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## Axis Balkans Air Blows Linked With Soviet Drive

**ALLIED** Mediterranean air forces now are working in co-ordination with the Red Army's advance into the Balkans, it was disclosed in Naples yesterday, cables Edward Kennedy, A.P. war correspondent.

Thursday's devastating raid on Sofia was an example. "Our air attacks on the Balkans are linked not only with the Russian advance there but with the whole Balkans situation, and have definite political aspects," a high Air officer said.

"They are also linked with any Western Front offensive which may come. The idea is to give the Germans as much trouble as possible, and tie up their troops as

much as possible both in Italy and the Balkans." Sofia is about 400 miles from the nearest points of the Russian advance on the main Balkan railway, which is of vital importance to the Germans.—A.P.

## RUSSIAN VANGUARDS ARE CLOSING ON ODESSA

## Nazis Used Zhukov Heads for Hungary

### 'Scarecrow' Rockets

### In All-out Bid to Save Nuremberg

By Daily Mail Air Reporter  
"SCARECROW" rockets of a new type and an unusual kind of flare were among the weapons used by the enemy in the great moonlight battle over Germany on Thursday night.

Lancasters and Halifaxes battered their way through several hundred German night-fighters to saturate the Nazi rally city and industrial centre of Nuremberg.

For practically the whole of the 100-miles round the city, the bombers were battling fiercely against determined fighter forces. The Germans have made no greater effort to save one of their vital cities—not even Berlin.

Ninety-four bombers failed to return from a force of between 900 and 1,000 engaged in the night's work, which included attacks in Western Germany and mining.

This is the biggest loss ever suffered by the R.A.F. in a single assault.

ALTHOUGH it was cloudy over most of the route, there were many clear patches both on the way to the city and back, with bright moonlight above.

The attack began a little after one o'clock in the morning. The moon did not set until two. The bitterest fighting ever known in the Battle of Germany began took place when the moon lasted and this was for two hours out of the three.

The fighter-packs were brought up close to the enemy coast, and as the bombers penetrated farther inland, all the ground defences joined in.

The scarecrow rockets were fired from the ground.

"We saw a lot of them soon after we got into Germany," said Flight-Sergeant R. Whinfield of Newcastle-on-Tyne, last night. A Lancaster pilot, he was on his 19th war flight.

"They came up like flares and then hung in the sky," he said. "Then they burst and scattered on the ground, like clusters of incendiaries. The explosion of one of them as it hit the ground looked almost as if a 1,000-pounder was going off."

THERE was just one damned thing after another all the way to the target, and on the journey home, there was the same. Air combats were going on all the time and still more lights of various colours were being shot up as signals from enemy airfields as we passed overhead.

The new flares were dropped in three. "They appeared to be in a triangle," said one pilot. "They burned for about five minutes."

Vapour trails gave away the position of some of our bombers and even obscured the target from the view of raiders flying at a higher level.

"As I looked down from my Lancaster," said one pilot, "I could see the vapour trails of about a score of bombers flying below me. That was the sort of night it was. Not only was there a moon to help the enemy but their pilots could occasionally track us down from the vapour trails."

"We knew that we should have to shoot our way through to Nuremberg. We had done that before, and we were going to do it again."

### 'Found Joan Barry on Doormat'

LOS ANGELES, Friday.—Resuming his evidence to-day Charles Chaplin denied that Miss Barry spent the night of December 30, 1942, with him, as she testified. He answered the doorman that evening at his Beverly Hills home, he said, and "saw, lying on the mat outside, Miss Joan Barry."

STRIKING new Russian advances are reported from each end of the 400-miles front stretching from Bukovina to the Black Sea. While Soviet troops entered the Jablonica Pass leading across the Carpathians to Hungary, Russian spearheads were closing in rapidly on the great Black Sea port of Odessa.

Ochakov, a German stronghold guarding the estuary of the Dnieper and Bug, only 36 miles from Odessa, was yesterday captured by General Malinovsky's army group.

The fall of the town was announced in an Order of the Day from Marshal Stalin last night. He described it as an important German stronghold.

Later the Russian communiqué reported the capture of more than 160 places on the Odessa sector, including Berezhovka, 50 miles north of the city.

The German armies are everywhere in full retreat, and at many points in disorderly flight, from the Carpathians to the Odessa plains. To the north of the Jablonica Pass Zhukov's tank vanguards and motorised Tommy-guns are moving on historic Przemyśl, key to a new network of Carpathian roads.

