

TROOPS SPEEDED TO PENINSULA TO COMBAT INVASION

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reports indicated a large number of these had been withdrawn in time to avoid being cut off. An Athens radio broadcast last night declared "the possibility of a Yugoslav retreat (exposing the Greek left flank) as well as the cutting off of Greek forces in Macedonia and Thrace had been foreseen by the Greek high command."

The broadcast added: "The decisive battle will be given where strategic conditions demand it. The war goes on and will go on. We know how to fight and will not be influenced by unfavorable turns. Nothing can shake us until final victory."

The Nazi thrust into Thrace and Macedonia, however, effectively severed overland communications between Greece and Turkey, Britain's thus far passive ally.

Some dispatches from Turkey raised the possibility that the British air force and fleet might seek the use of bases in Turkey for operations against Thrace. This, the dispatches said, would be in accordance with the manner in which the Germans used bases in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria for attacks on Greece and Yugoslavia.

PRISONERS TAKEN

BERLIN, April 10 (AP)—A German military spokesman said that today Greek prisoners captured in Thrace numbered more than eighty thousand but that the "final number will be much greater" since the count is not yet finished.

The Germans declared themselves ready for preliminary aerial thrusts against the British on the Balkan front.

Apparently Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering's air force has the task of "softening" the British before German ground troops tackle them at close quarters.

Dienst Aus Deutschland, commentary to the foreign office, declared "it is self-evident that the rail line on the east coast of Greece will be one of the principal objectives of German bombers."

This line runs from Piraeus, port of Athens, to the northern area where the British-Greek troops are concentrated, and in the German view a few well placed bombs would paralyze this line.

Today's high command communique, devoted chiefly to a review of Balkan successes previously reported, presented a picture of terrific destruction inflicted by the Luftwaffe on Yugoslav communications and air bases.

In these raids the high command acknowledged that nineteen Nazi planes were lost and reported that thirty-six Allied planes, including twenty-nine British and seven Yugoslav, were destroyed and a number of others damaged.

Seven Allied planes were declared destroyed and five damaged in a series of lightning raids on Bosnian airports. Other Luftwaffe units, the high command said, heavily blasted Yugoslav supply trains and rail lines between the Sava and Brava rivers.

In addition to the twenty thousand prisoners reported captured yesterday, the communique said one hundred pieces of artillery, several hundred machine-guns and large quantities of motor fuel, ammunition and other equipment fell into Nazi hands.

It reiterated that the Greek army isolated in eastern Greece "surrendered unconditionally."

GREEKS INTACT

ATHENS, Greece, April 10 (AP)—The Greek army remains intact "to deal a decisive blow at the German invader with Allied support, Greek military sources declared today, despite the entrapment of some forces in eastern Greece.

The fate of the forces cut off by the swift Nazi drive to Salonika still was obscure, but they were reported holding out late last night.

The main Greek army will

strike at the right time and the right place," the military informants reiterated confidently. "The battle for Greek independence, first won on Mount Pindus—where the Italian attack from Albania was thrown back last October—will be repeated again on Greek mountains where in past centuries invaders have been stopped."

German troop-carrying motor vehicles were "systematically machine-gunned" by British bombers and fighters in the Kilkis and Polycastron areas, north of Salonika, an RAF communique said, although bad weather conditions interfered with air operations. German casualties were described as heavy.

Bridges in the Axioupolis zone came in for particular attention, it was said.

The withdrawal from Salonika, backdoor to the Balkans, and the destruction of oil tanks and everything else of military value were accomplished before the Nazis reached the city, the Greeks asserted.

This, they said, was made possible by heroic Greek resistance which delayed the Germans in the region of Kilkis, in the Vardar valley.

The German breakthrough in the Struma valley and the retreat of Yugoslavia leaving the Greek left flank exposed made the fall of Salonika inevitable, they said.

TWO ACCIDENTS NEAR HAWTHORNE

HAWTHORNE, Nev., April 10—Two automobile accidents in the vicinity of Hawthorne the first part of this week resulted in only slight injuries to occupants of the cars, but serious damage to at least two machines.

