TUESDAY APRIL 27 1943

Moon rises 3.40 a.m. sets 12.48 p.m.

given in a note handed by

M. Molotov, Commissar for

Foreign Affairs, to M.

Tadeusz Romer, Polish Am-

This note, which was

Mr. Ambassador,-On behalf

of the Government of the U.S.S.R. I have the honour to inform the Polish Government

The attitude of the Polish Government to the U.S.S.R. recently is considered by the Soviet Government as entirely

abnormal, and as breaking all

rules and usages normal to the

mutual relations between two

'HITLER COMEDY'

The libellous and hostile cam-

paign begun by the German

Pascists against the U.S.S.R. on

the question of the Polish officers killed by the Germans in the

occupled by German troops, was

immediately taken up by the

Polish Government, and stirred

up in every possible way by the Polish official Press.

only took no steps to contradict

the Fascist slander, but did not

even deem it necessary to approach the Soviet Government

with any questions on the matter, or to ask for any expla-

The Hitlerite authorities, hav-

ing committed this monstrous

crime against the Polish officers.

are now carrying out a comedy

of investigations in which they

are using Polish pro-Fascist ele-ments picked up by them on occupied Polish territory, where

everybody is under Hitler's heel

and where no honest Pole can express his opinion.

'TERROR REIGN'

was asked to carry out an investi-

gation by the Polish Government

and by the Hitlerite Government.

The International Red Cross is

compelled to take part in this

investigation comedy in a locality

tion of the civil population by Hitler, while Hitler himself is

It is clear that such an inves-

tigation, which is being carried out behind the back of the Soviet

Government, cannot produce any

confidence in the mind of any

The fact that the hostlie cam-

paign against the Soviet Union was begun in the German and the Polish Press at the same time

and is being carried out on the

same plan leaves no doubt that

there exists a contact between

Hitler, the enemy of the Allies,

and the Polish Government, as

honest person.

the producer of this comedy.

The International Red Cross

The Polish Government not

non, on territor

actually handed over on

bassador in Moscow.

Sunday, said :--

as follows :-

Allied countries.

1 O'CLOCK NEWS: 'Arnim's line has reached snapping point'

Black-out 9.45 p.m. to 6.10 a.m.

ALEXANDER IS CLOSING ON PONT DU FAHS

German flanks forced Sicilian airport is pulped by bombs to withdraw

BRITISH and French troops are closing on Pont du Fahs. First Army infantry are 12 miles to the west. The French are three miles to the south. Our tanks are battering forward to cut the road to Tunis and encircle the enemy garrison.

At one o'clock this morning came these dramatic messages :-

1 Algiers Radio reported that the German defence line has been turned and that the German armoured units are gravely threatened.

Reuter said that Armim has been forced to shorten his lines in the Pont du Fahs area, that fighting has reached a grim stage, and that the whole disposition of the Axis armies is reaching snapping point.

On the southern and central sectors the German lines have been broken into jagged salients as advances by Allied troops are being consolidated by our infantry and armour.

The British armour, striking across country above the Kourzia salt marsh (Sugar Lake), north-west of Pont du Fahs, is only eight or ten miles from the Tunis highway, the lifeline of the Germans on the south-

central front. Below the lake powerful forces of British infantry have been thrown in. It was these troops who, smashing through enemy positions, seized Marrour Hill, east of Bou Arada, and came within 12 miles of Pont du Fahs.

HEAVY LOSSES

The British threw back a strong counter-attack. Then our tanks came up, clashed with Arnim's panzers, and inflicted heavy losses on them.

In all the battles, it is estimated, the Germans have lost 70 tanks.

General Giraud's men, said the French communiqué, continued their pursuit of the Germans from Mount Mansour, occupied Mount Jerij, came down on to the Pont du Fahs plain, and reached the point three miles from the town.

Near Medjez el Bab General Anderson's troops have captured several more hill fortresses. They are 10 miles from Tebourba. Along the northern coast the French have advanced 20 miles east of Cap Serrat, and stand now only 20 miles from Bizerta.

DRIVING ON

The Eighth Army is still forcing its way into Arnim's coastal strongholds. Latest hill to fall is Terhouna, a few miles north-west of Enfidaville.

Express Military Reporter Morley Richards comments:-Only tanks can prvent the Allies from pushing through to the Tunis plain and we are steadily destroying the Axis armour, although at some cost. The holes punched into the German defences by Alexander have compelled Arnim to reduce his line by 30 miles

VERGE OF

VICTORY'

baitle 36 hours ago :-

of a resounding victory.

