Reds Knock Nazis Back

Say Enemy Falling Back in Disorder

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with German forces now surrounded at Taganrog.

(In London observers speculated on the possibly desperate situation of two German salients north and south of the capital, which might be subjected to devastating flank attacks in the areas around Tikhvin on the north and Kharkov on the south.

The army organ, Red Star, thus exhorted Soviet forces:

"It is necessary to finish the enemy and administer such a blow that he will never be able to rise again. Complete extermination of Hitler's hordes, the complete extermination of every German occupant to the last man is our objective."

A 25,000-ton German troop transport ship is reported to have been sunk by a Russian naval unit in the Black Sea.

Lieut.-Gen. Leonid Govorov, commanding Soviet defenses in the sector southwest of Moscow, said the Germans were just about twenty miles west of the capital at one time.

Once a tank advance was halted by the desperate expedient of covering an enormous area with kindling and setting it afire.

Believe Nazis Planning To Try Winter Stand

LONDON —(AP)—German armies falling back before the furious thrusts of Red cavalry and specially trained snow troops were believed by observers here to be planning to attempt a Winter stand on a line from the Valdai Hills to Kharkov in the Ukraine.

These sources said that from this line extending from 200 miles northwest of Moscow to the Donets Basin—well back of the Germans' deepest penetration into Russia—the Nazis hoped to strike east again in the Spring.

GERMANS FOOLED

Well-posted informants said the Germans, when they realized they would be stopped short of Moscow, counted on being forced merely to halt their offensive because of weather, supply and transport problems.

"But what they didn't bargain for," one source added, "was the remarkable bounce and fierceness of the Russian counter-offensive.

"They did not bargain for the very serious losses in men and motor transports and equipment that the Russians are inflicting on them.

"They may not be able to stop when they get to the positions they prepared for their 'Winter front.'"

He said the Germans also were confronted with rapidly diminishing supplies and with too few workers in factories to keep up output for a fighting force of 4,000,000 to 5,000,000 men on the Russian front.

The arrival of the Red Army's "tough guy" troops—hardened veterans from Siberia—also was said to have helped blunt the German drive.

It was pointed out, too that the "scorched earth" policy left the Germans less booty than they had expected and forced them to undertake vast repair of railroads and other facilities before they could be converted to the use of the invaders.

Air Transport Put to Test

NEW YORK,—(AP)—Oranges from California, pajamas from Oklahoma, oysters from Baltimore, baked beans from Boston and scrapple from Philadelphia—a veritable feast.

Only it wasn't.

All these delicacies were flown here yesterday not so much for eating purposes as for a test to show how the 362 transport planes of America's nineteen commercial airplanes could carry 2,836,000 pounds of food to New Yorkers in any war emergency.

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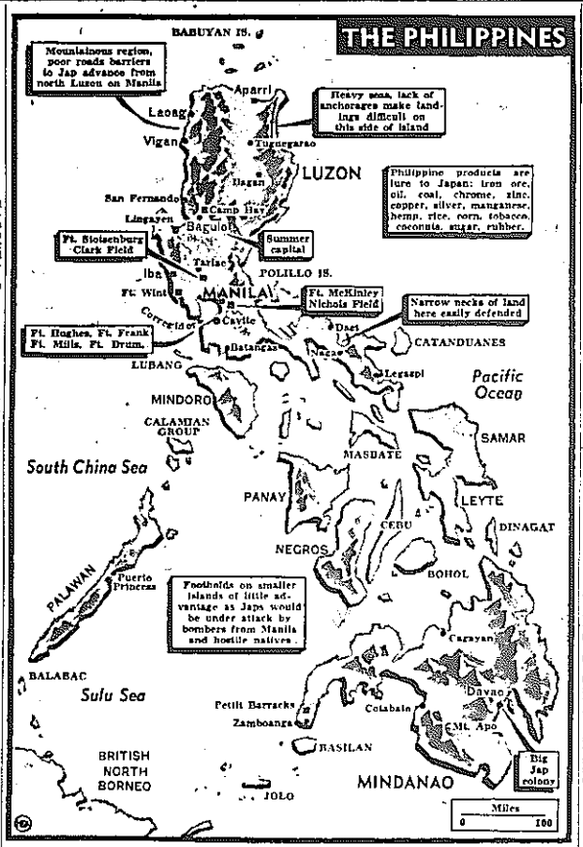

THE PHILIPPINES—This map shows the larger of the Philippines now being staunchly defended against determined Japanese attacks. Principal attacks are being directed against Luzon on which is located the island metropolis, Manila.

