

NAZIS IN EFFORT TO BRING SCHISM IN ALLIED RANKS

Rumored Peace Feelers Extended U.S. and Britain Seen Propaganda Dodge

By Harrison Salisbury
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London, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Unconfirmed reports circulated here today that Germany was putting out peace feelers to Great Britain and the United States, and informed quarters linked the rumors to a Nazi propaganda campaign designed to widen the breach between Russia and her western allies.

Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels, these quarters suggested, may be fanning these reports as part of a double-edged drive aimed at wrecking the forthcoming three-power conference in Moscow or at least deepening inter-allied suspicions and friction.

Red Rumors First
Goebbels' initial move was the circulation of rumors throughout central Europe of Russo-German peace moves, usually based on the theory that Germany would withdraw her armies to the 1939 frontiers, after which hostilities would cease.

The parallel reports of a peace bid to Britain and America hinted that the Nazis have put out their feelers through a neutral intermediary in a locale similar to that in which the Italians made their initial contact with the Allies.

The Nazi theory apparently is an attempt to convince the Allies that Germany is the only barrier to a wave of Communism across Europe, and that the moment has arrived for the Allies and Germany to join hands against Moscow.

This is one of the oldest strings to Goebbels' bow, but its re-emergence on the eve of the Moscow conference of British, American and Russian foreign office representatives was regarded as a significant indication of the extreme propaganda effort the Nazis now are making.

Nazis Need Peace
There was not the slightest doubt in Allied quarters that the Germans at this point of the war would be delighted to make peace with either Russia or the Anglo-American forces, in the hope of saving something from the wreckage caused by Hitler's intuition.

There also was no doubt here that the Allies will not listen to the German feelers, no matter how temptingly they may be offered, unless the Nazis are ready to surrender unconditionally, which obviously is not the case.

But in view of the difficulties Britain, Russia and the United States have been experiencing in setting the time and place for their conference, and in deciding upon their representatives, the Germans apparently regard the situation as fertile ground in which to sow suspicion.

LET'S 'EM CRY
New York, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Col. Frank U. McCoskie, commandant of the women's army corps training center at Fort Des Moines, Ia., said today that when a WAC cries he lets her cry, when one faints he ignores her and "a first-aid squad carts her away," and that he never has had to discipline a married WAC.

Three thousand, six hundred Californians were killed in World War I.

Closing time for Classified ads 9 a. m. — Too late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

General Watches



Canny General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery watches through binoculars as his valiant Eighth Army battles along the Italian beach.

POST-WAR PLANS COMMITTEE WILL MEET THURSDAY

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 6.—(Sp.)—The new state committee on post-war readjustment and development will meet in the state board of control rooms at the state capitol October 7, it is announced by the chairman, Victor P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration, at University of Oregon. This committee for the study of the problems facing Oregon was authorized by the 1943 session of the legislature upon recommendation of Governor Earl Snell.

Substantial progress has already been made in analysis of the post-war problems to be faced by the state of Oregon and the magnitude of the responsibilities which public and private agencies will face in connection with the re-employment of tens of thousands of men and women who have been in the armed services and war industries, Dr. Morris said.

The committee includes A. A. Lusmann, lumberman, Medford.

ONE SMALLPOX IN DISEASE REPORT

One case of smallpox, one of infantile paralysis and three cases of trench mouth were listed among 15 cases of communicable diseases reported to Dr. A. E. Merkel, director of the Jackson County Health department last week. The smallpox case was an employee of the carnival which recently played in Medford, according to Dr. Merkel's report.

Other communicable diseases listed on the report were three cases of whooping cough, three cases of chickenpox, one of mumps and three cases of gonorrhea.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify, 5:30 Saturday afternoon — Please remember.

