

UNITED STATES DENOUNCES JAPAN

Stimson Charges Wheeler Trying To "Sabotage" Army

GERMAN ARMY ATTACK LOSING MOMENTUM

London Views Drive Slowed If Not Halted

Say There Has Been No Re-Grouping Of Forces for Third Assault

LONDON—(AP)—The German attack on Russia is slowing down if it has not entirely halted, authoritative quarters said today.

They declared there had been no re-grouping of the German armies for a third assault on the Russian front.

BERLIN—(AP)—Strong Red Army resistance and bad roads are hampering the German invasion of Russia, the High Command conceded today, but it reported progress on the whole Eastern Front nevertheless.

Axis troops have advanced on the vast land operations in the one sentence: "The operations of the German army forces and their allies are taking their planned course on the entire east front in spite of 'extraordinarily heavy losses.'" It said 12,000 prisoners were taken and declared Russian losses were high because they Army political commissars compelled their troops to continue hopeless resistance.

It said the German army had advanced 100 miles in the Smolensk sector, the head of the Smolensk salient. "German troops had broken through Russian resistance."

Reds Hold Grimly In Smolensk Area

Central Sector Stand Called Most Brilliant Resistance of War

MOSCOW—(AP)—Windows on two sides of the residence of United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt were blown in by a bomb during the third successive night of the air assault on Moscow last night.

The raid, carried out in relay, started at 11:15 p. m. and lasted for hours, but Russian declared today that it hit its predeceator, was a failure.

Foreign Vice-Commissar A. A. Gromyko, spokesman for the Soviet government, said only three to four per cent of hundreds of planes sent against Moscow had been destroyed.

Most of these, he said, have been beaten by Russian night fighters which "not only meet enemy planes far from the city but engage bombers directly over Moscow, thus wrecking planes in the German line of command and control."

He said Moscow radio said that at 4:20 P. M. Moscow time, 12:20, EST, indicating that Nazi bombers may have started another night bombardment.

No officers of the United States Embassy were in the Ambassador's residence, Spassk House. Four American newspaper men who were there at the time were unhurt.

Curtains were ripped and rugs and furniture were showered with glass.

The Red Army communiqué again reporting fierce night fighting in the Smolensk area, however, said that the German attack on the long front facing Germany.

The Red Army's stand on the central sector, however, was the most brilliant resistance of the war and Russian troops were said to be still holding on grimly in the Smolensk sector a week after the Germans struck in that direction.

The German radio today repeated the claim that Smolensk has been in Nazi possession since July 16 and said "order has been fully restored there."

The British radio, however, said "there is every reason to believe that Smolensk is still in Russian hands."

German pressure appeared to have been relaxed on the northern sector where battles had raged for a week after the Ambassador's

Cards Sent To Soldiers Draw Fire Of Official

Urged To Oppose Entry Into War

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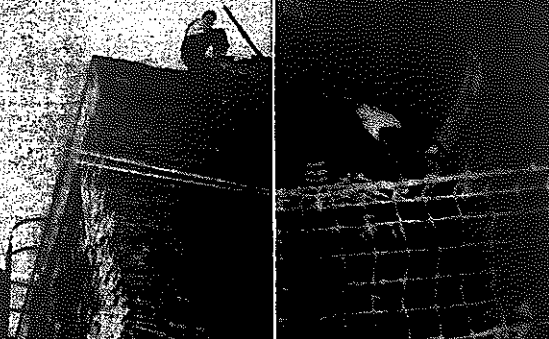
Wheeler told reporters that he had sent out approximately 500,000 cards to a cross section of citizens "to keep the country 'in an effort to hold the president's pledge to keep this country out of war.'"

Some of the cards "naturally" reached officers and men in the Army," the Montanan continued, "but they were not directed primarily to that group."

"I don't think that it is subversive to quote the President of the United States or any of the men quoted on the card," Wheeler added.

As to Stimson's statement about the need to subvert activities and treason, the Senator asserted: "Of course, no one should be held to hold the old man (Stimson). He is in his second childhood, and sometimes acts a little 'ga-ga.'"

Police Net A High Jumper In New York



Cornered on a roof by New York police, Fred McDaniel fled the moment his net was thrown. Finally he jumped, but the cop's net spread and they pulled him neatly. Here McDaniel is shown on the roof, jumping and he is in the net. Police said they after he snatched Harry Balzore in a card game argument.

