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# SHIPPING CRISIS CONFRONTS U. S.

## Nazis Near Stalingrad

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

**A SHOT** in the dark today: On the face of AVAILABLE news, the Russian situation looks bad.

If it is really as bad as the news available to us ordinary outsiders indicates, it is time for our side to be getting into the fight with some sort of diversion to relieve the pressure on the Russians.

We haven't done it—yet.

THE natural conclusion is that the situation (as known to the insiders) ISN'T as bad as on the surface it appears to be.

The only other possible conclusion is that our side is so weak or so lacking in bold and resourceful leadership as to be UNABLE to do any more than it is doing already.

To believe that would be to believe the worst.

SO it is better to presume that on the basis of facts known to our leaders the time isn't yet ripe for us to start a full-scale diversion in behalf of the Russians.

WE must keep in mind that our side certainly has a plan to meet the situation as it develops. Whatever this plan is, it must be KEPT SECRET from the enemy.

The quarterback who tips off his opponent in advance to the plays he is going to use is reasonably sure to lose the game.

About all we outsiders can do is wait and see what happens.

TODAY'S dispatches tell us that a crisis in the shipping situation has arrived.

Ship losses during the week ending July 12 reached the highest level since the beginning of the war. While construction in U. S. shipyards is breaking all records, sinkings of United Nations ships through enemy action and marine casualties (ordinary shipwrecks) have GREATLY EXCEEDED new construction.

Britain is continuing construction of merchant ships within the limits of her available labor and materials, but her volume is not large.

THAT is to say, with all our genius for mass production, with all our tremendous resources of raw materials and skilled labor, we are LOSING OUT in the race with the submarines.

MEANWHILE Henry J. Kaiser, one of our most resourceful and colorful industrialists, proposes a project that is breathtaking in its imaginative scope.

Instead of surface ships, he says, build giant cargo-carrying AIRPLANES.

Build them in SHIPYARDS. Use nine yards—three on the Pacific Coast, three on the Atlantic and three on the Gulf.

The shipyards, he adds, could be converted easily from mass construction of surface ships to mass construction of airships.

He foresees a fleet of planes capable of carrying 50,000 men to England in one day and delivering 70,000 tons of food and munitions to the British Isles the next.

HE is joined in his proposal by Andrew J. Higgins, who has been building ships on a huge scale in New Orleans.

The scope of his operations may be judged from the fact that he has just had a contract for TWO HUNDRED ships cancelled, on the ground that there is insufficient steel.

He believes with Kaiser in the feasibility of the cargo-carrying plane idea. Both point out that (Continued on Page Seven)

### AXIS CLAIMS DON GROSSED ON WIDE FRONT

British, U. S. Forces Say Rommel Threat Seems Checked

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH

Associated Press War Editor. The German high command trumpeted today that the lower Don, principal natural barrier to invasion of the Caucasus oil fields, had been crossed on a broad front and that Rostov, guarding the river mouth, had been hemmed in, its outlying organized defense collapsed.

The tendency of Russian and British advice alike was toward agreement with the enemy on the trend of the battle although specific German claims were not confirmed—a situation which lifted the question of a second front to importance outweighed only by the actual course of battle.

The fight had taken a turn toward the worse such as British sources recently had foreseen as likely to impel the allies into immediate second front action of a limited character since, as they said, the allies probably would not be capable of an all-out European invasion this summer.

Battle of Egypt. The defense of the Egyptian end of the Russian-allyed line through the Caucasus and middle east appeared to have been stabilized, with British and United States air forces victors in the aerial contest. German airmen had been virtually driven from the Egyptian sky, the British said at Cairo, and Marshal Rommel's threat to Alexandria and the valley of the Nile seemed to have been checked, for the present at least.

Battle of Russia. Apart from the German claims, the red army newspaper, Red Star, gravely announced that the Germans, pressing closer to Stalingrad, now were approaching the border of Stalingrad.

Baseball. NATIONAL LEAGUE. R. H. E. Chicago 2 12 1. Boston 1 2 0. Passau and Scheffing; Javery and Lombardi.

