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NAZIS CUT LAST CAUCASUS RAIL LINE

News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, July 30.—The unvarying bad news from Russia has caused authorities here to face the prospects of how this war will turn, if Hitler reaches his immediate objectives, Stalingrad, the Volga and Caucasus oil.

It is not likely that he will come back and attempt to conquer Britain. The British have too much of an air force now. That possibility is therefore eliminated from practically every official list.

And if he cannot hope to conquer Britain by assault, much less can he be expected to attempt invasion of the United States or this hemisphere. We have control of the intervening seas.

There is more reason to believe he will carry his currently moving blows on through to the near east. From Stalingrad, he may try to move south to the Caspian. From Rostov he could hope to sweep through the Caucasus into Iran.

By simultaneous thrusts through Syria and Egypt, he could join his forces for a march to the Indian ocean. Turkey would be surrounded by such a venture, and would be compelled to cooperate.

Success in Russia would enable Hitler to shift to Egypt whatever forces are necessary to drive the British out of the Suez, while our long line of supplies to that front would prevent us from equaling his reinforcements.

AN attack by Japan on Russia, in event of her full defeat in the west, must naturally be assumed. Our supplies to Russia could possibly be cut by the axis at Murmansk, Persia and Vladivostok, or held to a trickle.

Whether or not the Russian army is able to remain as a fighting force, Hitler would be expected to swing to the defense.

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Women's Auxiliary Approved For Navy

Washington, July 30.—(P)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation creating a women's auxiliary in the navy which will release for sea duty thousands of officers and men now holding desk jobs.

Radio Highlights

(Pacific war time.)
Dance bands now are missing from the late schedule of two networks, NBC and MBS, two of them from NBC and 15 or so from MBS. The same underlying cause is behind the omission in both cases, contract differences between affiliated stations and the local musicians' unions.

Tonight: CBS, 7, First Line, U. S. Navy; 7:30, Prof. H. Lutz on "Taxes and Income," Blu, 5:30, Salute to KXEL, Waterloo, Ia.; 6, Town Meeting, "Air Power Plus Nerve Blitz," MBS, 7:15, Brail Presents.

Friday: CBS, 12:30 p. m., Russian-American Music Festival, MBS, 1:30, Saratoga horse race; 3:30, overseas war pickups.

SIDE GLANCES
By TRIBUNE REPORTERS
Lela Rogers, John Day and other fiesta patrons trying in vain to ride "Fleabite," the hobby horse.
Fiesta "bartenders" I. E. Schuler and Ned Vilas creating a sensation with their handlebar mustaches.
Nina Tuttle looking cute in a red satin costume and selling many cigarettes.
Fiesta patrons all enjoying the beautiful Neff gardens.

INVADERS CROSS KERCH STRAIT TO LAND ON TAMAN

Movement Dangers Russian Forces Fighting to Hold Nazis Southern Drive.

By Roger D. Greene (Associated Press War Editor)
Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, racing toward the Caspian sea, reported today they had cut the last major rail line to the Caucasus oil fields, while in the north the Russians declared they had beaten off all German attempts to hammer wedges into soviet lines above Stalingrad.

A Vichy (French) radio broadcast that German troops from the Crimea had crossed the narrow Kerch strait and landed at dawn today on the Taman peninsula of the Caucasus.

Dangers Russians
Such a movement would seriously endanger Russian forces stubbornly fighting to hold the German drive south into the Caucasus from Rostov.

Late dispatches indicated that the Germans had found a "soft spot" in the Russian defenses east of Rostov and were exerting their main efforts in a drive to isolate the Caucasus.

Meanwhile, amid widespread agitation for an allied invasion of western Europe, Sir Stafford Cripps again told parliament in London that plans regarding a second front could not be divulged.

Sir Stafford, Prime Minister Churchill's spokesman in the house of commons, said the government would not be able to reveal such plans "even in secret session," but in response to a member's question, he added: "I can tell him now, we have intentions."

London newspapers mentioned Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, as a possible allied generalissimo for a second front.

Growing Acute
In the soviet campaign, the situation appeared to be growing rapidly more acute in the northern Caucasus, where the Russians acknowledged fresh naz advances at several points.

Premier Joseph Stalin, in a message to the Russian people, invoked the names of Russia's great heroes of the past as an inspiration in the present crisis, recalling such figures as Alexander Nevsky, who beat the ancient Teutons, and Mikhail Kutuzov, whose resistance helped turn Napoleon's Russian invasion into a disaster.

The German high command asserted broadly that the Russian line of retreat to the east had been cut off in the great Don river bend, but gave no details.

Dispatches to Red Star said a gigantic seven-day-old battle was raging in the Don bend above Stalingrad, involving thousands of troops, planes, field guns and tanks.

