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MOSCOW DISSOLVES COMINTERN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S dispatches leave no doubt that the world is waiting again for something big to happen. Our side's high command knows what it will be (for we now have the initiative, which means the power of choice) and where and when it will happen.

We outsiders don't know. We shouldn't know. We couldn't be told without telling the enemy and, if the enemy knew where and when and how we are going to strike he'd be enabled to dispose of his forces so as to MEET the blow in the most effective manner possible.

WE fooled the enemy in Tunisia, leading him to expect the big push where it DIDN'T come. As a result he was weak where it DID come and we were able to break through and bring the Tunisian battle to an unexpectedly successful and SUD-DEN conclusion.

That's what fooling the enemy can accomplish in war. When we next hit him hard (whether in Europe or in the Pacific) we hope to catch him off balance as we did in Tunisia.

That is the basic reason underlying all this talk and rumor and speculation.

THE executive committee of the Communist International in Moscow today asks its centers in all parts of the world to DIS-SOLVE. It says the forms, methods and regulations of the comintern (international communist organization) have become obsolete and in some cases have actually hindered the workers of the world in their battle against Germany and her satellites.

That is probably the most significant story in the news today—for (whatever else it may be) it amounts to a statement from Stalin that hereafter Russian communists will keep their fingers out of the internal affairs of other countries.

That will go a long way toward removing suspicion of Russia in Britain and the United States. The whole affair is undoubtedly intended as a gesture of friendship and conciliation by Stalin toward us and the British.

THIS writer has no use for communism in the United States, but feels that if Russia wants a communist government that is HER affair and none of our business. Probably many people feel the same way.

But as long as Russia harbored a semi-official organization designed to THRUST COMMUNISM UPON other peoples it was hard for nations such as the U. S. and Britain to place in Russia the complete trust that allies in a war such as this should place in each other.

Hitler's propagandists have been trading on this feeling and really getting somewhere with it. This development will make their job harder.

THE Japs on Attu have been crowded out onto a point of land somewhat similar to Cape Bon in Tunisia. The still scanty reports we get from there indicate that we have them surrounded and cut off from reinforcements and supply.

When the Germans in Tunisia reached that point, they SUR-RENDERED. It looks now as if the Japs on Attu may fight to the last man—as they did on Guadalcanal and the Buna beaches.

THAT has a bearing on the now sharply debated question as to who is our principal enemy in this war. INCIDENTALLY, there's a hint in today's dispatches that the Attu victory and the cleaning out of Kiska that is officially expected to follow Attu may result in closing the fishing grounds of the North Pacific to (Continued on Page Four)

LABOR PICTURE CLOUDED WITH DEVELOPMENTS

WLB Panel Discusses All Phases of Coal Fight

By The Associated Press

The number of idle miners in the nation's coal-fields dwindled today, with only about 3800 workers still out of the war-vital fuel pits—but elsewhere the all-over labor picture was clouded by conflicting developments.

The back-to-work move came as a three-man fact-finding panel of the war labor board issued a report in Washington on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—AFL President William Green today appointed a committee to negotiate a basis for re-entry of the United Mine Workers into the American Federation of Labor and repeated that all affiliates would be bound by the federation's "no strike" pledge.

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softened a wage controversy in which it left open the way for granting substantial pay concessions to the miners.

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MOSCOW, May 22 (AP)—An ominous silence prevailed along the Russian front today with evidence pointing to the approaching zero hour for the long-expected German offensive.

On the German side of the front, the invaders continued to pile up stores of ammunition, tanks and men for the summer push that may come almost any time.

One front-line dispatch used the Russian phrase "groznaya tishina"—stern silence—to describe the present, tense atmosphere.

(The midday communique as broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded by the Soviet Monitor in London, ignored German radio reports that the red army has launched drives of its own as preludes to offensives in the Caucasus and Oreil sectors.

(The Berlin broadcast, recorded in London by The Associated Press, said the Russians had "concentrated strong offensive forces on the whole Kuban front in order to capture the German-Rumanian bridgehead." It added that it was believed in Berlin that the Kuban drive would start "at the same time as the expected soviet offensive south of Moscow.")

