

U. S. Ammunition Supply Not Ample

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Rep. Thomas (R-N. J.) asserted today that United States ammunition stocks were insufficient to supply the army for one week if it were engaged in fighting on a scale comparable to present Russo-German operations.

Sabotage, strikes and other work stoppages caused by labor disputes, he told newsmen have slowed up production to such an extent that ammunition on hand amounts to only about two per cent of a year's defense requirements.

He added that he had confidential information that the war department had underestimated the time needed for adequate expansion of anti-aircraft defenses and hence "not a city in the United States is protected from enemy air attack."

Consequently, he said, "American cities along the Atlantic seaboard must necessarily expect token air raids if our relations with Germany continue to grow worse."

Torpedoed Destroyer Reports 21 Casualties

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night was almost as meager as the original communique on the torpedoing. It volunteered no details on why the 11 men were considering "missing," or on the nature of the injuries of the other 10. The only amplification was that one man was critically injured, one seriously injured, and eight had minor injuries.

The character of the encounter between the Kearny and the submarine, however, led informed quarters here to write off the missing as dead. It was their belief that the men either had been blown out of the ship when the torpedo exploded, or else that they were trapped when watertight bulkheads were closed after the ship had been hit.

Since four of the missing were firemen and three watermen, the belief was that one of the Kearny's engine rooms had been struck by the torpedo.

Hull Sees Hitler's Hand

Secretary Hull today characterized the torpedoing of the Kearny as another in a series of incidents illustrating Adolf Hitler's known and confessed effort to seize control of the seas as well as the continents.

Hitler has notified all nations to keep their ships out of an area covering a large portion of the North Atlantic on penalty of having these ships sunk, Hull said, because he proposes to drive all other nations off the seas by intimidation.

If such intimidation were successful, the secretary continued, he supposed Hitler then would want other nations to get off the earth.

Asked whether the United States had made or was contemplating a diplomatic protest to Germany, Hull replied with asperity that one does not often send diplomatic notes to international highwaymen.

Report Delay Explained

The navy offered no explanation why more than two days had elapsed between the announcement of the torpedoing and the disclosure of casualties.

The explanation was that the Kearny flashed only the briefest of reports after she was hit 350 miles southwest of Iceland while on patrol duty Friday and then resumed radio silence, so as not to advertise her position to other raiders as she limped her wounded way to port.

The navy announcement last night was significant in that it placed the responsibility for the attack on a U-boat. In the clash between the Greer and a submarine early in September, the navy made no effort to indicate the nationality of the undersea raider, although Berlin subsequently acknowledged that it was a U-boat which missed the destroyer with two torpedoes. Apparently the submarine, like the Greer, escaped unscathed in that shooting episode.

Nazis Charge Frame-up

Nazi authorities thus far have

Stock and Bond Averages

STOCKS				
Compiled by Associated Press Oct. 20.				
	30	15	15	60
	Ind's	RR's	Ut's	St's
Monday	58.6	16.5	31.0	41.0
Prev. day	58.6	16.5	31.1	41.0
Month ago	62.5	17.0	32.5	43.5
Year ago	62.9	16.7	35.5	44.4
1941 high	63.9	19.0	35.5	45.0
1941 low	54.8	15.4	30.3	39.1

BONDS				
	20	10	10	10
	RR's	Ind's	Ut's	Fgn
Monday	62.6	105.1	101.8	49.9
Prev. day	62.4	105.2	101.6	49.7
Month ago	61.2	105.1	101.8	51.0
Year ago	60.2	104.7	99.4	37.6
1941 high	66.5	105.4	102.2	51.4
1941 low	60.2	104.2	99.0	38.0

U. S. Takes Tip From Gangsters'; 'Tommy Guns' for Defense

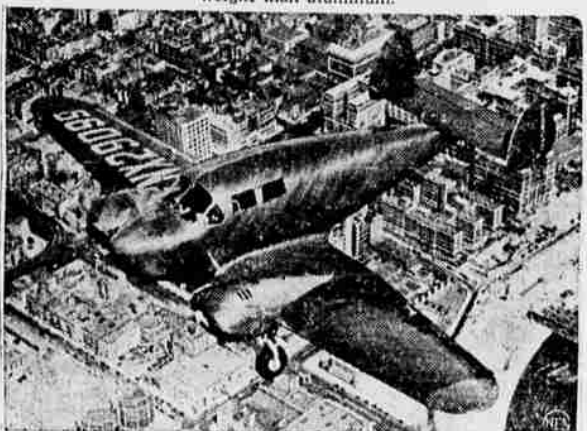


In gangster days they were called "Tommy Guns," now they are Thompson submachine guns and are used by Air Force soldiers to defend their bases against parachute attack. Here's a security squad at Hamilton Field, Calif., lined up in front of a fast pursuit ship, and fully equipped with guns that will pour out 500 large-caliber slugs a minute to ward off enemy attack on fighter-plane bases near the front.

