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REDS HOLD NAZIS AT VORONEZH

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BECAUSE the battle of Russia holds the keys to so much of the future, this is the kernel of the news today:

The Germans have apparently been fought to a bloody standstill at Voronezh.

Moscow dispatches add: "Numerous attempts of the enemy to press forward (at Voronezh) are failing. The battlefield is littered with German corpses and dozens of burned-out enemy tanks."

WHY is Voronezh so important?

For an answer to that question, hark back to Tobruk.

Recall that when the British held Tobruk the first Nazi drive into Egypt was HALTED. When the British LOST Tobruk, Rommel's recent drive into Egypt SWEEPED ON to the very gates of Alexandria.

TOBRUK, when held by the British, was a threat on the flank of any axis drive toward the Nile.

From the flank it is possible to GET INTO THE REAR, and one of the first rules of warfare is that you mustn't let the enemy get into your rear with adequate forces. If he does, you're pretty sure to be in bad trouble. That is one of history's most positive lessons.

Voronezh, as long as it is held by the Russians, is a potential jumping-off place for an attack on the flank of the German advance toward Stalingrad and the Volga.

That is why the Russians have held onto it with such tenacity.

FROM Moscow today comes the statement that according to official soviet statistics manpower losses in the past two months of the war have been running in the ratio of nine to four IN RUSSIA'S FAVOR.

That is to say, for every four Russians lost in battle NINE Germans have been lost.

That statement provides the clue to Russian strategy in this great battle upon which so much depends. In the face of massed German attacks, the Russians have retired, in good order, saving their armies, taking a heavy toll of the invader.

If and when they get him whittled down to a size that can be handled, they will STRIKE BACK, as they did at Rostov last fall.

Voronezh is being stubbornly saved as a point to strike from.

THE Russians haven't won. They may not win. It is too early yet to judge. But at least they are fighting coolly and skillfully, following out a pre-determined plan instead of being thrown back in rout and disorder as Hitler hoped.

A TANK battle is raging on the El Alamein front before Alexandria. Its results as these words are written is indecisive. In this battle the British are said to be using new U. S. General Lee tanks, which are described as a considerable improvement on the General Grant tanks. They have a 75 millimeter gun mounted in the TURRET, instead of at the side (as in the pictures with which most Americans are familiar).

The gun mounted at the side could be moved only up and down, except in a limited way. To swing it around to the side the TANK had to be turned. The turret-mounted gun can be swung all the way around, regardless of the direction in which the tank is moving.

The armor of the General Lee tank has been streamlined and the silhouette has been lowered, today's dispatches say. Another objection to the General Grant was that it stood up too high and made too good a target for the enemy.

THE General Lee tank is doubtless the answer to the weaknesses found in the General Grant. Because of vast distances (Continued on Page Two)

British Bring Up U. S. Tanks

GENERAL LEES ENTER VIOLENT DESERT BATTLE

Yet Undecided Combat Rages in Middle of Front

CAIRO, July 17 (AP)—British troops, engaged in a violent and still indecisive tank battle since yesterday in the center of the El Alamein desert line, were reported today to have brought up American-made General Lee tanks to give additional power to their defense.

The General Lee, an improved version of the General Grant, mounts 75-millimeter guns in the turret instead of at the side and has streamlined armor. The General Grants previously had proved a mainstay of British armored forces in the desert.

The British were making stubborn efforts to hold their newly-won positions in the center of the line.

Sharp Fighting
Sharp fighting also was reported at the southern end of the line, where the enemy was said to have withdrawn slightly, and in the coastal sector to the north.

The communique gave no hint as to how the battle in the center was going, but said that a number of enemy tanks had been knocked out.

"Details of our losses are not yet known," the bulletin added. New Zealand infantry and armor scored a number of successes there against attacking German tanks.

In the northern sector, too, the British imperials were having success. After a ding-dong all-day fight yesterday they reoccupied their original positions on the lower ridge of Tel El Eisa. They already had held the higher ground.