Keep Cotton Controls

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Southern farmers agreed with the Federal Government today that this was no time to expand production of cotton in voting to continue tight marketing controls on the 1942 crop.

In a cotton-belt referendum Saturday, growers voted 604,356 to 37,671 to keep in force a control program inaugurated in 1938. This majority of 94.8 per cent was the largest ever recorded in a cotton poll.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard has asked that strict marketing quotas be continued because of a two-year supply and reduced exports. He urged Southern farmers to produce more food so that the democracies might be assured of ample supplies during the war.

The quota system is designed to hold next year's cotton crop between 11,000,000 and 12,000,000 bales. Each farmer will be allotted a share, sales above quotas would be subject to penalties.

Approval of quotas assured farmers of a Government price-supporting loan program next year. Farm law forbids such loans when quotas are defeated.

Turnabout's Fair Play for Chinese

MANILA—(AP)—A few enterprising Chinese, driven out of business by Japanese competition some years ago, took advantage of the war situation today and rented the stores just vacated by interned Japanese along downtown Rizal Avenue.

The stores bore large signs: "This store is Chinese."

LAST APRIL Frank Sutton of Monroe left Randolph Field, Tex., to volunteer for the Royal Canadian Air Force. Since that time he has been flying in battle against the Germans and Italians, probably over Egypt. Last week his mother, Mrs. Pat Sutton, was notified that her son was missing. He is shown in his RCAF uniform.

Sign Rail Agreement

Argument Settled "Beyond Question"

CHICAGO — (AP) — Chairman Wayne L. Morse of the Emergency Mediation Board announced today that representatives of fourteen railroads operating railroad employees and the carrier managements signed an agreement to carry out provisions of a mediation settlement negotiated by the board in Washington Dec. 1.

This was the last agreement, he said, needed to assure "beyond question" that the national railroad disputes which had threatened a national strike have been settled.

The signatures were obtained at 4:45 A. M. after two days and two nights of mediation the last session running 38 hours without interruption.

Some 200,000 non-operating employees affected by the agreement were given a w 2c boost of 10 cents an hour, with a basic minimum set at 46 cents an hour. Originally they had demanded an increase of 30 to 34 cents an hour on their average pay of 63.4 cents.

Paid vacations, one stumbling block to settlement, were agreed upon, Morse said, on this basis: One week for non-operating employees generally, nine days for firemen and telegraphers with at least ten years service, twelve days for clerks and telegraphers with at least three years service.

Non-operating employees had not actually set a date for a strike but had refused to accept settlement terms previously proposed by the Mediation Board.

Representatives of 350,000 operating employees on Dec. 6 ratified a compromise settlement agreement giving them an increase of 9 1-2 cents an hour. They had been receiving from 8.06 a day upward. Had demanded a flat 30 per cent boost and had once set a strike date of Dec. 7.

Chinese Rush To Aid Colony

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Kong Island, British sources declared today.

The withdrawal, they said, was ordered according to plan and "still is going on."

Japanese dispatches said Britain's defenses of Hong Kong were crumbling under the shelling of shore guns on the mainland and increased aerial bombardment. The fall of Britain's second Great War Far Eastern stronghold was declared to be only a matter of days.

One potential source of relief for the Colony was a Chinese attack on the rear and flanks of the Japanese on the mainland, but the British here said they had no information on that operation beyond Chungking advices that a fierce assault is still going on against the Japanese in the Tamshui area, north of Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Island rises steeply from the flat waterfront to the gun-studded heights of the peak overlooking the island city of Victoria and the Kowloon Plains across about one mile of water.

The British said that they were using their lighter guns to defend Hong Kong against attack from across the narrow channel but that their heaviest guns—some of which have been described as eighteen-inches—probably are mounted for use against sea attack and could not be used successfully against the Kowloon threat.

Robeson Voters Give Control 96.2 Backing

LUMBERTON—Robeson County farmers gave the Government's cotton control referendum a 96.2 vote of approval Saturday. Three thousand, seven hundred and five votes were cast, 3,565 in the affirmative, 140 in the negative.

Japs Hit While Talking Peace

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san at 1.20 P. M., Washington time, on Sunday, Dec. 7.

At 2:20 P. M. the Japanese Ambassador here delivered to Secretary of State Hull, he said, a message which said that establishment of peace in the Pacific and the World had been "the cherished desire" of the Japanese Emperor.

Listing the countries which have declared war on Japan, Mr. Roosevelt asserted:

"These and other peace-loving countries will be fighting as we, first, to put an end to Japan's program of aggression, and, second, to make good the rights of nations and mankind to live in peace under conditions of security and justice.

