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FRENCH ASK ARMISTICE IN SYRIA

Vichy Asks Britain for Conclusion Of Conflict

Wants Fighting To End Immediately

VICHY, France. (AP)—The Vichy Government announced tonight that it had asked Britain for an immediate armistice in the month-old war in Syria.

A communique said that General Henri Dentz, French High Commissioner for Syria and Lebanon, had been authorized to "ask an immediate cessation of arms" and that this was done yesterday.

The communique said Vichy had taken this step in order not to prolong "a particularly grievous episode in a combat daily more unequal" and to cut short "the sufferings which the war inflicts on the peoples of Syria and Lebanon."

The British and Free French forces marched into Syria on June 8, simultaneously with issuance of a British Foreign Office statement declaring that Britain could not tolerate German infiltration into Syria which it was charged, already had begun and which would bring Syria and Lebanon under full German control.

The end of fighting had been foreseen in reports that an armistice was being arranged while the British-Free French allies, in possession of the Syrian capital of Damascus, closed recently in an effort on the Lebanese coast and other centers of Vichy resistance at Aleppo and Hama.

It was said that Vichy had been unable to send more reinforcements to the French Near Eastern forces.

The communique indicated that one of the reasons the step had been taken was to prove French good faith in fulfilling obligations to maintain the empire. This obligation was the subject of one of the clauses in the French-German armistice.

Russians Guard Prize From The Sky



One of the first radiophones to reach the United States from Moscow shows Russian soldiers standing guard over a Nazi plane, which has been supposedly shot down by anti-aircraft units somewhere along the vast front.

F. R. Cuts Out Lines

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt questioned hemispheric dividing lines in the discord today as consulting factors in matters affecting the defense of the United States.

As far as defense considerations were concerned, he took the position that it was impossible to draw an imaginary line between the Western and Eastern Hemispheres and put a bar on it.

There were points in one corner or another, he said, which were not shared by the other, but there were others just outside hemispheric boundaries which might be terribly important.

Mr. Roosevelt's pronouncements came in response to questions asked at a regular press conference yesterday regarding the protective occupation of Iceland by a contingent of U. S. naval forces.

British Fan Out in Three Directions

In Assault Northern France Attacked Again

LONDON. (AP)—Britain's daylight raiders fanned out over the English Channel in three directions today in another mighty assault on northern France.

One observer said the planes seemed to scatter in three directions, pounding not only coastal batteries on the Nazi-held side of the channel but also targets deeper inland.

From these operations, the British said, seven bombers were missing. Five German raiders were reported shot down.

Nazis Hit Overnight At British Points

BERLIN.—The German air force struck overnight at strategic points in British shipping yards and supply industries in the Plymouth area and the ports of Great Yarmouth and Aberdeen, the British Command reported today.

Many big fires gave evidence of the success of these attacks, its communique declared.

It said B-111s also were observed attacking the RAF base at Exeter, England, and that a 3,000-ton merchant ship, the British coast and two other freighters damaged.

British air attacks against German shipping continued today in a daylight fight on the English coast and in a night assault on "various places" in western Germany.

Say Two Nazi Motor Units Annihilated

Declare German Drives From Baltic to Black Sea Halted

MOSCOW. (AP)—The Red Army reported today it had routed German troops and wiped out two motorized regiments in northern White Russia and stalled Nazi drives at most points on the huge battlefield.

It acknowledged, however, that German panzer spearheads were striking at new points in an attempt to find soft spots. Large enemy tanks and motorized units attempted to break through in new fighting at Sebezh, near the Latvian frontier, the communique said, adding: "Fighting is in progress."

Centers of fighting, in which the Soviet troops were supported by Red air force bombing attacks, were listed as Pskov in the northern part of the Baltic coast.

VICHY, France. (AP)—Military sources here said tonight that the Germans generally were being held up on the Russian front by the fifth consecutive day, with the exception of two new pushes west on the Rhine.

The Red Army reported today it had routed German troops and wiped out two motorized regiments and destroyed four heavy batteries and a great number of anti-tank weapons.

The enemy left hundreds killed on the field and retreated to the west by the southwestern front.

Incessant fighting continued in the western Ukraine, the Russian declared. They said strong German troops had been unable to break through the Red Army defenses in this or other sectors.

American Warship Action Suggested

Churchill Statement on British, U. S. Co-Operation Applauded

LONDON.—The House of Commons joyously heard Prime Minister Churchill suggest today that United States and British warships may mutually meet each other in guarding the "very dangerous waters" of Iceland.

Churchill made this statement in a speech welcoming American ships to the British base at Reykjavik, Iceland, and his report cheered Parliament to its loudest cheers since the day he dramatically announced the sinking of the German battleship Bismarck.

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Nazis Hark Back to FR

Occupation Adds New Significance to Talk

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen

Naval Intelligence Rejects All Applicants Who Are Not Fourth-Generation Americans

WASHINGTON.—Wendell Wilkie, first-generation American, came within four million votes of being elected President. William Knudsen, born in Denmark, is Director of the OPM. Beverly Hillsman, born in Lithuania, is Associate Director of the OPM.

men in the Navy, from permanent commissions, so this is a little bit of a barrier to careers to keep all but a select class out of Naval Intelligence.

How the system works is shown in the following specific case: A crack Washington newsman who is a native-born American with a law degree and knowledge of two foreign languages, eager to serve in the emergency, applied for a reserve commission in Naval Intelligence. His recommendations were excellent.

Mr. Mackenzie's War Analysis: Associated Press Foreign News Analyst

pening over in the wide sweep of the Russian theater, who perhaps the bloodiest war of history has reached a crisis. The Bolsheviks are now being driven back to Russia, but to have hurried them back with terrible losses at numerous points along the entire line.