Many Villages Change Hands Three Times

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had thrown the Germans back across the Iver river.

FIGHT BITTER

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
(U. P. Foreign News Editor)

Massed German tanks pounded to within 40 miles of Moscow's southwest suburbs today and drove deep into the Donets industrial basin, reporting capture of Stalino and advancing strongly toward Rostov.

Another German force captured the last Russian island stronghold in the Baltic, nazis reported. The island of Dago, under siege since early in the war, was now in German hands, according to the announcement.

Heavy nazi military forces were withdrawn from the Leningrad area and sped into the slowing drive on Moscow.

The Germans claimed the entire Baltic area had been cleared of Soviet troops.

Stalin In Command

London reports said that Premier Josef Stalin has assumed virtual personal charge of the defense of Moscow, touring the advance lines in an armored train.

The German high command claimed the capture of Stalino, important steel fabricating center 100 miles northwest of Rostov and said the Reich war flag had been hoisted yesterday on a large factory in the town.

Marshal Semyon Budenny was reported working desperately to organize Rostov's defenses, employing troops withdrawn by sea from Odessa and presumably reserves brought up from the Volga and Caspian areas.

338,000 Square Miles Taken

Nazi sources said that in the four months of fighting since the Russian campaign was launched June 22 they have occupied about 338,000 square miles of Soviet territory with population of about 65,000,000, about one third that of Russia. They now hold 17 of the 81 largest cities of Russia, the spokesman claimed.

The Royal Air Force, checked for many days in large scale operations over Europe because of bad weather, last night was able to resume large-scale action. It attacked Bremen, Wilhelmshaven, Emden and the invasion coast of France on a fairly large scale with an estimated 200 planes.

More Direct Aid Urged

Resumption of RAF action came as a deputation from nine large London factories submitted to Prime Minister Winston Churchill representations calling for more direct and immediate aid to Russia and demanding the removal from office of Capt. David Margesson, war minister, Viscount Halifax, ambassador to the United States, and other officias charged with being lukewarm to aid-to-Russia.

Ankara heard that Germany is sending another division, possibly 15,000 troops, to North Africa and that Italy is dispatching air reinforcements, presumably in anticipation of early British offensive action in Libya.

The Turks also heard that German activity in Greece and Bulgaria is being intensified, possibly in anticipation of operations against the Caucasus.

Court Ruling May Deplete Jobless Fund

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authority in making the seasonality determination.

"The plea that the fund may be depleted if the commission's decision is not sustained, and that excessive benefit payments are being made in the logging industry . . . might well be addressed to the legislature, but, we think, have no place here or before the commission," the opinion said.

"If the statute is not workable, then the remedy is with the legislature, which apparently has already seen the necessity of change in respect of particular provisions with which we have been dealing," it continued.

Under the unemployment compensation law's seasonality clause, amended by the 1941 legislature, men who work in seasonal industries are not paid benefits during seasons in which these industries are closed down. The supreme court decision showed that the corporation had operated during January and February of some years, hence it could not be classed as seasonal.

Blood Of Yugoslavia Spills In Civil War

(By UNITED PRESS)

The London Exchange Telegraph agency quoted Berlin press reports today that "civil war" was raging in former Yugoslavia and that more blood has been spilled than Britain had lost in all the war.

Since the outset of the Russian-German war, more than 700 Serbs and Croats — including women — have been hanged and shot, not counting hundreds killed in fighting, Exchange Telegaph said.

"Hardly any days pass without acts of sabotage, burnings, and retaliations by both sides," it said.

Jap Officials Want Stronger Axis Ties

TOKYO, Oct. 21. — (U.P) — The members of the house of representatives who comprise the "throne assisting diet members' league" asked the new government today to "strengthen the axis alliance and eliminate challenging acts toward third powers hostile to Japan," patently the United States and Great Britain.

They presented a resolution to Premier Eiki Tojo, assuring him and his cabinet of their support, and urging that a super-national defense state be attained so "the world mission of imperial Japan" may be realized.

New Governmental Center 550 Miles From Moscow

(By UNITED PRESS)

The city of Kuibishev (Samara), to which diplomats and part of the Soviet government moved from Moscow, is a comparatively modern industrial and farming center on the east bank of the Volga river, 550 miles from Moscow.

Kuibishev, with a population of about 171,000 Russians, Poles, Mordvas, Tartars, Chuvashes and Bashkirs, lies in the province of the same name which stretches on both sides of the easternmost "loop" of the Volga at the junction with the Samara river. Winters are long and cold on the gale-swept countryside.

