

NAZI - AMERICAN RELATIONS CRITICAL

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Sept. 6.—It is rather widely known here that the British intend to go in through Iran to establish a common fighting line with the reds in front of the Caucasus mountain oil fields (famed Baku), in the expectation that the Nazi military machine may yet burn out its bearings for want of oil.

The Nazis have reached no oil yet in the Ukraine, will not come to the rich sources of supply until they have passed the Caucasus.

If the British couple this strategy with increased bombing of synthetic oil plants in Germany, they can do more to help Russia and themselves than in any other way now open.

It is too much to say the Nazi machine is cracking for want of fuel. But telltale evidence is beginning to come through in the official dispatches that the prolongation of the planned 6 or 8 weeks campaign has placed a grave military strain upon the supply and transportation of this essential food without which blitzes cannot blitz.

KEY secret to the whole Nazi slowdown seems to be gasoline. The blitz rolled westward without pause, through Belgium and France, mainly because the Germans were able to seize big filling stations and wholesale storage tanks, before these could be destroyed. The high command has since claimed it seized more gas than it used in the conquest of the west.

Not so in Russia. There are no gas stations, retail or wholesale, because there were no automobiles. Every gallon must be hauled from synthetic plants in Germany, all the way across Poland to the front.

No new oil sources have yet been taken by the Germans in their Russian conquest, except a few minor wells in Russian Poland. Earlier they took oil in Rumania but the problem of transportation from there to the central and northern fronts is extremely difficult.

The private official advices here suggest this situation has been desperate for the Nazis at

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War Bulletins

London, Sept. 6.—(P)—The British submarine P33 was given up for lost tonight by the admiralty.

The vessel is "overdue and must be considered lost," an announcement said.

Berlin, Sept. 7.—(Sunday)—Ten British planes were shot down last night during the course of RAF raids on western Germany, authorized sources said today.

By the Associated Press
London, Sept. 6.—(P)—Britain announced today for the second day in succession a successful attack on a large Italian liner in the Mediterranean believed to have been transporting troops to reinforce axis armies in North Africa.

An admiralty communique stated that the 11,338-ton liner Esperia was torpedoed by a British submarine and sunk off Tripoli, attacked while in "an exceptionally strongly escorted convoy" of destroyers, torpedo-boats, motor torpedo-boats and flying boats.

"Liners of this type are used by the enemy as troopships," observed the admiralty in a comment similar to that used yesterday in announcing the torpedoing and "almost certain" sinking of a liner which the admiralty thought was the 23,635-ton Dulio.

No Overtime Charge
Decatur, Ga., Sept. 6.—(P)—The mailman exacted no extra postage from C. R. Broyles when he received an out-of-town letter bearing a two-cent stamp. Maybe, Broyles figured, "was because the letter was mailed in 1931 when two cents would carry a letter anywhere in the U. S."

BERLIN CHARGES DESTROYER FIRED FIRST AT U-BOAT

Blunt Denial By Navy—F.D.R. And American Policy Denounced By Germany—Conflicting Claims.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(P)—The navy department bluntly disputed tonight a claim from Berlin that the destroyer Greer had been the aggressor in an engagement with a German submarine off Iceland and reiterated that "the initial attack was made by the submarine on the Greer."

The navy issued the following statement: "Notwithstanding German contentions appearing in today's press that the Greer was the aggressor in its action with the submarine, the facts are the same as originally stated by the navy department—namely, that the initial attack in this engagement was made by the submarine on the Greer. It was then, and not until then, that the Greer counter-attacked."

The navy's original announcement Thursday night said that the Greer, "en route to Iceland with mail, reported this morning that a submarine attacked her by firing torpedoes which missed their mark. The Greer immediately counter-attacked with depth charges."

Washington, Sept. 6.—(P)—German-American relations entered into a new and uglier phase today with the publication of diametrically conflicting claims as to the circumstances under which the U. S. S. Greer and a German submarine engaged in a torpedo and depth-bomb skirmish on Thursday.

Self-Defense
Berlin today claimed that the Greer, a destroyer, attacked first, and that the U-boat used its torpedo tubes in self-defense. An exactly similar claim was made for the Greer yesterday by President Roosevelt.

The submarine fired first, he said, and the Greer dropped depth-bombs in self-defense.

To its published claim, Germany added a strong denunciation of President Roosevelt and American policy, which occasioned little surprise here, and for the time being, at least, elicited no official comment.

Berlin charged: "That the assertion that the Greer was acting in self-defense 'can only be to give at least the appearance of justification to an attack by an American destroyer on a German U-boat.'"