(The British were reported by Reuters to have advanced seven miles in the central sector Wednesday, securing control of the Ruweisat ridge.)

FDR Says Drafting Of Married Men, Youths Unlikely

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Although administration officials have been speaking repeatedly of the fact that this country always has called youths of 18 and 19 years to the colors in wartime, President Roosevelt told a press conference today that such a step was unlikely now.

He said nothing need be expected on this matter at any time soon.

Three Neutrals Involved In Belligerent Actions

By The Associated Press
Three nations which have clung to difficult neutrality on the perimeter of the world war—Turkey, Argentina and Sweden—were freshly involved willy-nilly in reports of belligerent actions at sea.

At the same time, Finland, one of Germany's little allies, expressed official surprise that her policy had brought her and the United States one move short of a break in diplomatic relations.

The state department disclosed last night that it had asked the Helsinki government to discontinue consular activities in the United States not later than August 1 and said it already had called home American consular officials.

Surprise
An official statement from Helsinki said the United States action was a surprise and that the Finns "had no reason to suppose" that their policy could



Russian infantrymen and machine gunners battle the foe in a sector on the southern front, according to the Moscow caption released with this picture. In the center, a nurse aids a wounded Russian soldier.

YANKS ATTACK JAP BASE AT HANKOW

"Very Satisfactory Results," Says Stilwell

CHUNGKING, July 17 (AP)—A United States bomber attack on Hankow, great Japanese inland base on the Yangtze river, yesterday scored "very satisfactory results," a communique from Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced today.

Fighters escorted the bombers in the raid on Hankow and also in another on the Nanchang airdrome on July 3, the communique said.

The fighter-escorted bomber attack on the Hankow waterfront was the fourth by the United States air force in China since it took over the work of the Flying Tigers of the AVG. The previous attacks on the river port were on July 1, 2 and 6.

The text of the communique: "It is now learned that during an attack on docks in the Japanese concession at Hankow July 2, twelve 100 kilogram (220-pound) bombs landed on the docks and warehouses and there were several near misses on ships."

Attack Nanchang
"On July 3 allied bombers led by Major William E. Basye, with a fighter escort led by Squadron Leader John R. Howard, attacked Nanchang airdrome. The Japanese were (Continued on Page Two)

Sub Toll Upped To 379 in West Atlantic

By The Associated Press
Axis submarine torpedoes of two more United Nations ships, one a small British cargo vessel in the south Atlantic and the other a small Dutch merchant ship in the Caribbean, were announced by the navy today.

The losses, and three reported yesterday, two of which were American and one Norwegian, raised to 379 the unofficial Associated Press count of allied and neutral ships sunk in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor.

The U-boat which sunk the British vessel the night of June 25, used one torpedo and 65 shells, survivors said. Two members of the 40-man crew drowned and a third died later in a lifeboat.

After nine days in two lifeboats and three rafts, the 37 survivors were picked up and landed at a south Atlantic port, July 5. They reached an east coast United States port July 13.

The 29 survivors of the Dutch ship's crew of 31 were picked up three hours after the daylight attack on their vessel May (Continued on Page Two)

British Bombers Strike at Nazi Sub Building Yards

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—A force of Stirlings, Britain's biggest four-engine bombers, struck at Germany before the fall of darkness last night in attacks on submarine building yards five miles from hard-hit Luebeck and on shipyards at Flensburg, near the German-Danish border.

The raids carried to a climax daylight attacks yesterday on objectives in Germany which opened with single-plane assaults on points in the Ruhr.

Details of the Luebeck and Flensburg attacks were meager but an air ministry communique said the bombs were seen to burst in yards and slipways of the submarine building yards near Luebeck.

Two of the bombers were reported missing.

Raider Drops Bombs on London

LONDON, July 17 (AP)—A single enemy raider dropped bombs at a place in the greater London area this afternoon during the first alert the capital has had in four months. It was stated authoritatively tonight. Slight damage was caused but there were no casualties.

