

Seesaw Struggle for Kharkov Continues

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Russian flank, Hitler's armies would be in a position to strike anew at Rostov-on-Don, northern land gateway to the Caucasus oil fields.

Soviet headquarters gave only a terse account of the critical struggle below Kharkov, reporting that Marshal Timoshenko's troops "repelled violent enemy tank and artillery attacks" yesterday and that bitter fighting raged through the night.

Murmansk Sees Battle While the deadly conflict in the Ukraine thus progressed after two furious weeks, the Arctic end of the 2,000-mile front also quickened to life.

The Germans renewed their efforts to bomb Murmansk, an entry port for supplies from the United States and Britain, and fresh Nazi troops were concentrating in the northern sectors.

Red Fleet, Soviet Navy Paper, said that six German planes were downed and six damaged in large-scale air battles over the approaches to Murmansk and that land artillery of the Soviet northern fleet blasted 11 underground shelters and numerous other winter quarters where Nazi soldiers were massing.

Red Star, the army paper, telling of the Ukrainian fighting, said the Russians were enlarging a pocket along the river bend where they stopped the Germans in the Izum-Barenkova sector.

In aerial warfare, German raiders bombed the English port of Southampton, while two waves of RAF bombers showered high explosives and incendiaries over Messina (Pop. 114,650), in Sicily.

An Italian communique listed seven persons killed, 26 injured, and said the Messina cathedral, Royal university and houses were damaged.

The Italian high command also asserted that a fascist submarine scored two torpedo hits on a United States cruiser of the 9,100-ton Pensacola class "acting as a

convoy escort" in the Atlantic. Hitler's Plans Envisaged Meanwhile, London diplomatic quarters noted multiplying signs that the axis was preparing a formidable land and naval move in the Mediterranean.

Speculation centered on the possibility that Adolf Hitler was planning synchronized drives in the middle east from three directions.

1. From the Crimea or Rostov-on-Don through the Caucasus.

2. From North Africa into Egypt.

3. Across the Mediterranean from Crete, Greece and the Dodecanese islands.

German parachute troops were reported training in Crete, and strong Italian garrisons are stationed in Greece and the Dodecanese islands to support any trans-Mediterranean thrust.

Omens of a gathering new storm included:

1. British middle east headquarters reported that Field Marshal Rommel's North African armies were on the move again, with strong axis troop and tank columns advancing toward the main British defense lines.

Simultaneously, the Italian high command reported intense air activity over the Libyan desert battle theater—a familiar prelude to an offensive.

2. Reports of an axis squeeze on France to gain control of the immobilized French fleet.

3. Premier Pierre Laval's discussions with his naval chiefs.

4. Reports that 300,000 Italian troops were massing along the French border, ready to back up Italy's demand upon France for Tunisia, Corsica and Nice.

Second Front Plan Shaping Countering these portents of axis strategy, London commentators saw indications that a mighty allied aerial assault may be imminent to blast the way for a landing on the German-occupied "invasion coast."

The belief was further strengthened by the arrival in London of Lieut. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, assistant chief of staff, U. S. army supply division, to round out the United States military

mission now conferring with British war leaders.

High significance was attached to General Somervell's arrival because of the fact that his division would handle thousands of tons of food, ammunition and clothing needed to keep any major American expeditionary force in the field.

Approximately two-thirds of the top-ranking American general staff members now are in London.

Rent Slash Coming in War-Congested Areas

WASHINGTON, May 27—(AP)—Federal regulation of rents will take effect June 1 in 20 war-congested areas which the office of price administration said today had failed to take local action within the prescribed 60 days.

Paget sound was one of the areas.

New levels become effective for every type of housing accommodation, even including trailers, with rents payable for the month of June.

"The reductions will be automatic, OPA said, adding that the landlord's approval "is not necessary."

