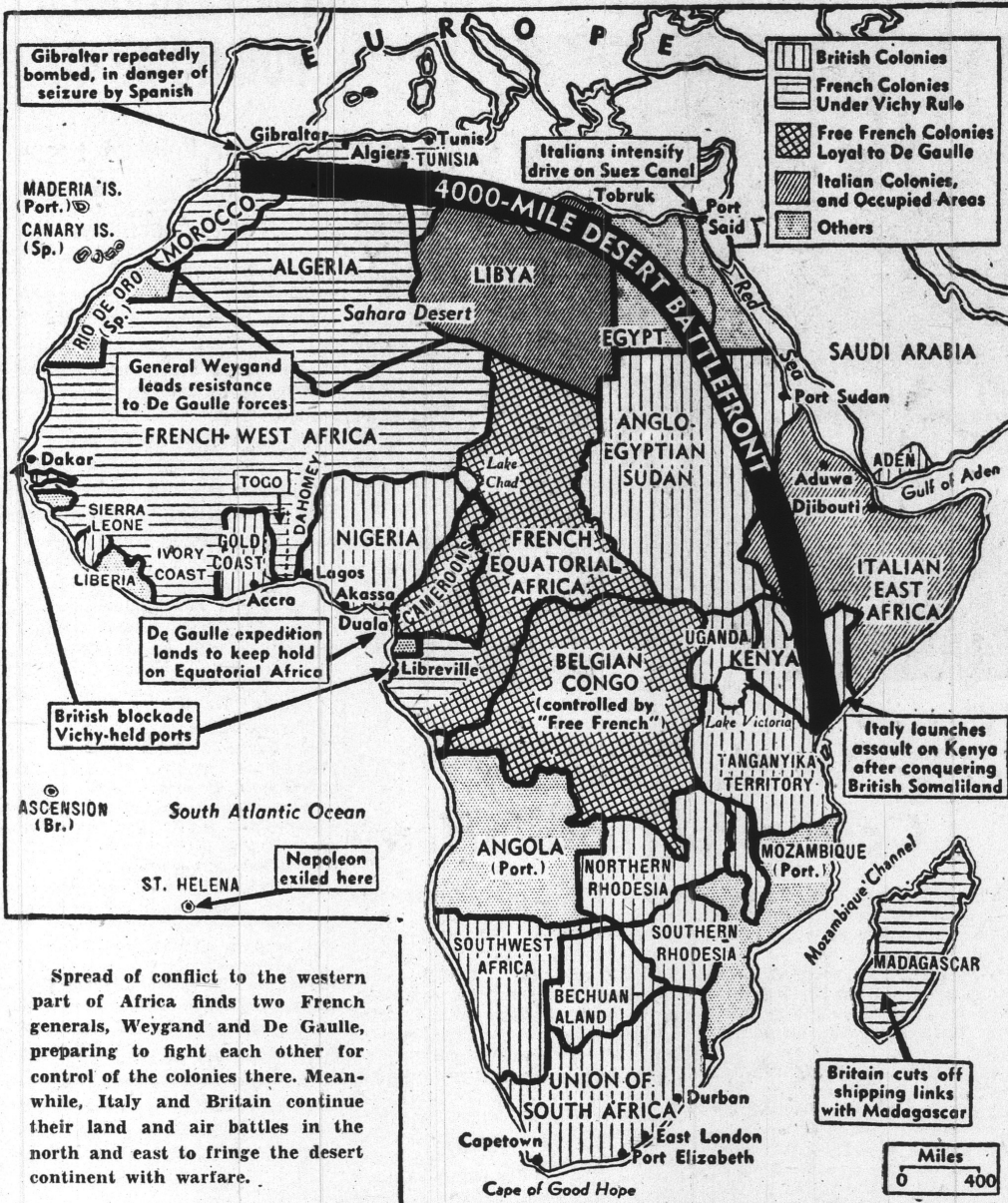
In one northeast town four big bombs smashed 100 homes and two air raid shelters, killing 13 persons and wounding 20. Liverpool had a bad night.

The address of President Roosevelt in Dayton, O. Saturday night, in which he pledged total defense of the Americas and further aid to Britain brought criticism from the Axis powers and praise from London newspapers.

Authorized sources in Berlin said that the speech was "the same old tune we have heard from him before. German quarters maintain the same attitude toward it as before and decline to become agitated."

In Rome, political quarters defined the President's speech as a declaration of "a state preliminary to war" and said today that his remarks had ended all hopes of any understanding between the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis and the United States.

# French Fight French in Africa



# BOMBERS FOR BRITISH HINTED

Stronger Ties With Canada Also Believed in Making After F. D. R. Speech.

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The White House has its tour of defense projects in Pennsylvania and Ohio yesterday to plunge into problems arising from Japan's policies in the Far East.

He is in almost constant touch with State Department officials who are arranging evacuation of an estimated 7000 Americans from the Orient. Plans are being rushed for the dispatch of the liners Manhattan and Washington to the danger zones.

The embargo on shipments of iron and steel scrap to Japan becomes effective Wednesday.

The Administration's future course in the Far East, observers believed, may revolve about Mr. Roosevelt's declaration of his intention to defend the right of peaceful commerce in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Meanwhile, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., asserted today that the national defense program "is not being delayed and has not been delayed."