Enemy planes dropped bombs at a southwest coast town earlier in the day.
One bomber was destroyed by the RAF off the south coast.

NAVY ANNOUNCES BOMBING OF KISKA

Situation Unchanged Since July 11, Report Says

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—The navy announced today in a resume of fighting in the Aleutians that army aircraft recently dropped 56 bombs on Japanese shore installations at Kiska, one of three islands on which the enemy has landed.

American losses in the campaign to date were disclosed officially to include 44 army and navy men killed in Jap bombing attacks on Dutch Harbor and nearby Fort Mears and on an (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
(12 innings) R. H. E.
Chicago 1 9 1
Boston 2 7 1
Humphries and Turner; Wagner and Conroy.

R. H. E.
Cleveland 1 6 2
New York 8 10 2
Smith, Heving (5), Eisentate (8) and Denning; Chandler and Rosar.

R. H. E.
St. Louis 4 6 0
Philadelphia 2 11 2
Sundra and Hayes; Ferrell (6); Besse, Fowler (8) and Swift.

R. H. E.
St. Louis 11 10 1
Philadelphia 1 8 1
Fehrens and Ferrell; Knott, R. Harris (6), and Wagner.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
R. H. E.
New York 11 20 0
Pittsburgh 2 6 0
Schumacher, Adams (9); and Danning, Berres (6); Lanning, Wilkie (3), Hamlin (5), and Phelps, Baker (9).

Committee Okehs Bill to Outlaw Commission Fees

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—A measure outlawing commission fees on government war contracts was approved unanimously today by the house naval committee after the navy itself demanded swift action to "stop profiteering at government expense."

The action came after three days of public hearings during which representatives of four firms of "sales engineers" in the nation's capital told of earning close to \$2,000,000 during the last 18 months in fees for obtaining contracts for manufacturers throughout the country.

BROAD WAGE STABILIZATION POLICY VOICED

Unionists Dissatisfied With 44-Cent Little Steel Pay Boost

By The Associated Press

President Roosevelt told his press conference today that the whole question of wage controls and inflation is under study when asked for his reaction to the broad wage stabilization policy laid down by the war labor board to maintain the purchasing power of hourly wages at the levels of January, 1941.

He said no decision had been reached on when he might send a message to congress on the subject, and that the basis of all policy on the program was to keep the cost of living from going up.

Even as he talked unionists expressed dissatisfaction with the labor board's ruling, laid down in an 8 to 4 decision, which permitted an increase of 44 cents a day in wages of workers in "Little Steel" who were seeking \$1 a day increase through the CIO United Steel Workers. The labor members opposed the ruling.

Work Stoppages
There also were work stoppages over the nation which hampered the war effort.

Steel unionists quickly protested the WLB decision and Re-public Steel corporation, one of the four firms affected, said "the wage increase is a long step in the direction of inflation." It said it would have to study the opinion before deciding on its future course of action.

In another part of its decision, the WLB by another 8 to 4 vote, with industry members dissenting (Continued on Page Two)

Military Court Convicts Soldier On Murder Charge

MELBOURNE, July 17 (AP)—Private Edward J. Leonski, former New York City grocery clerk, was convicted by a United States military court today of the slaying of three Melbourne women and was condemned to death by hanging.

The 10-member tribunal debated barely 50 minutes before announcing its verdict, which is subject to review by the commanding general of the United States armed forces in Australia. The solid claim which Leonski had maintained during the five-day trial was unbroken by the death sentence. He smirked slightly as he was led from the courtroom under heavy guard.

Phone Call Leads to Arrest Of Jeweler in Murder Case

SAN LEANDRO, Calif., July 17 (AP)—With two bullets through the temple and another through the chest, the body of 20-year-old Dorena Hammer was found today in the bed of a cabin in an auto court near here.

A few minutes after the discovery, Leslie B. Gireth, a wealthy Glendale jeweler, was arrested at a hotel in Fresno. He was to be returned here today for questioning.