President Roosevelt proposed to congress today the appropriation of an additional \$600,000,000 for war housing "to meet the minimum needs of the 1,600,000 workers migrating to war centers" during the year beginning July 1.

Fire Destroys Lumber Plant Near Tacoma

TACOMA, May 27—(AP)—Still smoldering sawdust piles and other smoking debris remained today from the \$200,000 fire which destroyed the Clear Fir Lumber company door plant at nearby Day island yesterday.

Once thought to fall from the heavens, honeydew now is known to exude from the bodies of ordinary plant lice.

Railroad car wheels last only 15,000 to 20,000 miles on the new high-speed passenger trains.

Flying Tigers Blast Japs Along Burma Road

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len to the Chinese and numerous Chinese puppet troops previously serving the Japanese were reported to have gone over to the Chinese forces.

Meanwhile there was no further news of the siege of Kinwa, where yesterday's Chungking communique reported the bloody repulse of invading columns striving to break through defense lines just outside the city's walls.

Observers said a close reading of Japanese reports, together with other information from Burma, indicated that the nearly 150,000 Japanese troops concentrated there may be destined for action against India rather than an attempted offensive up the Burma road into China.

JAPS VOW WAR TO VICTORY, SEE NO RIFT WITH SOVIET

TOKYO (from Japanese broadcasts), May 27—(AP)—Japan's parliament, in a session formally opened by Emperor Hirohito, was told by Premier Tojo today that Japan would stay in the fight "until the influence of Britain and America and their dreams of world domination" were wiped out.

"Japan will do her utmost to contribute her share as the partner of Germany and Italy," he declared.

Emperor Hirohito, in one of his rare appearances, was in the parliament building for 15 minutes for the reading on an imperial rescript expressing profound satisfaction at the success of Japanese expeditionary forces.

Of Russia, Foreign Minister Tojo said:

"Relations between Japan and the Soviet Union have undergone no change even after the outbreak of war in greater East Asia."

He added that Russia recently reiterated its intention to continue to observe the Japanese-soviet neutrality pact.

"With the progress of the war," the foreign minister said, "enemy countries will, presume, intensify their efforts to alienate Japan and the Soviet Union, but there is no chance for such intrigues to bear fruit so long as the Soviet Union firmly maintains the attitude mentioned."

Bait Cast for India.

"Since all outpost bases of the British empire for defense of India are in the possession of Japan, the golden opportunity is offered to the Indian people to rise and obtain their liberty...."

"The unsuccessful negotiations by Sir Stafford Cripps proved that spiritually India already is independent from Great Britain, but as long as British and American troops remain in India Japan is inflexibly determined to annihilate them."

He expressed hope that the Indians would eject the foreign troops.

Otherwise Japanese troops would have to move against the British and Americans there, he said.

"To our regret it is unavoidable that in the course of such a campaign the innocent Indian people also would be made acquainted with the horrors of war."

Says Australia "Helpless."

Premier Tojo described Australia as the "orphan of the Pacific" and said she was "now helplessly expecting Japan's attack after the battle in the Coral sea wiped away naval units put up for the defense of Australia...."

Australia, he declared, must reconsider her attitude toward Japan or suffer the consequences.

Admiral Shimada, navy minister, told the diet that "naval operations up to the middle of March placed practically all key enemy points in the southwestern Pacific in the hands of Japan."

He said that since the middle of March Japan had achieved spectacular naval victories in the Indian Ocean and Coral sea.

Food Declared Ample.

The premier told the diet "there is no cause for apprehension regarding the future supply of food for the people no matter how long the war is going to last."

He reported that although retreating defense forces on the islands of the Netherlands Indies and in Burma had destroyed large sections of oil fields, the work of repair and reconstruction was under way.

As war minister, Tojo reported that the Japanese army has taken control of an area two and a half times the size of the Japanese empire.

He said Japanese military forces had captured 290,000 troops and shot down or destroyed about 1,800 enemy aircraft.

