

# RED-NAZI WAR ENTERS PHASE OF DECISION

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"The struggle of the red army with the fascist hordes," says the soviet government newspaper Izvestia, "is entering a new phase of violent and decisive battles."

That seems to describe the position rather accurately. The Germans have increased their pressure on the Russian right wing at Leningrad, are continuing their fierce attack on the center of the line, and at the weekend developed a heavy pincer thrust at the strategic city of Kiev in the south.

These battles will be decisive in so far as determining whether the bolsheviks can hold their present front between the Baltic and the Black sea. They aren't at all likely to end the war.

The time has arrived when we can also agree with Izzetia's claim that "it is already obvious that Hitler's blitzkrieg trump, on which he staked everything, is beaten." This is to say that the element of extreme speed has been eliminated by the remarkable resistance of the reds, threatening to saddle Hitler with a long war, and that might easily mean a disastrous one.

The Russians have reported the capture of German soldiers and officers who had become deranged because of the terrific strain of the protracted fighting. There is no reason to doubt this claim. Especially since the Nazi communications are so extended that the bringing up of food and reinforcements is increasingly difficult.

The question now arises as to which side has the most reserves of first-line caliber for replacements as the crisis swells up. The Muscovites have by far the greater reservoir of manpower, but whether these fresh troops are well trained isn't apparent as yet.

The nazis themselves announced some time ago that the bolsheviks were bringing up 8,000,000 reserves. That's hard to believe, though millions of reinforcements presumably are ready for the red front, and indeed it's likely a good many have been thrown into the battle already.

It is given to wonder whether the nazis are short of first-line material, in view of today's announcement that an Italian expeditionary force is about to enter the fighting. This doesn't prove a shortage, of course, but it certainly provides food for speculation.

The weekend also produced a wholly unconfirmed rumor that the Russo-British operations off the northern coasts of Norway and Finland might signal the opening up of a northern continental front by the British. That seems like a remote possibility at this juncture, though anything the allies can do to cut the Finns off from supplies and weaken their fighting strength will be all to the good for the Russians. The Finnish thrust southward toward Leningrad has made the red position there much more difficult.

## Makeshift Runway For Damaged Plane Cleared by Troops

EPHRATA, Aug. 5 (AP)—A score of soldiers who were rounded up mysteriously by military police from Saturday night outings were home today and talking about heaving a makeshift airport out of the sagebrush to free a crippled bombing plane.

The story told by the soldiers unsubstantiated at second air force headquarters in Spokane—said a B-18 medium bomber en route from McChord field to Spokane was forced to land in a mountain clearing 30 miles west of Ellensburg Saturday afternoon by fuel-line trouble.

A slightly torn wing was the only reported damage and the soldiers said there were no injuries. They said the plane was piloted by Lieut. R. C. Ruse.

By late Sunday morning, the men said, they had cleared a 2000-foot runway and the plane, hedge-hopping a fence, got safely into the air. They said it landed at Ellensburg to repair the torn wing.

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## PILOTS AWARDED BRAVERY MEDALS

LONDON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Sergeant James Allen Ward, of New Zealand, second pilot who put out a dangerous fire while spreadeagled on the wing of his Wellington bomber 13,000 feet above Holland's Zuider Zee, has been awarded the Victoria cross. Squadron Leader R. P. Widdowson, the Wellington's captain, received the distinguished flying cross and Rear Gunner Sergeant A. R. J. Box the distinguished flying medal for their part in the exploit.

Ward, 21, was flying home from a raid on Muenster one night in July when the Wellington had a brush with a Messerschmitt.

The front gunner was wounded, the starboard engine damaged, the hydraulic system ruined, the radio knocked out, the undercarriage partly shot away and the bomb doors were loosened. A four-foot flame poured from a gasoline feed pipe in the wing.

When the air stream blew the chemicals away from the nozzle of his fire extinguisher, Ward kicked a hole in the wing surface to hold to, crawled out and tried to beat out the flames. He finally got the fire under control by stuffing a cockpit cover over it.

The plane landed safely in England.

## Wheeler Backs Hemisphere Rule For Army Men

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) charged today that the army was waiting for the pending service extension bill to pass so that it could offer legislation authorizing the use of selectees and guardsmen outside of the western hemisphere.

The Montanan, long a foe of

## EDITOR SEES DANGER AHEAD FOR BUSINESS

EUGENE, Aug. 5 (AP)—Merle Thorpe, editor of the "Nation's Business" of Washington, D. C., Monday warned convening secretaries and managers of western chamber of commerce that "impending dislocations of industry are behind the present business boom" and declared that the "terrifying No. 1 job after this will be the attempt to return to a peace time economy."

Thorpe, one of the foremost experts in the country on business conditions, was the feature speaker at the opening day session of the regional institute of the western division of the United States chamber of commerce, being held on the University of Oregon campus this week.

