

HITCH BETWEEN NAZIS, RUSSIA GETS SUPPORT

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A review of half-obscured news over the past month and a half makes it pretty clear that something new has gone amiss between soviet Russia and Germany, and it supports the reports of German demands on the Kremlin, backed by military pressure. But, while these demands may be military as well as political and economic, it would be rash right now to predict anything more than reluctant soviet acquiescence in some of them and evasion, if possible, of others.

The British, who have made some very bad mistakes about Russia in the past, are going into the present situation very thoroughly. Sir Stafford Cripps, their ambassador to Moscow, has come home to report and there is a highly authoritative hint, designed probably for Russian papers to copy, that he may not go back.

A post-mortem examination of the brief war in Iraq makes out a good case for the assumption that Stalin let Hitler down rather badly on that oil country. Also, there is good reason to believe that soviet economic help to the reich has been very slim and is not picking up.

A few days after Stalin became premier of Russia and thus accepted responsibility to the Russians for the way his policies are carried out, the soviet union re-established diplomatic trade and consular relations with Iraq. At that time the Iraqis, led by the Rashid Ali Al Gailani and backed by German promises and a few German planes, were fighting a war with Britain.

Almost at once there was a lot of talk about the Russians sending into Iraq what were, as in the Spanish war, cynically called volunteers. The Iraq radio reports, funneled through Germany gave off a great air of confidence in speedy soviet aid, and it looked as if Hitler, too, expected it.

However, so far as anyone has been able to find out, the U.S.S.R. did absolutely nothing to help the Iraqis to prolong the turmoil in Iraq, and the British cleaned it up.

All this time Hitler, in seeking to cement conquered Europe into the solid political bloc which he deems essential for ultimate victory, was pulling France into active collaboration and had, indeed, obtained the use of Syrian airdromes for operations against the British in Iraq. At length he told the French that he and Stalin had reached an agreement whereby the Russian Ukraine, in the new order of things, was to serve as a breadbasket for all the hungry, beaten folks of the European continent.

This looked pretty good to the French and they put the story out. What they either overlooked or ignored was a highly significant soviet agricultural report of May 22 which showed that spring sowings in soviet Russia were some 50,000,000 acres behind 1940 and therefore that the Ukraine breadbasket, this year anyway, was going to be pretty light.

It is a pretty good bet that Germany did not overlook it. Therefore there is at least logic behind the report that Hitler is now demanding a lease on the Ukraine, so he can raise the wheat he needs himself. The alternative may be the threat of invasion.

Sailor Beware . . . You'll Be Wearing These



When these new-type lifesaving suits for seamen were demonstrated in New York, pretty girls were on hand to brighten the pictures, which show sailors and models floating with the rubber suits on and models Barbara Orr and Mary Elizabeth Tommer tightening them up. Besides floating men overboard, suits protect sailors from wet and cold when they're on shipwatch.

Bomb Shelters Described For Defense of Civilians

(Editor's note: Once again the office of civilian defense points out war may never reach the United States, but emphasizes nevertheless the vital importance of civilians being ready. You will want to read thoroughly and preserve all the information in this series on the plans for organizing and training citizens. Tomorrow's concluding story will outline further roles civilians will play in the program.)

By DON WHITEHEAD and FRANK L. WELLER

NEW YORK, June 13—(The Special News Service)—Many strange and fearsome and important lessons are in store for Americans from Europe's unnatural sky-war on helpless human beings.

The U. S. office of civilian defense, directed by Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York, will teach them. They will begin soon. They are dedicated to protection of the non-combatants. War may never come, but the OCD insists that potential victims here know beforehand, and be fortified thereby, for the things it may be too late to learn.

They include: "The taller the building the safer its occupants; bomb damage is comparatively negligible to steel and concrete structures. Buildings supported by walls alone readily collapse.

"Massed residences made of wood cannot be protected.

"Bomb-proofed private garages and public buildings are the safest air raid shelters.

"Huge municipal above-ground shelters are not feasible. "Subway protection is questionable.

"Modern building basements are relatively safe.

"Private home and small apartment sub-cellars are risky.

"Death and injury is inescapable for many.

"Great fires cannot be prevented, but may be controlled.

"Hunger, privation, disease and mental and nervous disorders are constant problems.

"And the enemy will use poison gas whenever it no longer fears retaliation."

