

Russians, British May Battle Nazis In Caucasus Area

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Another Anglo-Russian sensation of the near future is likely to be the creation of a joint fighting front in the Caucasus, or so it seems to me—a move which will be hastened if the Germans continue to advance eastward along the coast of the Black sea.

The Nazi threat is emphasized in the report from Berlin today that the invaders have captured the industrial railway center of Zaporozhe, east of the lower Dnieper river. The significance of this lies in the fact that Hitler's troops should have effected a crossing of this great stream in sufficient force to take a big city.

The establishment of a joint front is logical strategy in view of the allied occupation of Iran (Persia), which gives the British an open road into Russia. That left flank of the Soviet defenses, running through the Caucasus between the Black sea and the Caspian, must be protected at all hazards. The reasons are these:

1. First all, Persia is the key-stone for control of the whole near east and middle east. It would be a disaster for the allies if Hitler got it.

2. The Russians must hold the ports on the east coast of the Black sea unless they are to lose control of that vital water altogether.

3. Since the Caucasus is the gateway into Persia, and thence to the open sea, it's one of Russia's lifelines, and may become the chief route for supplies from America and other sources.

4. The Caucasus also provides a door to Turkey, and it is essential from the allied standpoint that the Turks shouldn't come under Hitler's domination.

5. Quite apart from Persia's oil, the Caucasus has wells which would be worth more to the Nazi chief than gold or principalities at this juncture when there is danger that the wheels of the German war machine may go dry for lack of lubricants.

Moscow Spurs Britain. The sending of such an expeditionary force into the Caucasus may be the first major assistance the British will give the Reds on land. Moscow has been pressing England to create a diversion, other than the bombing of Germany, to relieve the Nazi pressure on the Russian front.

Now the creation of a worthwhile diversion is easier said than done. Most military experts hold that it would be foolhardy for Britain to attempt an invasion of western Europe while the Nazis remain so strong. It would be silly to believe that the astute German high command has overlooked the possibility of such a move and left itself unprotected along the English channel.

A British attempt at a major landing might result in utter catastrophe. Raids of moderate size can be carried out, of course, and ultimately the grand invasion can and will be attempted if Hitler is sufficiently weakened to make the attempt feasible.

Shooting of Laval, Deat Spurs Round-Up in France

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knowledge of Gaullist, was rushed toward trial before one of the special anti-communist courts just set up by the French. Informed circles said the opening of the trial was "a matter of hours."

These said also that it was evident that Colette had been pushed into the attack "by communist-Gaullist (Free French) elements."

It was at a mobilization of this very legion yesterday that Colette, posing as a recruit, shot the pro-Nazi Laval, Marcel Deat, old-time appeaser, and two others.

Colette, meanwhile, frankly told an investigating magistrate this morning that he was a follower of General Charles de Gaulle and that he was very glad he had hit the collaborationist politicians.

When asked why he shot the Frenchmen, Laval and Deat, instead of firing on the high German officers present at yesterday's ceremony here, Colette said: "Why would you want me to fire at a German officer? I have no reason to do that, because they are in France to carry out their duty."

Colette told authorities he had joined the legion of anti-communist volunteers simply to have an opportunity to shoot the collaborationist leaders.

Laval Hit Four Times. Doctors were hopeful they would save the lives of both Laval and Deat.

Laval's condition, while not considered hopeless, was so serious that doctors said it would be several days before they would be able to determine whether he would recover.

He was hit four times. The most serious wounds were in the region of the throat and just above the heart.

Deat's most serious wound was only an inch above his breast. The others were near the throat.

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They were so serious that he has not yet been operated on.

Also hit by bullets were Colonel Durvy, commander of the Versailles barracks, and a man who sought to protect Laval. Neither was seriously wounded.

For weeks Laval has said that "the war will be finished this year with a German victory."

Moreover, his friends in Paris have considered seriously the possibility of his return to power in the Vichy government as the only way France could negotiate a positive arrangement with Germany for collaboration.

Laval has been in French politics since 1914, when he became a socialist deputy. In parliament he specialized in foreign affairs. He was foreign minister in several Briand cabinets, and was prime minister in 1931-32 and again in 1935-36.

He was the most outspoken member of the faction attempting to appease Germany and Italy before the war. Police bodyguards have usually trailed behind him. Always he has seemed to be waiting for another opportunity to set in motion what he called "my plan for France's future."

