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Satellite-itis: Balkan Pot Simmers And Axis Worries

By STEPHEN BARBER CAIRO (AP)—Increasing resistance by opposition groups within Axis satellite countries of southeastern Europe, a situation which Nazis authorities apparently are handling with unusual liberality, was reported today in information reaching Cairo. Underground leaders in collaborationist Rumania and Bulgaria are becoming more and more outspoken, it was said, and in Bulgaria, where many elements have strong ties with the Soviet, there has been a resurgence of the old "Mother Russia" sentiment. GERMAN ATTITUDE The extent to which disaffected groups in Rumania are permitting themselves to give voice to their dissatisfaction was indicated in a recent speech by Baron Manfred Von Killinger, German minister to Bucharest. "We laugh at all these dwarfs," he declared, "these Anti-Germans, politicians who are nothing but fat-tive loafers, Jews, pro-Jews and those who are servants of Jews."

Then he added: "All these must take care . . . our patience will end." Some quarters here expressed the view that the various underground movements may be moving too fast for their own good, for German technique frequently has been to allow the opposition sufficient rope to hang itself. The ideal movements for the Allies, it was pointed out, are those which would reach their peak at the moment of invasion of Europe. (These reports of dissatisfaction within the satellite countries were highlighted by a roundabout report yesterday through Turkey that Rumania was sounding out the Allies on what she might gain by withdrawing from the war.) (Semi-diplomatic sources in Ankara said Rumania had approached Allied authorities through a neutral diplomat and suggested that Rumania would desert the Germans in Russia if Rumania were allowed to keep at least parts of Bessarabia and Bukovina, both claimed by Russia. (In a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press, the military critic of the Berlin Botsenzeitung declared, however, that Rumania "this time has clearly recognized her true historic mission." (Declaring the Atlantic front "may be considered impregnable," this commentator said that "there remains in the enemy press one hope of possible attack—in southeastern Europe." He asserted this hope is vain because the Balkans have been made a bulwark. (This broadcast was one of several German statements betraying concern over the possibility of double Allied assaults in the Mediterranean, a plan of campaign that was pointed out by confirmation in Ankara yesterday that the Turkish-Syrian frontier had been closed "to protect troop movements" on the Syrian side. This area would provide a base for striking into southeastern Europe.) Reports reaching here indicate that Hungary is laying plans to abandon Hitler's "new order" if the necessity arises. Recent suspension of the Budapest parliament, earlier believed due to increasing leftwing agitation, now is thought to have been ordered by the Government of Premier Nicolas Kallay to check possible questions on the subject of Hungary's recent talks in Rome. The talks were thought to have mapped out a common Italian-Hungarian policy in the event of an Axis breakup. The assassination in April of Col. Athanas Panteff, former Bulgarian Police Director who once took severe measures against the Jews, and the simultaneous slaying of other officials were viewed as the immediate results of a newly formed underground movement whereby Agrarians and Democrats formed a united front with the extreme left against the forces of King Boris.

Say Craft Concentrated From African Coast LONDON—The home radio correspondent of the newspaper El Messagero today is reporting the capture of a "merry landing craft" from the North African Coast toward the Allied-conquered island of Pantelleria. (Sicily-Pantelleria ceased resistance.

Nazis Forced To Delay Russian Drive Which Was Set For June 16

By ROBERT BUNELLE LONDON—The invasion-jitters German High Command was reported today to have delayed its summer offensive against Soviet Russia, originally set for June 16, because of front line supply shortages. A foreign source with reliable contacts inside Germany, who cannot be more fully identified, said June 18 was chosen for a limited attack pivoting around the Orel salient, 200 miles south of Moscow. Even this decision to make a limited attack came only after a controversy between Field Marshal Gen. Feodor Von Bock, now commander in chief in Russia, and

New Ruin Is Showered On German Homeland

LONDON (AP)—Heavily-battered Cologne and other objectives in the Rhineland were the RAF's targets last night as the current aerial offensive against Germany continued. At the same time, the Air Ministry announced RAF fighters attacked transport and other targets in Holland and Belgium. Fourteen bombers and one fighter were declared to be missing from the night's operations. The Air Ministry also announced that RAF Hurricanes and Typhoons were out against enemy convoys early today off The Netherlands and damaged all of them, one so severely it was stated she probably sank. The planes suffered no loss and left all the ships smoking from bomb hits and bullet.

The last previous heavy raid on Germany was Monday night when the RAF's bombers and other planes targeted were hit. Rhineland targets were bombed Sunday night, but the objectives were not specified. The heavy bombers stayed home Tuesday night while operations were carried out against targets from Northern France to Denmark. NITHE COLOGNE RAID Last night's was the 116th on Cologne and the first heavy night attack on the city since Feb. 25. The offensive continued today as RAF fighters shelled the Channel to attack German-occupied territory, and it was asserted they had destroyed six enemy fighters in these operations at the cost of one RAF fighter. Two RAF Typhoons, striking at Germany's precious stock of locomotives, hit the Yvelde area of northern France yesterday, leaving off four fighters. The RAF's attack last night included intensive anti-aircraft barrage to make their getaway. The offensive against Hitler's transportation has been stepped up, trains being attacked with strong or flak protection. In the February attack it was said that 600 acres of the city had been laid waste. The RAF's attack last night included intensive anti-aircraft barrage to make their getaway.

