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Weather

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday, but morning fog; gentle changeable winds off shore; little change in temperature.
Monday: Max. 62, Min. 42, Rain 0.
River -2.2 ft. Northeast wind, clear.

Army Pursuit Planes Arriving for Training

Germans Claim Stalino Taken On Central Front

Armaments Center Captured—Nazis Thrown Back Across Iver River

London, Oct. 21 (AP)—The Russian armies are pressing the Germans hard in most sectors of the front before Moscow in fighting in which "many suburban villages have changed hands as many as three times a day," the Moscow radio stated tonight.

(By the Associated Press)
Adolf Hitler's high command announced a new blow to the backbone of Russia's war foundations today with the capture of Stalino, big armaments center 100 miles north of Rostov-on-Don, and on the central front, Nazi troops were reported within 50 miles of Moscow. Informed London quarters, picturing the Moscow area as a battle of tanks, infantry and artillery, said it was "a good guess" that the Germans had scored a 15 mile advance from the Maloyaroslavets sector, 65 miles southwest of Moscow, after six days of violent tank assaults.

Fierce Resistance
Soviet armored forces, however, were said to be fiercely resisting in this sector, and red army counter-attacks near Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, were reported to have thrown the Nazis back across the Iver river.

The German high command said Nazi and Italian troops smashing into Russia's vital Donets river industrial basin, source of rich supplies of iron, coal and manganese, captured Stalino yesterday.

On Main Railroad
Stalino, a city of 465,000 population, lies one of the two main rail lines between Moscow and the great Caucasian oil fields.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters, describing Stalino as one of the most important armaments centers in the Donets basin, said axis forces took the surrounding region yesterday and that "Stalino itself was taken by Alpinists." These might be either German or Italian troops.

"The Reich's war flag is flying from one of the most important industrial plants in this city," the German high command said.

Nazi military commentators reported that the southern axis armies were led by picked units of Hitler's own elite guard. They indicated that Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus, now would probably be the pivot for a gigantic new encirclement movement to take the Donets basin.

On the bloody central front before (Continued on Page 11, Column 5)

Tropical Storm Flooding Florida

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 21 (AP)—New precipitation records were made in northern Florida today as a small tropical storm hovered over the area and rain fell steadily. Schools were suspended in Hastings and in rural areas near Gainesville because of flooded roads.

Gainesville's 9.93 inches of rain for the past 24 hours compared with the old mark of 7.42 inches set on October 24, 1938.

The University of Florida rain gauge showed 12.27 inches since Sunday but at Cross City, nearby 14.01 inches of rain has fallen within 48 hours.

Coast Good Will Caravan Coming

Depoe Bay, Oct. 21 (AP)—A good-will caravan from the Lincoln county beaches will start from Depoe Bay Friday for a tour through the Willamette valley to Portland.

Representatives of all the north Lincoln beach communities will banquet with the Portland Realty club at noon.

Following the banquet, the caravan will move down the east side of the valley through Oregon City, Canby, and Woodburn to Silverton and back to Salem, returning home through Dallas.

British Resume Big Air Raids On Germany

Bremen, Wilhelmshaven And Emden Bombed—Nazis Raid Britain

London, Oct. 21 (AP)—British planes, reopening their offensive against Germany after three days of bad weather, returned from a daylight sweep over northern France today with reports of 12 German fighters brought down.

Nine British fighter planes were missing but the pilots of three were safe, an authoritative source said.

Bremen, Wilhelmshaven and Emden were bombed heavily last night by strong British raiding squadrons, which also reported loss of nine planes.

Authorities issued a statement saying: "The force of the bomber command engaged was a strong one—more than seven times the size of the German force operating against this during the night."

Extend to Denmark
The air ministry said that, in addition to the major blows at Germany, "small raids were made on a number of objectives in north-west Germany and occupied territory."

"Yesterday," it said, "aircraft of the coastal command bombed an enemy seaplane base and factory in northern Denmark. Buildings were hit and aircraft set on fire."

It was acknowledged that a coastal command plane, presumably one which participated in this thrust across the north sea, was missing, making 10 bombers unreported in the 24-hour period.

