# MANY KILLED IN MASS Heavy Fighting AIRATTACKON BELFAST In Greece

# German Raiders Cause Havoc DISTRESSING SCENES IN HARD-HIT CITY Refugees Pour South

NANY people were killed and great damage was done to property in Belfast when large formations of German bombers made the city their principal target in widespread and prolonged raids on various parts of Northern Ireland on Tuesday night and yesterday morning.

Industrial premises and residential and shopping areas in Belfast were severely damaged, and it is reported that the mass attack caused a heavy death roll. Many fires were started as high explosives and fire bombs rained down on the city for several hours.

The Corman News Agency claimed last night that hundreds of bombers took part in the attack, the effects of which could be compared to the heaviest hitherto inflicted on British armament centres and ports. A communique issued in Belfast described the attacks as "vicious and indiscriminate."

WORKING CLASS AREAS IN BELFAST SUFFERED SEVERELY AND MANY PEOPLE WERE KILLED. A HOSPITAL, A LIBRARY, AND A CINEMA WERE AMONG BUILDINGS: DAMAGED. LATE LAST NIGHT RESCUE WORKERS WERE STILL BUSY SEARCHING AMONG THE DEBRIS FOR VICTIMS.

Distressing scenes were witnessed in the city yesterday, as weeping women, children, and old people crowded the streets, all seeking areas of safety. Many carried packs, parcels, and bundles of clothes.

A large number of refugees arrived in Dublin from Belfast and other affected areas in the North. Red Cross workers worked all through last night catering for those arriving. Many people also travelled to other parts of Eire.

Most of the arrivals were women and children, naggard after a night of terror.

The Official

Communique

THE following joint com-

L munique was issued by

the Ministry of Public Secu-

rity and H.Q., R.A.F., Northern

Ireland, yesterday:-" Belfast

bore the brunt of the indis-

criminate enemy air attacks

carried out against Northern

Ireland last night. Shortly

after the alert had been

sounded, high explosives and

Incendiary bombs were

dropped at random over the

"A considerable number fell

in residential and shopping

areas, causing numerous casu-

alties, many of which it is

feared are latal. Other bombs

caused damage to industrial

and commercial premises.

spondingly smaller scale."

"trish Independent" Special

Representative.

Belfast, Wednesday.

S dawn broke over the city A this morning a pall of black smoke hung over the plackened ruins of industrial buildings, shops and dwellinghouses which had suffered in the attack from wave after wave of raiders.

The attack lasted several hours and the raiders were. met by night fighters and terrific A.A barrage.

Hundreds were homeless. their houses shattered in the rain of high explosive and incendiary bombs showered at random over the city. Many of them had sought refuge with friends during the night or had gone to public shelters.

When one wing of a hospital was hit and an adjoining nurses' home damaged, doctors and nurses carried on with the evacuation of patients, and treated the injured as more

bombs fell. A cinema and a library were hit, and industrial and commercial premises damaged.

SCORES OF FLARES The attack developed early in augmented by auxiliary fire fighters. the night and increased in worked feverishly all through the tempo as scores of flares lit up night to bring the fires under conthe sky, turning night into day, trol.

The noise of gunfire and bursting bombs was deafening as AID FROM EIRE Units of fire fighting and ambulplane after plane dived to the ance services from some of the Working class areas suffered towns in the Twenty-Six Counties severely. One district on the out-assisted in putting out fires resultskirts of the city was raked with ing from the raids. Along one main thoroughfare

feared to be heavy. Rescue rubble. The road was deserted, all another Irish Independent representation of racing.

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deoris were plied up everywhere, such all three were sunk." colonels, 51 officers and 6,000 Ser- fit shop fronts were shattered, the ally a body was discovered in the ing for trains to evacuate them to stocks of raw materials and manu- Dr. Sherlock alone that they had stroyers. All three were sunk." colonels, 51 officers and 6,000 Ser- fit goods being scattered over the piles of bricks and collapsed beams places of safety.