That it proved President Roosevelt had, contrary to his published statements, issued "general orders to American destroyers not only to report positions of German ships and U-boats but, beyond that, to attack them."

And that "Mr. Roosevelt in this way also is trying with all means at his disposal to provoke incidents in order to incite the American people into war against Germany."

Nazis Admit Guilt
Although state department and navy officials were silent on the German communique, Chairman Connally (D., Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee said "the Nazis might as well learn now that we are going to defend our ships and our citizens."

"The fact that the Nazis admit a German submarine was involved," he added, "amounts to an admission that it was acting under orders of the Nazi government in firing on our destroyer."

"This spirit of assassination, disregard for the rights of other nations and arrogant contempt for the United States dragged us into the last war."

"We do not want to become involved in the present war, but if our ships or citizens are attacked we are going to defend them."

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Russians Rout Foe, Free Vital Railway to Leningrad

Miss America 1941



Rosemary La Planche

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 6.—(P)—The crown of Miss America of 1941 was placed tonight on the pretty blonde locks of Miss California, Rosemary La Planche, 19, hazel-eyed Los Angeles resident and a runner-up in last year's Atlantic City beauty pageant.

She broke into tears as the award, goal of attractive girls from coast to coast for many months, was made in Convention hall as the climax of a week-long test of 42 beauties for talent, personality and appearance.

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TEAR GAS ROUTS SOLDIER RUMPUS
Petersburg, Va., Sept. 6.—(P)—Petersburg police used tear gas tonight to disperse a crowd of soldiers who milled around and in police headquarters protesting the arrest of a Camp Lee soldier.

Police Chief Charles Ryburn said "between 150 and 200" men crowded around headquarters in a disturbance following the arrest of a soldier on a charge of being drunk and resisting arrest.

"The soldiers were going to take him away from us," Ryburn said, adding that he asked them several times to "go along about their business."

"They insisted on coming on and cursed us. We used two grenades of tear gas."

Military police arrived after a hurried call to Camp Lee and kept the men on the move away from the police station.

FAIR DEAL ASKED IN DEFENSE WORK
Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 6.—(P)—President Roosevelt has asked the heads of all government departments and agencies to take "immediate steps" to put into effect a policy of non-discrimination in federal employment because of race, creed or national origin.

His action was an outgrowth of protests that negroes were being discriminated against in the defense program. It was in line with recommendations of a committee on fair employment practice, which he created last June 25.

PRESIDENT WILL ADDRESS NATION AT 6 P.M. MONDAY

Subject Matter Not Disclosed But Probably Iceland Incident—Hoover Talks Tuesday.

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 6.—(P)—President Roosevelt today ignored for tonight a Nazi declaration that he had given the navy shooting orders and wanted to incite the American people to war, but he will broadcast an address of "major importance" Monday night to the American people and to the world. He will speak at 6 p. m. Pacific time.

The subject matter was not disclosed when the temporary White House announced arrangements for the speech.

But there was no reason to doubt that it would deal with the explosive international situation, if not in some of its more troublesome aspects, at least in a general way.

That could be ascertained from the advance announcement that the president's words would be of major significance and would be heard not only by the American people but also by the entire world in rebroadcasts in 14 languages.

A matter of immediate speculation was the possibility that Mr. Roosevelt would discuss the full implications of a naval action in the north Atlantic Thursday between a German submarine and the United States destroyer Greer.

While neither vessel was hit, apparently, the incident brought strong repercussions both in Germany and the United States.

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AIR STRENGTH OF LAND INCREASES
San Francisco, Sept. 6.—(P)—A congressional leader declared today that the United States has developed aircraft production and outlying air bases until it is well able to care for itself in time of war.

Rep. Dow W. Harter (D.-Ohio) said in an interview he had come to this conclusion after he and the aviation subcommittee, of which he is chairman, had visited army air bases.

"We have a very potent air force right now; we outstrip every other nation in the world in heavy bomber equipment," Rep. Harter asserted.

He said construction was proceeding rapidly on island bases in the Caribbean and virtually all of these already can handle all types of army aircraft.

BULLETIN
Portland, Ore., Sept. 6.—(P)—The San Francisco Seals won their first game of the Coast league series here tonight with Tom Seals setting the Portland Beavers down in a four-hit performance, 4 to 2.

San Francisco 4 8 0
Portland 2 4 1
Seals and Ogdowski;
Speece, Callahan and Hawkins.
San Diego 5 13 1
Hollywood 6 14 2
Hebert, Dilbeck and Salkeld;
Dasso, Osborne and Dapper.
First night game:
Los Angeles 8 11 2
Seattle 9 2 4
Prim and Campbell; Cole, Brown and Fallop.