"Business is booming, factories are booked with defense orders, and all time records in production are being established," Thorpe admitted. "But," he declared, "the charges for this will have to come from the people's income. The people of the United States will have to pay, although the figures may be disguised in Washington."

Thorpe informed the chamber of commerce officials that one of the main questions facing us today is the determination of just what dimensions defense preparations will assume.

"What is going to happen to the new plants? Will ghost towns be the result of the present business boom? What of the cities whose interest is violently directed to new war channels at present?"

These questions were posed by Thorpe, who insisted that the demobilization of the "white collar army" brought to Washington for defense needs was an even greater problem than that of demobilizing the real army.

Over 200,000 federal employees are now in Washington, D. C., he declared. "What is going to happen to most of them when the present situation is over?"

Thorpe then discussed the possibility of "getting out from under new federal emergency legislation" after the present crisis, pointing the serious difficulties involved.

"Thousands of corporations are facing revisions of their primary objectives at the present time," he asserted. "Will there be tombstones in graveyards for these corporations, just as for well known corporations in 1919 which collapsed?" he questioned.

I warn you . . . there will come a vast danger that we in America . . . may lose those four freedoms we hear talked about so much and which we are supposed to carry to all the people everywhere in the world. —Joseph W. Martin Jr., chairman GOP national committee.

## McCullum Mill Election Coming

A consent election among employees of the McCullum mill at Malin will be held Friday, Aug. 8, in the mill canteen, it was announced Tuesday.

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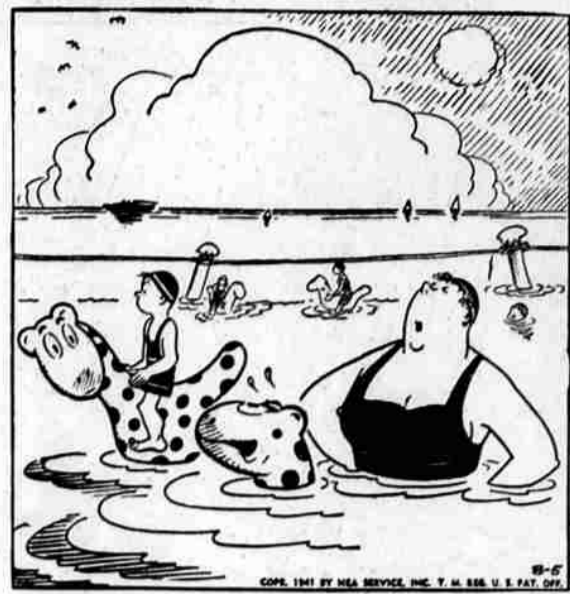
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## SATISFACTION

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., (AP)—Mrs. Howard Clare was irked when she shot a six on the par-three No. 10 hole at Terre Haute Country club in a tournament.

She finished the round and went back, vowing, "I'll master this hole!" Her first practice shot on the 160-yard hole was an ace.

## JCC MEMBERS GO TO EUGENE MEET

The Junior chamber of commerce semi-annual board meeting was unexpectedly changed to Eugene Saturday morning and Joe Bally, Don Rice and Howard Smith went to the university town Saturday afternoon, returning Sunday night with new ideas for improvement in the local chapter. Smith was appointed assistant state publicity chairman, to work with William Bolin of Portland.

One of the major items of interest taken up at the meeting was the proposal of State President Don Black of Salem, to promote a civilian air corp under supervision of the state aviation committee. Stress was laid on the ages of 28-35, that not covered by the present CAA set-up, and a program was outlined to be submitted to the state committee for consideration and revision.

A suggestion was made that all junior chamber chapters contact their county committee on sale of defense bonds, and offer their services to that organization in any way that would help promote the sale of the bonds and stamps. A large scale plan of promotional display work is necessary in this line and the jaycees thought that their members could work to advantage on this plan.

"Policeman Suspended for Flirting"—headline. The gals just couldn't resist an officer.



## Snake Caught by Roundabout Method

MEDFORD, Aug. 5 (AP)—Forest Lookout George Fleischman did a bit of trolling under his toolhouse at Cinnebar with complete success.

He saw a rattlesnake under the shed but couldn't reach it with a rake. That night he baited a trap and caught a mouse. The next day he put the mouse on a large fishhook and tossed his bait to the rattler. The snake rose to the lure and Fleischman reeled it in.



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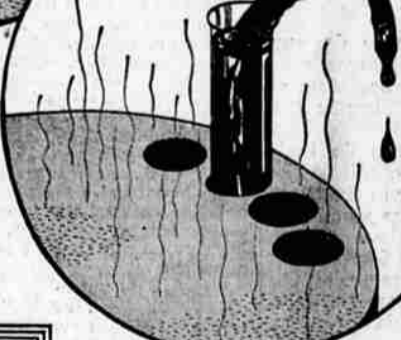
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