KAISER HOSPITAL NON-PROFIT PLAN PROVES SUCCESS

70,000 Shipyard Workers Receive Unlimited Medical Care for 50 Cents Week

By Nick Bourne
(United Press Correspondent)

Richmond, Cal., Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—The non-profit health plan which couldn't succeed "because the doctors won't stand for it" completed its first year today at the Henry J. Kaiser shipyards.

It has provided unlimited medical and hospital care to 70,000 shipyard workers for 50 cents a week.

I went through the half-million dollar hospital, interviewed the patients, nurses and doctors, obtained the first year's financial statement and learned three things:

1. It works, at least during wartime.
2. Why it works.
3. What the patients and doctors think of it.

Doctors Impersonal

The experiment, described as challenging the foundations of medical practice, has brought a new relationship between physician and patient: The patient does not choose his doctor, is assigned to one of 75; the doctors are impersonal, frankly admit they have no time for "the bedside manner."

The plan, depression-born 12 years ago in the scorching Mojave desert of California during Kaiser's work on the 900-mile Los Angeles aqueduct, has grown up by necessity of war in the teaming shipyards.

The year's statement of services rendered, money collected and spent, gratitude of patients, growth of the organization and its imposing buildings bespeak the success of the venture, largest U. S. pre-paid medical plan, according to A. L. Brodie, manager.

Each employee joining voluntarily pays 50 cents a week from his paycheck. First year's payments, \$1,229,331.52, bought 838

major operations, 4,652 minor operations, 47,024 days of hospitalization, 73,797 X-rays and many other services, including free medicine.

Medics Mostly Young

Doctors, mostly young Stanford University medical school graduates, do a mass-production, assembly-line job; receive salaries of \$450 to \$1,000 a month, depending on responsibility and seniority.

Brodie gave the financial aspect of the plan:

1. Payment in advance overcomes the human frailty of failing to provide for emergencies. It has been estimated that 40 per cent of Americans never pay for medical attention: they either never get it, or don't pay when they do.
2. Doctors do more work. A surgeon can perform six appendectomies a day, for example. Private practice value, \$150 each or \$900 for a day's work. This would pay the health plan doctor's salary for a month, permitting him to devote the rest of the month providing free service.

Prevention Aim
3. Ordinarily, doctors only make money when somebody gets sick. Here, a pre-paid mem-

ber becomes a liability as soon as he becomes ill; it takes time and money to cure him. This puts a premium on preventive medicine, attention to minor ailments before they become serious.

4. The organization effects economies by buying all its own equipment, does its own X-rays instead of sending patients to a private laboratory.

5. Workers demand early attention for their ailments instead of going to a doctor as a last resort.

ALLUMINA PLANT OUT FOR WEST

Washington, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—

Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-chairman of the War Production Board, has notified congressmen from the Pacific northwest that WPB will not authorize construction of an alumina plant in that area, it was learned today.

Wilson is understood to have based the decision on the premise

that an adequate supply of alumina now exists; that the proposed new plant could not get into production for three or four years; and that the manpower

situation in the west is too tight to permit any diversion for a new operation of this kind.

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NOTHING is so important to the boys in the Armed Forces as a letter from home. John Steinbeck, author, whose articles "SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND" are appearing in many of the leading newspapers of this country, expresses it in the following sentence:

"To the G.I.'s in the field or in barracks or on maneuver, letters are nearly the most important things that happen or don't happen. In five minutes of talk with a soldier you know whether he has heard from home or that letters do not come. It is a constant source of conversation, of worry and of gladness."

We all have some relative or friend somewhere in the Armed Forces who would welcome a letter... a chatty

letter about people and just those simple happenings here at home

The Government is using every facility to expedite delivery.

This is only one of the things that we civilians can take part in... that pint of blood may save a life... that pound of fat helps sink a sub... that rubber you save may rescue a bombing crew... that extra bond, a few more war stamps will help build another plane or ship.

Very soon now Christmas will be here with all its happy memories, so let's write a letter today and keep on writing them till Victory is ours.

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