WILLKIE FAVORS USE OF FORCE TO KEEP SEAS FREE

Policy Challenged Again He Declares, And Hopes America Stands Firm.

New York, Sept. 6.—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie today called on the United States to use "determination and force" to meet Germany's challenge to its policy of freedom of the seas.

Speaking on a CBS radio program celebrating the 18th birthday of the exiled King Peter of Yugoslavia, the 1940 republican presidential nominee declared "once again, savage and bestial might has challenged the right of America to freedom of the seas."

"I know I speak the overwhelming sentiment of my fellow Americans in urging the president to meet the challenge with determination and force," Willkie said. "I hope, and I know you hope, that the president of the United States serves notice on Nazi Germany that the United States expects its ships to go unmolested in their passage across the North Atlantic, and those interfering with them will receive the result they are entitled to."

"There are certain things a nation cannot yield without losing strength, and certain things a people cannot yield without losing soul. I hope America will lose neither her strength nor her soul."

Addressing himself to the exiled king and the people of Yugoslavia as "a nation that did not lose its soul," Willkie paid tribute to their moral courage in meeting the Nazi challenge.

Speaking from London, King Peter said: "At this moment all our efforts must be directed to one aim; to deliver our country as soon as possible with the assistance of our mighty allies and the Great American democracy."

KANSAS STREAMS GO ON RAMPAGE
Topeka, Kas., Sept. 6.—(P)—Fed by heavy late summer rains Kansas streams were on another rampage today, flooding farm fields and cities and causing high property damage.

The Smoky Hill and Solomon Rivers, which have been out of their banks all week because of torrential Labor day rains, sent their crests downstream from Salina and Beloit, the Smoky after breaking through hastily erected dikes to inundate part of the Salina residential area.

Heavy Friday night and Saturday rains sent central Kansas creeks roaring out of their banks and threatened serious floods along the Cottonwood, Neosho and Verdigris rivers.

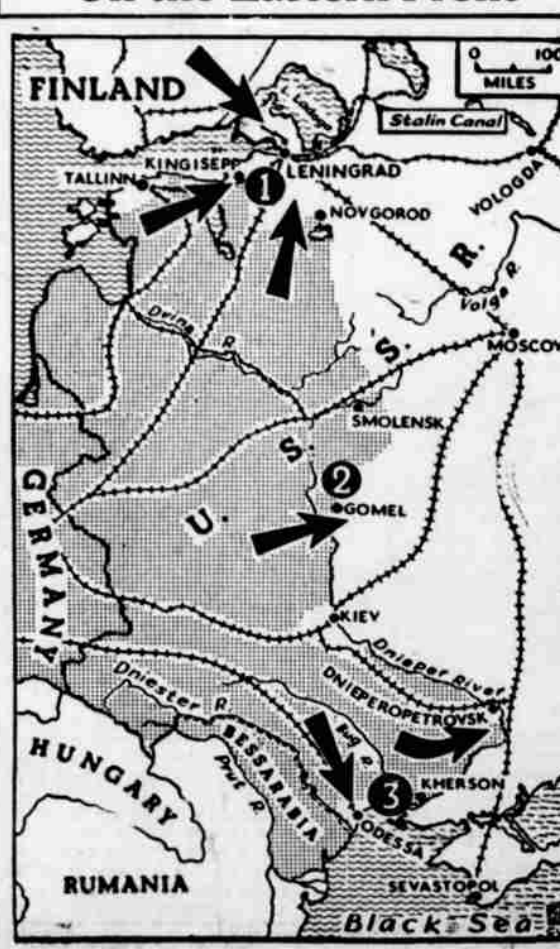
Between five and six inches of rain fell in the Iola vicinity, putting Rock, Elm and Deer creeks out of their banks. Water from rampaging Elm and Rock creek flooded the eastern part of town, forcing evacuation of at least 75 families.

LEW WALLACE IN GOVERNOR'S RACE
Portland, Sept. 6.—(P)—Lew Wallace, state senator from Multnomah county, announced today that he would seek the democratic nomination for governor in the 1942 primary election.

Wallace was a member of the State Game commission from 1934 to 1938 and was elected state representative in 1934. His position in the legislature was vacated in 1935 because he also held an appointive office.

He was appointed to the state senate in 1938 to fill a vacancy and was elected in 1940.

