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## Eyewitness' Account -

Terrific Destruction Started By Allied Raid On Ploesti Oil Field Continues As Huge Fires Rage On
ISTANBUL, TURKEY-(AP) - Rumanian and German fire
fighting services are battling a great fire which has been
roging in the entire petroleum area near Ploesti, hit Sunday
by American Liberator bombers, according to the first eyeby American Liberator bombers, according
The latest information was that seven United States Lib-
erators participating in the raid were forced down in Turkey, erators participating in the raid were forced down in Turkey,
while an eighth was repported to have crasned in the sea near enough to the Turkish shore?
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he had ever seen anywhere
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A terrific air battle raged during
the attack. Swarms of Rumanian and German trighters were waiting
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tack threw the ground gunners off
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damage because of the widespread damage because of the widespread
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resion's efficiency as an oil pro-
. ducing and refining center proba
had been cut by half at least. Army's Procurement Schedule Far Behind NEW YORK - (P)- Lt. Gen. Bre-
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President Said To Have Listed 7-Point Program
 Press, declared Tuesday Pres-
ident Roosevelt had advanced a seven-point armistice pro-
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The Axis account, without
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LONDON-(AP)-The Netherlands govern-men-in-exire announce hit on a 5,000 -ton Axis supply ship and sur two schooners by gunfire in recent operat: in the Mediterranean.
LONDON-(AP)—A DNB broadcast fro uesday said German U-boats "have resun special machinery necessary being equip ervation.

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