

GERMANS FACING MAJOR DISASTER EXPERTS BELIEVE

Have Only 50-50 Chance to Extricate Half of 600,000 Men Cornered in Bend.

(Editor's Note: The far-reaching effects of the powerful Russian offensive in the Dnieper Bend are analyzed in the following dispatch by Edward W. Beattie, veteran United Press war correspondent who has seen the German army in action in France, Poland and Tunisia, and Joseph W. Grigg, manager of the former Berlin bureau of the United Press.)

By Edward W. Beattie and Joseph W. Grigg
United Press Correspondents, London, Oct. 27.—(UP)—Military experts believe the Germans face the certainty of a great military defeat and the possibility of a stupendous disaster in the southern Ukraine.

At most, these experts say, the Germans have only a 50-50 chance of extricating even half of their 600,000 men now cornered in the Dnieper Bend.

And, unless the Nazi command can muster sufficient troops to halt the Russian column cutting across the German rear below Kremenichug, their chances of saving those 300,000 men are less than even.

Counter Needed
Only a major counterattack against the Russian column already probing into Krivoy Rog half way across the Dnieper Bend can prevent another and worse "Stalingrad."

If the Germans do not counterattack, the result will be a break-up of the whole German southern army group.

If they do counterattack and fail, the break-up would be only hastened. That was what happened at Stalingrad last November.

If they counterattack and win, it would be at a cost in casualties which the German command can ill afford and would bring only a temporary breathing spell. This was what happened when the Germans recaptured Kharkov last winter, only to lose it this summer.

The battered German units who have been retreating for three months and whose armament is at the danger point, do not appear capable of mounting a counteroffensive sufficient to halt the red army.

Using All Hands
The Germans also probably have committed every division they can lay their hands on in Russia. Thus they can counterattack in force only by draining off divisions from the already thinned fronts in the west and south.

At the same time, however, the loss of even half of those 600,000 men in the Dnieper Bend would probably send the Germans reeling back into Poland and Rumania and probably compel the withdrawal of additional

Joan Takes Her Baby Home

Red-haired Joan Barry and her 16-day-old baby daughter, Carol Ann, leave Los Angeles hospital for home. The baby girl, whom she claims is daughter of Charlie Chaplin, appears complacent.



OVER 200 NAMES NOW ENTERED ON ROLL OF HONOR

Registrations of Jackson county servicemen at the Medford Chamber of Commerce have fallen off this week, according to an announcement from that office today. Over 200 names are on file to date, in the list being compiled under the auspices of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans, and the Chamber of Commerce. Clerical work is being done at the Chamber of Commerce.

Efforts are being made to complete records of all men from Jackson county in every branch of service during World War II, placing on file information concerning the man's family, branch of service, and service record.

Forms to be filled out have been printed in several editions of the Mail Tribune and Daily Tidings and are also available at the Chamber of Commerce and the veterans organizations.

SPEEDING YOUTH GIVEN SENTENCE

Kenneth Loyd Larson, 16, charged with reckless driving had his driver's license suspended for 10 days and was fined \$15 and costs when he appeared before Justice of the Peace W. R. Coleman yesterday. He also received a lecture from the

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men from the west and south to prevent a further break-through.

The approaching doom for the Germans in Dnieper Bend has been heralded by the Russian thrust into Krivoy Rog, whose fall will deprive the Germans of their next to the last escape route, leaving only a round-about line that already is jammed with Nazi forces fleeing from the Crimea.

The Germans have done considerable road-building in the past two years, but the highway network is inadequate for the present demands.

Three Moves Left
As for the Russians, they have three possible moves, each more portentous than the previous one:

1—They may drive southeast from Krivoy Rog to Nikopol to join other Soviet forces striking across the Dnieper from Zaporozhe and nip off a German salient about 50 miles wide and 40 miles deep.

2—They may advance southward to Nikolayev at the mouth of the Bug river to link up with forces pushing along the Sea of Azov and Black sea to cut off a vastly greater area, including the Crimea.

3—Or, most ambitious of all, they may thrust through Kiev along the only double-track railway in this area to the Dniester river and lop off the entire southern German army of some 100 divisions, crushing them back into Rumania.

The next two weeks probably will bring a showdown.

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VALLEYVIEW GIRL WINS 4-H HONOR

Allene Owens of Valleyview has been placed in the Blue award group in the state victory garden contest. H. G. Seymour, state Four-H club leader, has advised Earle Jossy, Jackson county Four-H club leader.

Miss Owens is a member of the Valleyview Four-H club, enrolled in the Ashland Junior high, and besides her Victory garden carried on projects in dairy and beef cattle and sewing. At the county Four-H fair she was declared the outstanding beef club member and was granted the G. E. Pierce special award. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Owens.

POON LIM ARRIVES
Chungking, Oct. 27.—(UP)—Poon Lim, Chinese sailor who spent 133 days alone on a raft in the north Atlantic, was reported today to have arrived at a northern port in England en route to London where he will receive the British Empire medal from King George VI. Poon Lim's time spent on the raft was believed to be the longest on record in the war.

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court in which he was warned that any further violation of traffic laws would result in a longer license suspension.

Larson, arrested by the state police, was charged with driving on West Main street at 50

miles per hour, ignoring stop and caution signs at the North Grape and West Sixth street intersection. Three other boys were with Larson and the court was advised they indulged in some yelling. The vehicle was

a 1931 model and the youth informed the court it was now out of commission.

Clifford Verl Bishop, 20, of Shady Cove was fined \$25 and costs for reckless driving on the Crater Lake highway. Bishop

was travelling at an excessive speed and passed another auto with a narrow clearance margin, the testimony indicated.

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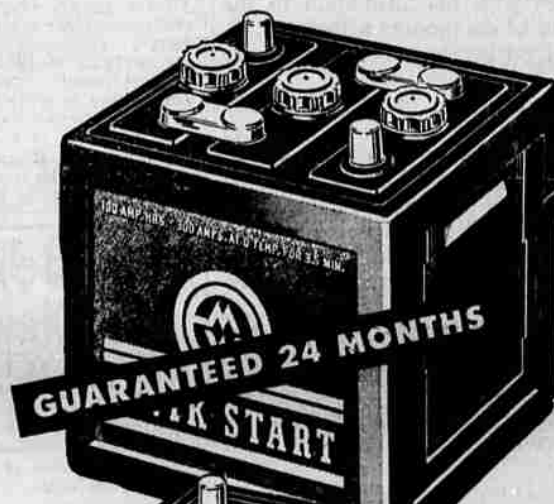
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