In Bukovina, thrusting south from Cernauti, more of Zhukov's forces are also within 10 miles of the frontier station of Dornesti, on the Rumanian border.

Last night's communiqué reported that Zhukov's army group had captured the town of Dunaevski, 20 miles north-east of Kamenets-Podolski, and many other centres between the Dniester and the Pruth.

The Russians have also captured Darabany, south-east of Cernauti.

It gave a detailed map of the coast of Northern Ireland with all inlets, bays, and beaches marked, and with the depths of water at all different states of the tides.

Mr. Savory (Con., Belfast University), raising the matter in the House of Commons yesterday, declared that the document was among the evidence presented by Mr. Gray, the United States Minister in Dublin, to Mr. de Valera.

Referring to the handing over of the Irish ports before the war, Professor Savory asked: Would it be believed by future generations that the agreement abandoning the three principal harbours was made by Mr. Lough Swilly, Berehaven, and Queenstown—passed through the House of Commons without a division.

One in Northern Ireland even disputed the right of Eire as a Dominion not to take part in this war. But as part of the British Commonwealth, the retention of representatives of the Axis Powers was ultra vires and inconsistent with membership of British Commonwealth of Nations.

After describing the I.R.A. map captured by the Royal Irish Constabulary, Professor Savory said: "I am not disclosing the secret information I have, but I have an immense amount of material to show the danger of these enemy agents being maintained in Dublin. It was impossible for us to tolerate this situation, and we should not have waited for the action of the United States in 1939. The British Government should have put forward a demand that Eire should dismiss the Axis representatives."

Mr. Emmys-Evans, Under-Secretary Dominions Affairs, paid an impressive tribute to the part played by Northern Ireland. "Without Northern Ireland it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to protect the shipping on which we relied for our war needs. Not only have we ourselves benefited, but our Allies, and particularly our American Allies, have benefited."

The presence of the Axis Legations in Dublin is, in the view of the Government, very undesirable. The position with regard to the presence of the Axis Legations—which we should be only too glad to see out of Ireland—is being very carefully watched.

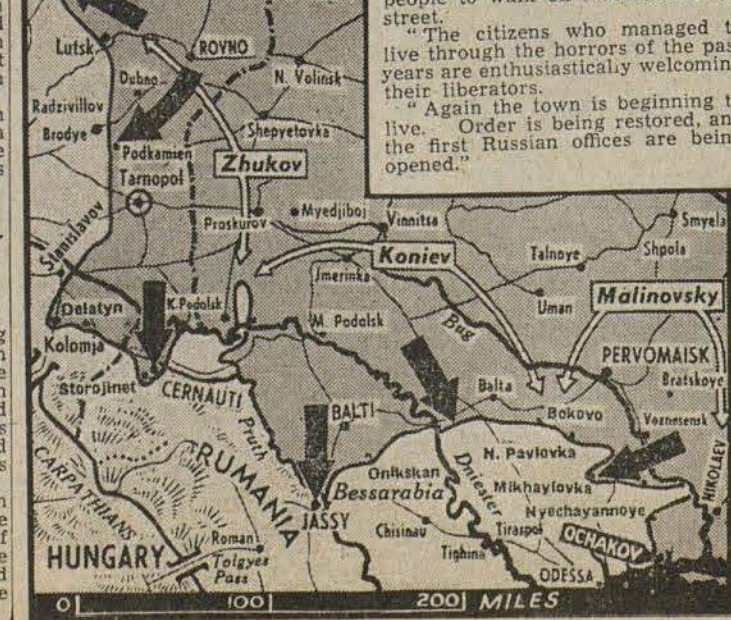
Sir Thomas Moore (Con., Ayr Burghs) suggested that the Government should try by means of the radio to tell the people of Eire that we recognised fully that there were many thousands of their gallant young men fighting and dying by our side, and that we wanted the glory of those young men to continue and not to be spoiled by the stupid attitude of Mr. de Valera and his Government.

When the Nazis seized power they turned Nuremberg—a town of 450,000 people—into an important industrial city whose production of electrical equipment has assumed special value to the German war machine since the wrecking of the Siemens plant in Berlin.

In addition, large quantities of heavy tanks, armoured cars, Diesel engines, searchlights, engineering supplies, and aircraft components were turned out there.

As happened in Sunday night's raid on Essen—first major attack on the Ruhr town since last July—the R.A.F. in their latest operation carried out there during past few months at an enormous cost in labour and materials.