Buear Lake.

working order.

the town .- Reuter.

at least 20.

function fire miles east of the tree

LOST 20 MORE

gunners are doing deadly work.

great dash and determination.

Foch's grandson

with General de Gaulle.

Early loday this despatch



'TANKS ON Scraping them off the mountain sides

Even the tanks go up

reached London, giving the From JOHN REDFERN: Allied H.Q., Monday picture of the Tunisia tank

DRENCHMEN, Americans, Britons, and Dominion WITH THE FIRST ARMY, Suntroops-they are all in it now, fighting with one purday Night .- The Germans, who are estimated to have started pose, to scrape the enemy off his mountain perimeter. African campaign, the tank battle at the southern They are doing it splendidly.

savage fire. Confident British tank crews Along the whole front our troops feel that they are on the verge have made some advance. Not

The battle, one of the biggest of ing miles on the map. the campaign, is taking place be-

enclosed village of Goubellat, and advance of many miles, For weeks the German soldiers There have been repeated flerce have prepared their concrete nests BACK PAGE, COL. SIX

Longstop Hill has gone now, that

stained poppy fields from the plains.



since Jan. 1-66,000

ALLIED H.Q., Monday:-It was officially announced tonight that Rommel and von Arnim have lost 66,000 men killed, wounded, or taken prisoner in North Africa between January 1 and April 15 Of the total 36,000 are In the same period the enemy

lost 250 tanks captured or destroyed, 3.000 vehicles, 425 guns and considerably more than 1,000 planes. Land-based planes sank 34 ships (including 11 submarines), severely damaged 53, and damaged 55

These figures do not include osses caused by the Navy and naval air arm. On January 1 the Eighth Army was entering Tripolitania. Tripoli tell on January 23. By April 15 Montgomery, after taking Wadi Akarit, was mass-ing before Enfidaville.

Refugees for Ethiopia?

BERMUDA, Monday.-A tentative greement has been reached by the Anglo-American delegates conferring in Bermuda about refugees.
Refugees from Europe will be settled—for the time being—in French North Africa, in Cyrenaica from Bolshevism.
(Libya), and in Ethiopia's Diredawa region (south of French Somaliland).—A.P.

His further object more difficult to

Last Duke of Connaught



Dies in Ottawa THE Duke of Connaught, the

at Government House, Ottawa.

Where he had been staying for six months with the Earl of Athlone, Governor-General of Control of Cont Canada, and Princess Alice.

In the announcement of his The Polish suggestion of a Red

Tunisia has reached a degree of the Scots Oreys in Egypt.
bitterness so far not experienced. He had been in poor health for

Not only is the enemy unfolding all his numerical and
material superiority, he is throwing his divisions and regiments
into the Area with a cuthorness viving son, in January last year into the fire with a ruthlessness viving son, in January last year. recelling the waste of man power dukedom, which now becomes Hobert Brosse, who declared that by the Soviets.

He was the second to note the Hobert Brosse, who declared that extinct. The title was never held the Russians had planted the area The German and Italian troops by his father, Prince Arthur of with pine trees to cover up all

> in Palestine. And when his streets all over Poland to broadcast grandfather, the first duke, died the news. Polish newspapers. he was in hospital in Cairo.

privately in Ottawa. Ranger is

Axis forces are being levered from the British have it.

This hill-snatching is being done to see President Roosevelt, and will torpedoes in the Atlantic," an Just now the capture of ope with great spirit by the troops, who hill may be as important as an weave their way through the red-Ranger nor any other American aircraft-carrier has been sunk or And the U.S. carrier Intrepid A.B.C., one provincial Swedian damaged in any ocean."

loday.- Express News Service.

envoy from F.D.R. in the Nazi-controlled Polish Press.

3 OFF 1,000 been visiting the Soviet zone in tarianism, say to this?"

MALTA, Monday.—Malta fighters Brig. General Hurley, President a being conducted a gesterday. Fighter-bombers hit a factory and power-bound of the Middle East.—Reuter.