R. H. E. St. Louis 7 14 0. Philadelphia 4 10 0. Beasley and W. Cooper; Johnson, Hoerst (4), Naylor (7), Branigan (8) and Warren.

### 35 Lost in Two Western Atlantic Ship Sinkings

By The Associated Press. The navy today announced two more sinkings in the western Atlantic with a loss of 35 lives. Fifty crewmen were saved, 18 of them through the heroic sacrifice of a 25-year-old seaman aboard a U. S. cargo vessel.

The loss of the medium-sized American vessel, sent to the bottom June 28 about 650 miles off the east coast, and a small British ship torpedoed in the Caribbean May 28 raised to 395 the unofficial Associated Press tabulation of United Nations and neutral sinkings in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor.

Sinking of the British craft cost the lives of 18 men from a crew of 48. Two torpedoes ripped into the ship and the gunners had no chance to fire as the attacking U-boat did not surface.

Gave Life. Survivors from the U. S. ship said at an east coast port that Miles Nelkin gave his life in re-

### Second Front Appeal Mounts In Britain

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, July 22 (AP)—Appeals for a British and American invasion of Europe to establish a second front this year mounted today while the Russians reeled back under the blows of German armed forces. The Electrical Trades union unanimously adopted a resolution similar to the one in which the Mine Workers federation yesterday urged the government to open a second front. The communist party in London called a mass meeting for tonight and planned a mass demonstration in Trafalgar Square Sunday to voice its demands for invasion.

Speculation on the opening of a second front was sharpened by reports that Sir John Dill, Britain's chief military representative in the United States, was returning soon, presumably to join discussions among Prime Minister Churchill and high leaders of the British and American armed services.

Dill's job is one of liaison between the U. S. and British general staffs, a fact which unofficially (Continued on Page Two)

### BOMBERS SCORE HIT ON JAP TRANSPORT

Allies Attack Convoy Off Southeast New Guinea Coast

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, July 22 (AP)—Allied bombers scored a direct hit on a Japanese transport in an attack yesterday on a convoy of the southeast New Guinea coast, a headquarters communique said today.

The convoy was spotted off Ambata Buna, about 100 miles across the Papua peninsula from allied-held Port Moresby, indicating possibly an enemy effort to broaden holdings below Salamaua and Lae.

The convoy attack was the first on Japanese shipping in that sector since July 1 when bombs from an American plane in a mass raid upon Salamaua and Lae left a warship in flames. In an attack six days earlier a 4000-ton Japanese ship was sunk at Lae.

General MacArthur conferred today with Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand, Australian Prime Minister John Curtin and other high officials at Sydney, Brig. Gen. Patrick Hurley, U. S. minister to New Zealand, and Vice Admiral Herbert F. Leary, allied naval commander, attended.

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The postoffice is located in Elliott's store and many postoffice records as well as store and personal papers were scattered about by the thieves as they hunted for postoffice and store cash.

Sheriff's state and federal officers were investigating the robbery Wednesday.

The safe, weighing about 350 pounds, was found by Indian Officer John Arkell about two miles from the agency store.

Wage Stabilization Conference Slated. WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—Representatives of two business organizations and the two chief union groups, it was learned today, will join in a wage stabilization conference tomorrow at the White House.

The meeting is to be attended by representatives of the United States chamber of commerce, the National Association of Manufacturers and members of the labor war cabinet, which includes leaders of the CIO and the AFL with William Green, AFL chief, and Philip Murray, CIO president, as the top ranking members.

### SHIP CONTRACT CANCELLATION TO BE PROBED

Conversion of 9 Shipyards to Plane Construction Eyed

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The maritime commission refused today to rescind its action in cancelling a contract held by Andrew J. Higgins of New Orleans, for the construction of 200 emergency cargo ships. The commission, which heard Higgins this morning, issued a statement later saying it regretted "that in the face of available facts it cannot rescind the action taken on July 15."

