

NAZIS EXPECTING BALKAN INVASION

German General Staff Is Convinced That Anglo-American Thrust Will Be Aimed at The Back Door of Reich.

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WASHINGTON, May 4.—Reports received here indicate that the Nazi general staff is now convinced an early anglo-American invasion of the Balkans will be attempted, in order to get at Germany by the back door.

Marshal Rommel, according to the same sources, is already in the Balkans, speeding up defense preparations if not looking over the chances for a counter-stroke against the Middle East, perhaps via Turkey or the Black sea and the Caucasus.

The allied blow is expected as soon as Tunisia falls and the Mediterranean can be opened to United Nations shipping. For this reason, Hitler has given his consent to the withdrawal of Rumanian and Hungarian troops from the Russian front. It also is one of the reasons why he has been calling in his stooges, one by one, for conferences during the last few weeks—among them being King Boris of Bulgaria, Regent Nicholas Horthy of Hungary, Marshal Antonescu of Rumania, Major Vidkun Quisling of Norway, Pierre Laval of Vichy, and others.

Valley of Danube?

The decisive battles of this war, therefore, may take place in the valley of the Danube. That has been the traditional avenue of invasion, so far as central Europe is concerned, for 2000 years. Slavs, Romans, Mongols, Turks, Greeks, the German tribes and others have used it again and again. If the allies use it now, they will be tread- ing a well-worn trail.

What the Hitlerites seem to be afraid of is that the Red army will advance across Bessarabia and Rumania to the north bank of the Danube while the anglo-Saxons allies push upward through the Balkans to the south bank of that historic stream. Then together they would invade Germany via Belgrade, Budapest, Vienna and Munich. Meanwhile, most likely, the Russians would be hammering away at the Reich from the direction of Poland, the British from the channel ports and allied forces from North Africa.

Military observers believe that when the allies get ready to launch their second front in Europe they will attack in several places at once—perhaps as many as four or five. Norway might be the scene of one attack. Western France and the low countries might be another. Southern France and Italy also are exposed, and so are the Balkans. But geographical or other reasons are against the major drive coming in Norway or southern France. Even if Norway were occupied in toto, the allies would still be as far from Germany as they are now. It would help in dealing with U-boats in the North Atlantic, but it would not menace the Reich.

Axes Are Obstacle

Similarly a successful landing in the vicinity of Marseilles would not necessarily endanger Germany. The narrow and difficult valley of the

Uncle's Answer

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RESERVE MATERIAL LOW, JAPS WARNED

BY UNITED PRESS

Rome, the only avenue of advance northward, would have to be traversed before the allies reached the battlefield of northern France where they fought Germany in 1914-18.

An offensive against Italy would probably knock that country out of the war, but the Alps would still have to be crossed to reach Germany. And the Brenner pass and other passes are heavily fortified. The three best routes are said to be, first, from the lines which the Russians are now holding; from the British Isles, now probably the strongest and best prepared military base in the world, and, lastly, via the Balkans—preferably with the aid of Turkey.

JAPS CLAIM SUBS SINK 32,000 TONS

UNITED PRESS

Japanese submarines sank 32,000 tons of shipping during the last of April and early May, a communiqué broadcast by Tokyo radio said today.

The communiqué said the ships included a 12,000-ton tanker sunk in the Southwest Pacific, a 12,000-ton transport and an 8000-ton cargo vessel.

BRITISH BOASTS AGAIN

A British radio broadcast said today that the Luftwaffe and anti-aircraft fire had destroyed 669 British and American planes during April, 237 of them in the Mediterranean area.

The report was not confirmed in any allied quarter.

Communiques

NAVY COMMUNIQUE 384

EISENHOWER COMMUNIQUE

(Issued May 4, 1943)

1. U. S. forces are established on the Russell Islands, northwest of Guadalcanal island. These islands were occupied without opposition in February some time after enemy resistance had ceased on Guadalcanal.

2. On May 2, in the afternoon, Avenger (Gulfstream) bombers, Warhawk fighters, Wildcat fighters, Grumman F4F fighters, bombed Japanese installations at Munda.

3. On May 3, a force of Avengers and Dauntless (Douglas SBD) dive bombers, escorted by Wildcat, Warhawk, Curtiss fighters, and Grumman F4F fighters, bombed and strafed Japanese installations at Rekata bay, on Santa Isabel island. Bombing attacks were not hit and a large fire was started. All U. S. planes returned.

