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RUSSIA TO AID TURKEY

SOFIA, Bulgaria, (AP)—Bulgarian friends of Soviet Russia claimed tonight to have information that Russia and Turkey are negotiating a military assistance pact.

The government in Moscow, according to these sources, is willing to promise Turkey armed support if Germany and Italy should develop a rumored plan to seize the Dardanelles.

BIG SHIPS IN MEDITERRANEAN

ROME, (AP)—Foreign observers here heard unverified reports today that the British liner Queen Mary recently was convoyed through the Mediterranean with troops aboard. The reports said the Mauretania was another liner in the convoy.

HUGE NAZI PLANT WRECKED

LONDON, (CP)—Buildings at one of Germany's largest motor fuel plants—the important Pollitz plant near Stettin—were demolished last night in one of the most violent bombing attacks carried out by the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry announced tonight.

The plant has an annual output capacity of 1,000,000 metric tons of motor fuel oil, the ministry said.

GERMAN-YUGO PACT

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—A joint statement by German and Yugoslav spokesmen declared today that all major issues in current trade negotiations between the two countries have been settled successfully.

BOULOGNE ATTACKED

A SOUTHCOAST TOWN IN ENGLAND, (CP) — Royal Air Force bombers heavily attacked Boulogne tonight, the explosions shaking the English side of the channel.

Two Invasion Attempts Lost

TORONTO (CP)—According to information he regards as "reliable," the Nazis launched two invasion attempts at Britain this summer and both proved disastrous, Sydney Morrell, special correspondent of the London Daily Express, said in an interview here today.

Italian Base Damaged

LONDON (CP) — Two ships, barracks, quayside buildings, the mole and railroad sidings were hit and set afire Sunday night in a series of British air raids on Benghasi, Italy's chief naval base in Libya, the Air Ministry news service said today.

Loader At Great Central Killed

VICTORIA (CP)—Alec Laurin, loader at Camp 6 of the Great Central Lake operations of Bloedell, Stewart & Welch Logging Company, was killed yesterday, the Island division of the provincial police reported today. He is survived by relatives in Quebec. An inquest will be held at Port Alberni tomorrow.

S OF DUNCAN HELD FENCE OF CANADA LAWS

Provincial police officers said the arrests were made on orders of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. They added that several "raids" had been carried out on establishments in Victoria following arrest of the Victoria men here.

Similar Arrests

VICTORIA (CP)—Lillian Cooper, Wilson Mooney and Bob Mezger were charged before Magistrate Henry C. Hall in municipal police court this morning under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

All had charges read against them for being in possession of a quantity of books, pamphlets, etc containing material likely to be prejudicial to the safety of the state and the efficient prosecution of the war.

MERCANTILE HOUSE COMING

Hindmarsh Brothers announces that the firm will build a $10,000 modern confectionary and ice cream parlor on the site of their present store, the Oasis Cafe.

The new building will have a twenty-foot frontage on Commercial street, seven feet wider than the present store, and will include part of the vacant property to the south. The building will run the full depth of the property to Wharf street.

Construction will begin at the first of the year, and should be finished about March 1, 1941. While the building is under construction, Hindmarsh Bros. will continue their business in the space occupied at present by Galloway and Sons, butchers.

When their new building has been finished the Vancouver company which now holds an option on the remainder of the property, is expected to begin construction of its new $50,000 three-torey building. This store, which will have a 47-foot frontage on Commercial street, will occupy the space now taken by Galloway and Sons and Overwaitea Company, as well as the vacant lot adjacent.

The Vancouver firm reported having decided to build on the site just optioned is a large mercantile concern, whose management was not ready when approached by The Free Press to make an announcement of its plans at the present time. In view of the fact that the construction will not be undertaken until next spring the complete plans for development of the site are said to be indefinite.

— Her and Wirlesses Italy To — Send Aid To Crew

SUBS GAIN PRIZES

LONDON, (CP)—The flaming guns of the cruiser Ajax, spouting in a Mediterranean sea fight, sank outright two Italian destroyers and then crippled a third which the cruiser York later sent to the bottom after the Italian crew had abandoned her, the Admiralty announced tonight.