Two NIP Bombers Downed by Yank
Chungking, July 30.—(P)—Major John E. Allison, who flew Harry Hopkins to Moscow last year, scored one of the most spectacular individual performances by the U. S. air force in China today by shooting down two of three Japanese bombers destroyed out of a nine-plane squadron raiding Hengyang, Hunan province.

The blond, part-bald squadron leader who comes from Gainesville, Fla., shared honors with Capt. Albert J. Baumbler, who accounted for the third enemy raider.

Without losses to themselves, the challenging American fighter pilots broke up the Japanese formation before it reached its target, the Hengyang airbase. What bombs the raiders succeeded in dropping caused only slight damage.

Germans Crossing Lower Don River



British sources said Germans had crossed the lower Don River at two and possibly four places. Crossing were reported at Tsimlyansk and Nikolaevsk (1), and possible crossing at fallen Rostov and Azov (2), on the shore of the Sea of Azov. Nazi drive toward Stalingrad (3) was said to have reached area of Kachalino. Black arrows indicate direction of German thrusts.

SAARBRUECKEN IS TARGET IN LATEST RAF BOMBING RAID

London, July 30.—(P)—Saarbruecken, German coal and steel center, was blasted by the RAF last night in a short, fierce raid under a waning moon.

While four-motored British bombers were delivering their third heavy assault on a German industrial city in four nights, the night and day offensive against naz air bases and transport in occupied Europe was continued, and other British bombers ranged south over the Bay of Biscay in search of U-boat packs en route from France to North American waters.

The Saarbruecken attack caused "much damage," informed air sources said, while the British lost nine bombers of the considerable force which made the 700-mile foray, first against that city since Nov. 8, 1940.

This was partly offset by destruction of eight of the naz raiders which made a series of overnight "nuisance" attacks on Britain's Midlands and dropped some bombs in London for the first time since June 3.

RAF fighters sped across the channel to continue the coastal raids today.

Wholesale Grocery Concern Convicted

Seattle, July 30.—(P)—A federal court jury early today convicted Nathan Eckstein, Seattle capitalist, and Schwabacher Bros. and Company, of which Eckstein is president, of violating the Sherman anti-trust act.

Eckstein and the company were specifically charged with acting to fix prices of wholesale groceries.

No Private Parcels For War Prisoners

San Francisco, July 30.—(P)—The Red Cross said today it cannot accept individual parcels from relatives, friends and organizations for war prisoners in the western Pacific and will carry only its own food packages on the relief ship it hopes soon to send into the war zone.

134 Oregon Doctors Quota For Services

Salem, July 30.—(P)—Oregon is expected to supply 134 doctors to the armed forces by the end of this year, state selective service headquarters said today.

Doctors are subject to the draft the same as other men of draft age, but the doctors will be given opportunities to apply for commissions.

Copco Stock Reclassification Has Approval of California Commission

San Francisco, July 30.—(P)—A plan drafted by the California Oregon Power company for reclassifying its outstanding common stock was approved, with certain reservations, by the California railroad commission today.

The proposal, designed to permit the issuance of more common stock, already has been okayed by the Oregon public utilities commission, but final approval is still pending before the federal power commission.

The plan calls for issuance of \$3,500,000 in serial notes, using the proceeds to refund \$3,125,000 in 5 1/2 per cent debenture bonds due this October.

Approval by the California commission was made conditional on transfer of stocks and bonds held by Standard Gas & Electric company, which owns all California-Oregon common stock and has voting control in the \$42,000,000 concern. Under terms of this provision, Standard will be obliged to contribute \$2,375,000 worth of debentures it holds and turn over preferred stock valued at \$1,793,500 for cancellation.

With these reservations, the railroad commission authorized California-Oregon to issue 312,000 shares of stock in exchange for 78,000 outstanding, and to enact changes in voting rights for preferred stock. Standard's voting control would be lessened slightly, but it still would be over 50 per cent.

Several accounts remain under scrutiny to determine whether the power concern overpaid on the acquisition of certain utility properties. The company has asked permission to stand off the amounts as they stand.

The California commission also approved the proposed transfer to the corporation's depreciation reserve of \$261,245 in capital surplus and \$494,560 in earned surplus.

PAIR IN BRAWL DRAW \$10 FINES

As a result of a brawl on South Riverside last night, Gordon C. Raymond, 48, and Howard Hancock, 23, were both fined \$10 in police court this morning. Raymond suffered head wounds in the fracas and was taken to the hospital for treatment and then released to the police.

Questioning of the two men by officers revealed that the fight resulted from a drinking party in a local hotel. Hancock, according to the report, objected to Raymond striking one of the two girls present and when he attempted to intervene Raymond is said to have threatened Hancock and the two girls with a gun. Leaving the hotel the two couples started to a car but the quarrel continued, with Hancock finally giving Raymond a beating.

