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Nazi Army in Terribly Bad Plight In Russia but Complete Disaster Not Imminent, Opinion of Analyst

(By DEWITT MACKENZIE) (Associated Press War Analyst)
The battle of giants in the great bend of the Dnieper has reached a magnitude and a ferocity reminiscent of Stalingrad, and like that epic struggle the present conflict casts a grim shadow of disaster across the Nazi armies on the eastern front.
However, I think we should go slow in forming judgment as to the extent of the German difficulties. The world-beating Hitler is in a bad hole, but we shall do well to stick with the admonition that "sufficient unto the day

is the evil thereof," and not make grandiose forecasts.

Time, the picture is gloomy for the Nazis. Even Berlin has been forced to the unenviable task of preparing the long-suffering German public for another catastrophe. The only question remaining is what the extent of the calamity will be.

The Nazi capital has broadcast news of "a large German withdrawal movement" in the Dnieper bend. Worried Hitlerite Charles McCarthy has passed on to the people the bitter information that a large part of their thousand-mile line has been forced back.

Trap Not Air-Tight

Moscow tells us that the Germans are throwing everything they have into the battle to stem the red onslaught—fresh troops, tanks, warplanes and artillery. Indications are, however, that

this bloody resistance is being made, not with the idea of holding the present positions, but to permit of the general withdrawal of the long, unwieldy front without a colossal debacle.

A huge number of Nazi troops—originally totaling maybe half a million—have been or still are in danger of being trapped by the onrushing reds in the Dnieper bend. Those German soldiers must be withdrawn so far as possible, and the only way for the Hitlerites to keep a gateway open for them is to stage the sanguinary counterattacks now in progress.

The position is such that wholesale disaster might grow out of it. However, the chances are that scores of thousands of troops already have been rescued from the trap, and that many thousands more will be pulled out.

No Collapse Yet

When the German high command has salvaged all that speed time will permit, the Hitlerites will try to make an orderly withdrawal of the whole line and fall back on other prepared positions. Moscow indicates that

State High School Grid Teams Face Hot Weekend Bill

(By MATT KRAMER) (Associated Press Staff Writer)
The race for the state high school football championship, an orderly elimination process up to this point, will break out in a free-for-all this weekend and the only certain thing is that the Milwaukie Maroons will emerge undefeated and untied.

They will accomplish this by the simple expedient of remaining idle. But Milwaukie will be the only unbeaten team sitting this one out. The others, outside of Portland, go into a hot and heavy session that shapes up like this:
Northwestern district—Unbeaten Newberg and Forest Grove, leaders of the Tualatin-Yamhill league, meet Friday. Undefeated Parkrose tackles Central Catholic, the unbeaten Portland team that forfeited five games because one player was discovered ineligible. Eugene with a spotless district record travels to meet Corvallis, a team that is beginning to show strength after suffering two losses. Among the smaller teams, unbeaten Springfield engages in Roseburg in a non-district contest, and undefeated Cottage Grove plays Reedport.

Southern district—Klamath Falls goes into its last district game favored to cinch a berth in the state title playoff with a win over Grants Pass, although the Klamath Stock is down since a scoreless tie with Eugene in a non-district game last week.

Eastern district—Milton-Freewater, winner of six straight games, travels to Baker, favored to chalk up win No. 7. Two other hurdles remain for Milton-Freewater—Pendleton and the Dalles.

Bend will journey to Salem for an inter-sectional game. The rest of the bill includes: Copille at Marshfield, Eureka at Medford, Lakeview at Ashland, Lebanon at Junction City, Sweet Home at University high of Eugene.

Slacker Prefers Jail to Breaking Pact With Wife

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—John D. Slick, 43, is a man of his word.

Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Norman J. Griffin on a charge of violating the selective service law yesterday, Slick said he neglected to fill out a questionnaire because he thought he wouldn't be called on account of his age.

"Well, fill one out and I'll dismiss the charge," said Griffin.

"Thanks," said Slick—then he hesitated.

"I couldn't do that. I can't sign anything without asking my wife. She and I agreed long ago never to sign anything without reading it over and telling each other," he explained.

"If you don't, I'll have to hold you in \$1,000 bail," replied Griffin.

Slick said he'd have to go to jail, and was turning away in the custody of a deputy marshal when someone suggested, "Why don't you call her up?"

Slick did his wife OK'd the project, slight unseen, and he was released.

"I'm not henpecked. Don't get that idea," Slick told reporters. "My wife and I agreed to tell each other everything and we kept the agreement."

"Well," he said, putting on his hat, "it's been a dry session. Guess I'll go down the street and get a couple of beers."

And he did without asking anyone's permission.

The American Red Cross has shipped 20,000 fishing kits for use of American soldiers.

the Nazis are in slow but steady retreat on the crucial southern front. The invaders are suffering terrible casualties and loss of material but it's significant that no debacle has set in.

Of course, the Germans are in a terribly dangerous position. Should a rout be started anywhere on their front, there's no telling how far the collapse of morale might spread. Still, while that possibility must be considered we should remember that thus far the morale of the German armies has been top hole—apparently better than the civilian morale at home. Their retreat this summer to the Dnieper was a military masterpiece, and we have no right to jump to the conclusion that they won't be able to duplicate this feat now.

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