Some of Britain's new four-engined bombers were in the attacking force.

The greatest number of bombers went to Bremen, but both Wilhelmshaven and the port of Emden were attacked by "several squadrons."

Crews returning from the Bremen attack reported many large and spreading fires among the docks and in industrial parts of the town.

It was the 86th British raid of the war on Bremen, important port and site of extensive shipbuilding yards.

German air attacks last night were centered on Merseyside, the port and shipbuilding area of Liverpool and north Wales.

While the government said only small numbers of raiders were active, and the attacks ceased before midnight, damage was caused at several places and casualties included a small number of persons killed.

Smokers Blamed For \$60,000 Fire

Portland, Oct. 21 (AP)—Carelessness of smokers was blamed today for a fire which destroyed a dance hall and damaged three other buildings in east Portland. Fire Investigator Norman Howard estimated the loss at \$60,000.

A theatre, fur company and a cafe were damaged.

A special police officer was slightly injured helping fight the flames.

Community Chest Lags Behind Quota

At a special pep meeting of the Salem Community chest workers this noon at the Marion hotel ways and means for putting the chest drive over the goal line were discussed.

With approximately \$250 in additional pledges expected in today from workers it was expected the \$44,500 mark would be passed leaving approximately \$5,500 to be raised.

President T. M. Hicks of the chest said that only once, that was in 1938, had the goal been exceeded and at that time it was \$45,000 and was over-subscribed by \$2,300. Two additional agencies have been put on this year, both important character building organizations in the community and it is important, he said, that the goal be reached. The per capita for Salem of \$1.10 which has been reached is too small for the population.

He emphasized the fact that 75 per cent of the chest funds were used in supporting character building agencies and that only 15 per

American Ship Lehigh Torpedoed

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced today the torpedoing Sunday night of the American merchant vessel Lehigh just north of the equator and near the southern end of the bulge of Africa.

While lacking information on the number of persons aboard, Mr. Roosevelt told a press conference one boatload of survivors had been picked up. It is understood, he said, that two other boats are missing and a search is on for them.

He said persons in the boat which was found believed no one was killed but that some persons were wounded in the explosion of the torpedo.

The Lehigh, of about 9,000 tons, had discharged a cargo in Bilbao, S. in, the chief executive said, and was running empty on a trading voyage to the Gold coast.

The chief executive left no doubt that he was convinced it was a torpedo from a German submarine which had sent the Lehigh down and he told a press conference in stern tones that Secretary of State Hull was dead right when called on that activity policy.

The Lehigh was the ninth American-owned merchant vessel sent to the bottom in more than two years of the European war.

Nazis Claim 7 More Ships Sunk

Berlin, Oct. 21 (AP)—The German high command today reported the sinking of seven more ships from a Britain-bound convoy in the north Atlantic, raising to about 100,000 tons the shipping claimed as sunk by Nazi submarines since Dunkirk announced the torpedoing of the U. S. S. Kearny.

The high command said the vessels reported sunk today totaled 38,200 tons. Three days ago the sinking of 10 merchant ships, including three tankers, for a total of 60,000 tons was claimed. In addition, the high command said, two defending destroyers were sent to the bottom.

The high command said that in addition to sinking seven more ships Nazi submarines severely damaged the 14,795 ton whaling motor ship, Svend Foyn.

Reprisals for Holtz Slaying

London, Oct. 21 (AP)—The Reuters news agency said under a Vichy decree tonight that 50 French hostages would be shot in reprisal for the slaying at Nantes yesterday of the German General Colonel Holtz. If the assassins are not found by Thursday, an additional 50 hostages will be executed.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Oct. 21 (AP)—The arrest of four French gendarmes officers at Nantes in connection with the killing there yesterday of the German General Colonel Holtz was announced tonight along with the execution of four more persons in various parts of the country.

The four arrested, including one colonel and three captains, have been held since shortly after the assassination on the ground that they were responsible for maintaining peace among the French population.

Vote Removal of Wheat Penalty

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Hull Requests Speedy Arming Of U. S. Ships

Secretary Warns Senate Lest American Efforts at Self Defense be Too Late

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today urged the senate foreign relations committee to approve speedily a house resolution to arm American merchant ships, lest American "efforts at self-defense come too late."