Monthly \$30 Pensions For Jobless Favored

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for universal coverage and that all groups within the extended coverage start paying taxes Jan. 1, 1943. An immediate investigation was urged to devise a plan to embrace self-employed groups, farmers and farm workers and employees of all government subdivisions—the main classifications not now covered.

The majority report was signed by Senator Downey (D-Calif.) the chairman; Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), Senator LaFollette (Prog-Wis.) and Senator Thomas (R-Iowa).

Senator Green (D-R. I.), in his minority report, said that the proposal would involve the expenditure of \$3,000,000,000 more than the amount now being provided by the federal government. He estimated the present amount at \$220,000,000.

Green also asserted that "the existing emergency calls for extraordinary expenditures for national defense against external aggression," and that the recommendations of the majority for the "huge sums . . . seem unreasonable at the present time."

To Maintain Buying Power.

The majority said: "It should be emphasized that if employment and national income are demoralized by the curtailment of military expenditures, it would be vitally necessary that our consumer purchasing power should be supported by every wise possible means. Therefore the maintenance of at least a minimum of buying power among the age group past 60 would be helpful in checking any trend toward collapsing production after this emergency is over."

Chairman Downey said economists had told him the distribution of \$4,000,000,000 a year would result in increased federal revenues of \$400,000,000 annually.

The majority plan contemplated a population of 15,000,000 persons over 60 in 1945. Eliminating aliens, an estimated 3,000,000 employed beyond the age of 60, and other groups, the committee estimated 10,000,000 would qualify as beneficiaries.

Iran Seeks Armistice To Halt Russ, British

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The speaker said the situation had reached a dramatic point with all French blockade-running launches stopped and their car-

goes dumped overboard or seized. British ships have not left territorial waters of the French east African colony for 10 days, the broadcast said.

It reported that Jibuti, the chief port of French Somaliland and the Gulf of Aden terminus of the railroad to Addis Ababa, has been cut off from Turbia, in the tiny French possession of Sheikh-Said across the gulf on the Arabian shore, and the nearby British-controlled Perim island on which it is dependent for its water supply.

The French Somaliland governor was said to have made another formal protest against the British blockade Monday.

ITALIAN PLANES HIT TWO BRITISH VESSELS

ROME, Aug. 28.—(AP)—Italian torpedo planes have damaged a light cruiser and a 12,000-ton auxiliary cruiser of the British fleet in the Mediterranean, the Italian high command reported today.

An attack on Tobruk with a large formation of Italian and German planes in which defense installation and batteries were hit, and the bombing of British positions at the oasis position of Giarabub also were reported.

The British renewed their attacks on Tripoli and Bengasi.

Blitzkrieg Lunge Now 32 Miles From Leningrad

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rail line connecting Sebastopol with northern supply centers.

It was the first time the Germans have claimed a crossing of the lower reaches of the broad river, on the east bank of which Soviet Marshal Budyenny's forces retreating from the Ukraine have been reported establishing a new defense line.

Such crossing would give the Germans and their Hungarian and Rumanian allies, access to the rich Donets basin, bounded on the east by the Don river.

Prisoner Take Enormous. The information came as DNB said that on the southern front masses of Russian infantry attempted to cross back to the west bank of the lower Dnieper river and were chopped down by German artillery on shore.

DNB also said Russians on the lower Dnieper tried to shell German positions on the west bank from river boats but that artillery fire drove them off and set one of their tugboats and a monitor on fire.

The Germans said Nazi forces pursuing retreating Russians east of Gomel, on the central front, had captured 2,200,000 prisoners as two mechanized divisions ripped deep into red columns.

A bulletin from the fuhrer's headquarters said two red army mechanized divisions had been

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Roseburg Band Dated for Concert At Sutherlin Fair

The Roseburg Municipal band will play a special concert Friday night at Sutherlin in connection with the Community fair. The band concert has been an annual event at the fair for several years as a tribute to the several musicians from Sutherlin, who play regularly with the Roseburg band. The fair at Sutherlin will be a two-day event, Friday and Saturday.

The program for the concert, starting at 8 o'clock, was announced today by J. D. "Snap" Gillmore, director, as follows: March, "Bombasto," Farrar Popular, "Band Medley No. 1" Brilegel.

Baritone solo, "Come Back to Erin," DeWitt, played by Harvey Mahoney.

Popular, "Oh! Johnny," Olman Harmonica solo by David Wood. Popular, "Let's All Sing Like Birds," Evans.