#### Account GERMAN communique

German

/ yesterday stated:-" Last night strong German bomber formations attacked the important harbour and the docks at Belfast, in Northern Ireland. The very fast waves of bombers succeeded in obtaining direct hits in the harbour area, and on armament works in the town. Many explosive and incendiary bombs caused extensive fires in the Harland and Wolff yards."

"Many direct hits caused extensive damage and numerous fires among the harbour establishments and the large foodstuffs depots," the German News Agency alleges in connection with the attack. It is claimed that "after the heavy damage caused to all English West Coast ports, Belfast has become the main landing port for British food

Several hundred bombers took part in the raid, the Agency added. A substantial number of high-explosive bombs and tens of thousands of incendiaries were dropped. it is stated.

"This mass attack on Belfast may be compared in its effects to the heaviest attack which has hitherto been inflicted on British armaments centres and ports." the Agency declares.-Reuter and Press Association.

the victims of the raid, when the car he was driving received the ful force of the blast of a high explosive bomb. Another fireman was injured.

Dancers in a big city dance hall were unable to get to their homes and remained in the hall during the height of the raid. Some were injured by flying glass when a bomb burst in front of the hall.

It was earlier reported that Mrs. MacSorley, wife of Dr. F. MacSorlley, 217 Antrim Road, Belfast, had been killed, but it has now been confirmed that she was rescued

Mrs. MacSorley said that when the alert went she, with her maid. dashed down to the diningroom and sheltered under the diningroom

"There was a sudden crash," she said. "and the whole building seemed to come round us."

Mrs. MacSorley had been buried for some hours before being rescued

from the debris. FOOD SUPPLIES

Special precautions were taken in Belfast against the possibilities of looting. In all areas armed mili tary took up duty, while the duties of pointsmen were transferred from the police to the military.

Portion of one city flax spinning mill was cut in half. The position of food supplies caused considerable difficulty. many grocers were uncertain as to whether they should carry on busiof the Belfast Food Office has, how-

"In other areas in Northern effect that grocers should keep open Ireland the intensity of the under all circumstances. attack was not so severe, and PENSIONS SCHEME. the casualties were on a corre-The following announcement was made by the Chief Regional Officer A tribute was paid to the of the British Ministry of Pensions: work of the various units of the Civil Delence Service. by enemy action may be entitled to

"Persons who have been injured special injury allowances if they are sions. An office of the Department has been established in Belfast."

# OF RAID

areas were rendered unimabit-homes and ran into the street shel-faces told of the terrible ordeal as directed by the Minister. firemen, Many lives were saved because (Continued on Page 6.)



A Department of Agriculture official spraying disinfectant on a lorry arriving at the Mullingar Bull Sale yesterday.

## HEAVY RAID LONDON

say the Press Association.

They were met by the heaviest GERMAN CLAIM, A.A. barrage of the year. The sky was brilliantly lit by flares, large German Air Force to-night, in waves and important barbarrage of which also lit up the German Air Force to-night, in waves and important barbarrage of the bad been learned states. streets in one area. Many planes attacked harbour works and impor- Earlier it had been learned, states swept the sky, groping for raiders the Official German News Agency man position in the Capuzzo area, which were put out before any late last night. damage was done.

INCESSANT BARRAGE. action to engage the raiders.

throb of low-flying 'planes and fires started." the crash of guns were almost incessant. Raiders came in, circled, and dropped their bombs and went off, others taking their place. Four persons were believed killed in one area and 16 others were dragged from the debris by rescue remove concrete slabs.

LONDON MOBILISED. More and more bombers came spurts of flame shot up, as if a ningham, British G.O.C. in East

TATAVES of German 'planes' Seen from the roof of a high city VV droned their way over Lon- building, the whole of London andon from all directions last night a Press Association reporter. Gunas the sound of the sirens died fire, at times reminiscent of the away, breaking a five night's hill, worst night of last September, shot (sparkling stars in the sky.

