

Germans Brag But Peruse Chances Of Allies' Opening Second Front

'First Move' Strategy Is Fundamental

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NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—(Wide World)—German propagandists pretend to be unworried by the prospects of a second front being opened in Europe.

The German radio, in an effort to comfort the war-weary citizen, boasts of "inconceivably strong defenses in the west," and intimates only foolhardy strategists would dream of a military landing anywhere on the soil of Europe.

But the fact remains the possibilities of another fighting front on the continent are viewed with the utmost concern by the German high command. And the German citizen is troubled profoundly by the excellent chance he soon will be expected to support another vast military operation with still more sacrifice and self denial.

All the Nazi promises of a sweet, swift war to be crowned by total victory are evaporating in an atmosphere filled with speculations on where and when another front will spring to life.

One of Hitler's fundamental principles of strategy has been to use his land forces one place at a time against a single enemy. In fact, it once was acknowledged by a high command spokesman that perhaps one of the major reasons Hitler did not attempt a landing in England immediately after his victory at Dunkerque was the possibility of being attacked by Russia at a moment he was completely occupied in the west.

Holding the initiative, being able to choose whom and when to fight, is another great principle of German military operation.

But if a second front is opened now, or soon, Hitler, for the first time in an important matter, will have lost the initiative.

Second front speculations are embarrassing to German military commentators because they give emphasis to a German miscalculation. Russia was not supposed to be so tough. The eastern front should have been cleared up long ago, and the German war machine now be thundering down into the Near East, or settling accounts with England, depending on what the expedient course might appear to be after the elimination of Russia.

However, Germans in responsible positions, who could be persuaded to reflect on what a second front might look like, took all possibilities into account.

Some guessed the United Nations might choose to hit Italy, conceded to be the decidedly weaker end of the axis. It would involve firm allied control of North Africa, and that would mean, first, disposal of the energetic Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, who certainly would not retire without an all-out fight.

Then, to carry on land operations in Italy, the allies would be confronted with the difficulty of maintaining supply lines across the Mediterranean which, in a military sense, is a red hot sea.

The possibilities of a successful allied invasion of Norway also have been studied thoroughly by the high command.

Advantages to the United Nations were said to be the accessibility of the Norwegian coast to England and Iceland, the undoubted friendliness of a portion of the Norwegian population to the allies and the terrific supply problem war in Norway would impose on Germany.

Foggy weather might be an important aid to an invader. In fact, dislodging a determined invader from the Lofoten islands might be as difficult as expelling small Japanese landing parties from the distant, inaccessible and fog-bound Aleutian islands.

A weakness of an invasion of Norway, in the German view, was its distance from the heart of Germany. Norway, it was said, is not the reich, and so could scarcely be the scene of decisive actions. If Germany is to be beaten, experts of this frame of mind were holding, it must be on German soil. And Germany itself was regarded impregnable.

An invasion through France or the low countries has long been regarded a major threat by Germany, and for more than a year tens of thousands of workers have used vast quantities of materials in preparation of defenses.

Whether such defenses, extending hundreds of miles from the Spanish border to Emden, are as good as German propaganda agencies have tried to convince the world, remains a question. British commando raids have tested them rather thoroughly and have established, at St. Nazaire at least, that the allies could expect considerable aid from the populations of occupied countries.

Axis Pushes East—Soon Allies May Too



In the Russian Ukraine toward the Caucasus and middle east and along the arid North African shore toward the same objective (black arrows), Axis armies this spring and summer have pushed forward toward a juncture which, when once made, might win the war or immeasurably extend it. But to the west, growing United Nations strength concentrated in the British Isles threatened another drive to the east (outlined arrows) against the axis in a second front that might militarily fatal the huge Hitler-created war front in Russia and Africa. Lined areas are axis-held or controlled. (Associated Press Telegram.)

and Mildred "Babe" Diddrikson Zaharias. Bob Hope and Mickey Rooney, originally scheduled to meet the Gardner field representatives in a best ball match of a benefit Sunday for the air corps swimming pool, did not appear. Crosby contributed \$250 to the fund.

Milligan had a low medal score of 74, Crosby's was 79 and Mrs. Zaharias' 80.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The "Waves" will salute male naval officers, but it hasn't been decided yet whether Jack Tar will salute the girl ensigns and lieutenants.

This came out Monday at a press conference held by Dr. Mildred McAfee, blonde, merry-eyed, 42-year-old president of Wellesley college, after she was sworn in as head of the newly-created feminine naval reserve. She has the rank of lieutenant-commander.

The traditional navy oath was administered by Secretary of the Navy Knox. Attending the ceremony was Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet.

