

BERLIN FEARING INVASION BY AIR

**Alert Against Paratroops of
Allies Reported in
Burning City.**

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LONDON, Feb. 5.—Unconfirmed Swedish reports said today that the German high command has ordered Berlin on the alert against a possible allied attempt to land paratroops in the burning, refugee-packed city.

Terror and confusion were reported mounting hourly with the approach of the Red army.

The Nazi leaders themselves tacitly admitted Berlin's desperate plight by clamping a rigid news blackout on the city and forbidding civilian refugees to leave without special permission.

Beginning to Crack

A thin trickle of news still was seeping through the Nazi censorship to Stockholm.

These accounts indicated that Berliners were beginning to crack up under the threat of Russian invasion and the grim reality of Anglo-American bombing.

"For 24 hours the city has been in a state of alert against a possible airborne landing to take advantage of the chaotic conditions," a Stockholm dispatch to the London Daily Mail said last night.

Civilian refugees and eastward-bound troops were said to be hopelessly jammed up at the city's main railway stations.

Acts of Terrorism

One Swedish account said German army deserters and foreign workers were terrorizing parts of the capital.

The first real break in Berlin's morale apparently was caused by the terrible American daylight raid on Saturday when 1000 U. S. 8th air force bombers literally tore the heart out of the city with a 250-ton bombing assault.

Reconnaissance photographs taken during and immediately after the raid disclosed that scores of bombs were made in the center of the city.

The bomb hits blanketed the areas occupied by the German air and propaganda ministries, the war office, chancellery, gestapo headquarters and other government buildings.

Gas Works Blasted

In addition, the city gas works and five big railway stations were hit, touching off spreading fires that covered a section one mile wide and two miles long.

Billowing clouds of smoke and flame were reported still rising two miles over the city late Sunday, more than 24 hours after the attack.

Swedish sources variously estimated Berlin's casualties in the raid at 12,000 to 20,000 people.

Many of them were said to have been refugees caught in the open around a railroad station.

There appeared little doubt that the American and British air forces would return again and again to repeat the attack until Berlin has capitulated.

That certainty was reported adding to the terror inside the beleaguered capital.

Uprising Urged

The Nazi leaders' flight was contemplated further yesterday by a simultaneous call from Moscow and the U. S. army radio for a military uprising against Adolf Hitler and his party overlords.

Both allied broadcasts urged the German army to surrender now and avert further bloodshed.

The Moscow proclamation was read by Col. Gen. Walter von Seydlitz, head of the Union of German Officers. He added the grim warning that this was Germany's last chance.

"If you miss this last opportunity, the peace will be even harder than it would be now," Seydlitz said.

**INCURS SEVERE BURNS
AS CLOTHING IGNITES**

Lester Glenn, 43, of 707 N. East st., was in a critical condition at City hospital today as the result of severe burns he received yesterday when his gasoline-soaked clothing was ignited by a stove at filling station at 702 N. East st.

He spilled gasoline on his trousers and the fumes ignited when he walked too close to a hot stove in the station.

CRAWLEY GETS POST

James R. Crawley of Greensburg, former Decatur county school superintendent, has been appointed state supervisor of the vocational rehabilitation division of the state department of public instruction. The division will prepare disabled persons for remunerative employment.

Father Goosens to Direct Missions in Archdiocese

The Rev. Fr. Victor Goosens, who has been serving as administrator of the Holy Cross Catholic church, Feb. 12 will assume the office of archdiocesan director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and the pastorale of the St. Anne church, Mars Hill.

The appointment of Father Goosens along with other appointments and transfers of the Catholic clergy will become effective on the same date. The announcement of the changes was made by the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, archbishop of Indianapolis, through the chancery.

The two priests released for the chancery of the armed forces are: the Rev. Fr. William Dorrash, formerly assistant pastor at West Terre Haute and the Rev. Fr. Earl Holtzman, formerly assistant at New Alisace.

MISS SADIE KEATING, HERE 70 YEARS, DIES

THERE ARE OVER 42,000 members of the army nurses corps as the organization celebrated its 4th anniversary last week.

Maj. Ann G. Anderson, chief nurse at Billings General hospital, was one of only 800 army nurses when she became a member 17 years ago.

Maj. Anderson's supervision are 69 nurses. A total of 687 nurses have received basic training at Billings.

It was in February, 1901, that congress established the nurses corps as a component part of the army. But, it was not until 1920 that army nurses were given officer status, in recognition of their outstanding work in world war I.

**B-29'S SET 34
FIRES IN KOBE**

Tokyo Reports New Raids
On Greatest Seaport

After 1st Attack.

TWENTY-FIRST BOMB COMMAND, GUAM, Feb. 5 (U. P.)—Superfortresses kindled at least 34 fires in Kobe, Japan's greatest seaport, in their first raid on that key target, reconnaissance photographs revealed today.

Tokyo reported that single Superfortresses flew over Kobe soon after midnight and again about 4:30 a. m. today, Japanese time. A broadcast said one plane dropped bombs and indicated the second did also when it said that there was "absolutely no damage in both cases."

