

GERMANS NEAR MAIN REAR RAMPARTS

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 4—The difficulty of organizing a popular movement behind Navy Secretary Knox's ringing call to "drive the Nazis from the Atlantic" is that the British never needed such help less than at the moment Knox spoke.

THE semi-official explanation of the Knox speech is that he and his associates have become deeply worried about the state of American public opinion since the Russian campaign.

DOCTOR CONVICTED OF SLAYING WIFE

Bath, Me., July 4.—(P)—Dr. Merrill E. Joss, 34, accused of slaying his physician wife, four years his senior, so he could marry a tea-room hostess, was convicted of manslaughter today by a jury that deliberated six hours and 10 minutes.

War Bulletins

Nairobi, Kenya, July 4.—(P)—General Gazzera, supreme commander of the remaining Italian forces in Ethiopia, is sending envoys to the British to arrange the surrender of all Italian troops in the province of Galla Sidamo, the British announced officially today.

VAST SLAUGHTER PRICE OF MARCH TO 'STALIN LINE'

Thousands of Nazi Dead, Blazing Tanks and Enemy Planes Left on Battlefield

By the Associated Press Adolf Hitler's invasion armies are approaching the main soviet defense ramparts—the mystery-veiled "Stalin line"—the Germans declared today, while the Russians reported a vast slaughter of Nazi troops in two-day-old fighting along the bloody Berezina river, 400 miles west of Moscow.

The Berlin radio asserted vaguely that at least one Nazi spearhead had knifed beyond the Germans' furthest world war penetration of Russia.

Countering official German claims that the backbone of the red army was "broken," a soviet communique declared also that Nazi invasion forces suffered a heavy defeat during the night in the Bobruisk sector, 100 miles southeast of Minsk.

Recapitulating the 12-day battle of Bialystok, which ended earlier this week, the official German news agency, DNB, asserted that "hundreds of thousands of Russian corpses" were strewn over the forest battlefield.

Between 400,000 and 500,000 red army troops were said to have engaged in the battle, in which the Germans claimed that 100,000 prisoners were taken.

Shanghai, July 4.—(P)—Unconfirmed reports circulated in Shanghai tonight that the Japanese army and navy is preparing to move within a fortnight against southern French Indo-China and occupy Saigon, its chief port and metropolis.

100,000 Reds Taken, Claim



Germany claimed capture of 100,000 Russians and destruction of "a large part" of the Red forces trapped in the Bialystok-Minsk area (oval). Meanwhile attacks were reported launched from Finland and Germans claimed Windau, Latvia, besides Riga, already taken.

WILLKIE SURE NAVY SOON WILL HELP IN SUPPLY DELIVERIES

New York, July 4.—(P)—Short-wave radio beams carried to the world today an assertion by Wendell L. Willkie that he is "quite sure that before long now the great force of the American navy will be brought into play to insure the delivery of supplies to Great Britain.

Willkie recorded the speech in the NBC studios last night for use in a broadcast commemorating Independence day.

MOTT TO PRESS FOR ROAD ACTION

Washington, July 4.—(P)—Speedy action on the public roads authorization bill reported to the house will be asked by Rep. Mott (R., Ore).

ARMY INCREASE PLAN SEEN IN REQUEST TO ERASE RESTRICTINS

Washington, July 4.—(P)—Plans for a substantial increase in the size of the United States army, perhaps to double its present strength, were believed indicated today by the general staff's controversial request for power to hold national guardsmen and selectees in service, and to use them beyond the confines of the western hemisphere if necessary.

The question of the army's future size was momentarily obscured by the rush of highly critical congressional reaction to the high command's request, but well-informed officials pointed out that the two subjects were very closely linked.

BRITISH DIVE LOW TO BOMB BREMEN

London, July 4.—(P)—Big British bombers, diving 50 feet over the rooftops of Bremen in broad daylight, scored direct hits on a large factory in the waterfront area of the German port and shipbuilding city, the air ministry reported today.

AIR CORPS WORK SUFFERS DELAY IN AFL WALKOUT

Threat to New York Milk Supply Also Looms Large in Nation's Strike Picture

By the Associated Press Two strikes, one delaying work on an important army air corps project and another threatening New York City's milk supply, engaged labor's interest today in the midst of the nation's holiday celebrations.

Work on the expansion project is less than one-fourth completed, it was said.

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EAGLE PT. WOMAN INJURED BY AUTO

Mrs. M. A. Kennon, 75, of Eagle Point suffered a fractured hip and pelvis, an injured shoulder and bruises and cuts late yesterday afternoon when she was struck by a car driven by Steven R. Schuerman, Ashland insurance man, on the Crater Lake highway about 20 miles from Medford.

An attendant at Sacred Heart hospital, where she was taken immediately after the accident by Mr. Schuerman, said this morning that the aged woman was conscious, but because of her age was not resting well and was rather seriously injured.

Rosalind Russell Will Marry Agent

Hollywood, July 4.—(P)—Rosalind Russell, Hollywood's No. 1 bachelor girl, is yachting down to Mexico to become the bride of Carl Brisson, Danish actor's agent.

VIOLENT DEATH IN EARLY START DURING HOLIDAY

24 Victims Recorded in First Hours; 475 Traffic Deaths Three-Day Estimate

By the Associated Press Violent death claimed at least 24 victims today before Independence day was more than a few hours old.

By noon (EST)—9 a. m. on the Pacific coast—15 persons had been killed in traffic accidents and seven by other causes, including drownings, falls, and one airplane accident in Florida.

Deaths by states as reported at noon: Florida 3, Illinois 5, Iowa 1, Maryland 2, Michigan 4, North Carolina 2, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 2, Texas 1, West Virginia 1, Washington 2.

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Five of six Heppner, Ore., persons in the other car suffered similar injuries—Mrs. Harry Parfegian, Gilbert Thompson, Clayton Lenninger, Windsor Channey, Harry Parfegian, 23, driver, escaped injury.

Waitress Suspects Fidgety Man's Tip Los Angeles, July 4.—(P)—Waitress Tazudo Urugani found \$515 on one of her tables but she just couldn't convince herself it was a tip.

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At the conclusion of the president's speech, the listeners were invited to join Chief Justice Stone in repeating in unison the oath of allegiance to the flag.

Admits Slayings



Bernard Sawacki (above), 17, parolee of St. Charles school for boys, admitted three fatal shootings, Police Captain Hugh McCarthy of the Chicago police department, said.

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U. S. CAN'T SURVIVE AS LIBERTY OASIS ROOSEVELT WARNS

Freedom Cannot Be Saved Here if Lost to Neighbor Nations Is Declaration

By Douglas B. Cornell Hyde Park, N. Y., July 4.—(P)—President Roosevelt warned the American people today that they must be willing once more to pledge their lives, "if it be necessary," for the preservation of their cherished liberty.

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