

# GERMAN PLANS SEEK MOSCOW ENCIRCLEMENT

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Special News Service

Berlin's announcement this morning that German artillery now is within reach of the outermost defenses of Moscow gives a grim notice the capital of all the Russians is at last under siege.

This doesn't mean that the twenty-seven square miles of the ancient metropolis are actually within range of Hitler's big guns, for the outer ring of the defenses may be from seventy-five to a hundred miles from the heart of the city, and even more in some cases. It does mean that the fate of Moscow is in the melting-pot and the flames burn fiercely.

The Germans are continuing to fling everything they have into this supreme effort and heavy fighting is reported all along the Moscow front. The Nazi strategy would appear to be encirclement of the capital, and in pursuit of this they are striking not only directly eastward, but from points to the north and south of this central line.

The Muscovites are resisting stubbornly and the Nazi thrust appears to have been slowed down somewhat. However, a measure of the power being poured into this effort by the Germans is seen in the report from an authoritative source in London that Nazi units, driving at the capital from the southwest, had reached Moshaisk, only sixty-five miles from Moscow on the main highway to Smolensk.

The Reds are said to have flung the invaders back at this point. The appearance of the enemy so close to Moscow, however, is a matter of grave concern for the defense.

The bolsheviks are continuing to fall back slowly, with heavy rear-guard actions, to prepared positions where they are awaited by fresh reserves. So far as can be judged from the very incomplete official reports, the Reds appear to have achieved their withdrawals in an orderly manner, indicating a lack of panic.

All in all, the Russians would seem to be presenting a fighting front of much strength. That being so, their resistance may be expected to stiffen now that the Germans are close to the gates of the capital. The defenses of Moscow are said to be powerful, but that is another of those Muscovite mysteries which only time will bare to the outside world.

Lease-lend Supervisor Harry Hopkins, who has just returned from Moscow, says he believes the Russians will be able to maintain an effective resistance even if they have to establish a temporary capital east of Moscow. There can be no question that the Russian people would suffer a heavy shock in losing their capital. However, as this column has insisted, the only thing which can knock the Soviet clear out of the war is a collapse of morale, and we have seen no signs of this so far.

President Roosevelt, Hopkins and Edward R. Stettinius, lease-lend administrator, are said to have agreed in conference yesterday that Germany couldn't but be weakened by the present campaign. That, of course, is one of the important facts growing out of the Russo-German war.

The Nazi losses in men and equipment have been colossal, and the heavy Russian losses are no compensation. There is nothing which Hitler has achieved thus far in his Russian campaign which would offset those losses, or so it seems to me.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—The Oregon Knights of Pythias elected Melvin M. Ewen, Portland, grand chancellor at the opening of the 58th annual convention yesterday. Vernon Poin-dexter, Eugene, was named grand inner guard, and Elmer Patrick, Corvallis, a board of trustees member.

Every Czech or Slav or Greek or Frenchman who dies in the attempt to throw off the yoke of a hated conqueror is a man who has died for the same principles we are so valuable about on soap-boxes. —Frank Gervasi, foreign correspondent.

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## Cotton Ed Smith Pitches Farm Leaders Into Uproar

By GEORGE E. REEDY JR.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (UP)—Sen. Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith, D., S. C., his walrus mustache a bristle and a wad of tobacco bulging his right cheek, pitched a meeting of farm leaders from 37 states into an uproar last week when he tried to put them on record in favor of a "declaration of independence."

The agriculturists gathered to plan a program of action in connection with the administration's pending price-fixing bill. They sat about good-naturedly when Smith berated them for being "as big fools as government officials" and exhorted them to "put the fear of God in these fellows!"

They were a little confused, but made no protest, when Smith and Sen. John H. Bankhead, D., Ala., got into an argument over who was the "enemy No. 1 of the farmer." Smith said it was Price Stabilizer Leon Henderson who doesn't know "a damned thing about cotton."

Bankhead held out for Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., who "takes a shot at the farmer every chance he gets."

It was not until Smith sought to place the conference on record as declaring intention to "resist" any attempts by government officials, unsympathetic to the problems of the farmer, to influence agricultural economy that things began to happen.

L. Y. Ballentine, of Raleigh, N. C., protested today's developments made it look as though the farmers had marched on Washington, and he made it plain he wanted the conference pitched on a higher plane.

"I'm fed up with this driving power of organized labor and organized groups," he shouted.

Smith was furious. What, he wanted to know, is wrong with this agricultural crowd? His answer was they were afraid that they would insult government officials.

Ballentine protested state-

ments such as Smith's were intended to "twist our tails so we can go a little farther." He wanted no part of it. Neither did Edward A. O'Neal, head of the American farm bureau federation, who insisted the farmers owe a debt of gratitude to the congress.

This was too much for Smith. Leaping to his feet he started stalking from the room.

Friends persuaded him to return to his seat. But a moment later he was in front of the room, shaking his fist over first row delegates and declaring he wanted no milk-sop program.

"No, by God!" he exclaimed. "I'm unreconstructed."

## IWA Holds Heated Discussion of Foreign Ism Ban

EVERETT, Oct. 14 (AP)—Local unions were given the problem of what to do about a proposed constitutional amendment barring communists, fascists and nazis from membership in the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) after the problem was heatedly discussed yesterday in closing sessions of the IWA convention here.