Hull was the first witness at hearings on the house - approved resolution. His testimony followed a White house conference with congressional leaders, who reported that they would press at this time only for the ship-arming bill rather than repeal of the entire neutrality act.

Senate Democratic Leader A. W. Barkley of Kentucky emphasized, however, that there was "no hard and fast decision" on that point.

"The hearings were closed, but Hull handed copies of a prepared statement which he read to the senate committee.

Hull said it was "both urgent and important" to repeal section 6 of the neutrality act, which prohibits the arming of merchant ships. He repeated but did not emphasize, his previous contention that congress should repeal section 2 which bans American ships from belligerent ports.

Members of the committee said that Hull testified under questioning that the steps he favored would not be equivalent to a declaration of war, but would be "short of war."

He reiterated his belief, members said, that Adolf Hitler's goal is world conquest.

May Be Too Late
He testified that the condition of world affairs is such that "unless it is promptly dealt with, efforts at self-defense may come too late."

"I am convinced that in the interest of our national security the passage of the pending bill to repeal section 6 of the neutrality act is both urgent and important," he said. "Inasmuch as section 2 is not under consideration I will offer no comment except to say that in my judgment section 2 should be repealed or modified."

The White house conference appeared to end for the time being any chance of administration support for immediate bipartisan moves to modify drastically or repeal the entire act.

White House Conference
Hull, Committee Chairman Tom Connally, D. Tex., and Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley, Ky., were among those who conferred with Mr. Roosevelt. The three left after a half hour to attend the hearing. Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas, House Democratic Leader John W. McCormack, Mass., and Vice President Henry A. Wallace remained with Mr. Roosevelt for another half hour.

The three democratic sponsors of the senate resolution to repeal section 2 of the neutrality act—Sen. Claude Pepper, Fla., Theodore F. Green, R.I., and Josh Lee, Okla., had told reporters that their proposal would be adopted if Mr. Roosevelt "reiterates his stand that such action is necessary."

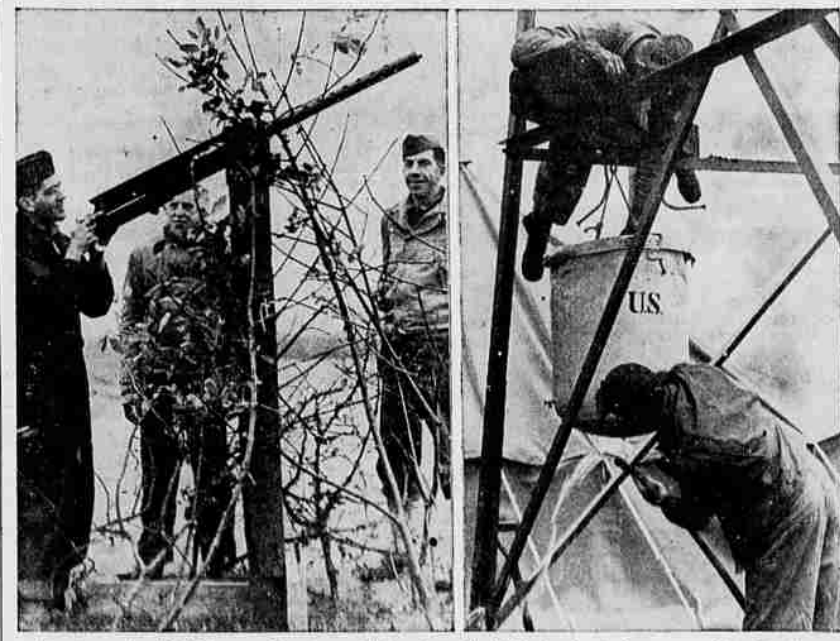
Pelain Protests LeHavre Bombing
Vichy, Oct. 21 (AP)—Marshal Petain today broke his governmental silence on the RAF's bombardment of German-held ports of France's channel coast by expressing a protest against the bombings of Le Havre. The protest was made in an open letter addressed to the port's municipal government.