Croat Shot as Hostage LONDON—The Yugoslav Government-in-exile reported today that Pashko Pashkovic, one of the leaders of the Croat puppet party in Dalmatia, had been shot as a hostage following the assassination of an Italian vice prefect, Giovanni Savo, by patriots last March.

who succeeded Gen. Franz Halder as Hitler's principal strategist. Halder and Ritter wished to stake Germany's chances on an summer offensive against Soviet Russia, originally set for June 16, because of front line supply shortages. A foreign source with reliable contacts inside Germany, who cannot be more fully identified, said June 18 was chosen for a limited attack pivoting around the Orel salient, 200 miles south of Moscow. Even this decision to make a limited attack came only after a controversy between Field Marshal Gen. Feodor Von Bock, now commander in chief in Russia, and



U. S. AIRMEN ARRIVE IN ENGLAND—Members of the American fighter control squadron board a shore-bound lighter to be ferried from their transport to a post in Britain, where they will join the U. S. Army Air Force, which Major General Ira C. Baker says "has been doubled since March and will be redoubled by September." (Associated Press photo from U. S. Army Signal Corps.)

Navy's Deal With Standard Oil Hit

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Navy's agreement with Standard Oil Company of California for developing the Elk Hills oil reserve was termed "illegal and invalid" today by a Justice Department official who said it violates a 1938 Petroleum Conservation Act. This description came from Norman Littell, Assistant Attorney General, at a House Public Lands Committee hearing in which Representative Elliott, Democrat, California, said the deal had "something of the inkling of the Tea Pot Dome scandal of some years ago." The contract provided for Navy purchase of company land and equipment in the rich California reserve field, and authority for the company to withdraw a specified amount of oil from the field's shallow area. Although naval officials declared the contract was designed to protect and conserve naval petroleum lands in the Elk Hills area, the contract was said to be "in violation of the Petroleum Conservation Act."

RAISES NAZI PLANE LOSS 85, Possibly 105, German Fighters Downed WASHINGTON—An Secretary of War Stimson disclosed today that 85, possibly 105, German fighters were destroyed by American and British fighters raiding Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven last Friday. In those raids, in which he asserted heavy damage was caused to enemy industrial areas, the Secretary added that eight Flying Portresses were lost. Stimson reported that he had reported the Nazi air losses at 54 craft. He explained that two of the big bombers originally reported had returned to their bases safely. Those raids, he added, accounted for 65 enemy fighters.

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Malta-Based Planes Raid

By NOLAN NORGARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—Malta-based Mosquitoes carried the burden of the Allied air offensive against Sicily and Southern Italy yesterday as bad weather completely halted forays by the Northwest African bombardment squadrons for the first time in more than two months, it was disclosed today. Using both cannon-fire and explosives, the swift craft attacked railway lines, bridges and military bus camps last night, a Valletta communiqué announced. The great fleet of American heavy and medium bombers was grounded and official reports said they had to be held in readiness for the exchange of naval lands in the reserve with property owned by oil companies there. Although naval officials declared the contract was designed to protect and conserve naval petroleum lands in the Elk Hills area, the contract was said to be "in violation of the Petroleum Conservation Act."

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Lose Only Six Planes In Big Air Triumph

32 Bombers and 45 Zero Fighters Lost By Japs Over Guadalcanal WASHINGTON (AP)—In one of the great air battles of the Pacific, American planes shot down 77 Japanese aircraft over Guadalcanal Island Wednesday while losing six of their own number, the Navy announced today. Never before had the enemy's air losses in the Guadalcanal area been so heavy. The 77 total was almost exactly twice that of the Japanese losses last April 7 when 39 enemy craft were destroyed during a single raid. The Navy said 32 Japanese bombers and 45 Zero fighters were blasted out of the skies in yesterday's battle, thus indicating that an enemy force of several hundred aircraft made the attack. No other details were immediately available.

Turk Envoy Quits Vichy Protest Against Gestapo Restrictions BERNE, Switzerland (AP)—Ambassador Berth Ervin of Turkey has been recalled to Ankara from Vichy in protest against recent German Gestapo restrictions upon his embassy a Turkish diplomat said today. While this withdrawal was not considered a rupture in relations between the French Vichy France in this source said it could be a step in that direction. ALLIED PRESSURE In addition to a protest against Nazi surveillance of the embassy, another reason for the recall of the ambassador was said to be pressure on the part of the Allies, who thereby hope that Vichy will be a similar action and recall Gen. Bergery from Ankara. The ambassador, who could not be identified by name, said Allied quarters held that Bergery "is too friendly to the Axis and too much of a German Ambassador," Von Papen.

It was believed he already is en route to Turkey, but this could not be confirmed. The Gestapo recently instituted a close watch on the Turkish embassy at Vichy and forbade his use of code messages. The embassy was permitted to continue to use a diplomatic pouch, but according to this source, the pouch was opened at the border and examined. The Vichy correspondent of the Gazette de Lorraine reported that all foreign consulates in the Mediterranean coastal areas of France have been ordered to move from interior.

Giraud Group In Agreement ALGIERS—An Algerian newspaper reported today on procedure and collective responsibility, it was announced. The Giraud group, consisting of Foreign Affairs, informed the first plenary session of communications relations from other sources concerning recognition of the committee as the Provisional Government of the French Republic.

They Call It Pacific By Clark Lee CHAPTER 18 The morning papers of Dec. 20 announced that General MacArthur had proclaimed Manila an open city and by that time I had begun to realize that we did not have the forces to defend Manila and to suspect that the path to the capital was being thrown open to the Japanese in the hope that when they arrived in the city they would be well under the control of their officers and would observe discipline: whereas if they came in fighting and overwhelmed our forces they would be more likely to rape and kill and loot. Meanwhile, the communiques said "Lina holding firm on all fronts." I said to Jacob, "Someone's got to sound right to me. Let's go see for ourselves."

Little change in temperature Today's Temp: H. 80 L. 70 Sun: Partly cloudy with a few showers. Sunrise: 6:00 a.m. Sunset: 5:30 p.m. Additional E. W. Weather data will be found on page 1