AFL Crews Strike At Weed Plant

WEED, Calif., Oct. 21. — (AP) — Seeking wage increases and improved working conditions, AFL sawmill workers went on strike at the Long Bell Lumber company plant here today. The plant employs 1200. Union leaders said only 12 men crossed the picket line this morning. There was no violence.

The strikers, members of the AFL lumber and sawmill workers union, local 2907 of the brotherhood of carpenters, asked a minimum hourly wage of 70 cents, union shop and vacations. The company offered a 60-cent minimum but refused the other demands.

The company operates seven mills in California and Oregon.

Attack On U-O Pure Science Issue Protested

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am of the opinion that this is a matter strictly for the state board of higher education to decide without pressure groups on either side, and I doubt the propriety of our Federation getting into it, and certainly not without hearing the matter discussed fully by those competent to discuss it."

The Lane county members of the Federation said they would attend the Friday sessions to back up their protests. University officials declined to comment in any way on the incident.

The "release" came to the press in an envelope in which the Corvallis address of President Buchanan had been crossed out and Portland stamped in.

There was a letter which read:

In view of reported commitment of a majority of the state board of higher education to a proposal affecting pure science courses at the university and the state college, upon which action is to be taken at the state board's meeting at Ashland next Monday and Tuesday, a call has been issued for a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Taxpayers' Federation at the Imperial hotel, Portland, at 2 p. m. next Friday, Oct. 24.

At that meeting the following statement by President Buchanan of the Federation will be considered. The statement was issued today and released for publication in order to bring the issue to the attention of the people of the state.

The Buchanan statement read:

"Again the taxpayers will be asked to pay the bill for the University of Oregon and the Oregon State college to renew their feud of the past, and defeat the purpose for which the state unified system of higher education was created. Both institutions admit that it will cost the taxpayers money."

"Will the board of higher education yield to institutional partisans?"

"Will the chancellor take a firm stand for the people he serves?"

"Will the two schools combine to defeat the purpose of the law, and make puppets of the members of the board of higher education?"

"The answers will be known when the board meets in Ashland Oct. 28. Taxpayers cannot afford to ignore the importance of the next meeting of the board of higher education. The university covets the department of pure science, that was allocated to the college by the Harvey commission, enjoined by state law in 1929, and approved by the board of higher education. For the sake of institutional pride the board has been requested to reinstate pure science at the university. No doubt, the college will counter by requesting that commerce, that was developed at the Corvallis institution, and allocated to the university, be restored to the college. All of which will mean reinstatement of the principle of duplication of courses at the separate institutions, and defeat of the principle for which the unified system was created."

"It is high time for the taxpayers to make their views known to the board of higher education. The board was created to keep each institution in its place, as part of one great state university instead of separate, complete, competing institutions. Taxpayers are entitled to know why the board has chosen to receive the chancellor's recommendation and take action on this important matter at the meeting in Ashland—as far as possible from interests involved. It appears that the board of higher education is likely to take action that will leave the taxpayers holding the sack."

One of Mr. Stevenson's advance notices read:

October 18, 1941

To the executive committee:

There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Taxpayers' Federation at the Imperial hotel in Portland, Friday, Oct. 24, at 2 p. m.

Current tax problems will receive attention, and plans will be discussed for the annual meeting in December.

All members of the executive committee are urged to be present, and other interested taxpayers are invited to attend.

Fire Destroys Portland Buildings

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—(U.P) —Fire today destroyed a dance hall and damaged a theater, cafe, store, and an apartment house on Sandy boulevard. Loss was estimated at $60,000, largely covered by insurance.

MEMBERS OF U. S. SUPREME COURT CALL AT WHITE HOUSE—Pictured in front of the White House are Associate Justices James F. Byrnes, William Douglas, Stanley Reed, Owen J. Roberts, Chief Justice Harlan Stone, Associates Justices Hugo Black, Felix Frankfurter, Frank Murphy, Robert Jackson and Attorney General Francis Biddle.

Middle East Battles Loom

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conquest of Europe. As long as Britain's naval power holds out, he is handcuffed.

Hitler's problem is to defeat Britain. If he cannot do it by direct assault, he is likely to try it in the Mediterranean basin, throwing in the punch which his Italian ally lacks. Removal of Russia as a military factor in his rear apparently was considered a necessary preliminary.

Building for a Year

Britain has been busy building up her defenses in the Middle East for more than a year. Step by step she lined up Syria, Iran, Iraq and now Afghanistan in a solid front from the Mediterranean clear across the northern border of India.