"The people of this country are totally united in their determination to concentrate our national strength and manpower to bring conclusively to an end the pestilence of aggression and force which has long menaced the world and which now has struck deliberately and directly at the safety of the United States."

U. S. Blasts Jap Ships

Bombers Strike Hard In Far East

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200 miles north of Manila, had sent out patrols during the weekend in an attempt to widen their foothold.

There was no question, however, of further fighting at Lingayen, 100 miles northwest of Manila, where General MacArthur said yesterday that a Philippine Army division had smashed a Japanese landing force, not at Aparri in northernmost Luzon, where the Japanese also have landed troops.

U. S. PLANES ATTACK

American warplanes, however, were said to have made several attacks on the Aparri area to thwart Japanese attempts to establish an air base there.

There was no indication that the Japanese actually had been able to land more troops at Legaspi in southeastern Luzon. Army headquarters said only a limited number of men had been put ashore there and these were reported under sharp attack from the air.

Japanese aerial activity over Luzon this morning was said to have been limited to a few sporadic raids.

At least 10 Japanese planes were officially reported shot down over the Philippines last night, during which the islands were first target of fourteen major attacks.

Army quarters firmly reiterated that thus far the Japanese had not landed any paratroop troops in the Philippines. Unofficial reports to the contrary have been found to be false, these quarters said.

Manila itself, which had two brief raid alarms Sunday morning but which escaped further bombing, appeared to be adapting itself rapidly to war-time conditions.

TENSION LESSENS

The undeniable tension and the sense of unreality which followed the first unexpected Japanese assault appeared to be giving place to a grim determination to make the best of things.

The Philippine National Assembly, in session when the noon air raid, went to a sheltered basement where it approved a state of total emergency, authorized President Quezon to effect it and amended a previous resolution of support to the United States to include as enemies Germany and Italy.

Business still is going on here much as usual, although several hundred American women and children have been moved out of the city to places of greater safety.

All newspapers are publishing daily, though the number of pages in each edition has been reduced. Places of amusement are closed at night, except for the ballroom of one hotel where dancing for guests still goes on.

NO FOOD SHORTAGE

Thus far there has been no food shortage. Prices are rising, however, despite Government efforts at control, and there is some difficulty in obtaining gasoline for civilian purposes.

President Manuel Quezon today issued an executive order prohibiting hoarding and calling for stricter enforcement of all anti-profiteering laws.

Authorities meanwhile raided a large house at the edge of downtown Manila and captured a number of Japanese men and women who were hiding in escape tunnels. All the men were armed.

In an increasing drive against fifth columnists, customs agents have seized two Japanese who, they said, were found in possession of home-made bombs and dozens of maps.

The Japanese radio continues to direct a steady barrage of propaganda against the Filipinos, urging them to lay down their arms, but it has had no noticeable effect since the Manila station has not even attempted to jam the broadcasts.

Honor Trio of Soldier Dead

CANTON, Miss —(F)— This city of 6,000 inhabitants, which lost only one son in the First World War, has started a "soldiers memorial fund" in honor of three of her soldiers who were killed in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

All eight churches yesterday dedicated their services to Eugene Reeves, 22, Keith Wilson Jr., 24, and James Everett, 22, who died at Pearl Harbor just a week before.

As the congregation of all faiths left the buildings, they contributed to the fund that will be used to provide food, shelter and other needed services for men passing through the community.

Mayor Charles N. Harris announced plans were underway to erect a monument to the trio on the Courthouse Square.

Germans Seek Rumanian Troops

NEW YORK—(F) — A British broadcast heard today by NBC said Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, German Commander-in-Chief, was reported on his way to Bucharest to demand that Rumania furnish five more divisions for the fight in Russia.

The broadcast said Rumanian Chief of State, Gen. Ion Antonescu, had opposed sending more soldiers because he feared an adverse effect on public opinion.

Car Piles Up in Ditch, Killing Marion Bobb

GREENVILLE, S. C. — (F) — An automobile crashed into a ditch in lower Greenville County yesterday and killed Miss Marion Bobb, 19, of Hickory Tavern in Laurens County.

From The War Dept:

Official Communique

WASHINGTON —(F)— The War Department said today enemy air operations continued over Luzon in the Philippines and ground operations were in progress in three sections of the island.

A brief communique said there was nothing to report from other areas, omitting mention of Hawaii and the United States Pacific Outer for the first time in several days.