Another anti-British note was sounded by the official news agency in an item criticizing the British in an item criticizing the British for alleged ill-treatment of some French officers picked up off the coast of Somaliland.

The same agency published an unexplained "news item" entitled, "Does the United States fully grasp the seriousness of the moment?" This belittled United States defense production efforts.

Siskiyou Has First Strike in 19 Years
Yreka, Calif., Oct. 21 (AP)—The Long Bell Lumber company strike called yesterday at Weed was the first in 19 years in Siskiyou county.

The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union, claiming 1100 of the plant's 1280 workers, walked out in demand for a union shop and higher wages.



Men from the 684 Ordnance Company, aviation pursuit at Portland air base, man this 50-caliber aircraft machine gun at Salem airport. Water from airport wells is rated pure but chlorinated water from this Lister bag will be used by the men as a precautionary measure.

Aid to Russia To Be Speeded-up

Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt returned to the capital today to speed war aid to the Soviet Union which apparently is considered a most vital necessity. The Far East is seething, Japan's next moves are believed to depend largely on whether and how soon the German army is able to give the Russians a really smashing blow.

The Nazi legions are now within two minutes or less flying time of Moscow. Assistance for the red army being discussed here today scarcely could reach there in fewer than several weeks unless the president ordered airplanes now in service or those coming off assembly lines to fly to the aid of the red army.

A step-up in aerial aid to the Russians at this time when there is tremendous pressure to reinforce our own defenses in the far east against possible Japanese moves, would impose desperately difficult decisions upon the men who are discussing Russian problems here.

Some military experts indicate uneasiness because of commitments already made to the Soviet Union which, when superimposed upon pledges to Great Britain, apparently must reduce the supply of weapons available to our own forces.

But the administration is approaching the problem with an accelerated speed which suggests that Mr. Roosevelt feels that the vital anti-axis front today is the one behind which is Moscow.

The cabinet held its first regular meeting today, and Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo explained repercussions of the new government's formation in Britain, the United States, Germany and Italy. It was announced that Minister at Large Aruhiko Kishi, who, having spent more than 10 years in Russia, is considered an expert on Russian affairs, had been appointed vice-foreign minister, succeeding Eiji Amano.

Meanwhile, Minister of Commerce and Industry Shinzuke Kishi reshuffled his ministry's personnel on an unprecedented scale. At least 12 department chiefs were involved, and one of the major changes was the promotion of Yet Sunaburo Shima, director of the general affairs department to the vice-ministry, succeeding Shinichi Kikima.

American Fliers Score in France
London, Oct. 21 (AP)—Two Americans, pilots with the RAF Eagle squadron, disrupted traffic on an important railway near Abbeville, occupied France, with cannon fire in the RAF sweep over northern France this afternoon, the air ministry said.

They were Pilot Officers M. W. Fessler, 23, of Los Altos, Calif., and Charles Wallace Tihken, 23, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fessler fired his cannon at one locomotive which immediately was blotted out by clouds of steam, then blasted at a second engine but was unable to determine the results.

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Air Corps Men Dance Guests

Salem people will be given their first chance to meet and frolic with the enlisted men of the air corps units to be stationed here for the next two weeks Thursday evening, when the United Hospitality association will sponsor a public dance at which the army men will be honor guests.

To ensure a plentiful supply of partners for the guests women will be admitted free, and to defray the expenses of the party a 55 cent admission will be charged for civilian men.

Orchestra music will be furnished by the "Top Hatters."

Local people wishing to share in entertaining the fliers and ground crew members during their stay here by inviting them to their homes for dinner have been requested by Tom Hill, UHA recreational chairman, to telephone their invitations to squadron headquarters, phone 8464, at the fairgrounds. Hosts to one or more of the men are asked to provide transportation for their guests.

Seeks Military Bases in Siberia
Washington, Oct. 21 (AP)—Senator Wallgren, D. Wash., said today that the state department should undertake negotiations with Russia for the acquisition of military bases in Siberia.

Wallgren told reporters the bases "could be used to protect us against any Japanese move against this country and, if Germany should win out in Russia, to protect us against the Nazis."

