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Warsaw Assaulted

German force pressed onto Warsaw with the capture of Lodz and Radom, then followed this up with an assault upon the Polish Capital.

Combined groups of Panzers and infantry moved into the city from the north, south and west using heavy force destroying civilian buildings without cause. The Polish defenders allowed the Germans to force their entry then cut apart the lead elements often forcing the isolation of armoured groups as the German infantry were forced to extracate themselves to cover.

The Polish defence has resulted in the mobilisation of much of the civil population, the Germans being forced to withdraw and lick their wounds.

Further north the city of Danzig fell to the Germans in a combined armoured, infantry and air attack that cut the long time defenders off from all supplies and support. The city fell mid month, although it is believed that elements of the Polish army may have extracated themselves to Sweden, there to establish some form of resistance.

To the south the Germans have been forced into a continued retreat as the Polish Army continues to drive into Slovakia pushing towards Bratislava

Royal Navy bombs Kriegsmarine Base

Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm struck a heavy toll on the German Navy as they focussed their attention on the sleeping ships of the High Seas Fleet.

British Swordfish torpedo bombers struck at first light on the ships of the German Fleet in northern Germany. FAA reports indicate that at least two cruisers where sunk at anchor, one being the Hipper, the other the Scheer, whilst a large number of other vessels received heavy damage.



A swordfish returns to her carrier.

This news arrived as the Royal Navy confirmed that over 900,000 tons of German shipping had been either sunk or captured this month. This figure matches those issued by the Germans that they have sunk over 600,000 tons of British merchant men.

It has also been reported by both sides that a naval action has occurred in the North Atlantic between cruiser formations, the British claim to be in contact with a German raider, whilst the Germans claim to have sunk British troop transports and escorting cruisers. With the actions in the North Sea has the Royal Navy left the Atlantic too open to attack? With merchant losses growing and troop convoys being attacked the answer can only be yes.

French PM

Prime Minister Daladier of France gave an impassioned speech via radio to the French peoples on the eve of the French assaults.

“I speak to you at this fateful hour as your elected representative to inform you with candor and empathy what has transpired in recent weeks. Our continent, weary of war and all of its ravages, has again seen the fire of battle singe across its terrain. First Austria, then Czechoslovakia were lost to the Boche. Then the Germans, without provocation, invaded our ally, Poland. The Poles are fighting with tenacity and strength, but they are in dire need of help. Help which we have promised them time and again.

It is not enough to declare war on Germany. It is not enough to half-heartedly denounce the Nazi regime. The French army, the strongest and most experienced on the continent, must take punitive action. Such action is being carried out presently. We French have no love for the Boche. Whatever opinions we might have of other world powers, let us not be the first to break a promise to an ally. We owe the world and ourselves that much.

I know that the people of France are tired of war. They think to themselves, “It is a vain thing. Only ruin can come of it.” But, the soldiers of France have no such convictions. It is their full intention to carry the war to German soil. To make their war-weary citizens clamour for peace. There is no plan in the foreseeable future for the levying of troops, nor the increase of taxes. Those who wish to volunteer will, of course, be rewarded for their patriotism. But it will be the French Army, an army of professionals, who shall do the fighting. The citizens of France need not be disrupted from their daily courses.

On the eve of this fateful hour, let us put down our grievances and remember the Tricolour for which we fought so passionately time and again. Let us work for peace to ensure that war never returns to France.

Vive la France.

Japanese Strike

Japan launched two major assaults in China this week, the first was a general drive by the Army south towards the Chinese city of Changsha, losses on both sides are reported as high, with the Chinese losing both ground and elements of their Elite Guards units.

The second was of far greater significance although the forces involved were much fewer. After demands for the port of Hong Kong to be opened to the Japanese Navy and the refusal by the British Governor a force of Japanese Marines supported by Cruisers launched a raid on the harbour early on the 10th.



Japanese Cruisers off Hong Kong

The local garrison, 3 battalions of Infantry, (one Indian and 2 regular British) formed the initial defence lines, but were soundly pushed back from the harbour by the initial phase of the Japanese assault, a counter attack by the 2nd Battalion the Highland Regiment almost broke the Japanese defences at their landing zone, but quick action by the Japanese Cruisers off shore broke up the British attackers.

As the days passed all three British Battalions took heavy losses but were gradually supplemented by local militia and the Hong Kong Police, in all it is believed that by the 12th the Governor had around 3000 fighting men at his disposal, this against an Elite formation of the Japanese Imperial Marines, now supported by Battleships and Cruisers off shore and the airpower of Imperial Carriers. The Japanese have however gradually taken the harbour and most of the city centre, the British still hold onto sections of the city and are now reliant on KMT forces coming to their aid.

Empire Stands Firm

Initial reports that the Dominions would not back London in its war with Japan were quickly put to rest as Canada, New Zealand and Australia announced a joint declaration of war upon Japan on the morning of the 13th, this followed some 7 hours later by the South African declaration of war.

Further support for the British Government was provided by a joint press announcement by all key Indian political parties that the peoples of the Indian Subcontinent should stand united against the evil that has arisen in the east. The statement went on to state that this was not a time for devious or revolutionary actions and that the time had come for Indians to stand united against a common enemy, Japan.

British Government

A shake-up of the British cabinet was compelled this week by Mr Chamberlain who launched the new look government as a government of national unity. With the departure of Lord Halifax, who resigned late last month Anthony Eden has taken on the role of the Foreign Secretary, whilst other key jobs have gone to Labour, Unionist and Liberal MPs.

Lord Halifax openly criticised the Prime Minister's handling of the crisis stating his belief that peace between Britain and Germany could still be obtained if only Mr Chamberlain was willing to talk to Herr Hitler. A vote of confidence has been called in the Prime Minister for November 3rd, whilst a leadership challenge within the Conservative party is also expected.



Mr Chamberlain and other ministers were once again on the road touring the country to great popular excitement, although many of the senior ministers performed limited visits and many were cancelled later in the month.

OUR Honour

The staff and owners of the Dublin Chronicle have faced fierce criticism from a number of international agencies and governments for biased reporting, we apparently support the British, Germans, Russians, Poles, Japanese and Chinese more than the British, Germans, Russians, Poles, Japanese and Chinese.

We find such accusations of great distress. We are not a British Newspaper, or a voice of the Nazi Leadership or a tool of the Emperor, we are a free and independent news agency working within a free and independent neutral nation, reporting the news as we see it. Now leave us alone!!!! Or we'll sue!

Changsha attacked

Japanese forces launched a heavy assault in the direction of the city of Changsha this month. It is believed that even with the weather working against them that they may have advanced to the outskirts of the city, destroying much of the Elite KMT army formations. With the loss of our press offices in Hong Kong, we were unable to find greater detail however.

Chinese communist forces have also been on the move with an assault on rear areas of the KMT supply system and transport networks, it would appear that the KMT may be facing a combined CCP and Japanese offensive.

Romanians Held

The rapid advance of the Romanian Army into Bulgaria has been halted. Bulgarian forces have been pushed back from the Danube but now seem to have dug in ready to strike back at Varna.

The Rumanians have pulled additional forces to the southern Balkans but must be aware that their northern border is now open, at a time when Polish and German forces are advancing on towards the adjoining Polish / Romanian Border and the Russians are massing troops in the Byelorussia and Ukraine.