Attacks by German bombers on targets in London and on the South Coast on Thursday night were claimed by the German News Agency yesterday.



## B.B.C. CHIEF TAKES BIG COAL POST Owners' Leader

By CHARLES SUTTON, Industrial Correspondent.

THE mineowners have found the man they have been seeking to lead them through the troublous times facing their industry.

He is Mr. Robert William Foot, Director-General of the B.B.C., who has been released from his job by the Government to take over one of the most important appointments in the country.

His successor as Director-General of the B.B.C. is Mr. W. J. Haley, at present Editor-in-Chief.

The mining industry, at a time when relations with the miners had reached their lowest ebb, took advantage of the resignation of its president, Sir Evan Williams, to search for a permanent chairman with a knowledge of labour difficulties, operative efficiency, and commercial arrangements.

From the beginning they had in mind Mr. Foot, who for many years was general manager of the Gas Light and Coke Company.

The Government readily agreed to his release because the coal industry has become one of the greatest industrial problems of the war and the future.

Mr. Foot has strong views on the necessity of thinking ahead, and a great deal of forward thinking is needed now in the coal industry.

More Restrictions

His appointment was announced on the same day as the Ministry of Fuel and Power revealed that stoppages in the coalfields during the four weeks ended March 18 caused the loss to the country of 188,800 tons of coal a week.

As a result the restrictions on the supply of coal to consumers is to be tightened up during April.

Users in the South of England are still to receive 4cwt. a month and the Northern consumers 5cwt. but the stock permitted to be held in cellars are to be reduced to 5cwt. in the South, 7cwt. in the North, and 10cwt. elsewhere.

More than half the coal lost was due to the strike in South Wales. More was lost by the go-slow miners in Durham.

By speeding up the turn-round of railways the weekly loss of coal due to transport difficulties was reduced by more than half to 23,100 tons. But the bad weather during those four weeks added another 21,900 tons a week to the total weekly loss which the country had to suffer.

No Guarantee

The Ministry of Fuel and Power warned consumers last night that the amounts they have been allotted for April cannot be guaranteed.

More strikes or transport difficulties might easily reduce the deliveries to consumers.

The output of coal is 360,000 tons a week lower than it was last year. Fortunately, the production from open cast workings by means of mechanical scoops and the minimum of manpower has risen to nearly 130,000 tons a week so that the loss of deep-mined coal has been to some extent offset.

The Ministry of Fuel will be looking anxiously to South Wales again this week-end, where the 100,000 miners in that coalfield will vote on the Government's four years' wages plan.

British Fighters 'Down' U.S. Plane

WASHINGTON, Friday.—British fighters from an aircraft-carrier shot down an American Army transport aeroplane and its crew of six in the Atlantic this week, according to a War Department announcement to-day.

The announcement said the British fighters were protecting an Allied convoy at the time. They apparently mistook the transport for an F.W. bomber, when identification was not established as the transport approached the convoy.—Reuter.

Spanish Envoy is Returning Soon

The Duke of Alba, Spanish Ambassador to Britain, is returning to London very shortly after a visit to Spain which began on January 28, writes the Press Association diplomat to-day.

Before the duke left London he had several conversations with Mr. Eden so that he might, while in Madrid, convey to General Franco the British Government's views on a number of questions of interest and importance both to Spain and Great Britain.

Death for Nazi Arab

ALGERS, Friday.—Sentence of death for treason was passed by a French military court to-day on an Arab, Kaci Djilali, who fought in Russia against the Red Army and in Tunisia against the Allies.—Reuter.



## First Man to Outwit Japs

MAJOR-GENERAL Order Charles Wingate, and (lower picture) Mrs. Wingate. They were married in 1935.

## WINGATE KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Young Wife was Told News a Day Before the World

From W. A. NICHOLSON, ABERDEEN, Friday.

FIRST man to match and outwit the Japanese in their own methods of jungle warfare in Burma, Major-General Order Charles Wingate, according to information reaching here, has been killed in a plane crash.

Mrs. Wingate, his young and beautiful wife, received the news late yesterday, I was told to-night.

General Wingate, who was born on February 26, 1903, led the "ghost army" which last year made a four months' trek behind the Japanese lines, carrying out a big programme of destruction.

It was he who planned the vast airborne expedition which was landed behind the Japanese lines in Upper Burma a few weeks ago, and which to-day is harrying the enemy deep in his rear.

