

Ace Up The Soviet Sleeve Russia Builds Mighty Industrial Stronghold in Shadow Of The Urals



THE URALS—Beyond Moscow, Stalingrad and the Volga lies this vast area of mountains and industries where Russia gets many of her minerals and builds a growing number of war machines now that industrial areas to the west are captured or endangered. Network of railroads provides fast transport to fighting fronts.

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WASHINGTON — The picture generally painted is that if the Nazis drive on the southern Russian front should succeed in crossing the Caucasus to the Caspian Sea, the Soviet would be done for.

In more detail, the picture presents this prospect: The Soviet army divided and having to fight on two fronts; the Soviet's largest oil fields, first at Grozny, then at Baku, in German hands; the Soviet's industrial might, already crippled by the loss of the Ukraine and Donets basins north of the Black Sea, further shattered by the loss of the Rostov and Stalingrad areas; and the Volga River itself cut.

That is a gloomy picture indeed, and a more gloomier as it is enough to whet interest in the possibility of a second front in western Europe to relieve the pressure against the Soviet armies in the east.

It can be stated authoritatively, meanwhile, that the Soviet need not necessarily be knocked out or counted out of the war, even were her armies to suffer the loss of the entire Caucasus area. That loss would be a bitter blow, but not insurmountable, for the Soviet would still have the effective production of her two largest industrial areas, Moscow and Leningrad.

There is also the further report

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that behind the Ural mountains, dividing Russia proper from Siberia, there is a new industrial area of a size and productive capacity that would surprise the whole non-Russian world.

PROGRAM CENSORED

The Soviet has apparently with good purpose kept secret the development details of this Ural mountain industrial area. According to Ernest C. Hope, head of the Russia division in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce and one of the few men in the United States who has examined every bit of information which the Soviet Government has allowed the outside world to learn about this area, it has been explored within the last 25 years and developed almost entirely within the three five-year plans that began in 1928.

Under the first five-year plan a few of the resources were developed as concessions with foreign capital. But no outside aid was sought during the past ten years for the developments which have of course been accelerated by the war effort and the moving of some industrial plants from the Moscow and Leningrad areas to the safety of these mountains.

All these developments of the last two years have been cloaked by military censorship. But, one official report before the Soviet entered the war against Germany is perhaps significant. It said: "Two hundred new plants were built in the Ural between 1928 and 1940."

Today, this new Ural industrial area has some fifteen cities, of from 50,000 to 500,000 population, with names that have not appeared in the communiques thus far and which must be sought on the map. They include: Sverdlovsk, Cheliabinsk, Molotov, Ufa, Nizhni-Tagil, Magnitogorsk, Omsk and Stalingrad.

RESOURCES TREMENDOUS
The resources of the area are tremendous even when propaganda is discounted. Most hopeful, from the point of view of supplying mechanized and air armies, was the discovery of oil in 1929 in Ural fields of such extent that the area is known as a "second Baku." Baku and Grozny in the Caucasus have together been producing some 85 per cent of the Soviet's petroleum products.

Metals of the Ural area provide its richest resources, and the mines, at the outbreak of the war, were yielding 30 per cent of its iron, 86 per cent of its copper, plus aluminum, chrome, manganese, nickel.

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4H Club Girl Wins Awards

Miss Grier Takes Part In Nationwide Forum

Miss Esther Mae Grier, a Berry Hill High School girl active in 4-H Club work, has been awarded third place and a silver medal in the North Carolina division of a nationwide forum on "What Inter-American Co-operation Means to My Country."

First prize and a check for \$50 was awarded Miss Doris Grier Bowman of Snow Hill High School and second place and \$25 went to Robinson Everett of Durham High School.

Those competing were pupils of secondary schools in the 14 nations comprising the Pan-American Union. Papers of contestants from the Latin-American nations were judged in the United States

City Will Speed Up Collections

Resolution Prepared For City Council

A resolution speeding up collection of departmental open accounts that have remained unpaid for 60 days was today prepared for consideration of the City Council at its weekly session tomorrow. The revised resolution suggested by City Manager R. W. Plack as an improvement in the practical workings of the collection plan, authorized by the Council on June 24, provides that each department head of the Municipal Government report to the City Manager on the tenth of each month all accounts within their department that are unpaid for as long as 60 days. The City Manager will then turn the accounts over to the City Attorney for collection.

