

CONFERENCES UNDER WAY

There is reason to believe in London that conferences for the final settlement of this decisive strategy already had been arranged—or are even partly under way.

This belief is bolstered by President Roosevelt's announcement that he is sending Joseph E. Davies, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, to Moscow with a message for Premier Stalin.

A synthesis of European news reports, published and unpublished, presents a prospect of widespread and intense military activity to follow closely upon these conferences. Potential invasion spearheads are aimed at the Axis from a dozen different quarters in bewildering profusion.

The final capture of the Tunisian tip and the establishment of our domination over the Sicilian Straits would open the Mediterranean fully to supplies for both Russia and invading British-French-American forces.

MILLION MEN READY

The presence of perhaps 1,000,000 or more Allied soldiers in six armies, all the way from Cyprus through the Middle East and around the North African shore to Morocco, opens the possibility of a general northward sweep across the Mediterranean.

Persistent Paris radio reports of

THE ITALIANS, MOST OF ALL, EXPECT THE NEXT ORDEAL TO BE THEIRS.

Looking up and down this Summer battlefield, some London observers anticipate a sea and airborne invasion of the Aegean Islands and Crete, Sicily and Sardinia, to clear the path for the invasion. Wherever an assault takes hold, they believe it will be prosecuted with full vigor.

Farther north and west, a large body of hard, finely trained and superbly equipped troops—especially the Canadian assault forces—still stand poised on the British Isles. Behind them in America, a second wave of fresh, new American troops, outfitted with the latest weapons in the arsenal of democracy, is gathering.

THE WEAKEST COAST

Outwardly, the weakest coast in the path of this mighty force is that of Norway, whose patriots never have stopped harassing the Germans.

Next door, Sweden is beginning to develop doubt about her policy of concessions which help the Germans maintain from eight to 10 defense and occupation divisions in Norway.

The German naval invasion of Swedish waters and the heaviest R.A.F. mining of the war in the Baltic seem to point to unusual activity.

The potentialities of France and the low countries as invasion points have been mentioned often.

German and Russian forces meanwhile are sparring for the advantage in opening the Summer offensive. The impression persists in some quarters in London that the Russians will attempt their first Summer offensive simultaneously with a British-American attack.

THE RUSSIAN SCENE

In fact, the Russians already are engaged in a limited offensive in the Kuban area, to eliminate one German springboard for a new Summer advance.

Finland's willingness to participate in another Axis offensive in the north long has been in the balance.

But whichever strikes first—Russia or Germany—the fact apparently remains that the Germans with their offensive power waning will be unable to disengage themselves from Russia in time to meet the Allied invasion in full force.

Premier Stalin's May Day declaration for unconditional surrender, and the suggestion of complete satisfaction with Allied plans implied a willingness to stick it out no matter with what strength the Germans attack.

GAS THREAT NO WORRY

Prime Minister Churchill's warning to the Germans against the use of gas has since been underscored by unofficial reports of German preparations, suggesting that Hitler is contemplating this method of warfare as a last desperate measure to terrorize his enemies—a measure which left them unmoved because of their undoubted mastery of the air.

That fact to many military observers overrides all other considerations, including the still unquenched U-boat threat.

The way in which Allied forces swept the Luftwaffe out of the Tunisian skies and the Axis soldiers out of Tunis and Bizerte is regarded as the happiest augury of Summer success.

From North Africa and Britain, this air offensive will be turned stronger than ever on Europe—against railroads, factories, U-boat bases, troop concentrations, ports and defense works.

When the assault starts, there is no doubt that Britain will go hungrier than ever, as cargoes are converted from butter to guns—both land is generous in the Summer, and housewives as well as military observers hope the invasion will hit the U-boat nests first.

Begonia Society

Meeting Scheduled

Colored motion pictures of begonias and other plants will feature the monthly meeting of the East Bay Branch of the American Begonia Society, scheduled for 7:45 p.m. tomorrow in the P.T.A. room of the Washington School, 61st and Shattuck Avenue. An open forum and plant ex-



Map above shows possible routes for European invasion, the subject of conjecture everywhere today. Black broken arrows are those discussed in unofficial British circles. White arrow shows possibility which rearmend Turkey, neutral whom Britain hopes may swing to Allies. Black areas, neutral; shaded, Axis-controlled; white, United Nations.—A.P. photo.

Japs Intern 2500

Allied Nationals

CHUNGKING, May 8.—(AP)—Trustworthy information received here today said that all except eight persons out of 2,500 Allied nationals in the Peiping-Tientsin area, now are installed in a so-called segregation sector at Weichien.

The internees are reported to be

Shantung University, warehouses belonging to the British American Tobacco Company, and barracks built by the Japanese.

Allowed to bring farm tools, they are raising vegetables in a 12-acre tract adjoining the camp, it was said.

Included among the internees are 450 American, Belgian and Dutch Catholic priests, and 150 Catholic nuns.

Escaped Convict

Taken as Robber

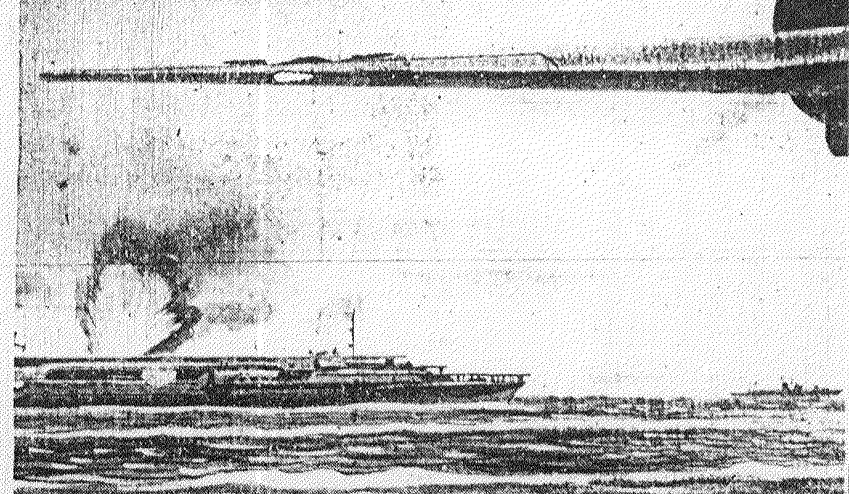
MACON, Ga., May 8.—(AP)—Leland Harvey, notorious Georgia desperado who led a break of 25 convicts from the Tatum State prison on April 16, tonight was recaptured here for the second time, as he left a grocery super market which he had robbed of \$345.

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"Jap carrier and escort dead ahead." The torpedo plane squadron wheels to deep right... splits into two groups to form a roaring right angle.

The Jap flat top dodges like a sluggish snake. Her guns and those of her accompanying vessels rip the bright sky to shreds.

Level and low, the Americans bore in. The carrier is bracketed. There is no escape now in all that broad sea.

"Torpedo bays open!"

"Trip 'em!"

Deliberate as death, the aircraft torpedoes seem to float down, white exhaust plumes from their turbines sharp against the blue.

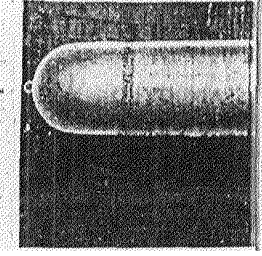
They're in and under now. The mechanical wizardry of their construction rights them, drives them forward at incredible speed, straight and true, the deadliest contrivances of war known to man.

Turn! Scurry! It's no go, Tojo! Just decide on which side you want 'em.

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