

BRITISH SET GERMAN TRAP FOR NAZIS

U.S. Warns Neutrals Against Harboring Axis Gangsters

RED NEWS OF GOSLAVIA REPORTED

Berlin Says Soviets Are Over Danube

Report Not Yet Confirmed

LONDON — (AP) — Russian troops have invaded Yugoslavia after crossing the Danube just west of the Iron Gate at the Romanian frontier town of Orsova, the German communique made known today.

In the Danube Bend, there was active reconnoitering activity on both sides of the Iron Gate, said the official war bulletin broadcast from Berlin.

"Soviet forces who have advanced south from Orsova in a southern direction were repulsed and enemy formations who had crossed the Danube were smashed."

Orsova is on the river frontier and only Yugoslav territory lies to the south. Moscow has not yet confirmed an incursion into the territory where Marshal Tito's Partisan Army operates, but weeks ago told officially of reaching the Iron Gate—the wild mountain canyons through which the Danube courses through the Transylvanian Alps.

Churchill Warns Europe War May Go On Into 1945

LONDON — (AP) — Prime Minister Churchill warned the House of Commons today that despite German losses approaching the 1,000,000 mark in Northwest Europe, the war might still continue into 1945.

Unless organized German resistance collapses in the near future, enormous additional U. S. forces will be brought to bear in the final drive on Paris.

Of between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 Allied troops now in France, the Prime Minister said the ratio is three Americans to two British.

He indicated that he considered the danger of a stalemate to include Premier Marshal Stalin was essential before revelation of peace terms could be made.

POINTS MADE:

Opening a two-day war and other points, the Prime Minister made these points, among others:

1. That perhaps 200,000 Germans are now trapped in Holland and their capture or destruction appeared "highly probable."
2. That German losses in France, Belgium and Holland since D-day can now be placed officially at 400,000 killed and wounded and nearly 500,000 more as prisoners.

Uncle Sam Brandishes Big Stick

Threat Of Loss Of Friendship

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Secretary of State Hull disclosed today that neutral nations had been warned they would lose American friendship "for years to come" should they give sanctuary to Hitler or other Axis leaders after the war.

Several governments of neutral or former neutral status notably Sweden, Turkey, Switzerland and Spain either have given assurances that they will not permit Axis nationals to flee into their borders or that they are fully aware of the problems such action might provoke.

No indication has yet been received of the views of certain other governments. Hull said in a statement released at his news conference.

VERY IMPORTANT

The department is continuing to impress upon those governments whose policy has not yet been clearly stated, it continued, the importance which it attaches to the taking of adequate measures to insure that Axis war criminals do not find asylum in their countries.

In bringing pressure on these other governments, Hull disclosed, the United States has the support and approval of the British and Soviet governments.

A few hours before the Secretary spoke the Soviet Embassy here sponsored publication of a statement that Russia's participation in the settlement of this war would provide the "best guarantee" that Hitler would not escape punishment after this war as Kaiser Wilhelm did after the last.

The Russian statement said the question raised frequently at previous news conferences as to whether Hitler actually is on the list of war criminals already drawn up by a special Allied commission.

None overlooked.

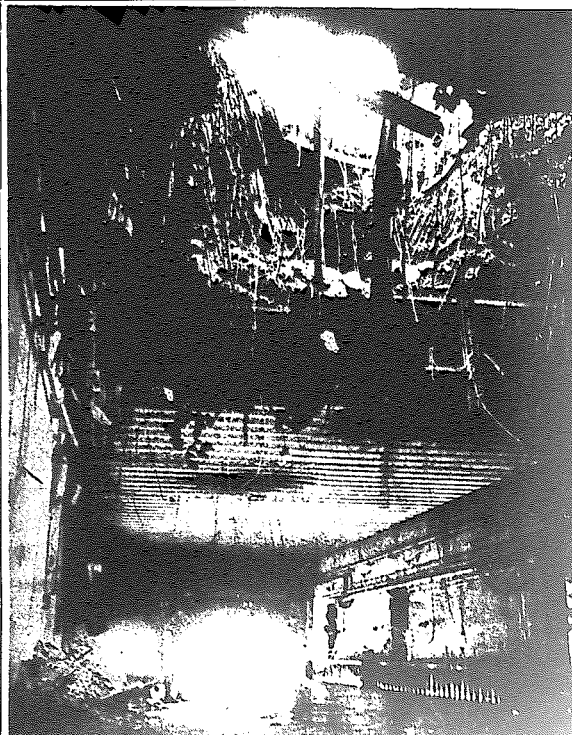
Any suggestion, Hull said, that Hitler or any other Axis leader has been or is about to be overlooked is answered by the year-long trial of Moscow.

