

Nazi Pressure on Soviet Seen As Move to Put Heat on Turks And Get More Grain, Oil

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Speculation runs riot over the reported nazi troop concentrations from the Baltic to the Black sea near Russian borders; but it seems improbable that a German-Soviet clash is impending.

There is some confirmation of the reports to be found in the Hitler-Mussolini agreement that Italy take over from the nazis the garrisoning of conquered Greece. That followed Rome's announcement of the withdrawal of nazi air forces from Sicily.

Obviously German troops are being redistributed in the Balkans and probably in Poland and elsewhere along the eastern frontiers of the German reich. It is also altogether probable that these shifts correspond to Berlin's plans for the next major nazi move against Britain in the east, whether it be via North Africa, Cyprus, Syria or Turkey.

Whatever may be the fact as to Moscow-Berlin relations at the moment, however, it does not seem probable that Hitler contemplates more than forceful pressure on Russia at this stage, his logical strategy would be to wring from her further economic aid such as food and oil, or possibly to immobilize her while he puts the heat on Turkey to "collaborate" with the axis against Britain.

With axis capture of Crete, insurging domination of the Aegean sea approached to the Dardanelles, Turkey is cut off from British naval help. Her only other source of substantial military aid against nazi aggression would be from Russia.

And Russian armies and air bases in Bessarabia, close up to the Rumanian oil fields that are Germany's main source of power for her vast war machine, must always be a matter of special concern to Berlin.

It also explains, if they are true, reports that the main German army reconcentration is

Workers See Plane Test, Band Plays

LOS ANGELES, June 12.—(AP)—Seven thousand workers at the army-operated North American aviation plant were entertained at an hour-long air show—with pay—Thursday, while the 15th infantry band supplied music.

Bob Chelton, former army aviator who is now a North American test pilot, took aloft a new Mustang pursuit plane and at speed reaching 300 miles an hour, put it through steep climbs, rolls and turns.

Later two other pilots in Harvard bombers simulated a bomb attack. Both types of ships are being built for Great Britain. One of the band selections, which the bandmaster announced was dedicated to North American workers, was "Marching Along Together."

The 15th infantry has occupied the plant since it was taken over Monday by the army, ending a sporadic CIO-United Automobile Workers strike.

High School Class of '11 Holds Reunion

First reunion since their graduation from Salem high school 30 years ago was celebrated Wednesday night at the Marion hotel by members of the class of 1911. Rev. Clinton Ostrander, pastor of University Congregational church in Seattle, presided.

The time was spent in reminiscing. Members of the committee in charge, Earl Brunk, Claudine Rose Foster, Clarence Byrd and Rita Stiner Frye, were instructed not to wait another 30 years for the second get-together.

Twenty five members of the class were present, or about half the original class. Those from out-of-town included Genevieve Fryzier Anderson of Seattle, Merle Tracy of Tacoma, Bob Savage of Roseburg and Vin Shank of Albany.

British Vessel Sunk
NEW YORK, June 12.—(AP)—The 4,597-ton British freighter Trebartha was sunk recently during a German plane raid on the Firth of Fourth, maritime circles disclosed Thursday. No report on casualties was available.

BACKACHE, LEG PAINS MAY BE DANGER SIGN Of Tired Kidneys

If backache and leg pains are making you miserable, don't just complain and do nothing about them. Nature may be warning you that your kidneys need attention. The kidneys are Nature's chief way of holding excess acids and poisonous waste out of the blood. They help most people pass about 2 quarts a day. If the 15 miles of kidney tubes and filters don't work well, poisonous waste settles in the blood. These poisons may start nagging headaches, rheumatic pains, leg pains, loss of energy, getting up at night, swelling, puffiness under the eyes, headache and dizziness. Frequent or scanty passages with smarting and burning sensations show there's something wrong with your kidneys or bladder. Don't wait! Ask your druggist for Doan's Pills. They'll help you feel better in 48 hours. They give happy relief and will help the 15 miles of kidney tubes flush out poisonous waste from the blood. Get Doan's Pills.

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fire drove the attackers away. Extent of the bomb damage could not be learned immediately. The explosive apparently fell in the port area.

VALLETTA, Malta, June 12.—(AP)—Ten axis warplanes were reported shot down into the sea around this British Mediterranean island base Thursday by royal air force fighter pilots lashing back with unusual success at axis raiders which have killed 295 and seriously injured 316 civilians in the last 12 months of incessant bombings.

ISTANBUL, June 12.—(AP)—British troops driving into northern Syria from Iraq were reported Thursday night to have occupied Hasselche, 30 miles inland, and Deir-Ez Zor, 80 miles inside the French mandate. Another column paralleling the Turkish border was reported beyond Kamechle, 50 miles from Iraq.

ALGECIRAS, Spain, June 12.—(AP)—A plane of undetermined nationality but believed to be French flew three times over nearby Gibraltar Thursday and drew heavy anti-aircraft fire.

In One Ear . .

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tically enough to build a battleship. "Well, not quite, I guess," replies the dentist.

"No?" says Dan, who knows. Ever hear of the Monitor or the Merrimac?"

He gets in the chair, noticing the dentist don't appreciate him. "They launch you guys with champagne?" he asks.

"Maybe," the dentist says, passing it off.

"I was to a dentist in Montevideo once that must of been launched with bilge water," Dan says. "He practically murdered me trying to find out what was wrong with a molar. Finally he took it out and sent it to a college at Rio."

"Will you have a local, Mr. M'Goover?" the dentist asks. "I sure won't!" says Dan. "You think I'm a sissy?"

The dentist gives him a riled look and lays out more tools than they used on the Rushmore Memorial job. His girl turns on the radio, loud, and he proceeds to give Dan the works. He drills. He chisels. He really sculpts. Tooth chips big as pearls flip out. And on the radio a newscast's describing how they're bombing London.

The dentist's wringing wet

and his girl's expression implies she's an unwilling accessory after the fact. For she knows Dan'll wear out a war-rant naming himself a victim of mayhem.

And when they've stuffed in the quicksilver, or whatever it is that goes "scrun-n-nch" when it's pressed in the hole, Dan's dead to the world. "He's passed out!" the girl cries,

and grabs his pulse. Dan opens his eyes. "Through already?" he asks, rising and quivering a yawn. "Dammit!" I fell asleep and missed that newscast. Doc, you guys sure got this tooth fixing down pat, compared

to some places I been to." It's the navy makes a guy like Dan like that. Why, once before he fell up I remember him staying in bed a week with a hangnail! ANGUS M'GOOVER.

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