THIEF GETS \$50 AT COFFEE POT

A thief who entered the Coffee Pot, drive-in restaurant on North Riverside, some time during Wednesday night took \$50 in cash from the establishment. The loss was discovered this morning when Carl H. Witter, restaurant manager, opened up the restaurant for business.

Police investigating the burglary found that the thief had torn a screen from a kitchen window and then opened the window latch through a broken pane of glass. He had searched through several boxes and containers and then left through the window, leaving the doors untouched.

10 Die in Cargo Plane Crash

From Philippines

ICKES CLAIMS NEW SYNTHETIC RUBBER CAPACITY LOCATED

Output of 240,000 to 250,000 Tons Above Present Program Says Secretary.

Washington, July 30.—(P)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes said today that the oil industry has uncovered capacity for production of 200,000 tons annually of butadiene.

Ickes said this would make possible the output of 240,000 to 250,000 tons of synthetic rubber annually over and above presently projected rubber programs.

"It's brand-new; it's like finding an oil well," Ickes told his press conference.

This new rubber production could be "brought in" by the end of the year by conversion of existing gasoline refining plants, he said. The material used for butadiene would be gasoline.

Ickes declined to say whether he expected such a program would make more rubber available for civilian use.

Credit Given
A study of the capacity of the petroleum industry to produce butadiene for manufacture of rubber above the government's presently planned output of over 800,000 tons annually was made by Wright W. Gary, director of refining in the office of petroleum coordination, and Ickes said "the credit belongs to him and the oil industry for the achievement."

Several oil companies already are adjusting gasoline refineries to butadiene output, Ickes said, adding that several independent companies might need government financial assistance to make the adjustments.

Washington, July 30.—(P)—Petroleum Coordinator Ickes today declared that nationwide gasoline rationing was not needed now as a measure to bring about larger deliveries of petroleum to the rationed eastern states.

The statement, made at his press conference, differed sharply with the position of Joel Dean, gasoline rationing officer in the office of price administration who said yesterday a recommendation for nationwide rationing, endorsed by himself and OPA Chief Leon Henderson, now was before President Roosevelt.

BASEBALL

American
First game: R. H. E.
Philadelphia 5 24 0
Detroit 11 14 0
Besse and Wagner; White, Trout and Tebbets.

Cargo Plane Output Awaits Congress Order Says Kaiser

Washington, July 30.—(P)—Henry J. Kaiser advised congress today an order from the government was all the nation's shipbuilders needed to launch them on the construction of giant cargo planes to speed the war effort and break the submarine menace.

The heavy-set, bald-topped Oakland, Calif., shipbuilder told a senate defense investigating committee that he was awaiting a signal to convert part of his facilities to cargo plane construction and that the big steel companies would "rise to the occasion" if requested to make similar conversions.

Before the committee met, Senator Lee (D-Ore.) claimed strong support from aeronautical experts within the administration for legislation he is sponsoring to divert shipbuilding facilities to plane production.

From Philippines

FLAMES FOLLOW MACHINE'S FALL DURING TAKEOFF

Victims of Minneapolis Disaster All Employees of Northwest Airlines.



Lt. Comdr. Alexander Slimmons (above), of Los Angeles, was among five naval officers that arrived "Somewhere in Australia" after a two-months' journey in a primitive outrigger sailing boat in which they left the Philippines just ahead of the Japs.

HITLERITES KILL ALL INHABITANTS OF 16 VILLAGES

London, July 30.—(P)—The Yugoslav government reported tonight that 16 villages in German-occupied Slovenia had been obliterated and all their inhabitants shot for violation of occupation rules.

Vice Premier J. Krek said the government was unable to obtain an estimate of the number slain, but declared: "The Germans recently have deported 160,000 Slovenes, including the most prominent scientists, teachers and physicians, to Poland, Serbia and Croatia after shooting 1,064 hostages in Maribor and Bled."

In the section of Slovenia occupied by the Italians, 130,000 men have been put into concentration camps, 410 hostages slain and 42 villages burned recently, he added.

More RCAF Men Arrive Overseas

A British Port, July 30.—(P)—More thousands of Canadian soldiers with ground crews for RCAF squadrons have arrived in Britain in a large convoy from Canada, crossing the Atlantic safely and virtually without incident.

Escorting warships dropped a few depth charges but it was not said definitely whether submarines were shadowing the convoy.

HITCH-HIKER DIES BY FIRING SQUAD

Salt Lake City, July 30.—(P)—Donald Lawton Condit, 25, was executed by a firing squad today for the slaying of Harold A. Thorne, Salt Lake City salesman.

Condit, a hitchhiker whom Thorne had given a ride, chose this way to die in preference to hanging, after he was convicted of first degree murder. Five men from Iron county, where the crime took place, fired the lethal volley. One of the guns carried a blank but none of the executioners knew which of them held that gun.

The shots were fired at 6:08 a. m. at 6:11 the prison physician pronounced Condit dead. The execution was without untoward incident.