He placed Japan's losses up to April 30 at 9,000 officers and men killed, and 20,000 wounded.

2-Line Angler Fined \$25; Tackle Is Confiscated

A fine of \$25 was imposed in justice court here today upon George Beck of Klamath Falls, arrested at Diamond lake and charged with fishing with two lines. Judge Ira B. Riddle, accepting a plea of guilty and imposing the fine by telephone ordered confiscation of Beck's fishing tackle.

Third Axis Submarine Destroyed Off Brazil

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reality included ships attacked a thousand miles or more at sea, and said this led to misapprehension as to losses in coastwise traffic.

WASHINGTON, May 27—(AP)—The navy announced today the torpedoing of a medium-sized British merchant vessel and a small Greek merchantman in the Atlantic and the sinking by shell fire of a United States trawler. The shellfire came from an enemy submarine. Survivors of all three vessels have been landed at an east coast port.

Myrtle Creek MYRTLE CREEK, May 26—Misses Joyce Ady and Eleanor Cutler left last Saturday by bus for northern Washington, where they visited until Monday in Olympia when Eleanor had to return to her work in Roseburg.

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Joyce went on to Bremerton for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cooper. At the end of the week she will be coming home accompanied by Mrs. Cooper (Marcelle Abbott) who will visit here through next week to attend graduating exercises of her brother, Homer, Jr., who is completing his eighth grade work this year.

The senior class of Myrtle Creek high school celebrated "skip day" by taking Monday off and going to Oregon caves in Josephine county.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Way, of Medford, formerly of Myrtle Creek are parents of a small daughter, born April 13. Her name is Joan Loree.

Peony shipping has begun at the Gould flower and bulb farm, two miles east of town on North Myrtle. Mr. Gould is experimenting this year with shipments by truck to San Francisco. The sudden change from cold rains to real summer weather has brought the blooms out in a hurry.

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Mr. and Mrs. Counts, who have

been living near Winston, have sold their farm there and have purchased the P. W. Cook farm east of the North Myrtle bridge. Mr. Cook expects to move to Portland soon, it is reported.

Harry Stimson, Jr., is in naval training school in San Diego until September 1, when he will graduate as machinist mate, 2nd class.

Mrs. G. E. Endicott, of Nugget, is hatching turkeys this year. She has more than 600 out at this time. Mrs. Endicott is a successful poultry grower and specializes in fine birds.

Roy Dunnavin, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Dunnavin, of Lees Creek, was called to Ft. Lewis, Wash., May 11. A brother, Ray, has cabled home that he is somewhere in Australia.

Mrs. Wailson Redifer has been quite ill for some time at her home on Louie creek.

Mrs. Harry Stimson, Sr., is recovering at her home on North Myrtle from illness caused by a heart attack about three months ago.

Mrs. Ialo Stephens of Roseburg is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Dunnavin, at their

Lees creek home. Tom Jackson of Springfield was a Myrtle Creek visitor Thursday.

PORTLAND, May 27—(AP)—The Oregon Bankers' association yesterday cancelled its annual convention, scheduled at Baker June 8-9.

President J. B. Booth blamed uncertain travel conditions for the cancellation, which followed similar action in Idaho.

WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE

Without Calomel—And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning! The liver should pour 2 pints of bile into your bowels every day. If this bile is not flowing freely, your food may not digest, it may just decay in the bowels. Then gas builds up your stomach. You get constipated. You feel sour, sunk and the world looks puny. It takes these good, old Carter's Little Liver Pills to get these 2 pints of bile flowing freely to make you feel "up and up." Get a package today. Take as directed. Effective in making bile flow freely. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills, 10¢ and 25¢.

Advertisement for Penney's Employees' Days. Features: "Ceiling" Prices Emphasize Penney Values! Penney's "Ceiling" Prices Are Low Prices! YOU LEARN ABOUT THRIFT AT PENNEY'S. We people who work at Penney's know from long experience that carefulness and saving in little things add up to big savings for the customers. Our customers know it, too... and appreciate it all the more now that everybody is relearning the vital meaning of Thrift.