On the Eastern Front



Shading indicates main zones of action on the Russo-German front. Principal sectors were the Leningrad area (1), the central front (2), and the Kiev area (3), where terrific fighting was reported to have started on the approaches to the city. Further south, Odessa (4) was still under siege, and Germans reported repulsing a Russian attempt to cross the lower Dnieper river (5).

SLIM CHANCE FOR 4 YANKEE AIRMEN CONQUERED LANDS PERISH, 11 SAVED, IF HITLER WINS WHEN SHIP SUNK

By Louis P. Lochner
Berlin, Sept. 6.—(P)—Dr. Hans Keller, president of the Academy for the Rights of Peoples, in an article distributed by the German high command, today blasted away any hopes that "Germany after defeating her opponents" will "resurrect all those states which the storm of war has swept away."

The new order in Europe can only be a German order, he said.

Dr. Keller said Germany does not deny in principle the right of a people to its own state, but he argued:

"The essence of a state is might. Either one has might, or one hasn't. In the latter case it is small consolation to have a well-founded right to might."

"A whole series of powers has proven too weak to oppose British imperialism on the one hand, or Soviet imperialism on the other," he continues. "They fell to Germany. It is solely up to the fuhrer to determine what measure of power he will give back to the peoples within the German reich."

"He alone is responsible for this decision before his conscience as a German and thereby as a European. Whether his gift to these peoples will be a 'state' or perhaps an 'order' is secondary in importance once there is clarity concerning the nature of a state and its relationship to the peoples."

Tokyo Says
Tokyo, Sept. 6.—(P)—The newspaper Hochi dismissed the Greer incident today as "nothing but that a belligerent destroyer was attacked by a submarine in belligerent waters."

Nazi Meanness
Berlin, Sept. 6.—(P)—German police today ordered that all Jews over 16 years of age must wear a yellow, six-pointed star of David on the left side of the coat whenever appearing in public.

RED ARMY CLAIMS COUNTER ATTACKS MAKING HEADWAY

Gains Also At Kiev And Odessa—Soviet Air Force In 'Mass Blows.'

By the Associated Press
Moscow, Sunday, Sept. 7.—The Red army claimed today to have driven the Germans out of vital approaches to Leningrad with fierce counter-attacks while the Red air force gave full backing with "massed blows" upon invading Panzer troops, infantry and artillery.

The Soviet midnight communique again declared the battle raged on all fronts yesterday. But the fight in the Leningrad sector was the greatest and the most vital of the Russian-German war which entered its 12th week today.

The giant rival armies fought in the northwest over battlefields darkened by rain and fog. Dispatches to the army newspaper Red Star declared the troops of Marshal Klement Voroshilov, defending Russia's second city, mopped up one occupied zone south of Leningrad, pinched off another German armored wedge, penetrated the German lines at several points and crushed one major Nazi base in never-ceasing counter-thrusts.

The Russians also were employing the counter-attacks at Kiev and Odessa, the other great cities to which the Germans have approached closely. They were said to be repulsing or holding the besiegers.

The communique did not elaborate on the deeds of the air force yesterday but the terrific role the Red artillery is playing was seen in the official report that "thousands of German soldiers, hundreds of tanks, armored cars and lorries, scores of artillery mine throwers and machine gun batteries have been annihilated by the accurate fire of our guns."

The communique said that on one single day, last Thursday, the Soviet artillery killed at least 15,000 German officers and men and destroyed over 100 guns of various caliber, and much other material.

A German war correspondent reported that German units had penetrated "a soft spot" in the Leningrad defenses, but did not specify its location. He cited many obstacles created by the Russians, highways pitted with traps and mine fields and fortresses.

German dispatches, however, said a long-range bombardment of Leningrad continued, with electric power plants and a munitions factory effectively hit. Strong Luftwaffe units also were declared to have scattered strong troop concentrations in the area.

SEATTLE CLOSES RED LIGHT AREA
Seattle, Sept. 6.—(P)—The lights of Seattle's "red light district" have been blacked out.

Police Chief Herbert Kimsey said patrolmen were assigned to keep every known brothel closed to comply with an army and navy request in their fight against venereal disease. An investigation late Friday night showed that the lights had been flicked out.

Asked if the shutdown would be followed by similar action against gambling establishments, the new chief said: "We must accomplish one thing at a time. Our first program was to revitalize the traffic detail. Now we are closing the houses of prostitution."

From outward indications, however, some of the larger gambling houses also closed their doors, at least temporarily.

Federal Manna
Portland, Sept. 6.—(P)—The farm security administration announced \$1,050,000 worth of aid for new settlers in the Black Canyon Idaho and Vale-Owyhee, Oregon, projects.