It is the policy of the United States, he stated, that (1) war criminals guilty of specific actions against people shall be returned to the scene of those actions for trial and (2) "those accused of more general crimes against nations or civilization itself shall be punished by joint action of the Allies."

In his statement on a neutral day, Hull gave the most detailed resume of what this country has done to prevent Hitler and others from hiding out since President Roosevelt issued a statement on the subject in July, 1943, urging neutrals not to provide sanctuary.

"The rapid progress of the war,"

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BREXIT U-BOAT PENS FINISHED. After Allied attacks on the U-boat pens in France, and look at the gutting of the pens in the picture. (British Official Photo from Army.)

Threaten To Seal 200,000 Nazis Off In W. Holland

Big Allied Army In Europe Now

By JAMES M. LONG

LONDON — (AP) — The British government today drove a wedge between the Nazis and a 140,000-man British force in the Netherlands, threatening to seal off 200,000 Axis soldiers and formations in the western part of the country.

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Nazis Seek To Get Out Of Riga Pocket

By DANIEL DE LUCE

MOSCOW — (AP) — Soviet military analysts described "strategical" hopes today the position of German troops attempting to withdraw from the Latvian port of Riga along a hotly contested coastal escape route.

The Russian drive, enveloping an additional 200 German divisions yesterday, approached close to Riga on the northeast. The German command decided apparently to move the bulk of its troops out of the Riga pocket, rather than risk entrapment by a possible Russian breakthrough west of the Latvian capital.

Front dispatches told of reconnoitering actions outside Riga and heavy enemy movements westward toward the Pskov and Rostov mountains. Western Lithuania and East Prussia.

OFFSHORE FIGHT

Meanwhile other Red Army forces, outflanking the key Danube sea routes, reached the sea at the Pskov mountains.

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British Fleet Now Gathering In East

By LEONARD MILLIMAN

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British submarines have sunk a record bag of 32 Japanese vessels in forays probing Far Eastern waters in advance of the British Fleet now gathering in the Indian Ocean, Official London announcements disclosed today.

The Prime Minister told the House of Commons much of the British Fleet is already in waters off Southeast Asia. The rest will follow, he indicated, when it is no longer needed in Europe.

He made it clear that no changes in top Pacific command would be contemplated and promised "the war against the Japanese and other dangers of the Pacific will be pressed forward with the utmost urgency."

Japan, preparing for the day the British Fleet will strike at Singapore and the American Fleet at the China Coast, speeded up its offensive in Southeast China. A new column drove northward from Kwangtung province to trap Chinese troops below captured Wuchow. Other forces virtually completed encirclement of Pochong. Japanese divisions between these two points were reinforced for a drive on strategic Kweilin.

The British Admiralty announced that submarines, making the most of the moon and dawn tides, they have yet reported against the Japanese, torpedoes and shelled freighters in the South China Sea.

They slipped into Japanese-controlled Port Owen in South China.

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Raid German War Plants

LONDON — (AP) — More than 1,000 American heavy bombers today attacked German war factories at Magdeburg, Kassel and Merseburg, the railroad yard at Merseburg was also hit.