Something New Under the Sun



These planes represent two recent and revolutionary advances in American aviation. Above: The first stainless steel military plane ever built, an Army trainer, soars over Bristol, Pa. Use of stainless steel eliminates riveting, resulting in speedier construction. Below: flying over New York, is a molded plastic plywood plane. Besides being cheap, plywood is stronger proportionately to its weight than aluminum.



Hold Everything!



"Wish I could get time off to do a little shooting this fall."

Washington U. Co-Ed Dies in Seven-Story Drop

SEATTLE, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Jane Norden, University of Washington student from Spokane, was found dead early today on the ground below her seventh-floor window in the university district.

A room mate told police she arose at 5:30 a. m., to turn off the alarm clock and went back to sleep, and that when she arose again an hour later she discovered Miss Norden missing.

Miss Norden has two brothers in Seattle: Richard, a senior at the university, and Kenneth, an airplane factory employee.

Hoover Renews Food Aid Appeal

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Renewing his plea for an American-sponsored food plan to end starvation in Nazi-occupied democracies, Herbert Hoover says the lives of millions of hungry European children are in jeopardy.

The former president said last night that it would not have the slightest effect on the military outcome of the war "if we assured food to the needy among the whole 40,000,000 democratic children in Europe."

Hoover said that 6,000 groups in this country had endorsed his proposal that the U. S. government seek to bring about an agreement whereby food would be distributed in the occupied territories, under the supervision of a neutral government, such as Sweden, Ireland, Switzerland or Argentina.

"Surely such an expression of American compassion," he said, "deserves more adequate attention from our government than to be dismissed by a curt letter from our state department."

Hoover asserted the situation was so bad in Warsaw that "the municipal newspaper was appealing to the people not to throw corpses in the streets."

Youthful Hunter Killed Accidentally by Pal

SPOKANE, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Raymond Simmet, 19, died of a bullet wound here today despite a transfusion of blood donated by Bill Imus, the boy who accidentally shot him on a hunting trip Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff O. E. McCutcheon said the two youths, who had played together since they were babies, were hunting in some brush when Imus stumbled and shot Simmet in the back. Simmet's death was the ninth in eastern Washington since hunting season opened this year.

Both boys lived on farms in the Newman lake district 18 miles east of Spokane.

Neutrality Act Hearing Rule Stirs "Gag" Charge

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of the neutrality act.

Such a demand would impart a bipartisan character to the complete repeal movement, for Democratic Senators Glass (Va.), Pepper (Fla.) and others already have announced that they would work to wipe the legislation off the books in the forthcoming test.

Leaders of the republican repeal group in the senate were reported reliably to be Senator Austin (R-Vt.), the assistant minority leader, Senator Bridges (R., N. H.) and Senator Gurney (R., S. D.)

Informants said they had discussed the neutrality issue with Willkie and had agreed with him that the party should take aggressive leadership in revision of the present statute.

Willkie, 1940 G. O. P. presidential nominee, has urged repeatedly that the republican party stand for "internationalism" rather than "isolationism."

Moscow Braces for Fury of Blitzkrieg

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declared today that German losses on the eastern front now are approaching 4,000,000 killed and wounded, but "still these accursed looters come on," according to a Moscow radio broadcast.

The price the Germans are paying for their gains was indi-

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ated by the soviet information bureau, which said that in the Bryansk and Kalinin sectors Saturday alone Russian forces destroyed about 445 German trucks loaded with men, fuel and munitions, 25 tanks and 70 cannon.

Britons Demand Action
Clamor in Britain for the opening of a British land front against Germany to relieve the Russians was raised again.

Factory stewards representing arms workers in 300 key workshops in the land adopted a statement in which they said they insisted "on the immediate opening of a second front." The British government has rejected similar proposals in the past.

Possibility that the reverses already suffered by the Russians have affected their food supplies so seriously that they may have to turn to the United States for grain and other staples was suggested by agriculture department officials in Washington.

Afghans Oust Axis Group
While the war in Russia raged on with increasing violence, a full descended on the western air front. Only a few German bombers were reported over Britain during the night, and the British said had weather had prevented their planes from attacking Germany.

On the diplomatic front the British and Russians scored a success with the announcement that Afghanistan, responding to what were described in London as friendly representations, had decided to expel all German and Italian nationals from the country.

The decision closed the last gap in the 2,000-mile political and military front the British are building across southwestern Asia.

Rift Hint Irks Nazis.
Authorized Germans expressed strong resentment of an address yesterday by U. S. Assistant Secretary of State Breckenridge Long in which the American suggested that Germany, in calling on Italy for fighting men, might make of Italy "another Russia."

The Germans called it a low trick to intimate that Italy and Germany ever could be separated

and fascist circles in Rome termed the speech "a propaganda move" made ridiculous by the "bond of alliance and ideals between the two nations."

Dr. Walther Funk, German economic minister and reichsbank president, accepting an honorary degree from the University of Rome, declared that Germany already had started using Russia's resources and predicted barter trade between axis-dominated Eu-

rope and American countries after the war.

He said that the war had nearly trebled German-Italian trade and that the British blockade had been "finally broken."

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