All this the British know. They have told officials here. The next step is to make the people understand, and win their help in a national effort to save their lives in the event of war.

OCD believes Europe's air blitz would have been far less effective if weaker neighbors had been informed and trained to resist, as this nation now has a chance to be.

Officials will concentrate first on protection of buildings housing 100 or more persons whether they be apartments, hotels, theatres, office buildings, factories, warehouses, stores, shops and all manner of properties. Lesser units and the individual household, too, will receive safety instructions and escape facilities.

The big task is to handle mankind for mass murder in the great concentrated centers and on crowded streets. Fifth columnists spotted these first for the Luftwaffe in 17 vanquished European countries, with devastating effect where defense mechanism faltered and hysteria took its toll.

In La Guardia's plan, wardens for each strategic city will designate "safety" areas, namely those in which buildings offer air-raid shelter.

The superintendent or manager will have charge of his building's defense plan, the tenant defense groups, first aid and rescue supplies and be responsible for sounding the alarm. He will be the "control director."

Key men will conduct defense classes, regulate the blackouts and enforce rules for personal behavior of their people while bombs are falling.

The service squads will construct and maintain shelters, cooperate with police and firemen, assist mobile first-aid and

rescue squads, safeguard water and gas lines, roofs, sanitation, boiler rooms and steam pipes; ventilation, elevators, refrigeration, auxiliary power plants and the thin beams of permissible indoor lighting.

An oddity of air attack is that only one bomb in a million strikes atop a skyscraper. Americans have shuddered in apprehension of thousands of persons toppling to death from great heights if these buildings were hit. Bombs more likely strike a glancing blow and knock out sections of sidewalk without serious damage, or hit the street and shatter the first six floors with steel splinters.

The central structure stands and the basements are safe from collapse of super-structure. Occupants are more or less secure.

Resurface Job On Lakeview Road Nears Completion

Completion of the Cottonwood creek improvement on the Lakeview highway, comprising approximately 4 1/2 miles of resurfaced road, is expected within a month, according to Jack Almeter of the Oregon State Employment service, who returned Thursday from Lake county.

Finishing of the job will leave only a four mile stretch from Quartz mountain to the mouth of Drew's creek yet unsurfaced, Almeter said.

Lake county lumber mill activity is at its highest point in years, Almeter indicated after a series of conferences with operators.

Employment Office Closed at Lakeview

The Oregon State Employment service office in Lakeview has been closed for the summer, according to Jack Almeter, head of the Klamath area for the service.

Horace Arment, Lake county employment officer, has been transferred to the Klamath Falls office.

Read the Classified Page.

SPY SCARE ADDED TO ARMY PRACTICE

CAMP HUNTER LIGGETT, Calif., June 13 (AP)—The fourth United States army started moving toward its battlefield today with all the color, sweat and excitement — including a spy scare — of real war.

The spy scare, tinged on a report that a man had been seen prowling around this vast military reservation asking questions and observing troop movements, turned out to be a "dud," said intelligence officers after an all-day checkup.

But there was the fascinating grimness of war depicted in the long lines of horse-drawn artillery that stretched along sun-scorched roads as the 31st, 74th, 75th and 76th field artillery moved from Fort Ord toward their encampment areas on the Camp Hunter Liggett reservation.

These battalions were the first moving units of the 7th division, a streamlined organization of 22,000 men, which will compose the "red" army opposition for the 40,000 Fort Lewis troops of the "blue" army in the vast war game set for June 23 to 28.

The 7th division, commanded by Major General Joseph B. Stillwell, will be assembled on the reservation June 20.

Various preliminary maneuvers have been undertaken since the 65,000 fourth army and ninth corps troops from Fort Lewis and California posts assembled in this area three weeks ago for training, which will culminate in the big battle June 23-28.

Among these were the post command exercise problem, which was concluded today. In this four-day theoretical war, officers of the defending "blue" army attempted to show on paper how California could be protected from "red" army invaders from the Pacific.

Windstorm Hits McKenzie Area

EUGENE, Ore., June 13 (UP)—Workers Thursday repaired telephone lines and cleaned up the wreckage in the wake of a windstorm which swept the Upper Willamette and McKenzie areas.

Fire set by lightning destroyed the home of Mrs. Cora Lindley at Natrom. At Oakridge, 50 miles from Eugene, trees were blown down and telephone lines wrecked. A light rain followed the wind.