A reading by Mrs. Chris Bachman.

Popular, "At the Balalaika," Posford.

Waltz, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," Ball.

Vocal solo by Miss Helen White. Popular, "Amapola," Lacalle.

Popular, "Pleasant Recollections," Lake.

Baton twirling by Miss Shirley Carter.

March, "Semper Fidelis," Sousa.

Novelty dance by David Wood. Popular, "Dull Razor Blues," Huff.

Tap dance by Patsy Lu Wahl.

March, "Heroes of the Air," Sweet.

Hawaiian novelty by "Mike" Gomes.

Finale, "Stand By the Flag," Stultz.

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Davies said that in July the navy was unable to get a single bid for 2,500,000 barrels of heavy fuel oil to be delivered on the east coast "because no company could supply the oil unless the navy would carry it in its own tankers from the gulf ports."

Annual Program to Honor Lions Club President

The Roseburg Lions club is anticipating a full attendance of the membership at its regular meeting to be held Sept. 3, at which time the annual program will be given in honor of the president. The Lady Lions will be invited and special entertainment arranged. At the meeting last night the club held further discussion regarding the establishment of school safety patrols, which it is endeavoring to sponsor this year, and also discussed the softball schedule.

Double Tragedy Stalks Regatta at Astoria

ASTORIA, Aug. 28.—(AP)—The salmon derby, held in connection with the Astoria regatta, was marred yesterday by the death of Frank E. Meyers, As-

toria creamery manager, who died while fishing.

Coast guardsmen removed his body from the boat.

Aldrick Mattson, gillnetter, escaped with burns from his flaming 27-foot boat which caught fire yesterday after an explosion. The boat was getting gasoline at an oil dock preparatory to taking a party fishing.

Mattson cut the boat loose and ran through the flames for a fire extinguisher. A crew from the coastguard cutter Onondaga reached the drifting boat and extinguished the fire.

Football Broadcast Set From KRNR Tonight

The first football broadcast of the season will be heard tonight over station KRNR and the Mutual Don Lee system, starting at 9:45 o'clock. The broadcast will be a play-by-play description of the game played on Soldiers field, Chicago, by the Chicago Bears, national professional champions, and the College All-Stars.

Wilbur

WILBUR, Aug. 28.—Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ellis and daughter, Euva, of Dayton, Wash., arrived here Thursday to visit the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Russell, until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Howard and granddaughter, Betty Lou, of Corvallis, were visiting the former's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinsel, a few days the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams (nee Mary Hessemer) who were taking their annual vacation, stopped here a few hours Thursday to renew old friendships and visit her former home known as the old Donald place. Their home is in Lewiston, Idaho, and they had visited in Canada, Seattle, and Oakland, Calif., and were on their way home.

Miss Mabel Muirhead of Kellogg is spending this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Holcomb.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Grae were spending most of the past week in Winchester Bay looking after business interests.

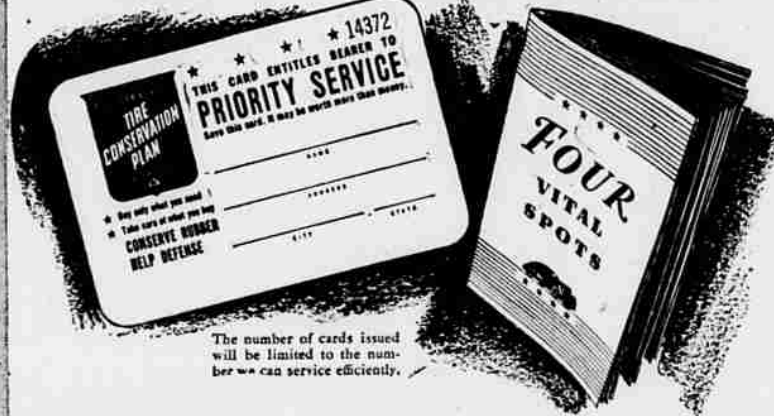
Miss Althea LaRaut left Monday for Salem to spend a short time with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Narcisse LaRaut, before leaving for Minneapolis to resume her college course there.

Mrs. Chas. Holcomb left Wednesday for Enterprise, Kans., to visit her mother, Mrs. Elmer Rose, who is quite ill.

Raymond Brown, Jr., who is with the Western Union extra gang, was visiting his parents over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McKay and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hargis and son, of Roseburg, were Wilbur visitors Sunday.

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