Planes over Sweden Five foreign planes flew over Swedish territory north of Clothen-

'We wait, we wait'

The banned flag

The green-white-orange flag of

Russia breaks off relations with Poland

'MASSACRE' STORY QUARREL

Express Radio Station

DUSSIA has decided to break off relations with the Polish Government in Britain, Moscow radio announced last night. This follows a Polish request to the Red Cross to investigate German allegations that 10,000 Polish soldiers were massacred by the Russians in the forest of Katin, near Smolensk. The Soviet's decision was

GOEBBELS' **PLOT** SUCCEEDS

Publicity circus in burial ground

Express Foreign Editor CHARLES FOLEY

WITH the severance of Polish - Soviet relations Goebbeis has won the first objective in a minutely planned campaign to cause dissension among the Allies and to present Germany anew as Europe's saviour

His further objectives will be more difficult to attain, but already all the resources of Nazi propaganda have been turned on occupied and neutral coun-tries with the object of making them believe Germany's version of the Katin massacre.

The forest of Katin is intended to replace and obliterate the names of Rotterdam and Lidice throughout the civilised world. First report "from German milltary authorities in Smolensk" of the discovery of a mass grave containing 10,000 Polish officers came a fortnight ago. The Ger-mans accused the Russians of the

Denied by Soviet Within 24 hours the story was

being plugged by every Axis radio station, made the subject of a special Wilhelmstrasse Press conference and plastered by order on the front page of every Axis news-Berlin radio . said . that

Soviet took prisoner several thou-sand Poles when the Red Army occupied Eastern Poland in 1939. subjected to a reign of terror, with gallows and mass exterminaand nothing had since bert heard of these soldiers. The Polish Government proposed

I King's 28-year-old bachelor that an International Red Cross cousin, died suddenly yesterday Commission should be appointed to investigate the allegations.

sian retreat of 1941.

death no mention was made of Cross investigation aroused indignation in Moscow. Then the International Red Cross

> All the time these exchanges have been going on the Germans have plugged their story hard.

Black borders

He was the second to hold the made by Transocean's star reporter. trace-but had conveniently left When Prince Arthur dled, the duke was with the Scots Greys.

Loudspeakers were set up in the black-bordered, were filled with decision will probably be made 250,000 lives in executions and mass to-day. The funeral will take place murder, was urred to express her horror of the "Jewish Bolshevik

A group of "European authors"

Weekly lists

fifth of the 25,000-ton Essex class, newspaper and a pro-Nazi paper in doing 35 knots; was launched the Argentine were persuaded to accept the German version at its face value : correspondents of the neutral Press as a whole have refused to commit themselves. The appeal to Anglo-Saxon sentiment, nowever, is alrongly played

which is made to ask; "What will General Connolly, O.C. American clubs, or the American women's A grisly near-Nuremberg circus

is being conducted around the mass burial ground, with newspaper correspondents and photoexperts camped around, with experts conducting public autopales and with Polish commissions and delegations of the "Polish Red Cross" in forced attendance.

Axis accounts differ on the method of execution some saying that every man was shot from behind the head while others

carnival of death.

U.S. to Finns: 'YOUR LAST CHANCE'

Express Staff Reporter

NEW YORK, Monday.-It was reported in Washington tonight that America is giving Finland her last chance to-break away from the Axis and make a separate peace with Russia.

One American diplomat, Mr. McLintock, charge d'affaires, is lingering in Helsinki to await the Finnish decision.

Both the State Department and the Pinnish Legation denied, however, that the Finnish Minister, Procope, has been notified of an American severance of relations, Full story of the U.S.-Finn crisis. -Back Page.

SPANISH ENVOY RETURNS HOME

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Monday .- Chile's Spanish Ambassador, Marquis de Luca de Tena, is returning to Madrid early next month to collaborate with the Government."-Reuter.

SWEDISH SUB. SALVAGE STOPS

Attempts to salvage the Swedish submarine Ulven, which sank ten days ago in Swedish territorial waters with a crew of 34, were abandoned yesterday .-

Mosquitos hit Rhineland

Mosquitos made two bombine raids inside Germany last evening, attacking a railway centre in North-West Germany and penetrating into the Rhineland to bomb another.

A third raid was made on a railway centre near the River Loire, which runs across France, south of Paris. All the planes returned.

Swedes intern 59 Germans

Sweden has interned the crew of 59 from the Norway-bound German steamer Rheinfels, which ran aground and sank near Malmo, southern Sweden .- Swedish radio.