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They were Josephine Volkman, 17, Grants Pass; Doria Wagner, 15, Lebanon; Martha Carroll, 16, parents live in Oakland, Calif.; Rachel Crain, 16, Indian from Chiliquin; Elizabeth Johnson, 20, Indian from Chiliquin.

Caucasian Lines Sway

Nazi Columns Drive Toward Maikop Oil Fields

(Continued from Page 1) Chinese and men—6400 were killed overnight, the Russian communiqué said—with characteristic disregard for death. The drive into the Caucasus was Hitler's supreme gamble to knock Russia from the war and seize the oil he desperately needs.

(The Germans said a tank column was approaching the upper Kuban river, 120 miles south of Rostov, and local resistance was broken. The Nazis said troops from the Tsimlyansk bridgeheads were pushing the Soviets eastward in the direction of Stalingrad and fresh Russian counter-attacks in the Don elbow were repulsed.)

Dispatches were scanty from the Don bend where for more than a week the Russians have met every German charge and in places even have routed the foe.

German planes there were unloading tons of bombs upon the staunch defense lines in a vain effort to weaken the Russians' front positions. The Russians threw back Nazi attacks made with strong tank support and piled up more dead upon wheat and grazing lands already littered with bodies and machines.

It was in the Caucasus where the Germans were exerting their fullest pressure in a mighty offensive down the Baku railway in frantic quest of oil. The Maikop fields produce about 7 per cent of the Russian oil and there are no great mountain barriers between the Germans and the pool.

At the rate the Germans were throwing in reserves, competent military observers estimated it would take almost superhuman Soviet resistance to halt their advance. In the nine days since Rostov fell, the Germans have moved 100 miles to the southeast and 50 miles south upon Salsk and Kushchevka.

The wide Kuban river which rises in the towering Caucasian mountains may become a formidable defense barrier.

The rugged Cossacks were reporting inflicting terrible casualties in tank and troop ambushes and counter-attacking with their dreaded "shashkas" or sabres. The absence of any Russian mention of red tanks in the western Caucasus appeared ominous, however.

Pepper Urges New Front Now

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—The allies should cast caution aside and hit Hitler now, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) said Monday night in urging immediate opening of a second front.

In an address prepared for the Washington industrial union council rally in support of a second front, Pepper said "the instinct of America today senses that nothing we can do is so dangerous as to do nothing."

Army Golfers Down Bing, the 'Babe' BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Aug. 3.—(AP)—Capt. Sidney A. Milligan and Capt. H. R. O'Brien, both of Gardner field, had a 3 and 3 golf victory Monday over Bing Crosby

Germans Fear Second Front

Nazi Propaganda Built To Show Strength Of Defenses

(Continued from Page 1) expeditions in some of the fjords during the war games and had laid a new minefield near Otter, north of Alesund, to supplement the numerous well-equipped and well-gunned fortifications built to protect the Nazis' naval and air bases.

The Neue Zürcher Zeitung's Vichy correspondent declared that the order of Pierre Laval's government last Friday banning demonstrations endangering "public order" and providing the death penalty for possession of firearms or explosives was meant as "a warning to the people in the possible area of operations."

The order only emphasizes a previous decree, he noted, and was timed when discussions of a second front are filling the Paris press.

Le Moniteur of Clermont Ferrand, he added, had commented that the British hoped a second front would "bring unrestrained incidents between Frenchmen and the troops of occupation."

Aneta, Dutch news agency, said German authorities in the Netherlands have barred all civilians from railway stations and yards, unless they have special passes, as the result of the recent wrecking of 40 trains by "Netherlands patriots."

British military experts were inclined to agree with an official estimate Monday that there are now about 26 German divisions in France and the low countries.

Military quarters believed Russian reports were true that 16 German divisions, including two armored divisions, had been transferred to the eastern front, but they emphatically denied that only nine divisions have been left to hold the coast.

Independent experts doubted if the replacements sent to the west were as high in fighting potential as those sent east, however.

Red Journals Give Columns To 2nd Front

(Continued from Page 1) passed their newspapers on to neighbors.

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Moscow's claims that Russian lines below Voronezh and around the great Don bend to the rim of the vast salt marshes in the northeastern Caucasus are holding well seem confirmed even by Nazi war bulletins, but Berlin reports another advance

Silenced Subs Said Solution

Inventor Tells About Cargo-Carrying Submersibles

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP) Simon Lake, 75-year-old inventor of undersea torpedo boats, Monday came up with a counter-invention which he said would take the sting out of the axis submarines menace to American shipping.

