

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 troops, one by one, for conferences during the last few weeks—among them being King Boris of Bulgaria, Regent Nicholas of Rumania, 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 treading 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-Saxon 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 and 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 Berlin.

Alps 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



Treasury department's war bond poster answers the Jap execution of American fliers who bombed Tokyo.

RESERVE MATERIAL LOW, JAPS WARNED

By UNITED PRESS
A Tokyo industrialist complained today that Japan's reserve of war materials is low and increased production is needed to match the United States' output.

The office of war information said Kisanosuke Yamada, administrative head of the Mitsubishi heavy industries and of Nagoya aircraft production, made the admissions in a Tokyo radio broadcast.

Other Tokyo broadcasts reported approval by the cabinet of emergency measures to mobilize essential services and step up production.

R. A. F. PUNISHES JAPS' BURMA BASE

NEW DELHI, May 4 (U. P.).—Royal air force planes delivered two punishing attacks against Akyab, major Japanese base in Burma, yesterday and last night while patrol fighting continued on the Arakan front, a communiqué said today.

Blenheim bombers escorted by Hurricanes kindled fires in Akyab yesterday morning and Hudsons went back to the attack last night.

R. A. F. bombers and fighters raided enemy positions in the ground fighting area or Arakan, where the general fronts remained unchanged. Not a plane was lost in the operations and the communiqué said the crew of a plane lost Sunday had been found safe.

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 fliers shot down 54 German planes in dogfights west of Krasnodar in the northwest Caucasus Sunday and yesterday with Soviet losses totaling 21 aircraft.

Russian bombers raided an enemy airbase south of Balakleya and wrecked 12 planes on the ground, the mid-day communiqué said. Two others were shot down in air combats over the airbase.

7 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 OUTS

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 shortage prompted the suspension.

Now They Say We Shot Up Brooklyn

By UNITED PRESS
The 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.

FORTS REPLACED ON GUADALCANAL

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.

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 now, 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

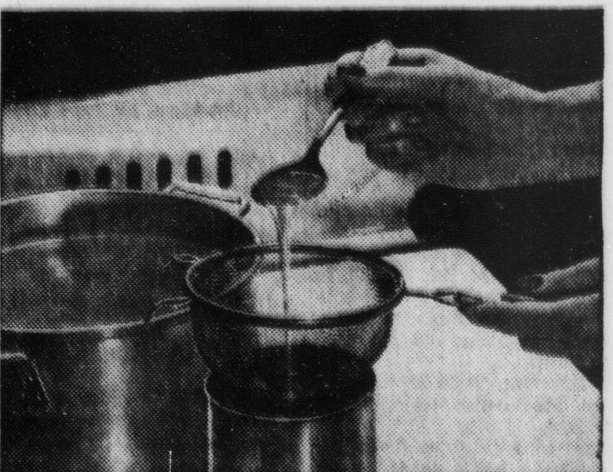
FT. WAYNE, Ind. May 4 (U. P.).—J. E. Keenan, manager of the new plant of the National Can Corp., Ft. Wayne, said today that capacity production of U. S. army supplies will be in full swing within 10 days.

The building was completed last spring but machinery was not installed until recently. The plant, duration, Charles Marshall, owner, announced. He said that manpower shortage prompted the suspension.

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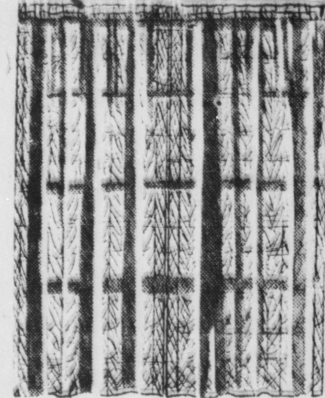
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