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RUSSIAN PREPARED TO DEFEND EVERY INCH OF SOVIET TERRITORY

Reds Silent On German Talk About Offensive

Great Pressure On Sevastopol

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MOSCOW. — Keeping the enemy guessing as to their real intentions, the Russians remained silent today on a German report that the Red Army had launched a huge new offensive against Smolensk while the Germans continued to exert enormous pressure in the Smolensk sector. The German report that the Red Army had launched a huge new offensive against Smolensk while the Germans continued to exert enormous pressure in the Smolensk sector.



GERMANS HAMMER AT SEVASTOPOL—Germans driving at Sevastopol from two directions (black arrows) claimed an attack from the north had brought Nazi forces to Sevastopol Bight, opposite the Russian seaport stronghold in the Crimea. A Russian counterclaim said the Germans were repulsed despite their tremendous weight of tanks, bombers, heavy artillery and infantry which lost heavily.

Henderson Makes Offer To Resign

Would Quit If Move Made Conditional To Getting Funds

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — Price Administrator Leon Henderson offered today to resign if Congress made such a move conditional to appropriation of subsidy funds to support price ceilings.

Won't Have Sales Tax

Committee Will Not Consider Levy

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee voted today not to consider in the pending tax bill any form of consumption or sales tax.

TEST FORTIFICATIONS

Multiple attacks against the defenses of the Red Army gun crews were buried alive by German earth thrown up by German infantry thrusts.

Big Battle Of Russia In Closing Hours Of Its First Bloody Year

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The German-Russian conflict, successor to a war of nerves that altered European observers throughout the closing hours of its first bloody year today is the anniversary of the German invasion of the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941.

Zero Hour In Summer Axis Drive Draws Near

FR & Churchill Plan for Blows

WASHINGTON. — (AP) — President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill were believed today to be mapping counter-bloks to a desperate Axis Summer offensive in Europe, Asia and Africa.

The White House continued the strict official silence imposed when the strategy conferences were announced Tuesday night, but the official encouragement to speculate on invasion of the European continent, the great turn of the war in Africa and the rising fury of conflict on the Eastern Front indicated to many in the capital that decisions were being made in the knowledge that Berlin and Tokyo were sending new forces toward a battle whose zero hour was drawing near.

Purge In Austria Started By Nazis

Go After "Anti-Social Elements"—Those Who Disagree With Rulers

LONDON. — (AP) — A purge of "anti-social elements"—a euphemism for all who disagree with the Nazis—has begun in Vienna and the lower Danube province of Austria, the German news agency DNB reported today, intimating that the campaign would embrace the entire German Reich.

RAF In New Mass Raid

Hundreds of Planes Attack French Coast

LONDON. — (AP) — Hundreds of RAF fighters plane-bombed the French coast today, attacking the German-occupied coast of France today.

Map New Supply Line From India To China—Hope To Use It Soon

CHUNGKING. — (AP) — Telling over one of the most difficult terrain in the world, two groups of hardy surveyors are mapping a new supply line from India to China which the Chinese hope may be in operation before the end of the year.



A NEW SUPER-FIGHTER — This tough looking soldier with mud-smudged face, carrying a mallet (left) and a bush knife (right), among other things, is one of the United States Army Engineers' new "Pioneer" group of super-fighting men. They are in training at Fort Lewis, Wash. Some regard them as more versatile than the famous British Commandos.

Axis Columns Veer To West After Thrust

Rommel Believed Ready for Big Assault on Tobruk

CAIRO. — (AP) — Light mobile forces of Lieut-Gen. Neil M. Ritchie's Eighth Army screened hurried dispositions for the defense of Egypt today and two major Axis columns were reported to have veered back westward after they were engaged about 25 miles from Bardia.

Libya Fight Criticized

Investigation Calls Heard in London

LONDON. — (AP) — Libya was pictured in the Times today as a ready-made second front for an Allied offensive even while bitter demands arose for a Parliamentary sifting of current reverses suffered by Lieut-Gen. Neil M. Ritchie's desert army.

Assie Panzer Unit Drills

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA—The last that the British Eighth Army, newly equipped with American tanks, demonstrated fighting drill, battle formation and obstacle tactics at its first public review today.

Weather

Little change in temperature. Scattered showers after midnight.

Today's Temp.: H. 93; L. 72
Sunset today — 8:40
Sunrise tomorrow — 6:08

Watch your tires carefully in warm weather driving.

Additional D. W. Weather Bureau data will be found on page 7.

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