

STALIN'S STEP MAY FORECAST CRISIS, CLAIM

By DeWitt MacKENZIE
Joseph Stalin's surprising emergence from the privacy of the office where he has quietly but firmly pulled the strings of government, to assume the premiership of Russia, is far from self-explanatory, but it strikes me there is one assumption we can make safely—that he foresees some imminent crisis and has put himself in the slot to deal with it.

When we go further, however, and try to put a finger on the exact crisis he has in view we should move cautiously, for the mind of the Muscovite sphinx is a closed book excepting as he resorts to action. Still, there are several logical possibilities.

Among these I should put well to the fore the growing tension between the axis and the United States.

Stalin sees Washington's stiffened attitude, as evidenced by such developments as Secretary of War Stimson's plea for use of our navy to guarantee the success of the aid-to-Britain program. The communist leader notes the Nazi announcement that it is preparing to increase munitions production on the assumption that there is a possibility America may enter the war.

Maybe he too believes that the United States may get into the conflict. I don't know that. He wouldn't be the chief of all the Russias, however, if he didn't have the foresight to prepare for such a contingency. That event would completely alter the complexion of the war, and would be bound to have a profound effect on the Soviet union.

There is another matter which is of vast concern to Stalin. That is Germany's thrust into what Russia considers her preserves in the lower Balkans and on the Dardanelles, and the indications that Hitler may strike into the near east, thereby further menacing Soviet interests.

Then there have been signs that Hitler is again looking with speculative eyes on Russia's Ukraine. Possession of that productive state would give the Nazis vital supplies which they lack. Hitler's first move in that direction would mean war with the bolsheviks.

And there is still another possibility. Hitler is reported to be applying the heat to Japan to force her to make war on Britain and the United States in the far east, to create a diversion for the benefit of the European conflict. Stalin can't overlook that situation, which is full of dynamite for him.

Is the bolshevik chief thinking of sending his great army into action?
It would be rash to take that for granted, as I see the position. It is fair to assume, however, that he envisages that possibility and is getting set to meet the crisis if and when it develops.

Eight "British" Presidents
Eight of the presidents of the United States were born British subjects: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, and William Henry Harrison.

Destructive
In British and German East Africa, during the World war, giraffes were shot because they tore down the field telephone and telegraph connections of the armies.

Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page.

TODAY!
TWO BIG FEATURES
"Wild Man of Borneo"
Frank Morgan Billie Burke
2ND BIG FEATURE
"Secret Evidence"
LATEST NEWS
DOORS OPEN 1:30 and 8:30 P. M.
SHOWS START AT 2:00-7:15-9:15
"BORNED" . . . 2:15-7:15-9:15
"EVIDENCE" . . . 2:15-7:15-9:15
ALL SEATS 25c TAX
VOX

Valedictorian



—Kennell-Ellis
Helen Cox, Klamath Union high school senior, was named valedictorian of her class which graduates in exercises scheduled for Friday afternoon, May 23, in the new boys' gym. Miss Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cox of Bisbee street.

Salutatorian



—Kennell-Ellis
Chosen salutatorian of her class is Virginia Ellen Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith of this city, outstanding senior student of Klamath Union high school.

Montgomery Ward Repeats Bargaining Stand at Portland

PORTLAND, May 7 (AP)—Portland Montgomery Ward and company officials reiterated yesterday that they would "bargain in good faith with any organization which represents a majority of employees."

Officials of the store, which closed Saturday after a strike of more than five months, were accused by three AFL unions of disavowing the "American democratic principle of collective bargaining."

The company said it would recognize any group certified after a national labor relations board election, and would reopen the store if it could obtain delivery service through trucks, trains and mail.

The AFL said its five-months strike was waged for recognition. No election has been held at the store, but the NLRB now is considering union charges that the store engaged in unfair labor practices.

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FRI. & SAT.
PLUS
Midnight Show Each Night
Doors Open 11:30 P. M.
Show Starts 12:00
RAISED FROM THE DEAD TO FULFILL HIS FIENDISH DESIRES
"WHITE ZOMBIE"
WITH BELA (DRACULA) LUGOSI
EERIE! SHOCKING! SPINE-CHILLING!
2nd HIT "THE FARGO KID"
25c ANY SEAT THIS ATTRACTION
VOX

NAZI-PLANNED FRENCH SYRIA COUP FEARED

LONDON, Wednesday, May 7 (AP)—Fears of a German engineered coup d'etat in French Syria, similar to the one which touched off the "war of oil" in Iraq, developed early today after disclosure Syrian Moslem nationalists had virtually wrecked the British consulate in Damascus.

Hostilities in Iraq were reported spreading over larger areas—after a breakdown of neutral peace feelers—with British bombers blasting Iraqi military positions and weakening the five-day siege of Habbaniya air base, 65 miles west of Baghdad.

British quarters took a grave view of reports from Syria where Germany's seizure of air-dromes might prove the blow to drive the British out of Iraq and might yield to Adolf Hitler's fuel-hungry war machine the oil of Iraq.