German troop and motor concen were heard flying much lower than tant war objectives in the Thames the in previous raids. Searchlights Estuary," said a statement issued by

"The first bomber crews were able to obtain excellent results in good R.A.F. night fighters swept into raiding weather and visibility. Great, bour area on both sides of the The raid went on for hours. The Thames, and a number of large

#### BOULOGNE ATTACKED

A formation of British aircraft In addition to General Santini, a attacked Boulogne with heavy brigade commander, 40 officers, 200 squads using a mobile crane to bombs, the rumble of the explosions shaking buildings on the Kent coast. few days." Heavy bombs were dropped, and A fierce fire broke out on the one watcher said: "I think it is the French cliffs east of the Cap Gris heaviest raid we have had in this Nez long-range gun emplacements.

An A.F.S. volunteer was one of ped beneath the wreckage of a French coastline between Dunkirk the appearance application. The arrival of Athens Radio last night. house. Damage from blast was and Boulogne, and the R.A.F. considerable in several districts. | bombers dropped many flares.

### Hungary's Premier



Dr. Laszlo de Bardossy, the new Hungarian Premier, successor to the late Count Teleki.

#### BASES IN EIRE NO PRESSURE FROM UNITED STATES

Government has no intention of efforts to cope with the scourge, to asking Eire to grant naval bases to have some regard for the big and Britain. Contrary to various varied interests involved in the rumours, he said, there had been horse-breeding industry. no discussion, much less negotiation, on the question with Eire officials here.-Press Association.

### COCOA TO BE RATIONED

injuries. Such persons, or their re- made an Order prohibiting a re- experts, they withdrew the tax presentatives, should make applica- tailer from supplying cocoa on and These points applied equally in the stated:—
tion at the Office of the Assistance after Saturday to any person who present situation. Racing was "the Board. Wives and dependent relatis not a householder registered at tives of persons who have lost their his shop for the purchase of tea. lives may lodge applications for The Order also prohibits the supplypensions with the Ministry of Pen- ing of more than a quarter of a TURF CLUB VIEW bound per week to a registered householder, who is precluded from In no single case could the exten purchasing elsewhere than at the sion of foot-and-mouth disease b shop from which he obtains his tea of the purchase by each householder any portion of the country. Available supplies will not permit of a quarter of a pound per week. The Order restricts deliveries no race meeting was stopped. War has come to-day with all its which a wholesaler may make to a retailer in any month commencing

This morning there were large workers with blackened faces just crossed the border when I was the city, and broken glass and unreaced men way in sing out of the convoy escort consisted of ment.

The con its wake. There I saw people wait- furnish to the Minister returns of racing." It was due to the efforts of of 1,628 tons and two smaller de- has captured two generals, three During the worst period of the Clinging to bundles—in many cases raw materials for the manufacture Many houses in residential attack many people abandoned their the whole family belongings—their of either cocoa or chocolate, except areas were rendered uninhabit—attack many people abandoned their the whole family belongings—their of either cocoa or chocolate, except areas were rendered uninhabit—attack many people abandoned their the whole family belongings—their of either cocoa or chocolate, except

### WANT RACES RESUMED Dublin Demand The Italian communique stated:-

DEPRESENTATIVES of racing where the enemy is hercely defend-Gresham Hotel, Dublin, ap-in the neighbourhood of Sollum. pointed a Committee to approach Our Air Force, with the German Air the Stewards of the Turf Club locality and ships in the harbour. and the I.N.H.S. Committee with Five Hurricane 'planes were shot a view to sending a joint depu-down in air combat, and two Italian tation to the Government to urge an immediate resumption of racing.

Senator J. J. Parkinson, in a pro-ports the Associated Press, that the posal, which was adopted, said the Egyptian Government had decided deputation should point out that that "should the German and ciation; the important horse breeding in-lyance in Africa no active step dustry was dependent on racing, would be taken by the Egyptian Army to support the British forces." without which the export trade. normally exceeding £1,000,000 a year, must cease, and that hardship. distress and unemployment was Convoy and caused to thousands whose livelihood depended on racing. Mr. Frank Rogers and Col. A. J.

