

NAZIS ALMOST HALF WAY TO MOSCOW

CHARLOTTE MARINE ON TORPEDOED SHIP

RAF Resumes Assaults On French Bases

Coast Between Boulogne and Calais Bombed Over Half an Hour

LONDON—(AP)—British RAF bombers resumed operations against French bases across the English channel tonight, raiding the French coast between Boulogne and Calais for more than half an hour.

Heavy bomb explosions echoed across the misty Channel.

Formations of bombers were protected by layers of fighters ready to meet a German challenge.

There was no sign of any fighter opposition to the thrust.

The night attack followed an air military announcement of daylight offensive sweeps against the northwest German cities of Bremen and Oldenburg. German shipping and a German island base off the Netherlands.

Two German ships, of 6,000 and

U. S. Nurses On Vessel Sent Down In Attack

Loss of Two of Men Indicated

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Torpedoing of a foreign flag steamer carrying American marines and Red Cross nurses to London was announced today by the Navy which said eight marines had been rescued and, for the present, mentioned no loss of life.

The Navy did not say the ship which an earlier authoritative source said was the Dutch steamer *Maasdam*, in the British service. The Red Cross said it had seventeen nurses aboard the *Maasdam* and that all were reported safe, with all nurses already landed.

The source from which first information of the sinking was obtained had said ten marines were aboard and that one was reported lost. If the Navy is correct, the Navy announcement would indicate the loss of two marines.

Nazi Troop Plane Shot Down in Flames



Shooting of a Nazi troop plane today by German troops near the Greek island of Crete. The plane was shot down in flames as it descended from a high altitude.

Capture Minsk In Sweep On Soviet Capital

Claim Red Defenses Further North Virtually in State of Collapse

BERLIN—(AP)—Germany claimed tonight that Nazi troops had driven almost half way along the 450-mile road to Moscow, capturing the White Russian capital of Minsk en route, and asserted that Russia's Red Army units further north were crumbling so badly that a general retreat no longer existed.

On the northern front, it was said, German columns were pounding in pursuit of the retreating Russians. Practically all this referred to operations along the Baltic, in Latvia.

A German military spokesman asserted Minsk was in German hands shortly after the High Command reported capture of Lwow, on the lower Polish front, and Lwow, on the Baltic front.

The spokesman intimated German troops were in sight of Smolensk, 200 miles east of Minsk. A new German offensive was being formed around the Smolensk region, he said.

NOT YET CAPTURED

The German announced divisions making their way into Minsk, and that they had captured the city. The spokesman said that the capture of Minsk was a major step toward the capture of Moscow.

Seven Spies Plead Guilty, 18 Innocent

Two More Taken Off Docking Liners In FBI Counter-Espionage Sweep

NEW YORK—(AP)—Seven of the 25 persons arrested in the Espionage Act cases were found guilty today in Federal court. Two more were taken off docking liners in FBI counter-espionage sweep.

WELLES IN DISCLOSURE

The disclosure that the man named 'Welles' was carrying a message to the British Embassy in London was made by the British Acting Secretary of State.

Machinists Go To Work

Resume Labor at Frisco Shipyards

SAN FRANCISCO, (AP)—Machinists' labor and 47,000 for seven weeks because of a stubborn wage strike, resumed today in eleven Bay area shipyards and drydocks today as contractors' work resumed. The men agreed on 80 ships vital to the defense program.

Mother Told Son Rescued

Mrs. Joe L. Miller, of 211 Sylvan Avenue, received a sign of relief this afternoon when a friend called her with the news that her son, Corporal William Miller, had been rescued in the Atlantic Ocean.

War Rages Along Russ-Finn Border

Policy of Passive Resistance To Russian Attack Ended

HELSINKI, Finland—(AP)—Active warfare along the 600-mile Russian-Finnish border was accompanied today by official reports of widespread bombing and machine-gunning of Finnish cities by Russian planes. Four civilians were killed and others were injured.

Eagles In RAF Sweep

American Squadron Goes Into Action

LONDON—(AP)—Informed sources in London said today that the American Eagle Squadron has been in the vanguard of recent RAF sweeps over northern France.

Will Build Three Naval Bases

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Secretary Knox announced today that three additional off-shore naval bases would be established in the Pacific, the Atlantic island area, and the Caribbean.

0-9 Probe Opens Again

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—(AP)—A naval board of inquiry, investigating the loss of the 23-year-old recommissioned submarine O-9 in a deep dive off Portsmouth June 26, resumed in executive session today at the navy yard here today to canvass all evidence previously presented.

Further Witnesses May Not Be Called

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FOREST FIRES

Bombers set forest fires in four areas, it was said, but they were quickly extinguished.

GROUP CITY

Leningrad, second city of Russia and a center of war industries, is being shelled by German planes.

Leningrad Getting Ready For Siege

Able-Bodied Men and Women Will Work On City's Defenses

MOSCOW—(AP)—All able-bodied citizens of Leningrad and surrounding areas were conscripted tonight for work on the city's defenses.

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The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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U. S. Generals Expect Soviets To Fall Back, Hitler To Take Ukraine, Napoleon's Lesson

WASHINGTON—(AP) The phase of the war is being more carefully studied by U. S. military experts than the Russo-German yet to be made areas of the War Department have been studying for adequate information.

Italian General Gives Up to Enemy

CAIRO, Egypt—(AP)—General Berti, who had recently been named Italian commander of the Italian forces in the East, has been reported to have given up to the British.

France Breaks Relations With Moscow; 200 Held For Quizzing

VICHY, Unoccupied France—(AP) France severed relations with Soviet Russia today and 200 Frenchmen were held for quizzing.

WEEK-END NEGOTIATIONS

The break in German-French relations followed week-end negotiations between Britain and Soviet Russia.