Outlining the military situation as of 9.30 A. M. (EST), the communique said:

"1. Philippine theater: Enemy air operations over the Island of Luzon continue. Operations on ground are continuing in the north and northwest sections of Luzon and the vicinity of Legaspi in southeastern Luzon.

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

The ground operations mentioned presumably were in the vicinity of Aparri on the northern shore of Luzon where Japanese troops made a landing early in the invasion, and at Vigan, some 200 miles north of Manila on the west coast where the Japanese have gained another foothold.

The landing made at Legaspi, about 230 air miles from Manila, last week, was effected without opposition, the War Department has disclosed.

China Sea Becomes Graveyard For Japs

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on the American bombers in sinkings. The Dutch-Singapore communique announced yesterday, sank a Japanese supply ship and an oil tanker off Malaya. This followed their exploit of sending four Japanese troop ships to the bottom in the same waters Friday, with the loss of an estimated 4,000 enemy troops.

The U. S. Army, operating on the Philippine side of the South China Sea, sank four Japanese troop transports, Manila disclosed yesterday, and severely damaged five others. The loss of life inflicted on the enemy was not indicated.

Japan must use the South China Sea to reinforce her armies in French Indo-China and Malaya, and the invasion troops that are clinging precariously to a few footholds in the Philippines.

These blows at her sea-borne communications line serve a double purpose. They handicap the desperate Japanese drive for a quick knockout of the Philippine and Singapore bastions which are the final obstacles to the East Indies. And they deplete a shipping supply which Japan had pressed for raw materials, may have difficulty replenishing.

AWAIT U. S. SUB REPORTS

Admiral Thomas S. Hart, commander-in-chief of the U. S. Asiatic Fleet, has been awaiting reports from American submarines operating in these waters. Others have, he said recently, he said expected "it should be big." However, Tokyo claims to have destroyed one of this U. S. undersea flotilla.

In the Philippines, Army Headquarters indicated that the Japanese landing forces, which still hold beachheads at Legaspi, Vigan and Aparri, were being held in tight check far from vital areas. The enemy units around Vigan, 200 miles north of Manila, were sending out patrols in an effort to strengthen their hold, but Army bombers harried them savagely. Elsewhere activity was negligible at dawn today.

There were indications that Allied warplanes—perhaps American — were ranging farther afield. Formosa, Japan's island base 450 miles north of Manila, had an air raid scare when twelve "enemy" planes appeared off the coast. The Japanese High Command said the planes veered off without attacking, which might indicate a reconnaissance mission.

The Devil Dog garrison on Wake withstood two more Japanese attacks during the week-end, and the Navy said one of the slaughts was "undertaken in great force." Two enemy bombers were shot down by the defenders. Damage caused to military installations was described as negligible.

The possibility that future Mid-Pacific Army and Navy operations would be coordinated under one head was mentioned during the week-end by the Army and Navy Register, a service journal.

"It would surprise no one," the publication said, if the job went to Admiral William D. Leahy, present Ambassador to Vichy. Leahy, the article recalled, wanted permission for the Navy "to settle the Japanese business forthwith" after Japanese bombers sank the U. S. gunboat Panay in China in 1937.

On the diplomatic front yesterday, the State Department received formal notification that Rumania had declared war on the United States, and that Turkey would remain neutral.

Turkey's decision was not regarded unfavorably here. It was interpreted as an indication that Turkey was continuing to resist Nazi pressure to join the Axis camp, and still presented a barrier to any German thrust for the Mosul oil fields. Turkey recently was designated a beneficiary of the Lend-Lease program.

Russia's attitude concerning the Pacific conflict was clarified—but not to the point of indicating when the Soviet would take an active role. Moscow's new ambassador, Maxim Litvinoff, informed Japan "a common enemy" in an interview Saturday, but he intimated that Russia felt it was doing the most good in the anti-Axis struggle by concentrating on Germany.

He said he could make no public statement as to whether Russia would permit United States to use the Siberian air bases from which bombers could commute the 600 miles to Tokyo. But he also asserted that the Soviet Union "would welcome help on any front in the common cause."

While avoiding any commitment on a Russian break with Japan, Litvinoff said Russia long had known that Berlin was putting all possible pressure on Tokyo to open a second front against the Soviet in Siberia.

Axis Powers Hold Parley

German, Italian and Jap People Confer

BERLIN—(Official Radio received by F-I—Representatives of Germany, Italy and Japan met today in a special conference which a German communique said was summoned for the purpose of discussing new and important tasks resulting from the common war against the Anglo-Saxon Powers."

German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop reviewed the situation created by the widened scope of the war and declared that the closest co-operation between the three big Axis Powers was necessary.