His arrest followed a telephone call from Fresno to Oakland police, in which officers were told that the body of a girl would be found in the auto court.

Faces Court-Martial



Lieut. Comdr. Maurice N. Aroff, above, an assistant in San Francisco's 12th naval district naval officer procurement office, will be tried by general court-martial, the navy has announced. Aroff, former Los Angeles plumbing contractor and Olympic Games weight lifter, will face four charges, including one of "scandalous conduct."

DECISION ON CHIEF EXPECTED MONDAY

Intense Interest Displayed on Coming Appointment

Appointment of a police chief to succeed Frank Hamm, prospective U. S. marshal, will probably be settled at the first of the week, probably Monday night, it was indicated Friday.

The matter has become a subject of widespread and intensive discussion up and down the business district, and it is unlikely Mayor John Houston will want to permit it to go on indefinitely without action.

The mayor indicated Friday that he will rely extensively on the opinions of retiring Chief Hamm and the civil service commission in making a selection among the possibilities for the job.

There is much talk that the job may go to Earl Heuvel, assistant police chief. One suggestion is that Heuvel may be appointed acting chief, pending a final decision later on.

Others Mentioned
Others who have been mentioned in connection with the position are Police Judge Leigh Ackerman, Sergeant Paul Robertson, and Orville Hamilton, investigator for the police department. It was learned Friday that the name of Mack Lillard, investigator for the district attorney's office, has been suggested to Mayor Houston.

Whoever gets the chief's job will have a difficult task ahead of him, it was agreed Friday. (Continued on Page Two)

AXIS, MILLION STRONG, GAINS IN SOUTH AREA

Soviets Fall Back Toward Stalingrad, Rostov

MOSCOW, July 17 (AP)—Masses of German infantry supported by their heaviest tanks—a force of perhaps 1,000,000 all told—marched through the lush, waist-high wheatfields of the Don steppes in a continuing offensive today as the red army fell back both toward Stalingrad and Rostov.

Mindful of the hourly increasing threats to both of these important centers on the Volga elbow and the lower Don which flank each side of the entrance to the Caucasus, the red army fought stubbornly from well-defended Voronezh on the north to the flat, river-wrinkled country southeast of Millerovo.

Near a river crossing southeast of Millerovo, 200 miles south of Voronezh, the soviet fighters were reported to have handed a heavy blow to the invaders.

This river crossing was not named in soviet dispatches, but it was not believed the German advance had yet surged to the junction where the east-west railway from Stalingrad joins the main Rostov-Moscow line.

(This might indicate that heavy fighting took place near Kamensk, or east of there. Kamensk is on the Donets 40 miles south of Millerovo. The Germans claimed they had cut the railway connecting Stalingrad with the Donets. This railway is just south of Kamensk.)

As the Russians fell back through the green fields which were to have played a large part in feeding their people this winter, reports told how the countryside was left littered with German dead, the fuming wrecks of burned out tanks, and the snarled ruins of guns and trucks.

But the dispatches said: the (Continued on Page Two)

Steel-Workers Stop Work at Curtiss-Wright

BEAVER, Pa., July 17 (AP)—Members of the CIO United Steelworkers of America began a work stoppage today at the Pennsylvania plant of the Curtiss-Wright company.

A union spokesman who declined use of his name said a "large number of the night shift of 1000 employees refused to work with non-union men, who number about 18."

He said the union and company have been negotiating for a new contract to supplant one which expired June 20. Points under discussion, he said, were "wages, union shop and check-off of union dues."

Nelson to Direct Rubber Program

WASHINGTON, July 17 (AP)—Production Chief Donald M. Nelson has assumed personal direction of the government's rubber program, it was learned today, with indications that a definite showdown on remedies for the rubber shortage is in the making.

Shelving much of his other work in an effort to straighten out widespread confusion, it was understood from sources who declined to be quoted that Nelson and Arthur Newhall, his rubber coordinator, have decided upon a "put up or shut up" drive to end sniping at the war production board's synthetic rubber plans.

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