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4. On May 2, formations of Army planes carried out their attacks against Japanese positions at Kiska. Mitchell (North American B-25) medium bombers, and Warhawk fighters, strafed Japanese positions and their raids. Hits were scored on ships and south heads. At Gertude cove, fires were started and one building was destroyed.

5. From all these operations eight of our aircraft are missing.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

RUSSIANS REPEL GERMAN ATTACK

54 Enemy Planes Shot Down in Dogfights Over Caucasus.

MOSCOW, May 4 (U. P.)—The Red army beat off a German infantry attack on a Soviet bridgehead on the west bank of the Donets below Balakleya in the Ukraine today, killing 100 enemy officers and men, while Russian and axis air forces traded blows along the length of the front.

A Russian broadcast said Soviet planes shot down 54 German planes in dogfights west of Krasnodar in the northwest Caucasus Sunday and yesterday with Soviet losses totalling 21 aircraft.

Russian bombers raided an enemy airfield south of Balakleya and wrecked 12 planes on the midday communiqué said. Two others were shot down in air combats over the airfield.

1 Bombers Attack

Northwest of Moscow, seven German bombers attacked a Soviet battle formation west of Kalinin. Gunners shot down one plane and anti-aircraft fire accounted for a second.

Soviet scouts on the Kalinin front attacked a German troop position and in hand-to-hand fighting killed 30 men and captured one heavy machine-gun and a trench mortar.

In the Caucasus, Soviet heavy guns opened fire for the first time in recent weeks against the shrinking German bridgehead on the Taman peninsula. More than 200 enemy troops were killed and four artillery batteries were silenced, the Monday midnight communiqué said.

HOOSIER PAPER QUIT

DARLINGTON, Ind., May 4 (U. P.)—The Darlington Herald, weekly newspaper founded in 1889, suspended publication yesterday for the duration, Charles Marshall, owner, announced. He said that manpower will operate on three shifts, 24

shortage prompted the suspension hours a day.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Now They Say We Shot Up Brooklyn

By UNITED PRESS

Berlin radio charged today that American fliers become proficient at "terror raids" by shooting up Brooklyn back home.

The discovery was reported in a broadcast heard by the federal communications commission.

The Berlin propagandists said they had proof that machine gunners "shot off the roofs of apartment houses" in Brooklyn.

They obviously referred to the accidental discharge of an anti-aircraft gun following Sunday's practice air raid alert in New York.

AN ADVANCED AIRBASE

South Pacific, April 29 (U. P.) (Delayed)

—Flying fortresses, the chief bombing weapon in the fighting at Guadalcanal, have been replaced with long-range Liberators in this area.

FORTS REPLACED ON GUADALCANAL

AN ADVANCED AIRBASE

South Pacific, April 29 (U. P.) (Delayed)

—The switch, the South Pacific air command indicated, was made because the Liberator has a longer range and a slightly larger bomb capacity than the fortress, which is more heavily armored.

Distance is the major factor here, rather than protective ability. The fortress' best job—high level bombing—also has less place here in the jungle-screened enemy bases and scattered shipping.

NEW WAR PLANT AT FT. WAYNE READY

FT. WAYNE, Ind., May 4 (U. P.)

—J. E. Keenan, manager of the new plant of the National Can Corp., Ft. Wayne, said today that capacity production of U. S. army supplies will be in full swing within 10 days.

The building was completed last spring but machinery was not installed until recently. The plant, already producing on a small scale, will operate on three shifts, 24

shortage prompted the suspension hours a day.

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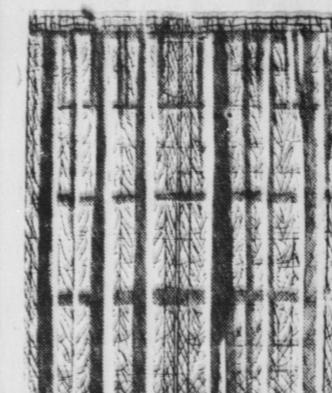
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AND DON'T WORRY about what kind of can you use, or how long it takes to fill it up. Any kind of can will do—even a soup can! Keep a few on hand as you empty them. They'll go to tin salvage anyway when you take them to the butcher. But above all, and no matter how long it takes to fill up your tin, take it to your meat dealer. Take it in person, and be proud to do it—for the boys who need those shells at the front.

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