

### Small British Raids on Continent Seen Good Strategy While Hitler Extremely Busy in Russian Putsch

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With the swelling of the great battles along the Stalin line, British newspapers are demanding that England invade the continent while Hitler is preoccupied with his Russian conquest.

Such a suggestion must create considerable apprehension among allied supporters (or so it seems to me) until it is made clear that no big-scale operation of this sort is intended.

**Could Do Much Damage**

Quite another story might grow out of the adventure of comparatively small British descents along the continental coast for quick raids. Take, for illustration, the great German base at the port of Brest where, incidentally, the Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have been tied up.

That would be a hard nut to crack, but a carefully prepared raiding expedition might be able to do great damage and make a get-away. Multiply this raid by many at other places and you have something worth while—both materially and as regards enemy morale.

The anxiety of Britons to get ahead with the titanic job they have on hand is quite understandable. Still, they must bide their time to try to take Herr Hitler's measure by wholesale invasion.

**Other Important Moves**

If the allies are eager for land offensives there is plenty of opportunity in the crucial Middle and Near East. The campaign against Italian Libya, for instance, is crying out for liquidation. There are the important Syrian and Iraq campaigns to be finished quickly to safeguard allied interests against the Nazis in event they defeat Russia. Then too, India must be prepared for possible action—a colossal job which must be done on the jump.

One of the immediate results of the German attack on Russia has been to transform India into a pivotal point for British Imperial defense and offense. The position of Hindustan is of such vast strategic importance that we must keep an eye on developments there if we are to understand the possibilities of this new Hitlerian thrust to the east.

**India Supply Center**

Actually India for months not only has been a first rank producer of essential supplies but also a coordinating center for Imperial necessities. But this great empire now has become more than a supply center. With each stride that the Hitlerites take into Russia, the likelihood increases that India will become the focal point of military operations, both offensive and defensive.

If the Germans are successful in overrunning western Russia, they will be in position not only to strike at the British Middle Eastern interests through Iran and Iraq, but to undertake an expedition against India itself—a German dream that is generations old. There also always is the danger of an attack on India by Japan. As long ago as the World War I found during an extensive tour of India that the Japanese longings for the treasures of Hindustan were high on the horizon.

**4,000 FREIGHT CARS ORDERED BY S. P. CO.**

Orders for 4,000 new freight cars, to cost approximately \$12,700,000, have just been placed by the Southern Pacific Company, according to word received by local representatives of the railroad.

The orders call for 2100 box cars of 40-foot-6-inch length, 500 box cars of 50-foot-6-inch length, 700 gondola cars, 150 hopper cars, 300 flat cars, 200 tank cars of 12,500-gallon capacity and 50 tank cars of 8,000-gallon capacity. Deliveries will start in January, 1942.

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and said it was intended to reveal "the real situation of the church."

### AAA BENEFITS PAID TO INSURANCE COMPANIES REVEAL FORECLOSURES

Washington, July 8.—(AP)—Insurance companies and federal land banks topped a list of big benefit payments the agriculture department reported today it had made to farm operators for complying with major phases of 1939 crop control programs.

The largest single payment—\$133,191—went to the Prudential Insurance Company of America at Newark, N. J. The second biggest was \$96,332 paid to the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, of New York. The federal land bank of Omaha, Neb., was close behind with a \$94,963 payment. Eleven other insurance companies received in excess of \$35,000.

Officials explained these large payments reflected immense holdings of farmland and insurance concerns and banks had acquired through investments and foreclosures, the latter coming about during the post-World War depression.

### WHEAT ACREAGE TO BE REDUCED

Jackson county wheat growers can expect a reduction in their 1942 wheat acreage allotments, in accordance with the national and state allotments announced by the department of agriculture recently.

The national allotment of 55 million acres for 1942 is the same as the 1939 allotment, and is 7 million acres smaller than the 1941 allotment. The state allotment is 756,281 acres. The allotment is based on adequate supplies of wheat for domestic consumption, exports and reserves. Reduction in wheat acreage to prevent piling-up of heavy surpluses was necessary in view of a prospective carry-over of around 500 million bushels on July 1, 1942.

Acreage figures for each county, based on the lowered national and state allotment, have been worked out by the state AAA committee. The county committee is proceeding with preparation of individual farm acreage allotments for Jackson county.

The 1942 acreage allotment for Jackson county is 5,785 acres.

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### GROWERS ADVISED TO STORE EXCESS GRAIN PRODUCTION

Market Price Higher Than Loan Value Seen by AAA County Chairman.

Foreseeing a market price higher than the loan value for wheat before the first of the year if marketing quotas are successful in keeping surplus wheat off the market, Fred Homes, chairman of the county AAA committee, advises wheat growers who will have excess wheat under marketing quota provisions to store the excess wheat as the most desirable method of handling it.

Pointing out that the purpose of marketing quotas is to keep the surplus off the market, Homes stated that payment of penalties and subsequent marketing of the excess wheat by the

grower would defeat the purpose of quotas.

Growers that store their excess wheat may obtain a loan on this wheat at 60 per cent of the regular loan rate, provided they fulfill one of four conditions, the chairman said. These conditions are given as follows: Deposit of an acceptable bond with the treasurer of the county committee to secure payment of the penalty on the excess wheat. This bond must be in an amount equal to 49c a bushel for each bushel of excess wheat to be placed under loan.

Deposit with the treasurer of the county committee funds in payment of the penalty or to be held in escrow as the producer elects.

Name the treasurer of the United States, in care of the county committee, as payee in the loan documents for the amount of the penalty, such amount to be used in payment of the penalty to be held in escrow as the producer elects.

Deposit with the treasurer of the county committee additional warehouse receipts covering an additional amount of wheat equal to the marketing quota excess. These receipts will be held in escrow.

Fulfillment of any one of these four conditions will allow the producer to receive the 60

percent loan on his marketing quota excess, Homes said. However, he warned growers that storage of the excess under loan does not take it out of the producer's hands, but rather defers payment of the penalty and gives the producer a chance to bring his operations into line with marketing quota provisions without an immediate cash outlay.

### SOCE ACOUSTICS FIXED FOR PLAY

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, July 8.—(Spl.)—Due to the importance of the summer production of Maxwell Anderson's "High Tor," velvet curtains have been hung in the S.O.C.E. auditorium to give the best possible acoustics. In the past audibility has been a major problem of S.O.C.E. productions. Director Bowmer, determined that the fault be remedied, began experimenting at the first rehearsal and continued until the present very satisfactory acoustics were obtained. Director Bowmer also an-

nounced today that the play would be presented by the following cast:

An Indian, Woody Mason; Van Van Dorn, Don Darnelle; Judith, Corrine Harwood; Biggs, John Barker; Schimm, Duain Monroe; Lise, Helen Spirling; Asher, F. Cyril Sanders; Peter, Jack Chester; A Sailor, C. Damon; DeWitt, Angus Bowmer; Dopey, Harold Reedy; Elkus, Bob Sharon; Buddy, Damon Clifton; Patsy, Arthur Canon; A. B. Schimm, Edmund

Dews; Budge, Chester Squires. Production date is Thursday, July 17, at 8 p. m.

**Harvest Hand Killed**  
The Dalles, Ore., July 8.—(AP)—A truck loaded with wheat harvest hands collided with an automobile, killing one man and injuring eight others on the Dalles-California highway south of here last night. Fred Miller, one of the harvest workers, was killed outright.

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