

WRITER SEES MASTER MOVE IN IRAN GRAB

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The Anglo-Russian allies will have achieved a master stroke of strategy when they complete their occupation of Iran (Persia).

Persia is the key position for the entire middle eastern situation—a pivot upon which vast power can be turned in any direction with equal facility.

This allied operation will in effect establish a new front against Hitler, and it will be surprising if it doesn't swing into action before long. One of his chief aims in his drive through the Russian Ukraine has been to seize this Persian prize for himself, and the nazis have boasted that they would be on the Caucasian frontier by winter. Now if they do reach that objective they undoubtedly will find a powerful Anglo-Russian army thrown across the route into this land of vast promise.

The nazi chief's purpose in heading for Persia has been twofold. He has coveted it not only because of its strategic position, which would permit him to strike eastward at India and westward at Egypt and the Suez canal, but because he sorely needs the oil from the Persian fields. He also wanted access to the Persian gulf and the open seas.

Now the Anglo-Russian coup has in effect moved the British blockade right up against the soviet border. Thus this great steel garrote, which has been slowly strangling the continent of Europe, has been measurably tightened.

The allied occupation of Persia vastly increases the difficulties of neutral Turkey. Indeed, she will be extremely lucky if she isn't forced into the war before long—quite possibly by direct nazi attack.

The indications have been that the only things which prevented Hitler from taking a short cut long ago into the near and middle east through Turkey were the forest of two million bayonets along the frontier, and the decided danger that Russia—then at peace with Germany—might intervene on the side of the Turks. However, the picture has changed decidedly, with the nazi warring on Russia and making progress through the very red territory from which soviet aid would have to come to the Turks.

If and when Hitler succeeds in overrunning the Ukraine, or in any event when winter has laid a restraining hand on military operations in the soviet, it's not unlikely that he will strike at Turkey. That is, he may attack unless the Turks finally agree to his demands for passage of his troops and equipment across their country.

INVENTOR BRAILLE
Louis Braille, inventor of the system of raised printing for blind persons, was himself blind, losing his sight at the age of 3.

AUTOMOTIVE HINT
A driver who forms the habit of bringing his automobile to a gradual stop will get longer wear from his tires than one who stops abruptly.

BOUNDARY SETTLED
Both peaks of famous Mount Ararat now are within the boundaries of Turkey as a result of the boundary treaty signed by Turkey and Persia in 1932.

No man can serve God and a dictator.—Rev. Dr. William P. Merrill, moderator, presidency of New York.

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FISH SHORTAGE POSSIBLE IN U. S.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 27 (P)—The increased demand for fish from American waters might cause a shortage in this country, Charles E. Jackson, assistant director of the United States Fish and Wildlife service, warned members of the American Fisheries society.

Canadian catches formerly shipped to the United States now are sent to Great Britain, Jackson informed members meeting here at the organization's 71st annual convention.

Even a major portion of the oyster catch on the eastern seaboard is being shipped to Great Britain with the result that the east coast is being supplied with oysters from the west coast, Jackson said.

And with the report of a possible shortage of fish came another alarming discovery—that fish hatcheries for restocking purposes aren't nearly as successful as conservationists would have it.

Capt. C. F. Culler of the United States Wildlife service at Minneapolis, declared food supply of streams is not adequate to supply nourishment for millions of fish where only thousands should be.

Lee Roach of the department of conservation, Ohio university, added that three fish hatcheries in Ohio have closed down and that experiments are being conducted to improve stream conditions.

"If this is done," he said, "the natural reproduction of the fish will increase proportionately."

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ALMOST UNANIMOUS
When James Monroe was elected to a second term as president in 1820, he received

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