Mrs. Wingate is the only daughter of Mr. N. E. Moncrieff Paterson, who owns an extensive estate at picturesque Monymusk, 15 miles from here. He is laird of Tillifourie, one of Aberdeenshire's best known spots.

'A Brilliant Man'

"It is unfortunately true that General Wingate has been killed," I was told.

"It is one of the great tragedies of the war that such a brilliant man should be killed in such an unfortunate incident. He was so young, yet he was destined to be, as a result of his brilliance, one of Britain's great military generals. It is a particular tragedy for his young wife, who is so well known throughout Aberdeenshire."

Mrs. Wingate, whom he married in 1935, saw her husband towards the end of last year before he returned to India. She had accompanied him to the Quebec conference, when the plans for his exploit last year in leading a force of Chindits into the Burmese jungle behind the Japanese lines was planned.

General Wingate went to Quebec at the special request of the Prime Minister. Mrs. Wingate then knew nothing of the plans for her husband's activities.

Early this week, when it was announced that General Wingate was leader of the Chindits who had penetrated behind the Japanese lines in Burma, I spoke to Mrs. Wingate.

Wife's Sketch

Mrs. Wingate's sketch of her husband to me was:—"People say that my husband is unorthodox, but that is not strictly correct. He is rather orthodox in an unusual way."

"He has been described as another Lawrence of Arabia, but again I don't agree. I rather think he is more like Cromwell. He has always maintained that contact between a commander and his men is absolutely necessary to the success of any venture."

"Cromwell's motto 'Know what you fight for and love what you know' has been his throughout life. It has been part of his life."

"My husband joined the Regular army first in the Royal Artillery. He has been a soldier for more than 20 years. During the last ten years at least he did little else but perfect his ideas of using highly trained and superbly equipped forces in an irregular way."

"He always liked doing what he was told."

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## Witchcraft Case: Medium Found Guilty

MRS. DUNCAN, the medium, and the three other people charged with her following police intervention in a "séance" at Plymouth, were found guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday of conspiracy to contravene the Witchcraft Act.

The Recorder announced that he was postponing sentence until Monday.

He told the jury he was prepared to consider letting Mrs. Duncan give them a demonstration if they wished to see one. The offer was declined.

Mrs. Duncan left the dock weeping and calling out: "Why should I suffer like this?"

The hearing of the case had lasted seven days.

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## ANGLO-U.S. AIR TALKS HERE

Russian Views, Too

WASHINGTON, Friday.—Mr. Adolph Berle, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, is going to London for an exploratory exchange of views on civil aviation.

Announcing this to-day the State Department adds that similar talks with the Russians are expected in Washington within the next fortnight.

U.S. officials have already had brief discussions with Canada, but a Government official said that no definite action can be taken until the U.S. adopts an international aviation policy, or before China, France, and some South American countries are ready to join talks.—Reuter and A.P.

## Laundry Prices to be Higher

Laundry charges will be increased by one halfpenny in the shilling on Monday. The increase is due to higher overhead and working costs.

The Board of Trade, in consultation with the Central Price Regulation Committee, have made a new Order authorising the increase in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Charges at present permitted in Northern Ireland are unchanged.

## GOVT. TO TAKE OVER POWER JETS COMPANY

THE Minister of Aircraft Production announces that after discussions with the directors of Power Jets, Limited, an agreement, which is subject to ratification by the shareholders, has been entered into whereby the business of the company, the pioneers in gas turbine jet propulsion, aero-engines, is to be acquired by the Government in the national interest.

The Minister has confirmed that this arrangement implies no reflection either on the competence of the company's management or on its technical achievement.

For some time past the Government, in addition to providing and equipping a factory for the use of the company and spending substantial sums under development contracts placed with it has held a 12 per cent. interest in its shares.

This was recently increased to 28 per cent. as the result of a gift by Group-Captain Whittle, who, since he has been officially lent to the company for whole-time service, has felt it incompatible with his duty as a serving officer in the R.A.F. that he should retain any commercial interest in the results of his Service activities.

Accordingly he has transferred to the Minister without payment all his financial interest in the company.



## PREMIER IN HARROGATE

Mayoral Welcome

The Prime Minister visited Harrogate yesterday afternoon.

He arrived by train and after being welcomed by the mayor and mayoress, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Stephenson, the deputy mayor, Alderman H. Bolland, and the town clerk, Mr. J. M. Dodds, was driven away in an open police car.

Mr. Churchill, who was in civilian clothes, waved his hand to the cheering people and gave the "V" sign.