This fighting occurred near Sicily Oct. 12 in the course of a sweep of the Mediterranean by the British fleet in which there was no contact between the main battle fleets.

First sent to the bottom were two Italian destroyers of the 679-ton Airone class, and a little later the Ajax badly damaged the Italian destroyer Artagliere, one of the newest 1,620-ton class.

The crew of the battered Artagliere abandoned ship, the York sent her to the bottom and the British ships then dropped rafts for the Italians and summoned help for them by wireless.

Hero of Spee Battle

(The 6,985-ton Ajax is one of the three British cruisers that defeated the German pocket battleship off Monte-video last December.

The Admiralty said that during the fleet's sweep of the eastern and central Mediterranean many other successes were scored, especially by its submarines. It reported:

A British submarine "successfully bombarded military objectives" in the port of Savona near Genoa, sank a 5,000-ton armed merchant ship escorted by motor torpedo boats in that area and also

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satisfactory advance information of Germany's plans to send troops into Rumania.

This indication of official Russian reaction to Germany's move through the Balkans to the Black Sea took a familiar form, a denial by Tass, the official agency, of newspaper dispatch.

This dispatch, to a Danish newspaper, asserting that the Kremlin was "timely informed" of the plan and of "the aims and number of troops sent to Rumania," was declared not to "correspond with the facts."

The agency published this communique:

"The Danish newspaper Politiken publishes a report of its Berlin correspondent stating: 'The Soviet government was timely informed that German troops would be sent to Rumania and that the Kremlin was informed of the aims and number of troops sent to Rumania.'

"Tass is authorized to state that this report of the newspaper Politiken does not correspond to the facts."

(In the first German admission that German troops had arrived in Rumania, Berlin "informed spokesmen" said on Oct. 10 that powers friendly to the Axis had been informed that others were to follow. (Up to two days ago, no evident reaction was aroused in Russia by reports that German troops were entering Rumania. Soviet newspapers published only factual accounts of the German March.)

Keep Armies Mobilized

MOSCOW, (AP) — Russia's armies must be kept in "constant mobilized preparedness" because of "the tense international situation," the army publication Red Star said today, announcing rigid

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SOVIET IGNORED

ALBANIAN PORT

ROME (AP)—Fascists described as well informed claimed today that reports of German troop arrivals in Albania are false.

Part of Division

SKOPLJE, Yugoslavia, (AP)—Unconfirmed reports from across the Albanian frontier said today that several shiploads of German troops had arrived at Durazzo, Albanian port on the Adriatic Sea.

These troops were said to be a part of two complete German divisions (between 20,000 and 30,000 men) now at Bari, Italy, directly across the Adriatic from Durazzo, awaiting transportation to Albania.

British Defenc Back 350 Ger

Each of Six Daylight Raids on Lond Damage Done; Night Raids Formation; 10 British Fighters

LONDON (CP).—German raiders night after being driven off in six mass attacks employing up to 350 pla

Each of the six raids was report damage could be inflicted on the city small number of planes penetrate the

The Air Ministry announced nine down up to 5:30 p.m. (8:30 a.m. P.S.T.

Instead of sending single raiders as patched their fighter-bombers in forma the number until in the fourth attack

The succession of waves was met squadron of British fighters.

The Air Ministry said 10 British figh Nazi planes also were attacking So the northwest coast.

Early this evening, the Air and Home Security Ministries, summing up the days action, announced that bombers were heavily outnumbered by fighters in the attacking forces.

A "certain number" of bombs, it was added, had fallen in the southern and eastern sections of London, but the damage apparently was not heavy.

In the early morning British long-range guns on the Channel coast fired several salvos across the Dover Strait. Their shells burst in the sea, but mist revented watchers on the English coast from seeing the targets.

By noon, the R. A. F. had shot down eight German planes. One Messerschmitt blew up in a battle near Altham, in Kent. The pilot was found dead.

Germans Ambushed

In another fight in the clouds over the southeast coast, R.A.F. fighters ambushed a strong force of German planes, and the hum of engines and rattle of machine-gun and cannon fire were heard by the people below. They were unable, however, to see the planes except once when a raider broke through the clouds and was immediately ringed by anti-aircraft fire.

