

Germans Checked at Approaches of Moscow

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ified as commander in chief of the Russian 50th army and a member of the supreme soviet council, had been found dead on the battlefield east of Bryansk, 200 miles south of Moscow.

In the north, German military dispatches reported that Red army troops counter-attacking around Lake Ladoga, near Leningrad, had suffered heavy losses. The Germans acknowledged, however, that the soviet counter blows had been launched on a broad scale with great ferocity.

Moscow Defense Stubborn Tass, the official soviet news agency, said Russian troops had driven back a new German thrust toward Moscow from the southwest but conceded that the nazis had advanced several kilometers from Mzhalsk, 57 miles west of the capital.

The advance was blocked, Tass said, after a terrific tank battle at a crossroads on the Mzhalsk-Moscow highway, the route followed by Napoleon on his ill-fated march to Moscow in 1812.

The Germans left hundreds of dead and many damaged and burned tanks on the battlefield, Tass reported.

Inside Moscow, Red workers pledged themselves to "fight to the last drop of blood." A Moscow radio broadcast said three factory workers had been sentenced to death for "spreading panic and looting." Others were imprisoned.

Last-Ditch Defense Planned Preparations for a last-ditch defense were further illustrated by reports that Lieut. Gen. Artemiev, commander of Moscow garrisons, was using thousands of men, women and even children to throw a ring of fortifications around the capital, including anti-tank ditches and machine-gun nests.

London military experts estimated the Germans had 50 divisions—about 750,000 men—and 4,000 tanks to fight on after a short breathing spell on the central front.

While German dispatches from the front were devoted mainly to the southern flank, however, Dient Aus Deutschland said that mention of attacks on strongly-fortified lines in the central zone had occurred so frequently lately it could be assumed that fighting actually was going on within "Moscow's fortification zone."

The soviet information bureau said that Mzhalsk, 57 miles west of Moscow, and Maloyaroslavets, 65 miles southwest, were the scenes of particularly stubborn fighting yesterday.

London observers declared that, regardless of whether the Germans shifted offensive strength temporarily, the main effort could not long be diverted from Moscow.

They said a winter stalemate would have the effect of a German defeat. At the same time it was pointed out that the Russians would experience hardships in withdrawing heavy war equipment to the interior once snows became deep.

The Volga probably would form the next defense line.

The new war-time capital of Russia apparently is Kulibyshev, a manufacturing center on the east bank of the Volga 550 miles east and slightly south of Moscow. The United States embassy has been established there with the arrival of Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt and a group of American newspaper correspondents.

RAF, Nazis Trade Blows Britain and Germany exchanged aerial blows overnight and each nation acknowledged casualties.

Royal Air Force bombers, grounded by bad weather for three nights, reopened their offensive with attacks on Bremen and other centers of northwest Germany. It was the 86th British raid on Bremen, a German port and the site of extensive ship yards.

Wilhelmshaven and Emden also were listed among targets of the British force, authoritatively described as "a strong one—more than seven times the size of the German force operating against this country last night."

Loss of nine bombers was acknowledged.

Informed Germans said a 10,000-ton merchant ship was sunk and another 10,000-ton vessel was damaged badly in an attack upon a British convoy off Hull and that Liverpool and east coast harbors also were raided.

It was acknowledged that several places in northwestern Germany were hit.

Britons reported that German offensive thrusts were directed against North Wales and Merseyside, the port and shipbuilding area of Liverpool.

More Volunteers From U. S. Boosting the rolls of empire troops in Britain, thousands of fresh Canadians—augmented by many volunteers from the United States—scattered to training camps in various parts of the islands today after debarking from naval-escorted transports which carried them safely across the Atlantic.

United States army officers and several hundred civilian technicians who said they came over to "do a job in (northern) Ireland," where others from the United States have been employed for some months.

At sea, the German high command reported that nazi U-boats had sunk seven ships aggregating 38,200 tons, making a three-day total of 98,200 tons sent to the bottom of the North Atlantic.

Authoritative quarters in London acknowledged that the German undersea campaign was continuing with undiminished fury, but declared that "with the invaluable support given us by the American navy, we do have reason for confidence."

Thailand Warning Reissued The foreign office-controlled Japan Times and Advertiser renewed charges that anti-axis elements in Thailand were trying to stir up opposition against Japan's plan for a new "co-prosperity sphere in East Asia."

The newspaper asserted that plotters were attempting to wreck Thailand's friendly relations with Japan and suggested that "Japanese assistance" to Thailand "would be a helpful move without any purpose of threatening a ny surrounding countries."

But Great Britain, with thousands of troops massed on Thailand's borders in Malaya and Burma, again made it clear that any Japanese incursion into Thailand would cause the gravest repercussions.

Authoritative quarters in London rated the Japanese navy as "very powerful, efficient and well-manned," but declared many of the ships "look overburdened with armament" and that the fleet was "extremely susceptible to economic blockade."

These quarters warned that Japanese occupation of Thailand "would be a direct threat" to British Malaya and Singapore.

Six Months' Tax Bill For Douglas Drawn (Continued from page 1)

penditure of \$135,000, but for the first six months of 1942 the committee has recommended \$194,870, of which \$138,420 will be raised by taxation.

Price Increases Heeded. The committee took into consideration the fact that all materials, particularly machinery, have risen greatly in price. The budget also takes into consideration the fact that the major portion of road construction and heavy road costs come in the spring of the year. It further was the opinion that the county will be required to spend large sums on roads which will be used to open up timber stands, and over which there will be a great deal of heavy truck traffic.

The budget will be published in the near future, prior to a public hearing, the date for which has been set for Nov. 22, at which time any interested persons will have an opportunity to appear and offer recommendations for changes.

Repeal of Neutrality Act Urged by Secy. Hull (Continued from page 1)

tacked with complete disregard of life and property," the secretary said, "it is absurd to forego any legitimate measures that may be helpful toward self defense. It is especially absurd to continue to tie our hand by a provision of law which prohibits arming our merchant vessels for their own defense."

It would be "little short of criminal negligence," for the United States to cling to the hope of somehow escaping the fate of other countries, he testified.

Aid to Russia Pondered The urgency of getting arms to Russia—in quantity and in time—stood foremost today among internationally touchy problems which required the consideration of President Roosevelt upon his return to the capital from a week-end visit to his home at Hyde Park.

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