Lake told a senate subcommittee that a secret silencing device he had perfected would pave the way for a fleet of submarine freighters which could elude planes, ships and other undersea craft with ease.

Stating it was "entirely practical to have a submarine which is silent," Lake expressed the opinion the enemy already is operating undersea freighters.

Interest in Lake's testimony swung the committee's attention away for a day from the cargo-plane possibilities it had been probing the past week.

The elderly but active inventor from Bridgeport, Conn., advocated the building of undersea cargo-carriers capable of transporting 7500-ton loads of bulky supplies, oil, tanks, guns, munitions and men to the fighting zones to supplement those transported by the proposed cargo planes.

Lake declared shipyards could convert to submarine building the same material, machinery and equipment used in the Liberty ships and "still have some steel left." The yards themselves would require no conversion at all, he said.

In response to a question, he said undersea craft could be built of concrete, but that use of that material would require "considerable experimentation, and I would prefer steel."

Lake estimated the cost at \$2-125,000 each, and said although it "might take five or six months" to build the first cargo submarine, one shipbuilder had informed him he could turn them out at a rate of two a day after production got underway.

Stating the submarine freighters could travel at the same speed as surface merchantmen—12 knots or better on the surface—he added that by submerging in bad weather they could make eight knots, which he said was faster than surface craft could travel during storms. He stressed the fact that their silence and invisibility would cut thousands of miles from their voyages because they could take the shortest routes.

With his silencer, Lake said a sub could run within 50 yards of a surface ship and "I guarantee nobody on the surface ship could see or hear it."

The inventor said it was a "fallacy" to attempt to stop the depredations of the military type of submarine by the use of warships or airplanes.

Horses Affected HAMILTON, Bermuda, Aug. 3.—(AP)—W. B. Furbert, Iveryman and member of the Bermuda assembly, was fined \$25 in police court Monday because he used his horses for a wedding when his rationing permit allowed him to use them only for-drawing hearses.

Ex-DAV Head Dies HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 3.—(AP) Frank J. Irwin, 48, veteran of the first World war and national commander of the Disabled American veterans in 1924-25, died at his home here Monday night after a lengthy illness.

Father, Son Held On Larceny Charge William Rilston and his son, Verne George Rilston, 16, were arrested by state police Sunday in connection with the larceny of livestock in the Linn, Polk, Benton and Marion counties areas. The elder Rilston was picked up in Independence and his son in Salem.

Neither prisoner had anything to say in connection with the charges, although the younger Rilston admitted burglarizing the Charles Elton Benedict home at Albany Saturday and stealing a purse containing \$142, according to police.

RAF and Nazis Strafe Towns

Daylight Raids Take Toll of Holiday Crowds in Britain

(Continued from Page 1) were in operation these craft never even went over the channel, the Germans apparently wanting to keep the British from getting possession of one.

Weighing the power of their own aerial blows at the reich, the British announced that reconnaissance photographs taken after the heavy raid on Dusseldorf the night of July 31 showed 12 acres of buildings along the waterfront demolished, terrific damage caused in important industrial areas, and big fires burning 12 hours after the bombing.

In England the daylight raiders, mostly operating singly, struck intermittently throughout the morning and afternoon.

A lone bomber dropped a stick of explosives across another southeast coast town.

Three were known dead in a northeast coast town, raided during the afternoon. Several casualties including at least two killed were reported in another northeastern town where rescuers worked several hours to reach persons trapped in shattered buildings. Considerable damage was caused to business and residential districts.

Bombs fell in a park near an outdoor theatre in one north midlands town where a carnival was being held for those who heeded the government's admonition to enjoy the bank holiday at home, keeping travel by road and rail to a minimum.

"From reports so far received," said an authoritative statement, "casualties and damage are not expected to be heavy."

The report on the results of the RAF attack on Dusseldorf and the bombing of Saarbrücken two nights earlier was made by the air ministry news service after a study of aerial photographs. The Dusseldorf photos were not clear enough for good radio transmission to the United States and the Saarbrücken pictures had not yet been released.

Four Sinkings Told by Navy

Toll Raised to 412 By New Atlantic Torpedoes

(Continued from Page 1) axis submarine which attacked them riddled their lifeboats with machinegun fire as they tried to launch them.

Forty men were saved and two killed when the ship went down 300 miles from shore.

The American tug was sunk more than two weeks ago off the east coast, presumably by a mine. Fifteen survivors, including a mess girl, were picked up shortly after the blast. Two men were missing.

The bodies of two and possibly three United States soldiers were found off the Bay of Fundy coast of Digby Neck, Nova Scotia, after they had floated to shore but there was no indication whether they had come from a ship or a plane.

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