Possible Revolt

Wrecking of the British consulate in Damascus, presumably on Sunday, was taken by some British quarters to indicate that Germany is attempting to stir up a revolt throughout the Arab world. It was said that the French authorities appear to be unable to keep the Syrian extremists under control.

Germany, it was added, may not even find it necessary to instigate an anti-British coup in Syria if pressure now being brought on the vichy government gives Germany the foothold Hitler is reported here to be demanding in the French colonies.

The shelling of Habbaniya air base by Iraqi artillery was said officially to have slackened off considerably as result of new RAF attacks.

Barricade Set Up

Axis reports said 3,000 British troops within the besieged base on the Euphrates, including Australians, were completely encircled, but the Iraq forces were unable to storm Habbaniya because it is surrounded by electrified barricades.

Iraqi artillery is constantly shelling the base in an effort to destroy the power house providing electricity for the barricades.

It was admitted by the German radio tonight British engineers had succeeded in blowing up a number of oil storage centers before being arrested by Iraqi troops.

The Berlin radio said British planes had raided the Iraqi capital, killed or wounded several civilians and damaged a Mosque, in addition to bombing other so-called "open towns" during the last 24 hours.

The British middle east command at Cairo reported heavy bombing of Iraqi military positions around Habbaniya, where direct hits were scored, across the Euphrates near Falluja where motor transports columns were blasted and in the Diwaniya sector 80 miles south of Baghdad on the Euphrates.

Around Habbaniya the shelling of the air base was reduced to "intermittent and inaccurate" fire, it was said.

In the Basra area, it was stated officially, the "situation remains quiet" after the driving of Iraqi forces from the vicinity.

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CITY BRIEFS

Meeting—The regular meeting of IWA auxiliary was to be held in the IWA hall Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

From Portland—Mrs. Eugene Schaefer, 2007 Wantland avenue, has returned from a combined business and pleasure trip which took her to Portland, her former home.

Visit Portland—Mrs. M. C. Cassel and daughter Lois left this week for Portland to visit friends and relatives. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

Police Court—Three drunks, two drunk and disorderly cases, one vag, three traffic tickets and two drunks who bailed out, made up the activities reported by city police in police court Wednesday morning.

Visits Son—Mrs. T. M. Springer of Coquille returned to her home after spending the past week visiting her son, Willis Marshall of the Imperial garage. While here Mrs. Springer enjoyed a Sunday motor trip to Crater lake where she witnessed a snowstorm. A number of small dinner parties were given for Mrs. Springer during her stay.

Hits Prowl Car—Frances M. Yost of Tulelake tangled with the city police prowler car Wednesday at 1 p. m. when she drove away from the curb at Seventh and Pine streets, slightly damaging both machines. Charles J. Evans, 820 Lexington avenue, reported to city police his car struck a parked machine registered to Vera Owings, 1304 Wiard street, early Tuesday night. Slight damage was reported.

Nominated—Bob Calkins of Klamath Falls was one of six nominated for the University of Oregon executive council of associated students Tuesday. Bob Lovell, also of this city, was one of four nominated for senior representative.

Achievement Day—C. C. Jenkins, 4-H club agent, spent Wednesday afternoon at Summers school where achievement day was observed by 4-H club members. Pins were awarded by Jenkins to students who have completed required club work.

OBITUARY

FRANK SCHMECK

Frank Schmeck, for the last 16 years a resident of Klamath Falls, Ore., passed away in this city Wednesday, May 7, 1941, at 11:15 a. m., following an illness of 11 days. He was a native of Omaha, Neb., and at the time of his death was aged 77 years and 10 months. Surviving are seven sons, William, Roy, Albert and Francis Schmeck of this city; Ofar of Boise, Ida.; Bryan of Oroville, Calif.; and Chester Schmeck of Sacramento, Calif.; also one daughter, Mrs. Ida Rowe of this city. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call after 4 p. m. Thursday. Notice of funeral to be announced at a later date.

NOW!
DEANNA DURBIN in "Nice Girl?"
with FRANCHOT TONE
Walter BRENNAN Robert STACK
Robert BENZLEY Helen BROOKS
DOORS OPEN 1:30 and 8:30 P. M.
SHOWS AT 2:00-7:15-9:15
FEATURES AT 2:15-7:15-9:15
COMING FRIDAY
IT'S A MERRY, MILITARY MUSICAL
ROOKIES ON PARADE
with Bob CROSBY - Marie WILSON
Ruth TERRY
PINE TREE

TUNNEL NEARLY THROUGH RIDGE AT TULE LAKE

Crews working on either end of the Tule lake sump tunnel had but 400 feet to go late Tuesday night until the two ends meet, according to B. E. Hayden, superintendent of the Klamath project of the US reclamation bureau. The crews are averaging 60 feet a day, 30 feet on either end, Hayden stated, and at this rate should meet within a week.