Assailed As Aggressor In French Colony

Welles Says American Security in Far East Menaced by Action

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Japan was denounced as aggressor in French Indo-China by the United States today in a statement declaring American security, territory and interests in the Far East were menaced by action of Tokyo forces.

The statement, issued by Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, was the first of expected counter-action by the United States and Britain against the pending occupation of the French colony by Japanese forces.

Japan's action, Welles said, was primarily in preparation for further "incursions of occupied in adjacent areas." The Philippine Islands would be endangered by such moves, he added.

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Welles said the substance of his statement was given last night to the Japanese ambassador "during his recent conference with the Secretary of State." The statement prohibited any kind of steps planned by the United States to counter the Japanese move.

He did declare that occupation of French Indo-China was a "manifest violation of the principles of international law." He said that the United States and Britain would take such steps as were necessary to protect their interests in the Far East.

Welles also said that the Japanese action was a "serious menace to the security of the United States and to the interests of the United States in the Far East."

Japanese Ships Halt Off Frisco

Stand By Offshore—May Fear U. S. Freezing of Assets

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—More than 40 Japanese ships bound for Frisco were reported here today by the U. S. Navy. The ships, the largest most against French Indo-China had endangered United States security.

One of them was the Taita Maru carrying 300 passengers and 12,000 tons of silk. She was due to arrive here on July 24 at 11 A. M. (12 P. M. EST). Others were reported to include both empty tankers and cargo ships.

It was understood they were awaiting orders from the Japanese government.

Authoritative sources made known the new move but no details were available immediately. Positions of the ships were not given.

Whether the action was due to reports that Japanese credits might be declared by the Executive Order, submitted by Secretary Stimson, the suggested legislation proposed that Congress declare that the national interest and welfare of the United States are gravely imperiled by the international situation. It would fix the present restriction of \$100,000 on the Japanese.

Say RAF Pulling Army Bill Nazis From Russia

British Meeting Opposition From Hundreds of German Planes

LONDON—(AP)—Unprecedented opposition from increasing hundreds of Messerschmitts which are rising daily to counter the RAF's incessant daylight sweeps over northern France was cited by informed quarters today as "convincing evidence" that Germany has been compelled to withdraw substantial air forces from the Russian front.

"They are 'proof' of the 'swaps' just against other German planes," the source said, "telling the whole story." "It should be known by now that we are not in the habit of saying anything 'extraneous.'"

Some British sources expressed the belief that the RAF's pounding of Germany and the occupied territory day and night, in a good weather, had had a considerable effect on enabling the Russian planes to take the field.

Germans Remain On U. S. Ship At Lisbon As Americans Awaited

LONDON—(AP)—German consuls were expected here today. With them are American ambassadors drivers held by the Germans since the start of the European war.

A train bearing 45 Americans from Italy arrived here last night and a plane from Rome carried a few others from the Balkans.

The 1,700 foreign refugees—Poles, Belgians, Dutch, Germans, French, all that are left of about 25,000 persons who crisscrossed into this city a year ago. The few Americans who have been in the city since they left do not want to return to the United States immediately.

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Report Red, Jap Clash

Manchukuoan Siberian Line Fight Rumored

SHANGHAI—(AP)—It was reported here today that Japanese troops had clashed with the Manchukuoan-Siberian border in the general vicinity of Chongqing.

These reports, which were reported as originating with sources close to the Japanese military headquarters, were being widely credited.

At Japanese Army press headquarters it was stated "we heard nothing of such reports."

WEATHER

Considerably more clouds and fog. Some showers.

Temperature 70-80.

Today's Forecast: Partly cloudy with some showers.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen

Two Democrats, Sheridan Downey and Charles "yes and now" for foreign affairs, and "Happy" Chandler, militant anti-isolationist, Kenrick, almost died through pneumonia. It started when Wayne Cox, head of the Office of Emergency Management, came from the White House to tell them of the anti-isolationist bill, which, it developed, was a virtual facsimile of the War Department's anti-isolationist bill. There was a brief pause after Chandler's pneumonia.

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WASHINGTON—(AP)—The present anti-isolationist bill, which is being introduced in the Senate today, is a virtual facsimile of the War Department's anti-isolationist bill.

For a time, while debate was at its hottest, the closed-door session seemed like a water-front brawl. Members there, however, kept their mouths shut and all but argued it out over the Army's demand for authority to draft property for defense.

Draft Property Bill Throws Senate Committee Into Riotous Debate

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