Many of the conflagrations appeared to be spreading toward the heart of Kobe, sixth largest city of the Japanese homeland, 21st bomber command officers said.

In Congested Area

Twelve large fires were left burning in the most congested area of the city near the Osaka bay waterfront, most of them along the western edge of the Mitsubishi heavy industries plant.

Primarily a shipbuilding plant, the Mitsubishi works include 18 main buildings covering 12,200 square feet with a total roof of 2250 square feet.

Fourteen other fires were raging on the northwest edge of the city, and the wind was blowing them directly toward the center of Kobe.

Six fires were burning around a large industrial plant in the center of Kobe, and two more fires were burning in another section of the waterfront area.

Important Rail Hub

The threatened industrial plant, not identified immediately, covered 1,820,000 square feet with a roof of 890,000 square feet.

Japan's most important railway and main national highway run through Kobe, and key industrial plants, such as steel, railway equipment, machinery, rubber and ordnance were closely integrated with the city's transportation activities.

The raid may have dislocated Japan's shipbuilding and ship repair program, already severely strained by increasing losses at sea to American planes, submarines and surface craft.

**HALF OF RELIEF LOAD
BEING CARRIED NOW**

The number of persons receiving direct relief in Marion county last year dropped 50 per cent below the peak rolls in 1939, according to statistics compiled by the Council of Social Agencies.

The report, signed by Mrs. Elizabeth H. Hitz, council chairman, also showed that the cost of direct relief in the county, including public and private agencies, dropped 40 per cent during the 9-year period.

While the direct relief rolls dropped in all departments due to wartime employment conditions, the report showed that old-age assistance expenditures rose steadily along with an increase in the number of cases. There was a 10 per cent drop in these cases last year compared to 1943 but the overall figure was up substantially over 1939 old-age assistance rolls.

W. B. A. WILL MEET

Woman's Benefit Association No. 140, will meet at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Castle hall, 230 E. Ohio st. Mrs. Helen Beard is president.

10 Most Beautiful Women? Sculptor Lists His Choices

BOSTON, Feb. 5 (U. P.)—Joseph A. Coletti, noted sculptor and former associate of the late artist John Singer Sargent, today listed his choices as the 10 most beautiful women in America as follows:

Hedy Lamarr—"A real beauty, enchanting, unique and completely ravishing."

Greer Garson—"Who typifies the 'essence of aristocratic charm and grace'."

Ingrid Bergman—"A marvelous figure from a sculptor's viewpoint with an extraordinary mouth."

Greta Garbo—"Whose beauty is elusive, making her eyes hauntingly unforgettable."

Katharine Cornell—"Who possesses a 'tremendous appeal though it is likely to appeal to the artist rather than the layman'."

Vivian Leigh—"The little English girl with a winsome allure."

Elthel Barrymore—"A great actress whose head rather reminds me of the Hermes of Praxiteles."

Madame Chiang Kai-shek—"For the 'loveliness of the Orient'."

Esther Williams—"Whose clean-chic dress."

DISCHARGED OFFICER CHARGED IN THEFT

The FBI today was called in to investigate the case of Carl H. Mote Jr., 28, of 5685 Central ave., arrested last night in connection with the theft of a bridle and saddle from the Indianapolis Saddle club, 4215 E. 56th st.

Mote, a discharged army man, was charged with second degree burglary and grand larceny. He was released under \$4000 bond.

At the time of his arrest he was wearing an army captain's uniform, state police said. Before he was discharged he held a second lieutenant's rank.

He had been in the army three years and was in an army hospital in Denver recovering from a nervous breakdown before he came home. He was a member of the transportation corps.

WAR PLANT WORKER KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Paul Greeno, 29, of 652 E. 11th st., was fatally injured early today when a one-ton molding cast fell on him at the Bridgeport Brass Co. plant.

He is survived by his father, David H. Greeno, who lives in Massachusetts.

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3 Priests Report Seeing Hitler Hiding in Austria Monastery

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 5 (U. P.)

—Adolf Hitler is hiding in a small monastery at the outskirts of Salzburg, Austria, reliable Vatican sources said today.

The report was said to have been brought here several days ago by three Jesuit priests.

THE PRIESTS reportedly were turned out of the monastery when it was taken over as a secret headquarters for the führer shortly after the abortive attempt on his life last July.

The informants said the Jesuits reported they personally had seen Hitler walking in the monastery gardens several times.

THEY SAID a large wound on the left side of his scalp had not healed.

He wore only a light bandage, they added, as doctors hoped the air and the sun would effect a cure.

Hitler was reported to have become dreamy and apathetic, finding it difficult to concentrate.

OTHER NAZI leaders were said to have difficulty in getting him to work on necessary speeches.

It was said Hitler refused to go to his Berchtesgaden headquarters after the July attack.

This, it was claimed, was because of a morbid fear that the allies would send agents to assassinate him there despite elaborate precautions to prevent any unauthorized person from entering the grounds.

THE THREE Jesuit priests, whose nationality was not revealed, made their way from Salzburg to Trieste, it was said.

There they obtained a small boat, smuggled themselves into an allied-controlled part of Italy and then walked to Vatican City, informants said.

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