

HITLER'S EMPIRE MAY CRACK SOON IS LONDON VIEW

End Of European War This
Fall Seen Possibility—
Anti-Axis Trend Observed

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London, Oct. 13.—(U.P.)—Qualified observers said today that the balance of the European war had swung so heavily in favor of the allies during the past 10 days that Adolf Hitler's continental empire may collapse this fall.

A sudden crisis also may develop within Germany itself, they added, but this possibility is more remote.

The Red army's advance from the east, the Anglo-American bombing offensive from the west and south and unrest inside the "Festung Europa"—none of them new factors in the conflict—look on new importance during the past week as the Germans struggled to consolidate somewhere for the winter.

Anti-Axis Trend
Among the latest straws in the wind pointing to an increasing anti-Axis trend inside Europe were these:

1—Reports reached London that the Germans have informed the Vichy government of their intention of imposing even more rigid control over France, including the arrest of all officers of the French armistice army and the disarming of police, presumably to nip any pro-allied

New Keyboard for Torrid Typists



(Acme Telephoto)

Here's the latest in typewriter keyboards to speed up even the experts. The keys have been changed to the Dvorak arrangement, which, according to test in Washington, has resulted in speeding up to 180 words per minute. The rearrangement, says Lt. Comdr. August Dvorak, who hit upon the idea, gives the left hand 44% of the work and the right hand 56% as compared with the conventional keyboard, which gives 57% of the work to the left hand. The dotted line shows the division of work between the left and right hands on the Dvorak keyboard.

uprising or coup coinciding with German military reverses. The measures originally were to have been invoked only in the event of an allied invasion.

2—A Budapest report published in Stockholm said the Rumanian government has ordered the Rumanian civil administration in occupied areas north of the Dniester river between the Nipier and the Bug to return home.

3—The London News-Chronicle said King Christian of Denmark has refused defiantly to help the Germans form a new Danish government.

Retreat Dangerous
Observers believe that an

other general retreat along the entire Russian front this fall might crack Hitler's eastern empire to bits.

If the Germans are forced to draw back into Poland and East Prussia while the allied advance from the south and air attack hits civilian morale, thousands of Nazi professional officers would say the war is lost. London military men believe the Wehrmacht officers' prime interest at that point would be to preserve the army as intact as possible as a bargaining point at the peace table.

It seemed clear cut August 1, when Germany became committed to greatest retreat in its history, that Hitler's professional general quietly re-assumed control of grand strategy, leaving the Nazi party to handle the home front as best it could.

Even then the party remained in the background. However, the extraordinary speeches by Hitler, Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler and Arms Minister Albert Speer last week calling on the German people to hold firm indicated the party is being pushed into the foreground again, possibly so that at a given point it can be blamed for the defeat.

To establish telephone communications across an almost impassable glacier in Alaska the glacier was "bombed" with reels of wire dropped by an army bomber along a line staked out in the snow.

TOWNSEND BOARD WILL MEET HERE

(Contributed)

The congressional district board of the Townsend Plan will meet Sunday in Townsend hall, 219 W. Main St., for an all-day program.

Activities will start at 8 a. m. when breakfast will be served. This will be followed by singing until the board meets, about 11 o'clock. At noon a potluck dinner will be served. There will be a full afternoon of program and speeches with R. Z. Adams, regional director, as principal speaker.

All Townsendites are expected to attend for breakfast and all day, and those who can do so are to bring a dish of something for the dinner.

The committee on arrangements is making this event one that will be long remembered.

PAPER SUPPLY BURNS
Pittsburgh, Oct. 13.—(U.P.)—Five thousand tons of paper went up in flames early today, as fire raged through the huge storage and loading building of the F. J. Kress Box company, J. B. Leclerc, president of the company, said that \$300,000 worth of paper and a \$150,000 building were destroyed.

MUSSOLINI ISSUES DRASTIC EDICTS TO PUT DOWN UNREST

Bern, Oct. 13.—(U.P.)—A series of drastic orders, attributed to Benito Mussolini as a result of increased unrest and sabotage in Italy, were published today by newspapers in northern Italy.

The orders were:

1—Anyone assisting war prisoners to escape to be punished by death.

2—Anyone who owns and operates a radio transmitter to be punished by death.

3—Anyone who fails to respond to a call for compulsory labor or persuades others not to respond to be punished by death.

4—Anyone who plunders homes wrecked during air raids to be punished by death.

5—Anyone who takes unperturbed photographs to be punished by life imprisonment.

6—Anyone who publishes reports or pictures in newspapers which are unfavorable to the axis armies, or might cause popular uprisings, to be punished by life imprisonment.

7—Anyone who distributes pamphlets without government permission to be punished by life imprisonment.

8—Anyone who organizes private or public meetings of a political character without government permission, to be punished by life imprisonment.

9—Anyone who takes up a new residence without informing authorities of the new address to be punished by 20 years' imprisonment.

10—Anyone offending the blackout regulations to be punished by five years' imprisonment.