Before leaving he signed the mayor's visiting book.

## £3,038,548,145 is Record Revenue

Treasury returns for the full financial year issued last night show that the record total ordinary revenue of £3,038,548,145, a net increase of £218,697,362 over last year. It exceeds the Budget estimate by £111,000,000.

Total ordinary expenditure has been £5,788,421,424, against £5,623,108,105, about £80,000,000 less than the Budget estimate.

£145,000,000

The total raised in London's "Save the Sole" campaign was last night stated to be £145,030,572. The target is £165,000,000, so that one day remains in which to raise £20,000,000.

## CLOCK ON TO-NIGHT

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# GERMAN TANKS IN CASSINO

Aid Hotel 'Fort'

From ASTLEY HAWKINS  
ALLIED H.Q. ITALY, Friday.

THE initiative at Cassino has been regained for the Allies continue to pull their lines back.

Kesselring, the German commander, was quick to follow up our withdrawal from untenable points on Monastery Hill, and has now reoccupied most of the commanding positions above the town. Artillery fire has slackened in Cassino itself, but more German tanks have come in to bolster the stubborn Italian Continental strong-point, and snipers are still cunningly active among the rubble in the town.

The Allies have withdrawn from two points below Hangman's Hill, which, two-thirds of the way up Monte Cassino, was the highest point our troops reached in their abortive assault on March 15.

The forfeiture of Hangman's Hill necessitated the abandonment of the lower points which it completely dominated.

The Germans made two attempts to infiltrate into our new positions on Wednesday night, but were thrown back.

Lieutenant-General Eaker's medium and light bombers, which maintained their pounding of Italy's rail links, Mitchell's bombers, which were ordered to bomb the railway tracks near Orte, 35 miles north of Rome, and fought their way back down the west coast.

Other Mitchell's attacks targeted near Rome and at Leghorn. Fifteen German planes were shot down during the day.—*Reuter*.

## SOFIA HAVOC

From Daily Mail Correspondent

ALGERIA, Friday.—In two days of intense activity the great Mediterranean Air Force has made no fewer than 3,500 flights. This figure gives a vivid idea of the weight of the attack now being delivered.

The peak of two days' bombing attacks was yesterday's blast against Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. It was another bad day for the Luftwaffe, as the enemy fighters which attacked our formations at least 12 were definitely shot down and four probably destroyed.

Fleets of Liberators and Porters sent many heavy bombs crashing down into Sofia's main railway yards, and caused great damage to locomotive and carriage assembly and repair shops.

It is significant that at a moment when the Japanese are admitting the strain upon their air resources and the strain upon their air resources, the British should agree to give up the concession.

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# Truk By-passed to Reach Jap Stronghold in Palau Islands U.S. PACIFIC FLEET SERVES BIG ATTACK from the Philippines

Japs' Oil is Cut by Moscow

Until After War

JAPAN will get no more oil from certain Russian-controlled regions of the Pacific before the end of the present war.

This is the meaning of an agreement announced in Moscow yesterday for the transfer of the Japanese coal and oil concessions in Northern Sakhalin to the Soviet Union.

Under the new agreement, the Soviet Government will supply on commercial terms 50,000 metric tons of oil annually from the Oka oilfields during the five years following the end of the present war.

In other words, Japan will not get any oil from these regions while the war lasts, except from existing Japanese-owned stocks which, by agreement, they can remove.

Under a protocol signed at the same time the Soviet Japanese fisheries convention is prolonged for five years. The Japanese undertake not to exploit fishing concessions in areas which include the Soviet base of Vladivostok.

Investor, the Soviet Government organ, comments: "These agreements prove the right course of the U.S.S.R.'s foreign policy and mutual understanding with regard to our Allies in the Pacific."

'Bloodless Victory'  
An N.B.C. commentator, speaking from Moscow yesterday, said: "The Soviet Union has won a clear-cut, bloodless, diplomatic victory in the Pacific."

Eddy Gilmore, A.P.'s Moscow correspondent, says the Russians have won what may be one of the biggest diplomatic victories of the war. The new protocol is considered by diplomatic circles in Moscow to be a great contribution to the Soviet Union's war against Japan.

Japan's desire and willingness to placate Russia, even at the cost of considerable sacrifice to herself, is exemplified by the Moscow announcement, writes the Press Association Diplomatic Correspondent.

The coal supplies on Sakhalin are of good quality and very abundant, and with the oil supplies, unquestionably have been making a big contribution to the Japanese war effort.

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