Intense Air War Dogs Jap Attempts to Supply Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, May 22 (AP)—Dogged efforts of the Japanese to supply their menaced New Guinea bases by barge and determination of the allies to neutralize enemy air strongholds above New Guinea with a great weight of bombs have intensified the southwest Pacific air war.

Showing more and more inclination to challenge the daily forays of Lieut. General George C. Kenney's bombers and fighters, the Japanese used 47 planes yesterday in raid and combat, bringing to 300 the number they have employed in a week's period. Their losses yesterday of 22 destroyed or damaged raised their total for the week to approximately 70.

Today's communique also listed one allied bomber as shot down and three missing. Prefer Barages The Japanese, rather than risk more ships to General Kenney's

Army Bomber Rams Chicago Gas Tank; Dozen Burn to Death



A four-motored army Liberator, flying low and blind through unfavorable weather, plunged into a 150-foot illuminating gas tank two miles from Chicago's municipal airport, turning plane and tank, above, into a seething mass of flames. One charred body and a flaming parachute fell outside the tank, but the remaining members of the 12-man crew burned to death at the bottom of the tank as 18 million cubic feet of gas went up with a roar.

Speedy RAF Bombers Zoom To Attack Reich Capital

LONDON, May 22 (AP)—Britain's new and speedy Mosquito bombers returned again to Berlin last night to blast targets in the reich capital for the third successive night.

Other British planes laid mines in enemy waters overnight while Mosquito intruders attacked railway targets in France and Whirlwinds sank two ships out of a five-ship convoy off the French coast.

The after-dark attacks followed up yesterday's daylight raids by American Flying Fortresses on important sources of German U-boat strength at Wilhelmshaven and Emden and carried into the tenth night the aerial offensive which many sources expect to turn soon into a death-blow attack against Hitler's Europe.

The German high command's communique, as broadcast from Berlin, said "major damage was done to property in Wilhelmshaven and Emden" by the American bombing yesterday, but claimed 17 of the four-engine bombers were brought down by German fighters and naval anti-aircraft.

It was announced officially that Whirlwind fighter-bombers sank the two enemy ships and damaged a third, a medium-sized motor vessel, in a convoy of five ships surprised off Cherbourg.

Trains Shot Up Mosquitoes, Beaufighters and Boston bombers struck behind the French coast in wide intruder raids. Several trains were shot up. One plane failed to return, the air ministry said.

An air alarm aroused London shortly after midnight as the enemy struck weakly at the capital for the sixth successive night, but apart from the noise of a furious barrage directed (Continued on Page Two)

Production in Chrysler Plants Only Partial DETROIT, May 22 (AP)—Limited production was restored in some of the six strike-affected war plants of Chrysler corporation here today, but a corporation spokesman estimated the working force on day shifts was only a little more than 2,000 out of a normal personnel of 14,000.

Orders of the regional war labor board for an "immediate resumption of work" by striking members of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) brought moves toward compliance from two or three local unions involved.

At the Dodge main factory, largest of the closed plants, the corporation spokesman said that stewards of the UAW-CIO local 3 stood in front of the gates noting the badge numbers of all workers who went into the plant, and that a unionist in a car equipped with a sound amplifier constantly shouted instructions for the men to attend a meeting Sunday afternoon to decide whether or not to return to their jobs. The spokesman said the stewards made no physical move to prevent workers from entering the plant.

London Speaker Indicates Invasion Plans Solidified LONDON, May 22 (AP)—Capt. Oliver Lyttelton told an Alder shot audience in an address today "I know where the blow will fall" when the allies invade the continent, indicating that plans for the campaign had solidified.

He did not, however, even hint at the site. Speaking at a Wings-for-Victory rally, the minister of state in charge of production said the Mediterranean campaign provided "a secure base from which to attack the Dodecanese islands, Greece, Crete, Sicily, Italy, Sardinia, Corsica or the French Riviera, or any variations or combinations of this plan.

RUBBER WORKERS PROTEST PAY LIMIT

9000 Fail to Report At Goodrich, Firestone

AKRON, O., May 22 (AP)—More than 9000 CIO United Rubber Workers failed to report for work on afternoon shifts at the B. C. Goodrich company and the Firestone Tire and Rubber company's busy Akron war plants today, and union leaders said the employees were protesting a war labor board decision.