Field Marshal Gen. Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German High Command, welcomed Japan's armed forces as new comrades in arms.

Italian Ambassador Dino Alfieri and Japanese Ambassador Gen. Hiroshi Oshima emphasized their governments' accord with the views of the Nazi Government.

Detailed plans then were agreed upon for continuation and extension of co-operation.

Also present at the conference were Grand Admiral Erich Raeder, chief of the German Navy, and Field Marshal Gen. Erhard Milch state secretary of the air force.

Auto Wreck Victim Buried

J. E. Phillips Dies In Cherokee Crash

GAFFNEY, S. C.—Funeral services for James Elbert Phillips, 38-year-old farmer who was killed almost instantly in an automobile collision on the Gaffney-Cherokee Highway near here Saturday morning, were conducted from Corinth Baptist Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Eugene Coker, pastor of Grace-Line Baptist Church, and the Rev. J. B. Cobb of Spartanburg, officiated. Burial will follow in the adjoining church cemetery.

Mr. Phillips, a resident of the Cherokee Baptist Church section, was instantly killed when a car in which he was a passenger was in collision with an automobile operated by Harley Reynolds, 43-year-old Gaffney auto dealer.

Reynolds and Frank Price, Jr., 18, who was driving the car in which Mr. Phillips was riding, sustained seriously injured. Both machines were badly damaged, it was reported.

Mr. Phillips, a native and lifelong resident of Cherokee County, had been making his home with the Price family for some time. He was a son of the late J. C. Phillips and the late Mrs. Leila Phillips. He is survived by two brothers, Douglas Phillips of Pauline, Route 1, and Robert Phillips of Spartanburg, and a sister, Mrs. Woodrow Smart of Spartanburg.

Blackout Will Be Practiced in Dunn

DUNN—(AP)—Dunn, just 26 miles from Fort Bragg, will have practice blackouts and air raid alarms this week.

Army officers will be here tonight to assist in instructing citizens for the home defense steps.

Wake Forest Buys Bond As Present for School

WAKE FOREST.—(AP)—A $2,000 defense bond is being bought by the Wake Forest College students. It will be presented to the college as a memorial to alumni who serve in the war.

A resolution that ended, "we pray God that our sacrifices shall not be made in vain," and pledging the students to the nation's efforts was unanimously adopted.

Plan Cadet Units Here

Legion Would Form Corps in Schools

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plex, according to John C. Fletcher, commander of the post.

"It will be a severe economic blow for high school students to leave before their graduation, because if they go into the service and remain away for a year or two, they'll not return for completion of their high school education," Mr. Fletcher said.

But through the training offered in the volunteer cadet corps these students will know something about the Army and its requirements when they are called into actual service, Mr. Fletcher said.

ENDORSE PLAN

The plan, after its explanation to leaders in the post, has been enthusiastically endorsed because of its apparent significance in national defense.

Members of the City School Board were being contacted today and this morning all those with whom the subject had been discussed gave approval of the plan.

It is proposed that members of the Post, who are familiar with the new drill regulations and technique will serve as volunteer officers of the corps and conduct the training, all of which will be given in after-school hours and will not interfere with the regular school work.

The Post's national defense committee, of which Dick Kirkpatrick is chairman, will have charge of carrying out the plan, which is expected to be launched immediately upon resumption of school after the Christmas holidays.

Robin S. Kirby, of Charlotte, chairman of the North Carolina American Commission of the Legion, is enthusiastic about the plan and expects to advance the idea to State Legion officials with the hope that the plan may be sponsored by the Legion for all high schools in the state.

Minister Gives Resignation

NEW YORK—(AP)—Effective "at such time in the uncertain future as my retirement may preserve this beloved church from embarrassment or peril," the Rev. John Haynes Holmes has offered his resignation as minister of the Community Church.

The noted 57-year-old cleric repeated a move taken in the last World War in an announcement yesterday before his congregation at Town Hall, explaining he could not use his ministry "to bless, sanction or support war."

The resignation—undated—was handed to Dominick P. Pachella, chairman of the church's board of trustees, which refused to accept it in 1918, and which, according to Pachella's view, would not accept it this time.

Of the congregation of 1,200 at the church, which Mr. Holmes founded 35 years ago, 300 were unable to restrain tears, and 100 or more gather about him to shake his hand. The others filed quietly from the hall.

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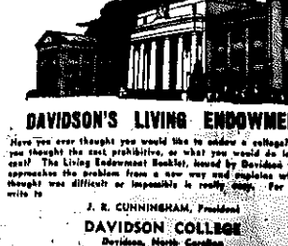

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