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TOPEKA, Kas., (AP)—Kansas floods produced a fish story with an irony touch.

V. E. McIntyre, newspaper deliveryman, put his golf bag in his car so he could take part in a golf tournament at Lawrence later in the day.

His trip halted by high water, he calmly took his No. 2 iron and bagged a dozen carp.

Some female tarantulas have been known to live for 13 years.

Elsewhere In Oregon

DALLAS, June 13 (AP)—Three thousand parasitic earwigs will be released here in an effort to control the pest.

ALBANY, June 13 (AP)—Linn county berry growers estimated today that they would need 1000 pickers to harvest the raspberry, loganberry and black cap raspberry crops. Work is expected to start next week.

ASTORIA, June 13 (AP)—Astoria headquarters for visiting soldiers of Fort Stevens, Camp Clatsop and Tongue Point will be established if a group named yesterday by the Clatsop county defense council is successful. The unused old city hall is being considered.

VALE, June 13 (AP)—The district office of the grazing service said today that the fire hazard is greater now than at any time in several years. Heavy winter rains caused an abundance of grass which is becoming dry.

ENTERPRISE, June 13 (AP)—County road and bridge crews are repairing damage caused by recent heavy rains in the Innaha area. Dry gulches carried torrents that washed out several bridges and culverts. One new channel was cut 16 feet wide and 8 feet deep.

GRANTS PASS, June 13 (AP)—The Grants Pass Ministerial association asked Wednesday that the government re-establish prohibition.

ASTORIA, June 13 (AP)—Construction of a \$300,000 navy section base on the east half of pier 2 was started here this week. It will be headquarters for a fleet of small naval patrol craft and will quarter several hundred men.

MARSHFIELD, June 13 (AP)—Charles H. Elrey, Oregon man-

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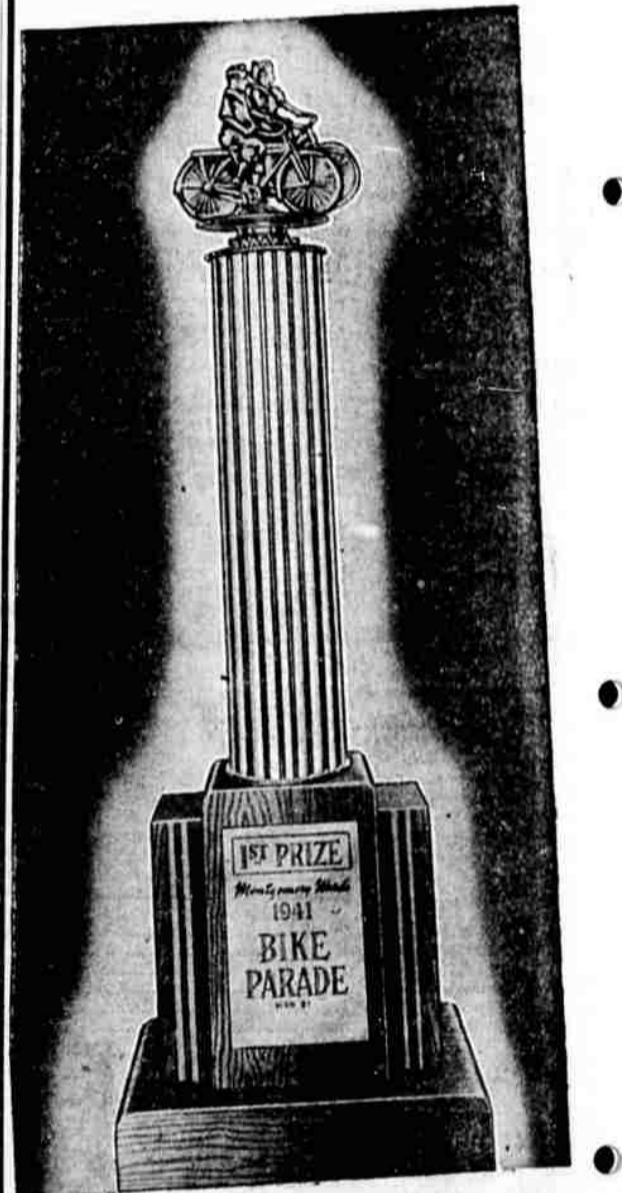
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