Reports received by the reclamation office here in regard to the \$200,000 appropriation sought for continued work on the project, were gratifying, Hayden remarked. It is understood the committee has reported favorably to the house on the interior department bill. The bureau of the budget approved the \$200,000 figure which, if given the stamp of approval, will be used to install pumps and construct canals on the lower Klamath lake side. Later, appropriations will be sought to carry on work in the Modoc unit for next year's operations.

Plan Trip—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDonald are planning a week's vacation which they will spend with friends and relatives in California.

Popular Coin

The most popular silver coin in England is the six-penny piece, which formed about one-third of the silver coins minted in the country during 1939.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Good paying hotel. Priced reasonably for quick sale. Phone 6731. 5-9

FURNISHED APARTMENT in duplex, close in. Phone 3769. 5-8

WANTED—Housekeeper, small family. Good wages. Inquire 410 Owens. 3-65

FOR RENT—4-room furnished apt., 505 1/2 Jefferson. Can be seen between 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. No children or pets. 5-8

GLADIOLI BULBS—15c dozen, \$1.00 per 100. Anderson's, 339 North 9th. 5-7

THREE ROOM furnished house, also four rooms unfurnished. 710 Lowell. 5-7

THE INTERSTATE BUSINESS COLLEGE offers special courses in CIVIL SERVICE and for secretarial work in army and navy. 5-7

RANCH and construction experience, some selling and tractor operator. Have panel delivery Henry Zentner, 521 Oak. 5-9

Commencement Time Near for Klamath County Schools

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board of higher education, as speaker. Plans are being made for exercises at 11 a. m. at Roosevelt school. Pelican school heads have not set the time nor named the speaker for exercises which will also be held May 22. At Mills school eighth grade diplomas will be presented at 9 a. m. with Superintendent J. Percy Wells as the speaker. Carl K. Cook will address the graduating class at Fairview school at 1 p. m., and at Fremont school exercises will be held at 2 p. m. with George P. Davis as the speaker.

Following is the schedule for Klamath county high schools: Bonanza, May 15, L. Orth Sismore, district attorney, speaker; Keno, May 15, Ted Medford, Klamath Falls businessman, speaker; Bly, May 15, Merrill, May 15, Malcolm Epley, managing editor of The Herald and News, speaker; Malin, May 15, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, pastor of the Community Congregational church, speaker; Henley, May 16, Martin Swanson, insurance man, speaker; Sprague River, May 14.

The commencement address at Sacred Heart academy will be delivered by the Rev. Father Gaire at 7:30 p. m. Friday, May 23 in Sacred Heart church, diplomas will be presented by the Rev. Father Timothy Casey.

NOW * 2 HITS!**
NEAGLE
No. No. Nanette
• COMPANION HIT •
CHARLIE CHAN IN PANAMA
with SIDNEY TOLER
Doors Open . . . 1:30-4:30
Shows At . . . 2:00-7:00-9:15
"Nanette" . . . 2:15-7:15-9:15
"Chan" . . . 2:15-7:15-9:15
ALWAYS 20c NO TAX
RAINBOW

IT JUST STARTS TO BEGIN WHERE "THE GREAT ZIEGFELD" LEFT OFF!
ZIEGFELD GIRL
Directed by Robert Z. Leonard
Starring
JAMES STEWART JUDY GARLAND
HEDY LAMARR LANA TURNER
with TONY MARTIN JACKIE COOPER
IAN HUNTER CHAS. WINNINGER
EDWARD EVERETT HORTON
PHILIP DORN
and 100 of the most eye-dazzling girls you ever saw!
STARTS FRI.
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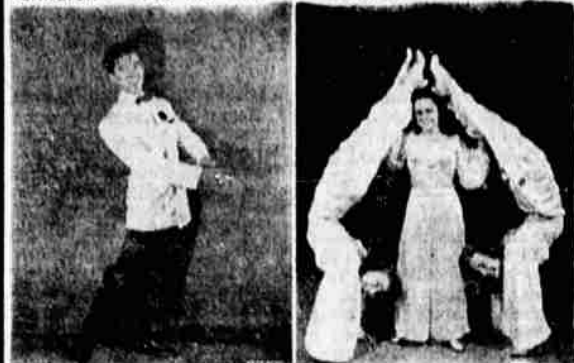
LAST DAY ★ "LADY FROM LOUISIANA"

Tomorrow!

ONE DAY ONLY!
**NEW, LOW, SUMMER
VAUDEVILLE PRICES!**

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General . . . 30c Inc. Tax
Loges . . . 44c Inc. Tax
Children . . . 10c No Tax

EVENING
General . . . 40c Inc. Tax
Loges . . . 55c Inc. Tax
Children . . . 10c No Tax



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MAT. Doors Open . . . 1:30
Show Starts . . . 2:15
Feature . . . 2:15
Major Bowes . . . 4:00
EVE. Doors Open . . . 8:30
Show Starts . . . 7:15-10:00
Feature . . . 7:15-10:00
Major Bowes . . . 9:00
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