To defend this frontier, Britain has her Middle Eastern army under Lieut. Gen. C. J. E. Auchinleck. Prime Minister Churchill disclosed more than a month ago that this army numbered more than 750,000. It may be 1,000,000 by now. Back of this force is the Indian army under Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell. When Wavell was transferred from the Middle Eastern command to India, some observers suspected that it was promotion to a more important task rather than a rebuke for British reverses in North Africa. That surmise appears to have been borne out.

The Indian army now numbers 750,000 and soon will be 1,000,000. Recruiting is going on at the rate of 50,000 a month. It is well-equipped and is being whipped into shape by a man often referred to as a military genius.

"Trouble" Avoided

Britain's move in getting the nazis expelled from Afghanistan was not due to fear of a German invasion through the Khyber pass, but to prevent them from stirring up trouble among the hill tribesmen. General Wavell's army would not wait in India until the Germans reached there by the Caucasus route, but undoubtedly would move into the Middle East to join forces with Auchinleck.

That is the present picture of the next German-allied battleground. It will be an extended one if fighting is renewed in North Africa at the same time. Things have been rather suspiciously quiet along the Libyran-Egyptian frontier for some time.

With the arrival of winter and the end of the terrific heat, fighting conditions there are now right for a campaign. Ankara reported today that the Germans were reinforcing their North African forces with a division of about 15,000 men and that the Italians, are sending air reinforcements.

Scout Leaders Begin First Aid Course

The Red Cross will hold the first in a series of eight first aid courses for Boy Scout leaders and committeemen Tuesday evening at 7:30 at headquarters, 33 Eighth avenue west. Dr. H. E. Scoles will be the instructor.

The scout leaders are taking this course so they can be of service in the coming emergency service program planned by the scouts, and also so they can train their own first aid teams for the Boy Scout first aid contest to be held in February, 1942.

Those already signed up are: Wayne Hubbard, Francis Cook, Roy W. Stien, Lloyd C. DeLess, Martin A. Putnam, F. J. Sherman, Howard Needham, Harry L. Chase, Maurice Weis, Paul Koppe, Dick Ruff, C. E. Deible, O. A. Lonberg, V. M. Cameron, Hugh F. Proudfit, Ed Walker, L. C. Moffitt, Mr. Neilson, Byron K. Taylor, B. Strassmaier, Tracy Stocker, John P. Hough, Louis Sohler, W. P. Walter, H. J. Edblom.

FHA Will Continue Residential Loans

Word has been received from the office of Folger Johnson, Oregon state director for the FHA, that the recent ruling of the supply priorities and allocations board forbidding the start of private construction which would use critical materials essential to the nation's defense, was not an indication that FHA would stop processing loan applications originating in Eugene.

It was stated that the availability of manufactured materials would be the real control over the building program for the future. It is understood that so long as the dealer has materials, such as nails, plumbing fixtures, hardware, etc., available, no curtailment in building of private homes is in force in areas not designated as critical or priority areas.

Recently the office of production management selected the FHA field offices to assist in preparing applications for preference ratings on residential building projects. These preference ratings are limited to areas designated as critical areas.

It should be remembered that the FHA does not lend money, but merely insures mortgage loans submitted by approved lending institutions, Johnson said. So long as lenders and builders can satisfy themselves that materials are available locally, the FHA has given assurance they will not refuse mortgage insurance on loans which nre ecenomically sound.

Mississippi's population increased from 2,009,821 in 1930 to 2,181,763 in 1940, according to census figures.

President Spurs Aid To Russia

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vital anti-axis front today is the one behind which is Moscow.

There are three air routes to Moscow—or soon will be. The United Press was informed that American-made bombers already are winging to the Soviet union "over the top of the world" by way of Canada and Alaska. Other sources said American bombers had been delivered in Moscow, although not in great numbers, and by a route other than via Canada and Alaska. In any event, all the planes delivered by whatever route apparently were ordered by the British under lend-lease authority and were diverted by the British to the Red army.

Airplanes could be delivered via Alaska, they could be flown to Great Britain and thence to the Soviet union or they could cross the South Atlantic and Africa and enter the Soviet union from the south. The Canadian government has allocated $9,000,000 (M) for four wilderness airports on the Alaska-Soviet union route and hundreds of Canadian defense workers cleared those areas. They have been far enough advanced for use for some time. Some of the Canadian funds may have been provided by the United States government.

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