Blake supported the proposal. CASE FOR RESUMPTION Dr. Lorcan Sherlock who presided, said they were at one with the authorities in doing everything Washington, Wednesday. - Mr. legitimate and reasonable to blot Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of out foot-and-mouth disease. He ap-State, indicated to-day that the U.S. pealed to the Government, in their

Ten years ago, when on a deputation connected with the tax on tracecourse wagering, he had pressed on the then Minister for Agriculto be maintained and developed it mitted the strength of these claims the commanding officer, were Press Association. unable to work by reason of the The Minister for Supplies has because, acting on the advice of rescued.

Grafton Street shop" of the horse-

attributed to any racing fixture i. 11912 when there was a serious outbreak-not so bad as the present-The Stewards of the Turl Club which blew up with a terrific ex- it continues:

Myerscough. H. O'Leary, V.S.; R. majority of the ship's company, in- were insufficient conveyances for defence of Eastern Macedonia, & More O'Ferrall, H. Ussher, and J. cluding the commanding officer, them.

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in the Sollum area were re-

ported in yesterday's British

The R.A.F. communique said that

British forces in Libya had success-

don admitted that the situation

in Libya was serious, but that

broadly speaking, it was con-

diate threat to Egypt.

sidered that there was no imme-

Dealing with Abyssinia, the Cairo

G.H.Q. communique stated that

spite of extensive damage to the

main Italian road, British columns

advancing from the North and

South towards Dessie were making

steady progress. "Further South,

it stated. " our pursuit is continuing

Italians, and 1,600 Colonial troops

have been captured within the last

ENVOY FROM DUKE

AXIS COMMUNIQUES

ships, was repulsed."

'planes failed to return.'

ROME STATEMENT

Rome Radio yesterday stated, re-

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CTRONG German attacks on the Allied lines, Which run from Mount Olympus to Koritza, were reported yesterday. Berlin claims that gaps were forced in the front " for the advance of the main force," were denied in London and Athens.

"There is no confirmation from the Greek or British Commands in Greece of the rumour, derived from German sources, that the Allied line has been broken in the Mount Olympus sector, and that the Plain of Larissa has, in consequence, been laid open to the German advance," said a British War Office statement. "Heavy fighting is, however, taking place in more than one sector of the Allied line."

The British communique said that their troops "are now in contact with the enemy along the whole of our front." Well-informed quarters in Cairo last night described the operations as mainly a "feeling forward" by the Germans. They said the Germans were endeavouring to ascertain the disposition of the British forces.

### Yugoslav Resistance Crushed

A German High Command announcement last night claimed that the Yugoslav Second Army had capitulated at Sarajevo and laid down its arms.

Latest news received in London from Yugoslavia indicates that the position there is bad, says the Press Association. There is no confirmation of rumours that the Yugoslavs have sought an armistice, but it is known that unified control over the different Yugoslav armies no longer remains. There is little doubt, however, that small units will continue to resist in the mountains.

The Germans announce the capture of Sarajevo, historic Bosnian capital, where the murder of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, on June 28, 1914, led to the outbreak of the Great War. Italian claims included the occupation of Split, the Yugoslav Adriatic naval base, and the continued advance of their troops on the Greek front, following the occupation of Erzek, 80 miles southwest of Monastir.

### ATTACK ON GREEKS

The battle in Western Mace- ciation.

interest. Military circles are reticent donla, which began on Monday, regarding the exact nature of his is in full progress. The Germans attempted to make further progress and brought very con-Yesterday's German communique siderable forces into play, supported by the German Air Force. stated:-"In North Africa an attack by British armoured units in forces in taking up their new posi- not confirmed in political circles the Sollum area, supported by war-

the announcer added, quoting a spokesman to-day. Greek Press Ministry bulletin. The British and Imperial forces entered a stage where an armistice "We have laid siege to Tobruk.

"In spite of their tremendous been able at any point to pierce learned in Berlin that the ex-Prime the bulletin adds. "While the situation on the Association.

northern Greek front is still serilous, there are good grounds for hope. On the Albanian front the Italian attacks, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."-Press Asso-

Berlin, Wednesday .- "The Gerof Bulgaria through Serbia, has at Veles. come in contact with British troops | When the 'planes arrived over the on Greek territory," says a German target searchlights stabbed the sky News Agency despatch.