On Sunday Capt. K. M. Harris, who is associated with the Empire Gold Mining Company, was driving from Reno to Hawthorne and at a point about thirteen miles north of Hawthorne, at the cliff sector, his machine struck a large rock and missed going into Walker lake by only a few feet. Captain Harris was shaken up and bruised but returned to Reno that evening. His car was towed to Hawthorne and later taken to Reno for repairs.

Monday afternoon a collision between a pickup truck driven by Bob Savage and a heavier truck driven by Marty Graff resulted in both men being bruised, and damage to both trucks, the Savage machine bearing the brunt. This collision occurred on the Thorne road near the intersection to the main gate of the naval depot magazine area. Graff, employed by the William P. Neil construction company, was driving a company truck, while Savage was driving his own pickup, used on the mail route between Hawthorne and Thorne.

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U. S. TO ESTABLISH AIR BASES UPON BLEAK DANISH ISLAND

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boundaries of the hemisphere, included Greenland and excluded Iceland.

Secretary Early said Greenland now was in the class not only of foreign-owned islands off American shores on which the United States is establishing bases, but also other islands, including France's Martinique, where this country has no base.

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

A state department announcement said: "During the summer of 1940 German activity on the eastern coast of Greenland became apparent. Three ships proceeding from Norwegian territory under German occupation arrived off the coast of Greenland, ostensibly for commercial or scientific purposes; and at least one of these ships landed parties nominally for scientific purposes, but actually for meteorological assistance to German belligerent operations in the north Atlantic. These parties were eventually cleared out. In the late fall of 1940 air reconnaissance appeared over east Greenland under circumstances making it plain that there had been continued activity in that region.

"On March 27, 1941, a German bomber flew over the eastern coast of Greenland and on the following day another German war plane likewise reconnoitered the same territory. Under these circumstances it appeared that further steps for the defense of Greenland were necessary to bring Greenland within the system of hemispheric defense envisaged by the act of Havana.

"The agreement recognizes that as a result of the present European war there is danger that Greenland may be converted into a point of aggression against nations of the American continent.

"The agreement, after explicitly recognizing the Danish sovereignty over Greenland, proceeds to grant to the United States the right to locate and construct air-plane landing fields and facilities for the defense of Greenland and for the defense of the American continent."

In obtaining air bases, the state department said the United States

"has no thought in mind save that of assuring the safety of Greenland and the rest of the American continent, and Greenland's continuance under Danish sovereignty."

"As soon as the war is over and the danger has passed, the two governments (Denmark and the United States) shall promptly consult as to whether the arrangements made by the present agreement shall continue or whether they shall then cease."

ELKO COUNTY TAX RATE IS SET AT \$1.17

ELKO, Nev., April 10.—The tax rate for Elko county was set at \$1.17 by the commissioners here Tuesday. This was an increase of four cents over last year, however, the rate remains one of the lowest in the state.

Old-age assistance costs, particularly because of the \$40 maximum, set by the legislature, was responsible for the increased tax rate.

While a maximum has been set by the legislature, it still rests with the discretion of the commissioners as to what will be paid. It is believed there will be a surplus in the fund at the end of the year, but provision must be made for it now.

A \$20,000 loan for the improvement of the court house and increased high school aid were partly responsible for the raise.

While a loan for the improvements to the high school will be made it will only be for \$10,000 at the outset, with the possibility that this will be all that will be necessary, owing to the good condition of the general fund.

That the running of Elko county is big business can be seen in the fact that the contemplated expenditures for 1941 are \$641,256 01. The budget was prepared by William Sattelmeyer and was approved by Sam Scott, W. W. Kane and George Kennedy, members of the board of county commissioners.

Elko county has the second largest assessed valuation of any county in the state of Nevada, being only exceeded by Washoe, with its tax rate at the bottom of the list. The estimated assessed valuation for 1941 amounts to \$37,200,000.

Taxes account for the bulk of the money received by the county to meet the various expenses. Estimated receipts from this source for the 1941 budget amount to \$423,755.12. School costs exceed all others in the budget.

AUTHORITY ASKED TO TAKE OVER SHIPS IN U. S. HARBORS

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taken into custody on grounds of sabotage or attempted sabotage. Berlin and Rome have protested the seizures.

Informed persons predicted congress would grant the requested authority and that soon thereafter the president would use the acquired ships in some form helpful to the British.

Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference Tuesday this government had the right to declare the thirty Axis ships forfeited to the United States but could not turn them over to the British under such a procedure. However, their addition to the United States merchant marine might permit the release of some American vessels.

Whether any steps were planned which might result in the purchase of the Axis vessels, the message did not hint. But nowhere in it was there a reference to Denmark alone or to any specific country or its ships.

The legislation which Mr. Roosevelt proposed today apparently would establish the right to eminent domain even in days of limited emergency.

The president sent along with his message for the "possible assistance" of congress a draft of a resolution to accomplish the purposes he outlined. The resolution contemplates use of some of the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation for aid to nations resisting aggression.

As for the Danish transfer, the president has said it had the acquiescence of the Danish minister to the United States. However, the foreign office at Copenhagen said today it had instructed the minister to advise the United States not to sell or lease them. The legislation would not comment on this word from Denmark.

The president directed attention also in his message to the fact that an inability to remove materials piling up in ports could result in stopping production, with a consequent effect on employment and on contracts.

It is essential, both to the defense and domestic economy, the chief executive declared, that "we shall not permit the continuance of the immobilization in our harbors of shipping facilities."

Woman Finds New Way To Reduce

CHICAGO, April 10 (AP)—Mrs. Esther Riedinger, 38, has a reducing formula but she doesn't recommend it. She misplaced three rings valued at \$1650 and spent two days in frantic search before they were found.

Sighed she: "Since those rings were missing I haven't eaten a bite and have lost seven pounds."

DOUBLE FUNERAL IS HELD IN ELY

ELY, Nev., April 10.—Double funeral services were held at two o'clock Monday afternoon for Charles Robison, thirty-eight, and his son Louis, sixteen, both of whom were killed Friday night in an automobile accident near Connors Pass.

Bishop W. J. Hemmings assisted by Glenn Southwick conducted the U. S. S. services in the Wilson Bates chapel. William Garrett and Ivan Call both spoke briefly during the services and Call dedicated the graves in Ely cemetery where burial was held.

A quartet composed of A. V. Childs, E. G. Chamberlain, Scott Haines and William Garrett sang three numbers. Pallbearers for Charles Robison were, Stan Carney, Andrew Miller, Elton Bunderston, Reed Loper, Leo Tilbey, and Brick Reece. Pallbearers for youthful Louis were Dick Purcell, Erwin Fehr, Bill Christiansen, Ted Caratelli, Dan Christensen and Ray Birmingham.

CANADIAN CHEESE

The Dominion of Canada exported 90,944,800 pounds of cheese, valued at \$12,248,600, in 1939, as compared with 80,989,100 pounds in the preceding year.

ELKO HOSPITAL GETS ELEVATOR

ELKO, Nev., April 10.—The Elko general hospital will have a new elevator soon, to be installed by the Otis Elevator Company. This company was the successful bidder for the job, submitting \$4489 as the figure for the work. Recommendations for the change in the elevator at the hospital led to this action by the commissioners.

Two bids were submitted for a new car for the sheriff, both by Van Leer and Harriman. The bid of \$1498 for a Chrysler car was accepted.

The commissioners named Dan Sabala to replace Charles Mitchell, resigned, as janitor of the court house.

The commissioners ordered the installation of a refrigerator at the county fish hatchery in Ruby valley. This refrigerator will be used to keep the fish food in good condition and will serve as a saving medium, as well as affording proper food for the fish. It will be installed by Walther Brothers.

Power will be supplied by an auxiliary plant until such time as it can be secured from the CCC camp in Ruby valley.

A working agreement was reached between the county commissioners members of the high school board for the use of part of the school dormitory for nurses' quarters. The county will pay for lights, fuel and janitor service for the section of the dormitory used by the nurses.

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BEATTY SEEKS TOWN COUNCIL

TONOPAH, Nev., April 10.—A special election in Beatty to authorize the forming of a town council was discussed here this week as a group of Beatty residents met with members of the county board. The main objective of the town council, it was said, would be to provide better fire protection for the community.