The commission had cancelled the Higgins contract on the ground that shipyards already in production or soon to be in production could use all available steel for merchant shipbuilding, and that the Higgins yard could not start large scale production until 1943.

Investigation. The senate defense investigation committee announced today it would inquire into the cancellation of the Higgins shipbuilding contract, a scheme to construct giant air freighters in lieu of ships and the crucial problem of steel for either project.

Senator Truman (D-Mo.), chairman of the committee, said in a formal statement that Andrew Jackson Higgins, proprietor of the New Orleans yard which was to build 200 cargo ships, and officials of the maritime commission, which cancelled the contract, would be heard in public hearings that start July 28.

This morning Higgins conferred for more than an hour with (Continued on Page Two)

### Stolen Agency Safe Found On Highway

Battered and with its paper contents scattered in the brush, the stolen Klamath Agency store and postoffice safe was found Tuesday night near the Agency-Chiloquin road. Missing from the strong box was about \$700 in cash.

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What Chance Had This Game of Chance? First game machine to be destroyed here in the current drive for wartime moral uplift is this pinball gadget, confiscated from its owner, Louis Pollin, on order of the justice of the peace. Here the machine is pictured after a few blows of a heavy hammer had ruined its intricate mechanism. In the picture, left to right, are Constable Gary Cox, State Police Sergeant Earl Tichenor and Deputy Sheriff Dale Matton. City police participated in investigation of this case.

### 300 RAF PLANES RAID DUISBURG

13 Bombers Fail to Return From Assault

LONDON, July 22 (AP)—The air ministry announced today that many large and widespread fires were started in an attack last night on Duisburg, Germany, by a strong RAF force during widespread operations from which 13 bombers failed to return.

An RAF informant said more than 300 planes took part in the assault upon the German industrial center. They were favored by good bombing weather.

The Germans said six British raiders were shot down in attacks which caused civilian casualties in Duisburg and Moers. The Germans said the raiders dropped "a fairly great number of high explosive and incendiary bombs."

Duisburg, a large industrial town at the junction of the Rhine and the Ruhr rivers, was the main objective among targets in the Ruhr valley. It was last raided at night July 13 and the Germans announced it was attacked by daylight last Saturday.

"Intruder patrols were maintained over enemy airbases in France and the low countries by aircraft of the bomber command and the fighter command," it was announced.

"Thirteen of our bombers are missing from these operations."

### Shortage of Meat Reported in Eastern Cities

By The Associated Press. A shortage of meat was reported today in several cities. Some stores in Akron, O., announced they were out of meat. Beef deliveries to Boston were 75 to 80 per cent below normal and wholesale dealers there met to seek a solution to the problem.

Office of price administration officials in Washington acknowledged the dearth of meat in Akron but expressed the opinion that the situation was "worse, if anything, along the eastern seaboard."

Chicago packers reported the nation's meat supply was "ample" but added that householders in some cities may not be able to obtain certain cuts because of heavy lease-lend and other government buying and shortages of shipping facilities.

### Striking AFL Truck Drivers Deliver Goods

ST. LOUIS, July 22 (AP)—Striking AFL truck drivers began delivering materials to war plants today at the request of army officers of the St. Louis ordinance district, relieving critical shortages which had affected production at many factories.

A representative of the ordinance office said the strikers' agreement to move essential supplies had "greatly alleviated" serious problems arising from the walkout of 3000 drivers in a demand for higher wages from trucking firms in the St. Louis area.

Earlier in the day, an ordinance officer, who declined to be quoted by name, said a score of plants were facing immediate shutdowns because of inability to get strategic materials.

William Ryan, president of local 800 of the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' union, who said the strike was unauthorized, blamed the walkout on a few unidentified "hot heads."

NEW YORK, July 22 (AP)—Action on a proposed walkout of 22,000 building trades workers constructing \$100,000,000 worth of navy projects has been postponed until tomorrow pending the outcome of a conference here.

BULLETIN

CAIRO, July 22 (AP)—General Sir Claude J. E. Auchinleck sent his eighth army into an attack all along the El Alamein battle front last night and the battle has raged throughout today with the British making progress but definite results still not in sight.

