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RED ARMY CLINGS TO KIEV SUBURBS

Kelly's Comment

From Washington
Nazi Activities
Loom in Pacific
Jap Overtures
to F. R. Hunter
Seed Growers
Assured Profit

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Sept. 20.—Insiders in the national capital are expecting German activities in the Pacific ocean from Australia to the northwest coast of the United States since the "rattlesnake" broadcast of President Roosevelt. Navy intelligence has been informed that a number of German merchant ships are in Japanese ports, where they have remained for safety since opening of hostilities. Also comes word that these merchant vessels are slipping to sea and the explanation is that German raiders have arrived in the Pacific and with the presence of these raiders the interned vessels feel safe to make the dash.

Presumably reliable sources report that German raiders have already acted against the British on Pacific islands and that raiders with Chinese crews but officered by Germans are scouting for likely victims. The Chinese are of the pirate class who frequently attack vessels off the China coast and are indifferent to the Japanese-Chinese war on the mainland.

THE raiders are expected to make an appearance on the Pacific trade routes used by American merchant ships going to and from the orient, and the American ships now enroute to the northwest and other west coast ports from the Red sea zone, where they carried war supplies for the British. These routes extend from the Dutch East Indies to Singapore, the Philippines, on to Puget Sound, the Columbia river and the California ports—trade routes now very important to the Metals Reserve corporation which is importing raw materials for defense industries.

There is no belief that the German raiders will extend their operations within 1,000 miles of the west coast nor anywhere that the American navy is now on patrol duty, but the danger, as seen in the capital, is in shooting at the unarmed American freighters in the trade lanes. These lanes, at present, are not well protected, the administration giving principal thought to submarines in the Atlantic and to naval bases on

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FARRELL ASSAILS TAX COMMISSION

Gearhart, Sept. 20.—(P)—Members of the Oregon Association of Real Estate Boards heard Robert S. Farrell Jr., assailed the state tax commission here today as having made "flagrant abuse of administrative power."

The speaker of the last legislative session spoke of the commission's action in withholding announcement of a change in the variable ratio system of assessment until after the legislature had adjourned as "malicious."

The realtors elected Millard C. Holbrook, Portland, president to succeed James A. Rodman, Eugene. Among those elected to the board of directors was F. H. Weir, Salem.

LIGHTNING PRANK

Albany, Sept. 20.—(P)—Lightning struck a tree on the Bridge golf course here last night tripping a general fire alarm signal and burned out a fuse at fire headquarters.

SHIP TO BRITISH

Portland, Sept. 20.—(P)—The Italian line freighter Leme, recently taken over by the U. S. maritime commission, will soon be operated by the British ministry of shipping.

NAZIS PAY HIGH COST IN PLANES, TANKS AND MEN

House To House Defense
Rages—Berlin Admits
Fierce Stand To Save
Ukraine Capital.

By the Associated Press

Moscow, Sunday, Sept. 21.—A "savage life and death struggle" is still raging about Kiev, the Russians said today.

The Germans have lost upwards of 150,000 men and are hurling a quarter of a million more of their best troops into the great battle, Russian dispatches declared.

The Red army pledged itself to a last ditch resistance to make the Germans pay as dearly as possible for this Ukrainian capital, Russia's third largest city, and for every inch they advance beyond.

Russian advices from the Kiev front said that bitter quarter fighting swirled back and forth in the northern suburbs of the city while today's early morning communique of the Soviet information bureau, without giving details, said fighting continued along the whole western front and was "particularly fierce at Kiev."

All told, the Russians said the Germans had lost 10 divisions in this vast struggle with 15 more Nazi divisions pounding in endless waves at the Red army defenders.

With the struggle about Kiev apparently storming toward an imminent climax, the Russians reported a victory in the far northern waters of the Barents sea—the sinking of a big Nazi transport by Soviet warships.

Summing up the results of the air war in the three-month-old conflict, today's communique said the Germans had lost more than 8,500 planes. The Red air force, it added, continues to blast the Luftwaffe in the air and on airfields behind the lines with panzer troops, infantry and artillery providing additional targets.

But despite the continuing fierce tempo of the struggle from the Arctic to the Black sea, the battle of Kiev provided the outstanding action of the moment.

The Russians, who acknowledged yesterday that the Germans had reached the city's gates, seemed ready to carry out previously announced plans to yield Kiev only after a house-to-house defense.

The statement that fighting still raged in the northern suburb was broadcast over the Moscow radio.

The Germans flatly acknowledged Saturday that fierce fighting was going on in the immediate vicinity of Kiev, reporting that the Russians trying to break out of a trap just east of the city, had fallen back before heavy German fire.