Franco for party

General Franco will be one of 2,000 guests at a ball to be given at Seville on May 1 by the Duke of Alba. Spanish Ambassador to Britain, for the debut of his 17-year-old daughter. - Oerman BACK PAGE, COL. ONE Tradio.

POLISH CABINET TO MEET TODAY

Express Staff Reporter

THE Polish Cabinet in London will meet this morning under the chairmanship of General Sikorski to consider the rupture in relations, which has come as

Polish. The Soviet Government

matter, for we are auxious that "It now seems probable that there shall be no break in the

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT



THIS battered and bombarded ground, pitted and littered, is the Milo airfield in Sicily, one end of the Axis shuttle-service to Africa. Fortresses sprinkled it with H.E., left it pockmarked like a lunar landscape. Of 36 planes on the field 36 were smashed. That day-it was April 5-the Axis lost 153 planes in the air or Belino .- Enlargement of the de'ted section shows 17 aircraft scattered among a rich sowing of craters,

ROWRS ON

ALLIED H.Q., NORTH AFRICA, Monday.-American Bostons dropped 63 tons of fragmentation and demolition bombs on one hill ten miles north-east of Pont du Fahs yesterday. They blasted gunposts and ehicles and started many fires

headquarters buildings. The bombardiers of the squadron vere all British. One of them, Flying Officer, William Parsons, of Bude, Corne, wall, said: "The whole hill was covered by pattern bombing. Dust and smoke rising to 500 feet com-

in German command posts and

The bombing shuttle service in operation against the German mountainside strongpoints was devastating. Twice yesterday afternoon formations of 72 bombers were over the

same target within an hour .--

pletely obscured it."

'Fanatical British fury' It reminds Sertorius

CAPTAIN SERTORIUS. Gerwas found dead and that the cause of his sudden collapse was an one join in the request.

It is understood, however, that he deckined to investigate, as one of the interested parties. Russia, did not join in the request.

of Russia

are opposing the fanatical offensive Connaught, who died in 1938, tury of the British by defensive

The comparatively small theatre of war increases the hardness of the clashes, so that the battle in Tunisia may well be regarded as

end of the Goubellat Plain with between 60 and 70 tanks—a Tunisian battle today you see the large proportion of their total same picture. We are storming have crammed it with mortars and force in Tunisia — are now hills, and fighting our way up reduced to 24, or possibly fewer. The mountains, usually under the mountains are the mountains, usually under chipping through the rim. The chipping through the rim. The

mountain strong points are caving CAPETOWN, Monday. - General Smuts may visit America after the South African election in August.

Five spies 'offer' turned down

RIO DE JANEIRO, Monday.of five Nazi spice detained in Brazil Sees Russians, then in exchange for each Brazilian diplomat formerly in Vichy and now in German hands. The proposal has been turned down. - Express TEHERAN. Monday. - Major- the Anglican bishops, the London News Bervice.

factory and power-house at Maremimi, Bielly. Renter. Omen

Express News Bervice.

Salazar to broadcast duced a marching sone called bayoneta." LISBON. Monday. Dr. Salazar. "Atlantic Wall" one verse begin-Portuguese Prime Minister, will ning "We walt, we wait." broadcast tomorrow. Reuter

Japs may not reply

It is not yet certain if Japan will Eire- illegal in Northern Ireland-reply to the U.S. Note on the execu-tion of Tokyo raiders.—Berlin radio. courthouse at presbane, Ulater. Day on May 2.—Party radio.

much, perhaps, if you start measuring miles on the map. But the whole point of this stage of the battle is that the Axis forces are being levered from Axis forces are bei European quarrels are wiped Government.

Forces in the Persian Gulf, has associations, blown up with humani-

STOCKHOLM, Monday, - "Tunis-burg on Sunday night- A.A. guns grad " is being acrawled nightly on opened fire. Swedian radio. walls and hoardings in Oermany .-

vividly describe how the men were German, radio yesterday intro- killed "with four-edged Soviet So far only 150 bodies have been identified." Weekly lists of maines and details will spin out Goebbels's

What Empire?

a complete surprise to them. An official in close touch with; the Polish Foreign Minister said too late, and that they, having last night:taken up this position and broadcast it to the world, cannot go "There are two points raised in were collected in Berlin and the Soviet Note—the question of rushed by air to the place which, the alleged discoveries of the said the eager German spokes- graves of Polish officers and terri- involves more than 50 per cent, of of Red blood-drenched terrorism." ment on Soviet territory. Polish. The Soviet Government

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