Advertisement for Men's Furnishings. Claude Kirkendall says: For Smart Sportswear These Are My Favorites. Men's Shetland SPORT COATS 10.90. Contrasting SLACKS 4.98. Clear, lustrous shades in full draped, pleated styles! Handsome!

Advertisement for Pauline Robertson of our ready-to-wear department. Because they're smart and inexpensive My Favorites. You'll Like Them, Too! Rayon Crepe BLOUSES 1.29. Long or short sleeve styles. White, colors. Smart New Styles! SKIRTS 1.98. Tailored in box Lynn-spun rayon in pastel shades and white.

Advertisement for Edna Collins of our ready-to-wear department. Because they're so pretty these are my Favorites. Smart Rayons! AUSTELLE DRESSES Jacket frocks wonderful for traveling! Prints that fairly bloom! 1.98 SUMMER HATS Sporty coconut straws! Big romantic brimmed styles! All brand new!

Advertisement for Vivian Hickman, in charge of Ladies Underwear. Because of their excellent wearing qualities, these are My Favorites. Trimmed or Tailored CYNTHIA SLIPS 1.29. Smartly designed of rayon crepe or satin. Four gore style strictly tailored... dressmaker type trimmed with lace at top and hem. Stitched seams. 32-44. Vivian Cline says wear Gaymodes for satisfaction. Values In Women's HOSIERY 98c. Adonna Rayon Undies 49c. Printed Batiste Gowns and Pajamas 1.00. Children's Gay Colored Cotton Anklets 15c.

Advertisement for Kenneth Duffield, Shoe Buyer. EVERY PAIR of Penney's shoes is exceptional... these are My Favorites. Elasticized Suede For Glove Fit! SPECTATOR PUMPS Smart white suede with turf-tan leather or! Turned-up toes, tailored bow! Men's SHOES 3.79. Children's SHOES 2.49. Smart straight tip bals with dressy perforations! Fluffy Chenille SPREADS 4.98. Magnificently designed spreads. Soft "baby" chenille!

Advertisement for Penney's... Headquarters for Smart LUGGAGE. LEATHER-BOUND 5-Pc. ENSEMBLE! PULLMAN CASE Grand for packing dresses! Fits under train seat! Convenient! 8.90. WARDROBE CASE Folding hang ers in lid hold 8 dresses, with less wrinkling. Compact. 10.75. WARDROBE CASE Takes the place of a wardrobe trunk! Hangers for suits or dresses! Partitioned for convenient neat packing! 17.75. SMART WEEK-END CASE Handy size! Sleek modern lines! Lots of pockets! 4.98. BIG HAT & SHOE CASE! Pockets for lots of shoes! A must for smart women! 8.90.

Large advertisement for Imperial Whiskey. It sure rang the bell! 1—What a swing! Others set a high mark to shoot at... but all along we had the whiskey to top 'em all! For IMPERIAL gives you expensive-whiskey aroma... costly-whiskey smoothness... premium-whiskey flavor... all at a popular price! 2—What a climb! But even we were surprised how quickly IMPERIAL rang the bell! Listen!—in one test-state alone where IMPERIAL got its first big featuring, it shot ahead of 332 long-established brands to first place... where it has stayed ever since! 3—What a ringer! And it kept right on ringing the bell in state after state. It's the fastest-growing whiskey in all America! Taste why... ask for IMPERIAL at your bar, or take home a tryout bottle of this great whiskey tonight! Taste why it's America's fastest-growing whiskey! IMPERIAL IS GREAT FOR 2 BIG REASONS! "Velvety" for extra smoothness! "Flavor-peaked" for extra richness! Hiram Walker's Blended Whiskey. \$1.30 PINT \$2.50 QUART