The ferocity of the battle was thus described in the Russian army's official organ, the newspaper Red Star:

"The gunners at Kiev are fighting the enemy until death. The Germans shall pay dearly for the city. The Red army is sparing no efforts to inflict the greatest possible losses upon the German hordes."

Before Odessa, important Soviet Black sea port encircled at the southern end of the front, 15 German planes were said to have been destroyed by pilots of the Soviet Black sea fleet.

In the north, the Russian defenders of Leningrad continued to hold off German forces, according to Russian reports, with planes of the Baltic fleet shooting down 16 German aircraft. In addition, extensive Russian guerrilla activity was reported in the Leningrad area.

BULLETIN

NIGHT GAME
Score: R. H. E.
Oakland 3 11 0
Sacramento 1 7 1
Corbett and Conroy; Kleinke.
Turbeville and Klutz.
Hawaii 33, Portland 6.

Interpreting The War News

By Kirke L. Simpson

The colossal battle in Russia enters another week under bleak omens for the Soviets and their British allies. Undoubtedly, Hitler's hopes of smashing Russian resistance utterly before winter comes and then turning his full might against Britain, have touched a new high.

The vast Nazi offensive has at least penetrated Kiev and is gravely threatening to overrun not only what little is left of the Ukraine but fan out around the sea of Azov toward Russia's vital Baku oil fields.

Censorship veils details of what is happening in the Ukraine, but it appears that Kharkov, great industrial nerve center far southeast of Kiev, also may soon fall, or perhaps has already fallen. And it is but a good step for Germany's seven-league military boots from Kharkov down the Donets river to Rostov and the pipe lines that tap the Baku fields to feed the Soviet war machines.

Of even greater moment than the strictly military consequences of the German victories is the effect on Russian morale generally, both army and civilian. London experts estimate that Russia has both the manpower and other essential resources still to fight on, even if driven behind the Donets-Don line in the south. They stress, however, that only by a flood of British and American arms and war machines can Red army equipment losses be made good.

The British and Americans seemed yesterday to have decided on that. W. Averell Harriman, head of the American delegation to the three-power conference on Russian aid, told reporters at London that "hundreds of American planes and tanks" would go to Russia and that the flow would increase constantly.

There can be no question that the prime essential is the continued will of the Red army and the Russian people to fight it out with Germany to the bitter end. Without that, the battle is already lost and Britain and her American supporters must gird themselves for a battle of redoubled fury in the Atlantic beginning this winter and culminating next spring and summer.

As never before since Napoleon's day, Russia must count supremely on her winter ally now. The difference between an early and a late winter, or between a severe and a relatively mild winter, could be the difference between victory and complete defeat for her. A winter as terrible as Napoleon faced still could destroy Hitler as Napoleon was destroyed.

SABOTAGE GAINS IN ALL HOLLAND

London, Sept. 20.—(P)—Aneta, the Dutch news agency, said today that sabotage and anti-Nazi demonstrations are on the increase throughout Holland, and that resistance has reached a point where the Nazi-controlled newspaper Nieuwsblad Van Het Noorden has had to appeal against the spreading of the slogan, "The more chaos the better."

Among incidents mentioned by the news service were these: A 9 p. m. curfew has been imposed on the town of Hoensbroeck in reprisal for thefts from the German armed forces. Inhabitants of the town of Enschede have been fined 50,000 guilders for sabotage.

NORWAY'S INCOME
TAX A REAL ONE
Oslo, German-occupied Norway, Sept. 20.—(P)—The finance ministry announced today a new income tax which in certain brackets takes 85 percent of any excess of 1940 income over that of 1939.

YOUTH GIVEN LIFE
The Dallas, Sept. 20.—(P)—A life term in the state prison today faced Irvin Russell Jones, 19, Canby, Ore., confessed slayer of John Karlsen, 77, wealthy Tygh valley rancher.

SEATTLE STRIKE HINDERS ALASKA DEFENSE EFFORT

Adm. Freeman Assails Union
'Obstruction'—Own
Interests Placed First.

Seattle, Sept. 20.—(P)—Rear Admiral C. B. Freeman, commandant of the 13th naval district, strongly assailed today the dispute which has tied up the Alaska liner Baranof here as a "petty quarrel" and "obstruction of the national defense effort."

The Baranof, an Alaska steamship line vessel, was scheduled to sail last Thursday with a cargo of freight and a heavy passenger list, bound partly for military and naval projects in the far north.

Sailing was postponed when members of the Marine Firemen's union refused to ship on the vessel unless a certain cook was removed. Officials of the union have emphasized that no union dispute is involved.

Admiral Freeman, in a formal statement, hinted that such disputes might conceivably lead to the government's taking over of shipping between Seattle and Alaska.

His statement said the controversy "is a clear example of the obstruction of the national defense effort because of the selfish desire of certain union organizations to place their own conveniences and prejudices ahead of the nation's security."