One fighter dived out of the

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TIME NOT RIPE FOR DE OF WAR AIMS, SAYS

LONDON (CP)— Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons today that the time has not yet come when any official declaration can be made on war aims beyond very careful general statements.

"We are not fighting the war merely to maintain the status quo" he said, "but, among other things, in order to survive.

"When our capacity to do that is more generally recognized throughout the world we shall be in a position to take a further view of what we shall do when a victory has been won."

Axis Push Into Egypt via Suez and Libya and Siege of Gibraltar Loom

A. R. Baker Dies, Member of Well Known Family

The death occurred on Sunday of Alfred Raymond Baker, aged 49 years, a member of one of Nanaimo's earliest pioneer families, at the family residence, 507 Baker street, which was named after the family.

Born in Nanaimo, the deceased was employed as a blacksmith for the Western Fuel Company before taking up experimental farming at Cedar about 15 years ago.

His grandfather, George Baker, was one of the first white men to acquire property in this district, and with Mrs. Baker, was a passenger on the factorie Princess Royal, arriving at the port of Nanaimo in December 1854. Another grandfather, Samuel Fiddick, arrived here in 1857.

Mr. Baker's father, the late Benjamin Baker, who passed away in 1926, and his mother, who resides at the family residence, were both born in this city.

He is survived, besides his mother, Mrs. Adoris Baker, by three sisters, Mrs. Maud Thomas, of Nanaimo; Mrs. Esther Steed, of Portland, Ore., and Miss Pearl Baker, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Nanaimo.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, in the D. J. Jenkins Limited chapel, with Canon H. V. Hitchcox officiating.

The remains will be laid at rest in the family plot at the Nanaimo Cemetery. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

Hitler To Aid Mussolini's Weak Drive; Nazis Eye Portugal and Her Azores Islands

HIT OIL LIFE LINE

By WILLIAM McGAFFIN
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LONDON (AP)—Britain, almost convinced that invasion no longer is imminent, is girding for a second winter of war, which she expects to be far different from the "bloodless" stalemate of last year.

Authoritative circles say Hitler's new plan now seems to be:

1. To deliver the main punch into Premier Mussolini's faltering invasion of Egypt.

2. To harass the British Isles with raiders as often and as powerfully as the weather and British defences permit.

3. To attempt to weaken the flow of water materials from the United States to Britain by getting the United States embroiled in war with Japan.

These circles say with the grim satisfaction that the new program is made necessary by the Royal Air Force, which has foiled Hitler's original plan of bombing Britain into submission. They assert that the danger of invasion, unless something unforseen happens, is "growing fainter with each passing day."

But they recognize that in thus stubbornly balking Hitler, Britain has posed serious problems for herself on the African front, and that the extension of the war to the Near East is a growing possibility.

Hitler's Plan

Prime Minister Churchill said in his recent House of Commons speech that "I shall certainly not make any promises as to what will

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Mrs. John Waugh Funeral Service Is Held Today

Private funeral services were held today for Mrs. Christina Waugh, aged 71, who passed away suddenly at her residence on Selby street, Sunday morning.

Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, Mrs. Waugh had been a resident of Nanaimo for the past 41 years. She came to British Columbia from Montana.

Surviving her are her husband, two sons, John and William of Powell River; six daughters, Mrs. W. Newbury, of Nanaimo; Miss Elexies, at home; Mrs. Charles Mottishaw, of Los Angeles; Mrs. George Cassidy, of Cedar District; Miss Violet Waugh, of Victoria; and Miss Christina Waugh, at home; one brother, Thomas, of Billings, Montana. Three grandchildren also survive her.

Private funeral services were held from the residence at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Pall-bearers were Harry Martin, John McKenzie, Wyman Walkem, George Addison, Frank Cunliffe, Ernest Booth.

Rev. E. G. McDonald officiated. Interment was in the family plot in the Nanaimo cemetery.

Westwood Hirst Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

DUNCAN (CP). — Lt. John Harold Knowles (Jack) Calvert serving with Royal Engineers in England, was killed in a German air raid Oct. 10 according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Calvert of nearby Somenos. Lt. Calvert was an only son.