**Sgt. Proce Winner
In Ashland U.S.O.
Letter Week Test**

Ashland, Ore., Oct. 13.—(Spl.) Sgt. Dick Proce, 81st General Hospital, Camp White, was first prize winner of the Ashland USO contest observing National Letter-Writing Week. The prize was a telephone call to his home in New York city. Second and third prizes, boxes of stationery, were won by S/Sgt. John S. Mitchell 185th General Hospital, Camp White, and Senior Hostess Mrs. Maxine Miller of Ashland. Fourth prize, \$1 in air mail stamps, went to an army wife, Mrs. Mary Wisnow, Ashland.

Awarding of the prizes was an interesting episode at the formal dance Saturday evening at Ashland USO, the College Daze introducing new junior hostesses.

In charge of the dance were Mary Jean Hendricks, president junior hostess group, assisted by Pvt. Harry Stevens of Rochester, N. Y., attached to the 1136th Headquarters; Junior Hostesses Judy Silver, Donna Frazier, Pat Rawe, Florence Wood, Elma Simmons, Lois Richmond, and Misses Marion Ady and Virginia Hales.

Ration Calendar

FOOD
Oct. 20—Blue stamps U. V. and W expire.

Oct. 30—Expiration date of brown stamps C, D, E and F. E valid on Oct. 10; F on Oct. 17.

SUGAR
Oct. 31—Stamps No. 14, 15 and 16, good for five pounds each, expire at midnight. Stamps 15 and 16 designated as canning sugar.

SHOES
Expiration date of stamp No. 18 for one pair of shoes extended indefinitely beyond Oct. 31. "Airplane" stamp No. 1 in Book 3 good for one pair of shoes on Nov. 1; expiration indefinite.

FUEL OIL
Period 1 coupons in new rations last through Jan. 1, 1944.

GASOLINE
Nov. 21—Stamp No. 8 good for three gallons gasoline per week expires at midnight.

TIRES
Cars with B books must have tires inspected every 4 months; cars with C books, every 3 months; cars with A books, every 6 months.

THREE FOR ONE
Plentywood, Mont., Oct. 13.—(U.P.)—As a duck hit by L. C. Peterson's last shotgun shell fell to earth, two birds in the flock followed it, apparently thinking the bird was settling to feed. The ducks struck a power line and both were electrocuted.

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SICILY INVASION MADE BY KIN OF MRS. B. J. PALMER

Mrs. B. J. Palmer of 315 S. Orange street has received a copy of a letter written by her grand nephew, Lt. T. J. Isaac of Seattle, Wash., to his mother, telling her of his landing on southern Sicily in the recent campaign there.

The young man writes of the character of the country, describing the land as rough, hot, and dry, and with numerous ancient castles among the rugged crags. He states that he was delighted to find that drinking water on the island is excellent, much in contrast to that found in Africa.

In telling of the more realistic military phases, Lt. Isaac writes that he has seen fields displaying vast beds of flames, and towns and villages plastered into rubble before his eyes by naval and

army artillery as the American forces moved forward in coordinated attack. He states that thousands of prisoners were taken daily. Unkempt, unshaven, dirty, but glad the war is over for them.

Mrs. Palmer also has another great nephew in the navy, Floyd Morris, machinists mate second class, of Aurora, Ill. Morris was on the ill-fated U.S.S. Helena, and has taken part in seven major sea battles. The total number of her relatives in the service totals about 20, including kinship in England.

Officers Selected By SOCE Students

Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Oct. 13.—(Spl.)—The student body of the Southern Oregon College of Education met last week and chose the following officers:

President, Henrietta Hall, Gerber, Calif.; vice-president, Dale Anderson, Ashland; social chairman, Judith Silver, Ashland; secretary, Evelyn Wirostek, Marshfield; treasurer, Marie Pochelu, Paisley.

At Monday assembly the ministers of Ashland churches met with the student group and briefly greeted students, wel-

coming new students and inviting them to the different churches of Ashland.

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HEALTH QUIZ

Do you have poor digestion? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Do you feel headachy after eating? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Do you get sour or upset easily? ☐ YES ☐ NO
Do you feel tired—listless? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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It's the same now. Jimmy's out there fighting for you... and you're beside him. For if he's injured in action the nurse who takes care of him will be there because you and other Nurse's Aides took over her job here. Proud of you?—why, the way you and all the rest of his family are backing him and his buddies makes Jimmy the proudest man in his whole outfit.

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Nurse's Aides are Citizen Soldiers. So are Auxiliary Policemen, Air Raid Wardens and other Civilian Defense workers, members of the Red Cross Motor Corps and the Coast Guard Port Security Force, blood donors and the thousands of others actively working in one or more of the scores of vital home front services. Most of these services are in urgent need of more volunteers. If you are not doing all you possibly can to back up our fighting men, enlist today. Be a Citizen Soldier.

Uncle Sam Comes First

Uncle Sam now gets first call on all we produce, and war demands will increase during coming months. The effects of these demands, on the products and service we are able to offer you, will be increasingly evident. We want you to know this and the reasons for it.

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