

WRITER SEES RUSS ATTACK AS GOOD OMEN

By DeWITT MacKENZIE
Marked stiffening of Russian resistance to the Nazi invasion and a slowing down of the Hitlerian drive are the outstanding developments at the beginning of the third week of the Russo-German holocaust.

Not only has there been a hardening of the bolshevik defense, but Moscow reports heavy soviet counter-attacks from north to south along the attenuated battle-line, especially in the crucial center on the bloody Berezina river.

This demonstration that the reds still possess the power of initiative is a bright spot for Britain and her allies. The fact that the bolsheviks are able to stage any sort of offensive, after the fortnight of terrific punishment which they have undergone, is proof that their strength for resistance hasn't been shattered.

It would be a mistake, however, to jump to the conclusion that the Nazi operations have bogged down. It would be equally unwise to try to form definite conclusions at this juncture as to how much the Muscovite strength may have been undermined.

There is no doubt that the communists' fierce opposition has retarded Hitler's invasion in marked degree, and likely has upset the German schedule, which calls for extreme speed. It is even possible that this delay may be the determining factor of the outcome of this titanic struggle.

Still, it must not be overlooked that the Nazi drive would have slowed of its own weight and exertions. The Germans have raced across a vast amount of territory. Not only are their communications extended, but since the human body can stand only so much, the Nazi troops must be given a breather. Furthermore, the invaders now being up against the Stalin line, they must slacken their offensive in order to consolidate their position and bring up supplies.

We are on the verge of another phase of one of the greatest, perhaps the greatest, struggles of all time. We must wait to see what happens along the Stalin line before we shall be able to gauge the trend of the conflict closely.

Irrespective of whether the Russians can hold that line, they may lay the ground for an ultimate victory if they are able to interpose sufficient strength to turn the blitzkrieg into a war of attrition. As I have remarked before, if Hitler cannot win a quick victory over the bolsheviks, he will have done himself a vast disservice by undertaking his invasion.

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Iceland Occupation Brings U. S. Nearer to War, Claim

EDITOR'S NOTE: An estimate of potentialities involved in the United States dispatch by the United Press naval critics.

By REAR ADMIRAL YATES STIRLING JR., U.S.N. Retired (Copyright, 1941, by United Press)

President Roosevelt's action in occupying Iceland with our armed forces has brought us a long step nearer to "shooting war" with Germany and her allies.

Most naval experts, I believe, will agree that it is an inevitable move—made necessary by the steps that went before it, chiefly the president's public announcement that we will deliver supplies to Great Britain by whatever means we may consider necessary.

Whatever the political aspects and repercussions of the move, our navy is well prepared to carry out its share of the task. We have ample surface craft and naval airplanes to keep open the sea lanes from the North American continent to Iceland and apparently began making dispositions necessary for the task some weeks ago.

That the navy, and its marine corps, will assume the bulk of the burden seems certain. Just how they will do it, of course, is a secret but any naval student can envisage certain aspects which will be as obvious in Berlin as in Washington.

First, it seems certain, transports will land a large number of marines who have been especially trained and equipped for just such problems. These units immediately will begin taking over from the British with whom they probably will be brigaded for a time until they have familiarized themselves with conditions and obtained all the information the British were able to assemble.

KLAMATH YOUTHS IN MARINE CORPS

Willis Lou Kruger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del H. Kruger, of Bonanza and Alfred Lee Linzi, son of Mrs. Ione W. Linzi, of Dairy, enlisted in the United States marine corps July 5, according to the local marine recruiting officer located in the Stewart-Drew building.

Both Kruger and Linzi were transferred to the training station at San Diego, Calif., for six weeks training, and after completion of this training will be assigned to duty with the fleet marine force, or upon their request may be transferred to some post in the United States or foreign duty.

The recruiter in charge states that the quota is unlimited for the number of enlistments, regular or reserves for the duration of the emergency.

Unlike Germany, U. S. Mass Plane Output Seeks Quality

By DEVON FRANCIS
SEATTLE, July 8 (The Special News Service)—Unlike the Germans, the United States is aiming for mass-scale production of military airplanes without any sacrifice of intricate mechanisms which insure high-grade performance.

Studies of German military airplanes show they are being made with the utmost simplicity of design. It permits their fabrication by semi-skilled or even unskilled workmen. The goal is volume production.

German air force commanders use aircraft as commanders of ground arms use infantry. The men and the equipment are expendable, as they were in Crete, if the objective is worth the loss.

I have been told that German airplanes were so simple that any backyard mechanic could take them apart and put them together again by following the instructions painted on engines, bodies and wings.

sembly and the inspector's checkover. Immediately behind each completed plane is another, awaiting only the finishing touches.

That is the aircraft maker's adaptation of the automobile maker's "on-line" conveyor production.

BLACKOUT
LANCASTER, Pa., (AP)—A 3,000 mile journey to witness the lighting of thousands of candles as part of an Independence day celebration proved futile for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gable.

They came to suburban Lititz, where Gable once resided, from Los Angeles only to have rain postpone the pageant. Now it won't be presented until Saturday and the Gables cannot remain here that long.

First U. S. aid for Russia may be shoes and socks. And may they pass the socks along to the Germans.

Shifts of workmen going to and from their posts in the factory use tunnels under the main floor. That prevents congestion and interruption of tasks.

The Boeing plant, like the other aircraft factories, has taken a chapter from the books of automobile manufacturing. Far in the interior of the main building the primary fabrication of parts is started. A control surface is put together here, and a rib which helps shape a wing, there.

The smaller parts are put together to make "sub-assemblies" as the locale of the work progresses toward the doors where the completed planes are rolled out for their first test flights. Finally, comes the complete as-

LAVA BEDS TRAVEL SHOWS INCREASE

Travel is picking up at Lava Beds national monument, according to Don Fisher, custodian of the monument.

Fisher said the ranger staff is now at full strength. Men on the staff include Stanley Glick, Henley; Richard Kennedy, Princeton, Kentucky; James Gregg, Ohio State university student, and Robert Jordan, Vanderbilt university student.

Roger Reid of Tulelake is the lookout on Scotchin butte. The main road in the park has now been nearly completed to Indian Well ranger station, Fisher stated.

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