

# PRESS URGES INVASION BY BRITISH FORCE

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With the swelling of the great battles along the Stalin line, British newspapers are demanding that England invade the continent while Hitler is preoccupied with his Russian conquest.

Such a suggestion must create considerable apprehension among allied supporters (for so it seems to me) until it is made clear that no big-scale operation of this sort is intended.

Quite another story might grow out of the adventure of comparatively small British descents along the continental coast for quick raids. Take, for illustration, the great German base at the port of Brest where, incidentally, the Nazi battle-ships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau have been tied up.

That would be a hard nut to crack, but a carefully prepared raiding expedition might be able to do great damage and make a get-away. Multiply this raid by many at other places and you have something worth while—both materially and as regards enemy morale.

The anxiety of Britons to get ahead with the titanic job they have on hand is quite understandable. Still, they must bide their time to try to take Herr Hitler's measure by wholesale invasion.

If the allies are eager for land offensives there is plenty of opportunity in the crucial middle and near east. The campaign against Italian Libya, for instance, is crying out for liquidation. There are the important Syrian and Iraq campaigns to be finished quickly to safeguard allied interests against the Nazis. In event they defeat Russia, then too, India must be prepared for possible action—a colossal job which must be done on the jump.

One of the immediate results of the German attack on Russia has been to transform India into a pivotal point for British imperial defense and offense. The position of Hindustan is of such vast strategic importance that we must keep an eye on developments there if we are to understand the possibilities of this new Hitlerian thrust to the east.

Actually India for months not only has been a first rank producer of essential supplies but also a coordinating center for imperial necessities. But this great empire now has become more than a supply center. With each stride that the Hitlerites take into Russia, the likelihood increases that India will become the focal point of military operations, both offensive and defensive.

If the Germans are successful in overrunning western Russia, they will be in position not only to strike at the British middle eastern interests through Iran and Iraq, but to undertake an expedition against India itself—a German dream that is generations old. There also always is the danger of an attack on India by Japan. As long as the world war I found during an extensive tour of India that the Japanese longings for the treasures of Hindustan were high on the horizon.

## SWEET VICTORY

MILWAUKEE, (AP)—Miss Margaret Pinkley, recent University of Wisconsin law school graduate, won her first case in district court when she represented her fiancé, John P. Varda, Eagle River assemblyman.

Varda was charged with speeding. Miss Pinkley explained:

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## Portland Woman Found Safe in Mount Hood Area

PORTLAND, July 9 (AP)—Found safe after wandering more than 24 hours in the Mount Hood national forest, Mrs. Roy Johnson, 20, Portland, returned to her home yesterday.

Hjalmar Hvam, a ski tournament skier and forest service guard, found her on the south slope of the mountain yesterday. She became lost at noon Sunday after wandering from a trail on which she was to have met her husband and father.

Mrs. Johnson explained today that a bird whose whistle she mistook for that of her husband caused her to get lost. She left the trail where she was to have met her husband to pick blackberries. In a few minutes she heard the whistle and went deeper into the woods toward it. By the time she identified the whistler as a bird she was lost.

Mrs. Johnson was little the worse for her 24 hours in the forest.

## Faction Opposing Orton Takes IWA Office at Seattle

SEATTLE, July 9 (AP)—A faction of the International Woodworkers of America antipathetic to President O. M. Morton's administration moved in on IWA headquarters Tuesday to hold a special meeting.

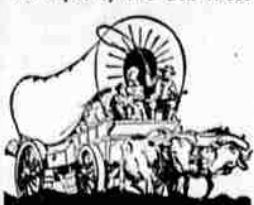
Worth Lowery, Jewell, Ore., international senior vice president, led the group of about 20 district secretaries and other unionists.

When they appeared, Bertil J. McCarty, international secretary-treasurer, called police and announced that an executive board meeting scheduled for today would not be held. Two policemen were dispatched to patrol the corridor adjacent to the IWA headquarters.

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