"The failure of the Baranof to sail, under the circumstances, is an example of a tendency noted for some time in the northwest for union organizations to render lip-service to the national defense effort but to fail signally in granting any real concessions to the common good of all patriotic citizens in any matters which affect their own privilege."

Company officials said there is no indication when the dispute might be settled.

LIVING COSTS UP, WAGES KEEP PACE

Washington, Sept. 20.—(P)—Food prices and the cost of living have reached their highest point in 10 years under the impact of the armament effort, but an accompanying rise in weekly earnings of factory workers, government economists say, has more than kept pace with climbing prices.

Records of the bureau of labor statistics show that the cost of living has gone up 7 1/4 percent since the start of the war in Europe. But in the same period average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries have increased 32 percent.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 20.—(P)—A mountain cloudburst left Albuquerque without natural gas late today, and utilities officials said it would be at least two days before service could be restored.

A 15-foot wall of water raged down an arroyo from mountains in a volcanic area, he said, and ripped out the line.

The break in Albuquerque came with dramatic suddenness at 4:40 p. m. First notice was a short electric power failure while generator boilers were switched from gas to oil.

Many Albuquerque housewives were caught with half-cooked meals.

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London Rep s Germans Have Cut Off Crimea



An authoritative source in London said German forces apparently had cut off the entire Crimean peninsula at the south of the Russian front. Map locates: (1) Ukraine area in which Kiev and Odessa are still under pressure; (2) region of reported German drive east of Dnieper river isolating Crimea; (3) Rostov, through which the London source said, Russians might have to continue contact with Crimea.

BOY, 9, SLAIN BY GUN DISCHARGED BY GIRL, ALSO 9

San Francisco, Sept. 20.—(P)—Nine-year-old David Henry Antolini died of gunshot wounds today because of a childhood yen for the "funny books" which Barbara Ortega, 9, didn't want him to see.

David and four boy companions of like age called on Barbara yesterday and asked permission to look at the books they knew she had.

"Get out," Barbara said. "My daddy has got two guns and if you don't get out, I'll shoot."

The fourth grade schoolgirl, also 9, went to a closet and returned with a double-barreled shotgun. She pointed it at David, standing nearest.

There was an explosion, the force of the blast throwing the weapon from Barbara's hands. David fell, and the other boys ran.

After a while police came to the Ortega home.

"I didn't think it was loaded," Barbara whimpered. "I just wanted to scare him."

The boy's liver, stomach and intestines were perforated in 150 places.

Some time after the shooting Barbara's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Ortega, returned from their work in a cannery at Redwood City to learn of the tragedy.

Vichy, Unoccupied France, Sept. 20.—(P)—The German execution of 12 French hostages in Paris today in reprisal for the killing of a single German soldier has created a stir in Vichy.

In the first comment on the executions authorized circles acknowledged tonight that they had caused "lively emotion" here in the provisional capital.

It was added that French public opinion was "sadly hit" by the reprisal measures, even if it could not approve of acts of violence against German occupying troops.

The official French news agency commented that "it must be remarked that a high number of hostages was shot in reprisal for this murder."

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War Bulletins

Berlin, Sunday, Sept. 21.—(P)—British air raiders dropped incendiary bombs on Berlin during the night but caused only "unimportant property damage," an official announcement said today.

The communique said: "British bombing planes penetrated to Berlin where they dropped some incendiary bombs doing unimportant property damage."

"German anti-aircraft artillery thus far reported shooting down two planes."

London, Sept. 20.—(P)—Fifteen German planes were shot down in RAF sweeps over the channel and northwestern France today, the British reported tonight. Seven British fighters and three bombers are missing.

MAYOR PROMISES CROWD CAN CHEER OR BOO WHEELER

Seattle, Sept. 20.—(P)—Mayor Earl Millikin made it known today boaters at next Tuesday's America First mass meeting will have the same privilege as those who may wish to cheer.

He made this announcement in commenting on a letter from State Treasurer Otto Case, chairman of the committee in Washington, who appealed to the mayor "to take such steps as you deem proper to assure Senator Wheeler and all citizens who desire to attend this public meeting freedom from any rowdiness or any interference whatsoever."

Senator Burton Wheeler, who has been speaking against the administration's foreign policy throughout the country, will be the principal speaker.

Millikin said "there will be police to prevent bloodshed or disorderly conduct but if one man wants to cheer and another to boo I am not going to try to suppress either."

"The same freedom of speech that permits Senator Wheeler to express his ideas here will be allowed to those who may wish to express their disapproval of his views."

RAT IN TROUSERS SPEEDER'S ALIBI

Hagerstown, Md., Sept. 20.—(P)—Magistrate Harry E. Snyder credited Milton Schildknecht, 25, today with the most novel excuse for speeding he ever heard. In appreciation he cut the usual \$5 fine to \$1.