"Although the British had taken sky. Not one of the bombers was up strongly fortified positions at hit, although each in turn dived strategic points, the German in through the barrage to dump its fantry succeeded in driving the load of bombs. British out of their positions without the aid of tanks or 'planes. "Supported only by a force of the German storm artillery, German) attacking troops thrust their way into the enemy's front line and THE sinking of an entire opened gaps for the advance of the

convoy bound from Sicily main force. "After hard fighting the enemy was driven from his positions, and News Agency claimed to-night that to Tripoli and three escortthe passage forced for the German Allied columns and troop concening destroyers was antroops through a narrow road. nounced in a communique issued last night by the Hundreds of prisoners, including

pioneers from the Midlands, Aus-lissa, and Trikala (Thessaly) and British destroyer, tralians, and many members of the Grevena (Western Macedonia). portant industry and that if it were Mohawk, the communique added, New Zealand Division were cap. Press Association. was torpedoed and sunk, but the tured. Considerable booty, arms YUGOSLAV ARMY continued. The Government ad-majority of the crew, including and ammunition, was also taken."

#### The Admiralty communique SLAV PRISONERS Berlin, Wednesday.-The German "British Naval forces on Tuesday night intercepted and annihilated News Agency claims to-night that

"The convoy consisted of five taken prisoner by the Germans "Eighteen thousand Serbian are particularly adept, writes the supply ships escorted by three annihilated. "Two of the supply ships were soldiers, 30 guns, 25 trench mortars. Press Association Diplomatic Correvessels of about 5.000 tons heavily and other vast quantities of war spondent. laden with motor transport. These material fell into the hands of one were sunk. Another was an am-division as a result of the powerful the probable course of events, and munition ship of about 4,000 tons, blows dealt by the German Army, sent Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary...

During the operation, the com- bian soldiers during the last few concerted action had passed. in- munique concluded, H.M.S Mohawk hours, had temporarily to halt its cluded: Dr. Sherlock, Senator Par- (Commander, W. M. Eaton, R.N.) advance as the roads were choked slavia took place Greece transferred kinson, Messrs, C. A. Rogers, F. S. was hit by torpedoes and sank. The with masses of prisoners, and there her divisions from the West to the

An envoy from the Duke of Aosta. THE Greek Army, which has are increasing hourly. Seventy-There was a vivid glow in the Viceroy of Abyssinia, has arrived at L borne the brunt of a fresh five aircraft, 45 guns, 30 trench sky and from time to time great the headquarters of General Cum- German attack in Western mortars, 50 machine guns, and Macedonia, has inflicted serious thousands of rifles, fell into the people took shelter under the stairs over as the raid went on. A num-or under heavy tables.

Nacedonia, nas inflicted serious hands of a German Army division dump were exploding. Africa, it was stated in well-in-losses on the Germans, said during final battles with remnants

#### NO ARMISTICE IN YUGOSLAVIA Berlin, Wednesday .- "Rumours cur-

"All the ordered movements of our cessation of hostilities in Serbia are tions were effected without loss," here," said a German Foreign Office "Military events in Serbia have

succeeded in repulsing German is out of the question, as the Sering himself. supported by the mechanised columns at many points. blan Army as such is completely "With regard to the fate of the efforts, the Germans have not yet former Yugoslav Ministers, it was

the new Greek line of resistance," Minister Tsvetkovitch had been liberated by a leading German quarter and was in safety."-Press

#### "KEY" BRIDGE DEMOLISHED

Athens, Wednesday.-The German Army is held up in the centre of Southern Serbia as the result of the successful bombing by the man Army advancing from the west tion bridge across the Vardar River

and German anti-aircraft batteries hurled tons of explosives into the The bridge was demolished, and the German forces, which had been pouring across it, are now held up.

#### -Press Association.

Berlin, Wednesday,-The German trations were destroyed vesterday in Greece, in the area embraced by Servia (Western Macedonia), Lar-

## SPLIT UP

There is little doubt that small south-bound enemy convoy be-eight Yugoslav generals, many units of the Yugoslav armies, separofficers and 50,000 troops were ated one from another by the swiftness of the German advance, will continue to fight, adopting a type of

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