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France opens her gates to trapped army: Spain President flees

NEGRIN IS 'LOST': MADRID DEFIANT

CATALONIA has collapsed; France last night threw open the frontier to save her army of 150,000 from possible massacre. Spain's President Azana is in France; Prime Minister Negrin has vanished.

Already 4,500 Spanish Government carabinieri have crossed into France. Shortly before dawn today, says the Daily Express correspondent in Perpignan, there will begin the greatest retreat of its kind since the Serbian Army fell back on Albania in the great war.

The fleeing army will take with them their tanks, artillery, supply lorries, machine guns, and such ammunition as is left—and their chiefs have promised the French that they will march over in military formation and not as a rabble.

The French decision to do the only thing possible to save the men who were being pinned ever closer against the Pyrenees was reached after a conference yesterday between General Fagalde, commander of the French troops on the frontier, and General Requiñes, from the Spanish Government's abandoned headquarters at Figueras.

When the troops are disarmed they will be taken down guarded roads to a huge concentration camp set up a few miles away at Algerès-sur-Mer, and to the military camp at Le Boulou, ten miles inland from Algerès.



There they will await the French Government's decision about their future. Those who wish to join the Franco side will be sent via Hendaye. The others may be sent to the Madrid area or kept in France.

Following the evacuation of Figueras yesterday sixty Spanish Government chaser planes invaded French territory to seek a landing place.

They were pursued by French planes and fired at by anti-aircraft batteries. Twenty-four landed at Carcassonne, one at Toulouse, and three at Illats, near Bordeaux.

Meantime in the Madrid zone application of the Government's mobilisation decree is being actively continued. All men up to forty, even those holding important posts, have been incorporated in the army.

Where is Dr. Negrin? One report is that he left Figueras by plane with other Ministers yesterday morning, ostensibly for Madrid, but actually to establish the Government in Valencia.

But there is no news of his arrival in either city. Other reports are—he is in France; he waits at Port Bon, just over the frontier in Spain; he has gone to Alicante, as being the least threatened port in Government Spain.

Senor del Vayo, his Foreign Minister, who was said to have left with

First pictures of bombs as they fall from a modern high-speed plane: BACK PAGE

Nazis call Roosevelt henpecked

Daily Express Correspondent

BERLIN, Sunday.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is henpecked by his wife and acts under her influence, according to today's Nazi attacks on the U.S. President.

Says the Lokalanzeiger: "Mrs. Roosevelt should keep her hands from things about which she knows nothing. There are many spheres of work for militant women writers, such as social problems, including child labour, lynching, and public and society morals."

The Boersen Zeitung claims that President Roosevelt encouraged recent French hostility towards Germany, and warns France not to listen to American promises.—International News Service.

Post in West Indies

Mr. Reginald Arthur Nicholas Miller has been appointed Minister Resident at Port au Prince, San Domingo, West Indies, to succeed Mr. William Robert Mackness, retiring.

Deterding millions in Germany

THE personal fortune of Sir Henri Deterding, multi-millionaire oil king, who died after a heart attack on Saturday, is believed to be in Germany, where he went to live after his divorce in 1936.

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FIGHTING has broken out on the Hungarian-Ruthenian frontier.

SAMPLES OF JOKES that Nazis, headed by Dr. Goebbels, do not like and have led to the banning of five German comedians were made known yesterday.

News Summary

THE MOTHER of two men killed in the Edmonton air disaster last year "dreads" going to Buckingham Palace to receive their medals.

FEARING DOPING. Waterloo Cup authorities are taking special precautions to guard dogs.

COWS STILL GRAZE on the site of London's "greater than Croydon" airport.

BOY SCOUTS are to be trained to watch for coast smugglers.

THE TROUSSEAU of a prince's seventeen-year-old bride-to-be has seven fur coats, 100 dresses and jewels worth £55,000.

AN EX-MAYORESS, holder of the O.B.E., who married at sixty-six, is now in the poorhouse.

SIX MEN WERE DROWNED when three barges were swept against a bridge in the Severn.

EARLY TODAY there was no news of Alex Henshaw, who is flying alone to the Cape. He should have crossed the Sahara by 6 p.m.

More gelignite found in London

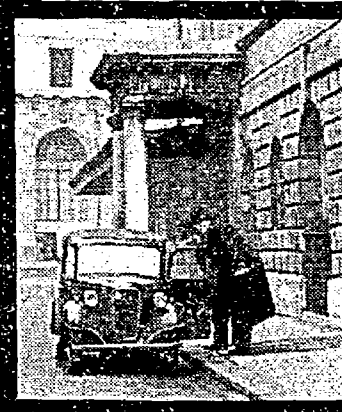
Raiding parties of Scotland-yard detectives, armed with forty search warrants, found fifteen sticks of gelignite in London yesterday. A tin-can bomb, unexploded, was picked up outside an electricity sub-station in Tower-street, W.C.2.

As a precaution, the King and Queen drove twelve miles under guard yesterday. The full story—and of "envelope bombs" believed to have been placed in shops by women—is told on Page Eleven.

These pictures show yesterday's incidents in the hunt for the bombers and the guard against bombs.



WEST END.—Policeman (with revolver under greatcoat) guarding the Duke of Abercorn's house in Mount-street, W. The duke, Governor of Northern Ireland, is in London.