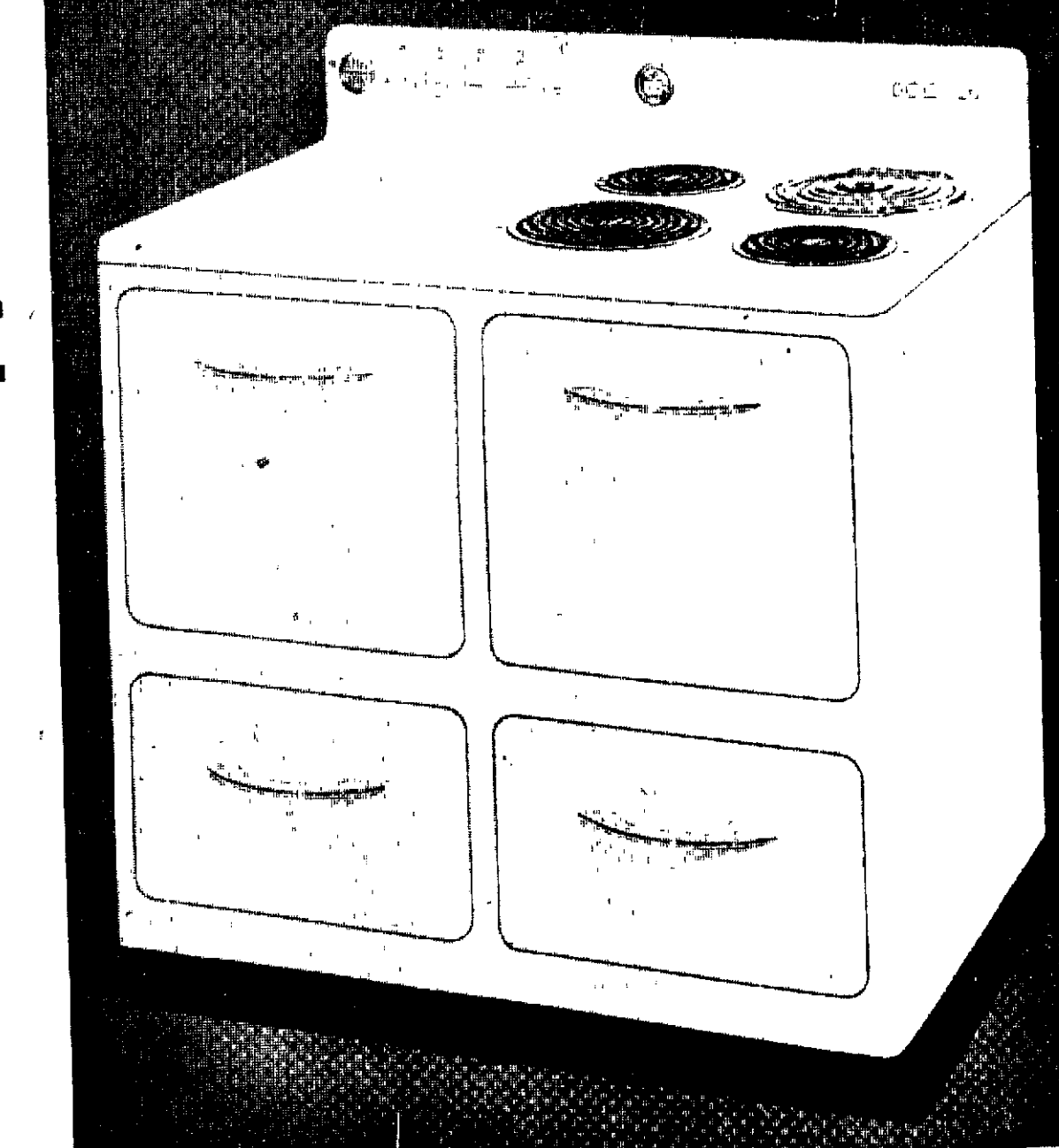
As the first step in the movement, a petition will be circulated in Beatty for signatures of taxpayers and if the required number is obtained, authority will be granted to call the special election, it was said. The petition will be drafted and circulated shortly and members of the Beatty delegation expressed the belief that the required number of signatures will be obtained within a short time.

J. E. Palkgrove and James Mardis, who presented the problem to the county board, pointed out that increased activity in Beatty makes it necessary that improved fire protection be granted the town.

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