Under the former resolution, the department heads were instructed to report all 60-day old accounts to the City Manager without any reference to a given-day of the month. The accounts would then be transmitted to the City Attorney after another 60 days.

The Council was also to be requested to adopt a resolution, naming George B. Livingston assistant municipal accountant and authorizing him to sign checks in the absence of the municipal accountant.

An amendment to the traffic ordinance was also scheduled for consideration. This ordinance would prohibit the parking of vehicles on the west side of Memorial Hospital Drive between Scott Avenue and Scott Court and on the south side of Buchanan Street between Dilworth Road, East and Kenilworth Avenue. These streets are said to be too narrow to permit parking and to allow the passage of Duke Power Co. buses, recently rerouted on these streets.

Child Is Killed In School Bus

ROCKY MOUNT — (AP) — L. S. Woolen, 12, died of a fractured skull yesterday when a school bus overturned near Crisp. A coroner's jury decided the accident was unavoidable.



JUNGLE BELLE — New queen of the African jungles is blue-eyed, shapely Frances Gifford, selected as Tarran's new girl friend for latest of movie adventures of the ape man.

Two Navy Fliers Die at Pensacola

PENSACOLA, Fla. — (AP) — Ensign L. C. Zeigler, 23, of Anamosa, Iowa, and Aviation Cadet David L. Hunt of Jackson, Miss., were killed in the crash of their training plane near here yesterday.

The Pensacola Naval Air Station announced that officer and cadet were killed in taking off from an auxiliary air field.

The Canadian army's present strength was only 4,500 men.

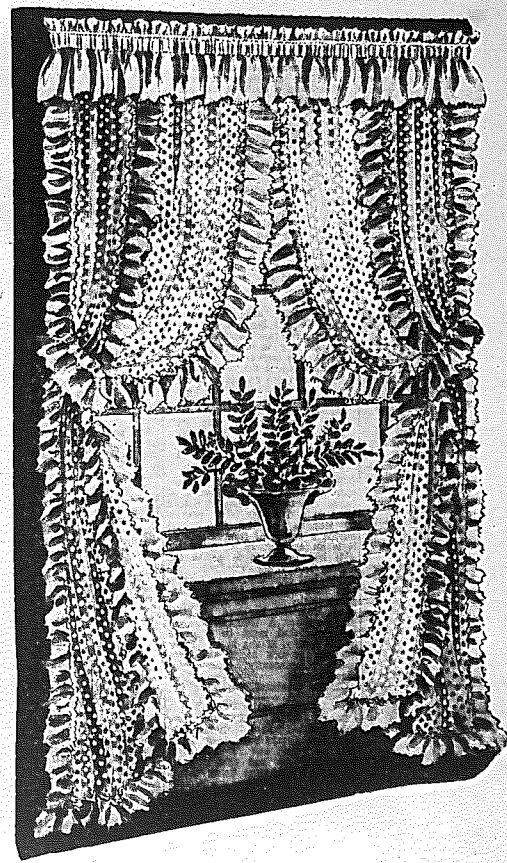
Ex-Film Magnate Joseph Schenck Released From Federal Prison

DANBURY, Conn. — Joseph M. Schenck, former chairman of the board of Twentieth-Century-Fox Film Corp., was released yesterday from the U. S. Correctional Institution here after having served four months and five days of his one year and one day sentence on his plea of guilty to a perjury charge.

Schenck, originally indicted on charges of income tax evasion, conspiracy and making false statements to Government investigators, went on trial in New York City March 5, 1941, at which time the Government charged he owed \$412,000 income taxes for the years 1935-36-37.

Schenck was sentenced on April 24, 1941, to three years and was fined \$25,000. Schenck appealed and requested from the chairmanship of the film board. Last March 21, the Circuit Court of Appeals upheld his conviction but on April 6 a stay or 30 days was granted pending an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

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