Schildknecht said he unwittingly stepped on the gas when he felt something stir in his pocket, reached in and found a white rat. He said he had visited at the home of a friend who raises white rats.

BRITISH ATTACK STETTIN, BALTIC BASE OF HITLER

London, Sept. 20.—(P)—The RAF in one of the biggest offensives in weeks, begun by the light of the aurora borealis and continued throughout the daylight hours, pounded bitterly defended objectives from Norway to France today.

There was fierce fighting over the English Channel in which the British declared they shot down 15 German planes and lost ten of their own, including seven fighters and three bombers. The German high command, in a special announcement heard here by radio, asserted that a total of 38 British planes were shot down, all but three in air combat. The Germans said they lost only two.

The RAF said it burned or crippled six ships in a German convoy in the channel.

Reuters quoted DNB as saying British planes also attacked Berlin but the British denied any tries at the capital. Russian planes may have bombed Berlin.

The bombing last night of Stettin, important German Baltic supply base for the Russian campaign, was said by the air ministry to have been carried out by the light of the aurora borealis and to have resulted in many large fires among the docks, warehouses and railroad yards. The raid cost the British two planes, a ministry communique said.

CONVICT SOLVER OF MYSTERY DEAD

Walla Walla, Sept. 20.—(P)—Mrs. Millicent Paddelford Fawcett, credited with having prompted Mrs. Mary E. Smith, convict mother of Decato Earl Mayer, to confess their murder of James Eugene Bassett in King county in 1928, is dead.

Mrs. Fawcett in 1938 was credited with getting the confidence of Mrs. Smith and solving a decade-old mystery with the latter's confession.

Mayer, taken to the King county jail shortly thereafter, strangled himself to death while awaiting trial. Mrs. Smith later pleaded guilty to a first degree murder charge and was sentenced to life imprisonment. Mrs. Fawcett died Friday in prison and was buried today.

HIT-RUNNER SURRENDERS
Seattle, Sept. 20.—(P)—Glen Smith, 30, of Burbank, Calif., aircraft planner, surrendered today to police headquarters today as the driver of the California-licensed automobile which disappeared early today after killing one pedestrian and injuring two others.

FOREIGN POLICY OF F.D.R. SEEN AS ELECTION ISSUE

Sen. Taft Resents Willkie's
Stand—La Follette Urges
Opposition.

By William B. Ardery

Washington, Sept. 20.—(P)—Declaring that "it is unfortunate that Mr. Wendell Willkie should attempt to read out of the party those who disagree with him on foreign policy," Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today that he saw no reason for Republicans to make an issue of international policies in the off-year elections of 1942.

Willkie, the 1940 Republican nominee, recently let it be known that he would make a fight next year for those Republicans who have supported President Roosevelt's foreign policies. He is determined, associates asserted, to make the Republican party one of "internationalism" rather than "isolationism."

Taft, who has opposed administration foreign policies, told reporters that "foreign policy is not usually considered a matter of partisanship."

"Congressional votes on the question have cut across party lines, and there is no reason for the Republican party to make an issue of foreign policy next year," he added.

"No Republican national convention can be held to make any binding declarations regarding policy before next year's elections, and the party national committee clearly has no authority to make such declarations."

"I see no reason why each congressman and each senator should not run on his own foreign policy record. There are plenty of domestic issues on which the Republican party stands united, and it is unfortunate that Mr. Wendell Willkie should attempt to read out of the party those who disagree with him on foreign policy."

From a Wisconsin Progressive, Senator LaFollette, came a statement that those opposed to American entry into war should "mobilize for the political battles which lie just ahead."

LaFollette who had administration backing in his re-election campaign last year, often has criticized President Roosevelt's foreign policies while supporting his domestic programs.

Willkie, LaFollette declared, appeared ready to participate in a "collaboration to purge the Democratic and Republican parties of all those who do not agree with the administration's foreign policies."

WRONG JIM GREEN HALED TO COURT

Waco, Ga., Sept. 20.—(P)—The case of Annie Green vs. James Green droned along for 45 minutes in superior court while the defendant fidgeted.

The oil company worker heard Annie testify her James had left her, listened to her mother and other relatives declare alimony was indicated.

Then he took the stand in his own defense, without attorney, and shouted:

"Judge, I never saw these folks before!"

Deputies had subpoenaed the wrong James Green.

BULGARIA UNION
WITH AXIS SEEN
London, Sept. 20.—(P)—The diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday Dispatch today said King Boris of Bulgaria has decided to bring his country into the war on the side of the axis. British news dispatches from Turkey said the Bulgarian radio announced the declaration of a state of emergency in the Balkan kingdom.