Some workers gathered outside the gates at each concern as more than 4000 unionists did not appear for the 2 p. m. shift at Goodrich and about 5000 were absent after starting times at Firestone.

Spontaneous George Bass, president of the Goodrich local, said the work stoppage was a spontaneous protest against a reported WLB decision limiting proposed wage increases for more than 40,000 employees of four major rubber companies to three cents an hour.

A Firestone company spokesman said production there was virtually stopped.

"Just a few employees are in the plant," asserted a Goodrich spokesman who declined use of his name. A formal statement from Goodrich said "the company has no information on when work will be resumed," and that "every man hour lost affects our production for the war effort."

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Attu Japs Chopped In Three Sections By Final U. S. Push

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—American forces on Attu island have slashed remaining Japanese troops there into three groups, the navy reported today, and the final phase of the campaign to restore the island to American control is now under way.

The three enemy areas were listed in a communique as Chichagof harbor at the northeastern tip of the island, Chichagof valley which runs southwest from the harbor, and the northern shores of Lake Nicholas which is southeast of the harbor.

Attu Wiped Out The center of the enemy's Chichagof harbor position, was wiped out by army planes yesterday, the navy reported, and a fuel depot and other installations were set afire.

Navy communique No. 386 said: North Pacific: "1. The battle for Attu has entered the final phase with the Japanese forces split into three groups occupying positions in the following areas: (A) Chichagof harbor. (B) Chichagof valley. (C) North side of Lake Nicholas.

Ridge Neutralized "2. On May 20 during the night a strong enemy position on a ridge in the Sarana-Massacre bay area was neutralized. An enemy unit which succeeded in penetrating our lines was wiped out.

"3. On May 21: (A) United States forces attacked the enemy positions to the eastward of Chichagof valley. (B) Lightning fighters supported ground operations by strafing and bombing enemy positions. A fuel depot was set on (Continued on Page Four)

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RED METHODS SEEN AS BAR TO WAR WORK

Members Asked to Get Down to Task of Beating Hitler

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, May 22 (AP)—In the midst of the daily increasing cooperation between soviet Russia and her allies, the executive committee of the Communist International has asked its sections in all parts of the world to dissolve.

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Get On Job The action was considered here an open admission that the comintern which had stood for solidification of the workers of the world under the communis banner, should dissolve and that the workers in each country should get down to the job of beating Adolf Hitler.

Many foreign observers Moscow saw in the decision of the most significant gestures yet toward complete cooperation among the nations whose primary objective is the defeat of nazism.

No Convention Explaining the action, the committee's resolution declared there was no time for a formal convention of the branches throughout the world in war time, and recommended that they cease their duties under prevailing conditions.

"Even before the war it became clear that together with the increasing complications in internal and international relations (Continued on Page Two)

Bradley Asks Investigation Of Food Meet

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—Rep. Bradley (R-Mich) said today he would demand a congressional investigation of the United Nations food conference, which he charged had a "gimme" atmosphere.

Chairman Marvin Jones, replying to criticism of Bradley and Rep. Smith (R-Ohio), who have not been permitted entry to executive sessions of the conference, said "I regret exceedingly that any member of congress should see fit to prejudice the work of this conference."

Bradley said "we haven't found out yet whose brain child this conference is" and declared, in his charge of "gimme" attitudes, that "its activities now have developed into a question of immediately supplying relief and gifts to other countries."

Jones said "the work of the conference will and should be judged by the governments and the public on its merits."

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the movement of merchandise to higher ground, Gov. Dwight H. Green of Illinois also dispatched 450 militiamen to help.

From Alton, Ill., southward to Cape Girardeau, Mo., some 4250 troops patrolled the river front, an area regarded by army engineers at St. Louis as the immediate concentration point in the six-state mid-west flood zone.

Other Danger Points There were other points of danger in the immediate area, however, with the Illinois river on the rise along a 200-mile front and the Missouri river roaring out of its normal channel as it neared its junction with the Mississippi near Alton.

While flood conditions harassed thousands of families in other parts of the flood area—in Indiana, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma—the immediate concern was in the southern sec-