THE CITY.—Seeing a car parked at the Mansion House, City policemen take a look inside.



ESSEX.—Employees and police question all arrivals at Barking (Essex) power station.

Two men attack P.C. at airfield

Daily Express Staff Reporter CHATHAM, Monday Morning.

P. C. OVENDEN was attacked and knocked unconscious by two men outside Rochester R.A.F. training school at Bluebell Hill, near Chatham, Kent, late last night.

Ovenden was patrolling Bluebell Hill when he saw an unoccupied car by the roadside. While he was examining the car he noticed a movement on the airfield and went to investigate.

As he approached, two men who had been in the shadow knocked him down, struck him in the face and kicked him in the ribs.

The men left him lying on the ground and escaped in the car, which is believed to have been stolen.

Ovenden was found some minutes later by another mobile officer, who ran to the air station for assistance.

Police reinforcements were sent from Chatham and, with warden and men from the training school, searched the building and ten-acre airfield.

The police were satisfied that no attempt had been made to cause damage to the school. They regard the case as one of a stolen car.

Doctors save man in ship cabin drama

Daily Express Staff Reporter

SCRABSTER (Caithness), Sunday. Two doctors and a nurse, using the dimly lit floor of the cabin of the Hull trawler Lord Inchcape as an operating table, worked for two hours here today to encase a man with an injured spine in a plaster-of-paris jacket.

Using the jacket was the only way in which William Adams, of Hull, cook, injured when flung to the deck from the top of the galley as a heavy sea struck the trawler, could be carried up the steep companion-way to the ambulance waiting to take him to hospital.

After the accident doctors were asked by radio to meet the ship. With his body held rigid by the plaster, Adams was pulled up the ladder by a rope.

Dope squad round up 30 in New York raids

Daily Express Staff Reporter

NEW YORK, Sunday.—In a series of swift raids today on restaurants in Manhattan, the Federal Dope Squad—G-men picked for their knowledge of the narcotic racket—arrested thirty people.

Among the prisoners is a middle-aged Levantine known as Simple Simon. Large quantities of heroin and marijuana were seized.

Pilot misses house, crashes into field

An R.A.F. plane, diving from a great height, narrowly missed a house and telegraph wires, and crashed into a field yesterday at Chatters, Isle of Ely.

The pilot, Ralph Herbert Wright, aged nineteen, of High-street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, was killed instantly.

Munitions explode

Daily Express Correspondent BETHUNE (Northern France), Sunday.—A wing of a large ammunition factory at Billy-Bencloau, near Bethune, was completely destroyed today by an explosion in one of the factory buildings used as a high explosives store.

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I asked Mussolini questions. New series. See Page Eight.



Mr. Richard Hart-Davis, sixty-year-old London stockbroker, has instituted divorce proceedings against his twenty-eight-year-old wife, pictured here. They have been married six years, and have no children. Mr. Hart-Davis's first wife was a sister of Mr. Duff Cooper.

Railway-v.-Road war ended

NEW PLAN TODAY

By TREVOR EVANS, Daily Express Industrial Reporter

BRITAIN'S road-rail war is over. It is expected that this afternoon a new agreement, called a masterpiece of compromise, will be approved by both sides.

The four big railway chiefs meet fourteen leaders of the road transport industry at Fielden House, Westminster, S.W., to agree to a joint memorandum for submission to the committee appointed by the Transport Advisory Council to consider the claims of the railways for a square deal.

HOW IT WILL WORK

This afternoon's meeting is probably the most important ever held affecting Britain's internal carrying trade, with its combined capital of nearly £2,000,000,000, employing nearly 1,500,000 men.

Not only is it likely to dispose immediately of the railways' claim for a square deal; it is the first step to the ultimate goal whereby the railways will be guaranteed all long-distance freight traffic, while road companies concentrate on regional systems.

Main proposal of the scheme is that there should be a joint authority for controlling rates by road and rail. This authority might, and probably will, be an enlarged Railway Rates Tribunal, with a road member, and possibly a trade union member, added to the present membership of three. (These three are an independent chairman, a representative of the railways, and a member nominated by trading interests.)

Here is a hypothetical example of how the proposed machinery is expected to operate.

The railways, say, charge 40s. to carry a certain load from London to Birmingham. Most road operators charge 38s. for a similar load. Mr. X, an independent haulage contractor, charges 35s.

A consultative committee set up by the road and rail people agree this

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LONDON FIRE CASE SENSATION

Daily Express Staff Reporter SENSATIONAL issues will be raised in an action arising out of a fire at

Hammersmith, which will be heard in the High Court today.

Mr. Henry Welch, of the General Motor and Tyre Company, Hammersmith, is suing Mr. Ernest Blackmore, representative of a group of Lloyd's underwriters.

The defence, instructed by Mr. William Charles Crocker, solicitor, alleges fire-raising.

LATEST CENTRAL 8000

Weather: fair and mild (see page 11)

Man killed in car-bus crash

One man was killed and another man and a woman were critically injured when their car came in collision with a bus on the Staples road at the junction of Barrack-road, Hounslow, Middlesex, at midnight.

The car was cut in two. One passenger in the bus was also injured and treated in hospital.

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