### Agency to Make Rubber From Alcohol Okehed

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The senate passed a measure today to create an independent agency for the production of synthetic rubber from grain alcohol despite administration protests against interference with war production board control of the rubber program.

The measure now goes to the house, where the rules committee has given approval to an identical measure sponsored by Chairman Fulmer (D-S.C.) of the agriculture committee.

Senate passage was on a voice vote, with fewer than a dozen senators actually on the floor at the time.

Majority Leader Barkley read a statement from Donald M. Nelson in which the war production chief contended that creation of a separate rubber agency would

### NAVAL OUTPOSTS FUND PASSES HOUSE

"Secret Training, Secret Weapon" in Measure

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The navy's intention to spend \$30,000,000 "for a kind of secret training and a kind of secret weapon" was disclosed by Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) today as the house voted authorization of a \$975,634,000 outlay for naval shore facilities.

If discussing the secret phase of the bill, Vinson told the house that this "is a matter the naval affairs committee should leave entirely to the prudence of the men who are going to carry out this secret work."

The naval committee chairman added that he had ordered testimony concerning the secret plans omitted from even the private records of the committee.

"I do not know," Vinson said, "except in the most general way where they will be located—within 300 miles of the coast and so many miles back of that."

The bill including the funds was passed and sent to the senate by voice vote after an attempt to eliminate authority for the secretary of navy to negotiate contracts for expenditures under the measure was defeated, 57 to 17.

From Rep. Mott (R-Ore.), the naval committee's ranking minority member, came the statement that a number of the shore facilities provided by the bill would be located in Alaska.

Earlier, Vinson had informed (Continued on Page Two)

### PACIFIC WAR COUNCIL PLANS AID TO CHINA

Admiral Leahy Named Chief of Staff to Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—The Pacific war council met at the White House today and one participant reported afterwards that "we worked out procedure to be followed to assure that China puts up the best fight that can be put up."

Walter Nash, New Zealand minister, used these words and added that "now we know what the Chinese need, and how and when and where we can get the stuff in."

T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, told reporters that he started the discussion with an exposition "of the position of the lines of fighting in China, the routes of communication, some of the problems, and some of the possibilities of developing the situation in our favor."

None of the Pacific diplomats would describe any further details, and when Soong was asked about whether anything was said about the possibility of a Japanese attack on Siberia, he said "I would rather not answer such questions."

Litvinoff. When Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff came out of the White House he replied "No" to questions about whether he and the president discussed the possibility of a second front in Europe.

In view of announcements of grave developments in the ocean shipping situation, Nash's comments on supplying China may have referred to the airplane ferry service which the United States army some months ago established between India and Chungking.

Litvinoff for many months has publicly advocated an invasion of western Europe to relieve German pressure on the Russian front, but refused to discuss it with reporters today.

Mr. Roosevelt, in deciding strategy matters in any of the pressing situations, can turn for advice to Admiral William D. Leahy, whose appointment as chief of staff to him he announced yesterday.

Alutian Demand. Rep. Coffee (D-Wash.) demanded on the house floor today that troops and navy combatant vessels be sent to oust the Japanese "immediately" from their bases on the Alutian Islands.

"Don't kid yourself," he told his colleagues, "the Japs are heading toward this hemisphere, intending to occupy Alaska."

There was immediate speculation that the president would create a supreme army-navy general staff about the granite-faced sailor and diplomat who listens long and talks short and who represented at Vichy America's friendship for a broken France.

Roosevelt announced Leahy's appointment late yesterday and said the admiral would assume his duties immediately. Confronting the chief of staff as he took office was a report by the war shipping administration that (Continued on Page Two)

### Reckoning Nears For Speeders

PORTLAND, July 22 (AP)—Reckoning was nearer today for some 600 automobile owners who drove more than 40 miles an hour or otherwise abused their tires. Police turned that number of names over to the tire rationing board.

This is part of a campaign to save tires by denying replacements to drivers who abuse them.

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