The American bombers swept over the Reich for the fourth straight day, close on the heels of RAF heavies which carried the first stop-air offensive against German transportation through the night with a heavy attack on Kassel, an important industrial city in the Saar.

The night raiders also made a day at Kassel, one of the four places attacked in daylight by American heavies, which continued about half the estimated 2,500 Allied planes over Germany yesterday and last night.

Probably close to 2,000 more fighters and bombers pounded enemy troops, railroads and fortifications in the Low Countries and along the coast, making it one of the heaviest air days of the month.

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Enemy Pockets May Prolong Pacific Fight

By MINNELL BRINKER

Associated Press War Editor

The Pacific war may be prolonged by enemy pockets of Japanese soldiers, hiding in jungles, lonely islands, mountain caves.

The central war goal is to break the power of Japan's army, navy and war industry. The Office of War Information has predicted that this task will take an "absolute minimum" of six months after Germany's defeat.

Many observers believe, however, that since Japanese troops will ignore any call for capitulation broadcast by the government authorized to surrender for Japan as a nation.

LONE CAMPAIGN

This battle was general among the Occidentals interested in occupied Asia with whom I talked yesterday. "Japan's resistance," said one, "is a desperate one. The 1943 Dutch and Australian soldiers already have warned their men to fight to the last ditch. The Japanese are now in a desperate campaign long after the main war is over."

Nearly 20,000 Japanese soldiers now are held forward American lines on Central Pacific islands, including Truk, the Northern Marianas, the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea and Bougainville.

As Allied power in the most direct course toward accomplishing the goal — by striking at the heart and the continental axis — the bypassed garrisons will multiply, including many in the Philippines.

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Luckiest Men Dept: Falls 4 Miles Into German Tree & Lives

NEW YORK — (AP) — Trapped in the severed tail of a flying Fortress by the Russian Major Guy Mills, who fell four miles into a tree top in Germany and lived, to become a German prisoner of war, an eye-witness relates.

Moran's escape with only minor injuries was described by Sgt. George C. Fisher of Roselle, Mass., one of 218 wounded in all American soldiers repatriated by the exchange ship Gripsholm and interviewed at Halton Hospital.

It happened last Nov. 29, Fisher said, after his had cut off the plane tail with Moran, the tall gunner, caught in the plane tail, and because his parachute had become his parachute and was shot full of holes, so he landed in a tree top, and waited for the inevitable.

As the tail dropped earthward, the damaged vertical fin and horizontal stabilizers fluttered and tumbled, Fisher said, breaking the speed of the fall. Then, one of the stabilizers, attached to the tree—and held.

Fisher said that he saw the plane tail fall and lodge in the tree as he floated early after falling out of a plane which had been hit on a bombing mission over Bremen.

After he was captured, Fisher said, he heard the Germans talk about "a soldier found in the tail of the plane," and later heard that Moran's story when the two men became friends in the prison camp.

Moran's one request, Fisher said, was for backing when he returned to the United States with the plane's unbelievable story, similar to the experience last April of another tall gunner, Sgt. James A. Raley of Henderson, Ky., who fell more than three and one-half miles in a series of fall action and landed in a tree top in the Italian area.

Fisher said he promised to look for Moran's story.

Japan "Probably" Visited By Quake

WESTON, Mass. — Japan "probably" was visited yesterday by a "quite strong" earthquake, the Rev. Daniel J. Lindehan, S. J., seismologist at Weston College reported today.

He said the first tremor was recorded at 12:28 P. M. and lasted for two hours.

Rev. Lindehan said the center of the shock was 800 miles from Weston and that its direction placed it "probably in Japan."

He said he could not determine as yet if the quake struck the Japanese mainland.

Finns Push On After Germans

STOCKHOLM — (AP) — Finnish troops crossed the River Iijoki today in the direction of Olvina, 20 miles north of their Oulu base in a three-pronged attack as reported, an effort to smash the retreating Germans who are leaving a trail of burned villages behind them.

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