The fight against the proposal was led by Ilmar Koivunen, retiring vice president, who said the ban would be undemocratic.

Conventioners also adopted resolutions urging the reelection of Philip Murray as CIO president; revision of the tax structure; flat \$60 old age pensions; support of President Roosevelt, and condemning use of troops in labor disputes.

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## CALIFORNIA RURAL SYPHILIS RATE UP

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 14 (UP)—California's rural syphilis rate is almost as high as that of its cities, the state department of health announced today after tabulation of selective service and army medical examinations.

Among the first 84,479 men examined, the cities showed 2.74 per cent syphilitic and the rural areas 2.31 per cent. Among those without residence—largely an unmarried, transient group—the rate was 3.06 per cent.

Whites had an aggregate rate of 2.09 per cent, negroes 18.14 per cent and men of other races or of unknown racial origin 3.3 per cent.

Among the individual cities those with rates of more than 3 per cent were Los Angeles, 3.54; Sacramento 3.94; Stockton 4.38; San Bernardino 6.77; Santa Barbara 3.48; Brawley 8.23; El Centro 6.49; Eureka 4.56; Merced 4.23; Monterey 5.18; National City 5.21; Ontario 5.65; Palo Alto 3.13; Redlands 4.29; Cal-exico 5.00; Chula Vista 5.77; Colton 4.55; Coronado 3.33; Gardena 3.36; Hanford 4.00; Montebello 3.33; Pacific Grove 4.48; Porterville 3.55; Roseville 4.00; San Luis Obispo 3.02; South San Francisco 4.08; Tulare 3.20; Up-land 4.17.

Albany, Fullerton, Lynwood, South Pasadena, Azusa, Coalinga, San Bruno, San Anselmo, San Marino and Santa Paula showed no cases of syphilis in the examinations. Other low rates (less than 1 per cent) were Alameda .84; Huntington Park .61; Burlingame .93; Lodi .71;

Richmond .82; Hawthorne .72; Martinez .76; Petaluma .85; Santa Maria .85. (Chico had 1.15 per cent).

## Hepner Man Held Up, Stabbed, Robbed

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 14 (AP)—Ed Walker, Hepner mechanic, was recovering at a Hermiston hospital today from blows on the head and a stab wound inflicted Sunday by hold-up men.

Walker reported the pair slugged, stabbed and robbed him of \$61 at the Cold Springs-Umatilla highway junction.

He said the men flagged down his automobile, told him they had engine trouble, then struck and stabbed him from behind.

Sheriff Bob Goad said the men were driving a car believed to have an Idaho license. Officers of three states sought them today.

## DUCKS ARE STILL DUCKS

DAWSON, Minn. (AP)—Note to duck hunters: All those birds that fly over your blinds are not ducks.

This is what those who know their game birds found when they examined the bag one duck hunter displayed here, proudly announcing he had shot 13 ducks and a goose:

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## EUGENE HORSE WINS PRIZE AT PIL SHOW

PORTLAND, Oct. 14 (AP)—A five-year-old Eugene mare, Ross Arden Heather, broke California's dominance of horse show events at the recent Pacific International Livestock exposition to win the \$1000 three-gaited saddle horse stake.

Owned by Ross Arden stables, the mare nosed out Me Too, owned by Mrs. Harold C. Morton, Los Angeles, for first place.

Californians, however, won most of the other prizes. Oregon stockmen received high prices for Hereford cattle at the annual auction sale, averaging \$245.50 a head for 97 bulls, cows and calves.

Largest purchaser was Ed Sullivan of Hereford, Ore., who bought 18 head at a total of \$4078.

Herbert Chandler, Baker, received the top prize, \$750, for a 17-month-old bull bought by L. K. Smith, Grass Valley.

William Duff, Adams, received

\$450 for a bull; Henry and Walter Jaeger, Condon, \$425, and Roy Robinson, Hardman, \$410, F. M. Monahan, Condon, received \$300 each for five head.

Walter P. Hubbard, Junction City, won a silver trophy for the best pen of three Hampshire ram lambs. He also showed the champion ram and champion ewe of the breed. Reserve champion ram was from the Gath Brothers farm at Turner.

In the dog show Frank C. Bell, Salem, exhibited the best of solid color winners and best of breed in the American cocker spaniel class and the best of breed in the English cocker spaniel class.

The rodeo was marred by the fatal crash of C. O. D., one of the country's top bucking horses. With Whiz Holloway up the bronco, one of the Elliott-Nesbitt string, bucked into a concrete wall. It died almost at once from a broken neck. Holloway escaped injury.

## CAT'S HISTORY

Canoes might never have come into existence had it not been for birch trees. The Indians contributed this mode of travel to American civilization.

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## Firefighters Hit By Food From Sky

SANTA MARIA, Calif., Oct. 14 (AP)—Food dropped from the sky struck and seriously injured two forest fire fighters.

Walter Duckworth suffered internal injuries and a soldier from Fort Ord (name unavailable) a broken shoulder when hit by boxes of food. They were in an almost inaccessible area east of the Big Sur.

Garth Flint, district forest ranger, said parachutes lowering the food from planes failed to open.

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