His statement was a reply to charges by Wendell L. Willkie that the Administration has delayed the program by refusing to make tax concessions.

# Famine?

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (U. P.).—Available information showed today that if Germany is generous this winter Europe may be hungry but will not starve.

Should heavy requisitions be made in conquered territory to feed the German Army and the homeland, however, millions will be in dire straits before spring, information gathered from many sources here indicated.

In any event vitality will be lowered, fats and vitamins lacking and food luxuries nonexistent throughout the continent.

The latest surveys of the foreign agricultural situation by the Agriculture Department were far from optimistic for the Axis powers.

20 Per Cent Below 1939 They estimated that the 1940 European wheat crop, exclusive of Soviet Russia, would be 20 per cent below that of 1939, and about 41 per cent under the 1933-37 five-year average.

Another report estimated that Japan's rice crop would be about 2500 million pounds short of actual requirements and that a large part of the 1940-41 shortage would have to be met by importing.

Unoccupied France appeared to be in the worst position. With 5,000,000 refugees non-Frenchmen to feed in addition to her own refugee population of 500,000 living in camps, the resources of this agriculturally poorest part of France will be severely strained.

Ambassador Seeks Aid Efforts to obtain American assistance form one of the delicate tasks of France's new Ambassador, Gaston Henry-Haye. He has graphically painted the picture of distress which is his country's lot, but there has been no indication that the United States will remove constant zone restrictions or seek to persuade Britain to lift the blockade for food ships.

Meanwhile a 50-million-dollar Congressional appropriation for European relief remains almost unused, and Red Cross millers can be used only in England, China and Finland. The British blockade remains impenetrable.

The conditions in other European countries are:

SWEDEN: The best of all Europe with a surplus of butter and fats, reserves to make up for a short wheat crop, pork rationed and adequate beef.

NORWAY: Will be on fairly strict rations this winter with a particular shortage of fats. Whale oil provides a large proportion of Norway's fat supply and this has been eliminated. Fish will be plentiful, but shortage of fuel will prevent a heavy catch of herring for exportation of oil.

BELGIUM: Now on a bread ration of one-half pound daily with expectation that this will be cut to one-quarter pound. All food products are short and are rationed, according to information reaching the Belgium legation. Ninety per cent of her chickens have been slaughtered on German orders as "non-economic" and cattle have been slaughtered to turn grazing land into grain production in an effort to increase production.

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# 'DO MORE, TALK LESS'--WILLKIE

Nominee Says America Is 'Woefully Unprepared' For War.

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Navy, another as a Government chemist and cited his own Army record.

Mr. Willkie said he "prayed with all my soul" that the United States would not go to war, adding that if war must come that it be delayed until the nation is adequately prepared.

"To send a nation into war when it is not adequately prepared is worse than a betrayal," he declared. "It is just like taking men to slaughter."

In a statement issued as he left Albany, Mr. Willkie said the United States was not getting high speed production of essential defense materials. If elected, he said, he would insist upon rapid decisions on the types of planes and tanks to obtain quick mass production.

The candidate spent Sunday in his private train on a railroad siding at Feura Bush, near Albany, going into Albany to attend church, and, last evening, receiving Joseph N. Pew Jr., wealthy oil man and Republican leader of Pennsylvania.

Speaks in Syracuse Tonight This afternoon he speaks in Amsterdam, Utica, Rome and tonight in Syracuse.

Mr. Willkie conferred yesterday with James E. McDonald, Democrat and Texas Commissioner of Agriculture, who is supporting him. He had no comment on either conference. His meeting with Pew was the second in two weeks.

Before leaving Feura Bush, Willkie made public his itinerary for the next 13 days which calls for 56 speeches in nine states which have 201 of the 266 electoral votes necessary for election. These are New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Kentucky.

The itinerary includes two trips to New York City, one for the New York Herald Tribune Forum Oct. 23 and another three days later for the Fordham-St. Mary's football game which he will attend as the guest of the Fordham president.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14 (U. P.).—Wendell L. Willkie had the apology of the Democratic National Committee today for the "stupid document" discussing his German ancestry.

Democratic National Chairman Edward J. Flynn apologized to the Republican nominee in a statement disowning the circular, published by the colored division of the committee.

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# 'Four Horsemen' Next N. D. Film

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 14 (U. P.).—So well as Warner Brothers satisfied with their movie, "Knute Rockne—All-American," that they are rushing production on another film with Notre Dame University as a background.

The new picture will be entitled the "Four Horsemen," after the famous backfield Rockne built while he was at Notre Dame. The movie's four horsemen will be Dennis Morgan, Ronald Reagan, Wayne Morris and William Lundigan.

Lloyd Bacon, director of "Knute Rockne—All-American," will direct the "Four Horsemen." Work will begin as soon as possible.

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Then they will hire a clerk, whose salary is to be based on the number of registrants under the board's jurisdiction. The clerk will receive a minimum salary of \$100 a month in areas with comparatively few registrants and a maximum of \$350 per month in "heavily populated" areas.

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# COUNTY IS READY FOR DRAFT DAY

Registrars and Other Aids Given Instructions by Hitchcock.

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individual must register wherever possible, he added.

Governor Townsend addressed the draft board members at their meeting, and Lieut. Col. Robinson Hitchcock, head of the State Selective Service staff, and members of his staff gave the board members their instructions.

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