The Washington senator said that it was only a short bomber flight from Siberia to Alaska, and added that this nation should have an outpost which would prevent any surprise attack against the Alaskan territory.

In the event this nation should become involved in war with Japan, Wallgren declared, Siberian bases would be valuable for possible bombing attacks against Japan.

Stalin in Command Of Moscow Defenses
London, Oct. 21 (AP)—Premier Josef Stalin has assumed personal command of the defense of Moscow and has established his headquarters in an armored train at the front.

British press dispatches reported today it was asserted that Stalin was now personally the commander in chief of the Russian forces on the entire central front rather than premier.

A Daily Mail dispatch said Stalin had gone to the front in his familiar blue blouse, field gray breeches and top boots, the same uniform he wore when he fought the Czarists in the Russian civil war.

It was added that the Russian government, under Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov, had now been installed at Kuibyshev, 540 miles southeast of Moscow.

The Daily Mail dispatch reported that the Germans were using on the Moscow front as many as 25,000 tanks, 2,000,000 highly mechanized troops and about three-fourths of

the operational strength of the German air force.

Adolf Hitler, it was asserted, had thrown in three new infantry armies within the last few days.

It was indicated that the Russians were holding well in all sectors.

Military experts said every hour the Russian forces continued to hold, gave vitally needed time for the city's hundreds of thousands of workers to build new tank traps and pill boxes which might make the difference between victory and defeat.

In commenting on the appointment of special commanders for the Moscow area and its approaches to the west, military experts said the Russian high command had again shown mastery of the situation.

Squadron to Be Here for Next Two Weeks

Salem Airfield Organized to Last Detail for Reception

First of the group of aircraft comprising the 54th pursuit squadron that are to participate in the two-weeks' training period centering at Salem arrived in formation at 12:20 this afternoon. Others were to follow. The first ships and pilots to arrive found the airfield organized to the last detail for their reception and upkeep while here. In all 30 planes are expected. Eight planes comprised the first group to arrive. With them came Lieutenant Thomas W. Jackson, commander of the 54th, Lieutenants E. H. Toland, F. J. Tope, C. E. Helts, C. L. Simpson, D. E. Houseal, J. C. Loh and other officers.

Sent to Stations
Upon arrival the ships were directed to their stations by Master Sergeant T. W. Damsby.

The arriving officers reported that weather conditions and some difficulty with the Salem radio connection delayed the take-off from Portland airport.

The organization was manifest to the onlooker immediately upon arrival of the ships when a group of men in air corps uniform was seen to spring into action and fan out over the field, each man taking one particular ship, and the ship taken over by each man is to be in his care during the stay in Salem.

Details Arranged
Arrangement of all engineering, technical supply and operations details are in the hands of Master Sergeant Damsby, who has a big corps of men responsible to him and who, in turn, is responsible to his superiors, and they again to their superior officers, up to the commanding officer of the squadron, who is Lieutenant Jackson.

Members of the engineering section or maintenance crew, who have in hand the upkeep of the planes, are all specialists—instrument, electrical, engine specialists, etc.—and most of them are graduates of the best army schools.

Included in the technical department is the radio section, which arranged all ground connections and the two-way sets for communication with planes in the air.

Armament Section
Then there is the armament section which has the upkeep of all guns. The guns are all on the airplanes, 30-calibers that are synchronized to fire through the propellers, and 30-calibers mounted on the wings of the ships.

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Civil War Rages In Yugoslavia

(By the 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 Telegraph said.

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

The Berlin reports summarized, according to the telegraph's Zurich correspondent, that the situation in Croatia and Serbia was "extremely grave" and all efforts to crush the guerrillas had failed.

Reports from Vichy indicated that German reprisals—possibly the execution of more hostages—were feared because of the assassination of Lieut-Col. Karl Friedrich Holtz, German commander of the important Nantes area on the occupied French coast.

The London radio reported 4,000 Poles had been arrested in the Wilno area for espionage, and the Moscow radio said 30 Belgian journalists, civil servants, priests and teachers had been executed thus far in October, of a total of 400 arrested.

In Rome, the newspaper La Tribuna complained about the scarcity of meat, such as kidneys and liver.