

HITLER MAY HAVE MADE HIS FATAL MISTAKE AT LAST

Russia After All Is Likely To Be Beginning of His Waterloo; His Difficulties

FOES GATHER STRENGTH

Signs multiply that Hitler, in Russia, may be meeting his Waterloo. These signs account for the growing optimism among the highest officials of this government. They were clear enough to lead to the dispatch of Harry Hopkins to Moscow. Their appearance accounts for the willingness of Britain and the United States to deal with Japan in a way that might precipitate a Pacific war, says the United States News.

Not that best-informed officials expect Russia to defeat Hitler's armies. Instead, their view is that the Germans in weeks ahead probably will win decisive victories in Russia. These victories may even result in destruction of the main Russian armies. Victory in the East would free German forces for operations in the West or in the Near East or in North Africa.

But signs nonetheless are regarded by this government as encouraging. The signs include:

First, conclusive evidence that the German air force lacks the machines and fuel to conduct large-scale operations on two fronts at once. Second, a demonstration that Hitler's tank-plane combination can be stopped. Third, clear evidence that German industry is unable to keep pace in the fast-moving contest to design and produce aircraft for the multiplicity of jobs that must be performed. Fourth, growing evidence that Nazi leaders are fighting among themselves over policy and performance.

Furthermore, every day that Hitler spends in Russia gives Great Britain one more day to get set for attack. Each day finds American industry one day nearer mass production of planes and ships and guns on a scale that Hitler cannot hope to match. The weeks that Hitler is in Russia are weeks in which the technique is perfected for clearing the seas of German submarines. Time is being given for American engineers to build a big new air and naval base in Northern Ireland. American supplies are reaching Africa and the Near East in a volume that, at the least, will cause Hitler's forces to suffer greater losses when and if they attack.

Many Lives Lost

Then, too, officials point out that Hitler promised victory to the German people for 1940. He minimized the losses of life to be borne by the Germans. Now, one year later, casualties in Russia are extremely heavy. They are to grow heavier before the end. An invasion of England today, in the opinion of military experts, would cost a minimum of 1,000,000 German lives and a maximum of several times that. The time when that invasion would be practical in 1941 is steadily growing shorter. If postponed until 1942 its chance of success would be far diminished or might even disappear. And all of the time a rising tempo of air attack upon German industry will be adding to the Hitler wounds.

Added up, these factors are suggesting that Hitler is meeting his Waterloo in the 2,000-mile battle line in Russia. They are suggesting that the picture of a high-strung and jittery Hitler that John Cudahy, former U. S. Ambassador to Belgium, recently brought back from an interview is the picture of a man who is just beginning to make mistakes.

The longer-range situation confronting Hitler, as it is sized up by this Government's officials, is about as follows:

In the air: The four-to-one advantage in numerical strength that Germany enjoyed over France and Britain one year ago is narrowing rapidly. It is doubtful if the advantage is two to one over Britain at this time, with the British possessing the type of fighter planes that makes Germany's advantage relatively meaningless.

Air Force Failing

So long as German planes are occupied in the fight with Russia, the British are enjoying command of the air over the English Channel and over the coast of France. This is a demonstration of the fact that German air strength is not so stupendous as the American people had been led to believe. That strength has been insufficient to destroy the Russian air force in six weeks of effort.

American factories are just beginning to turn out bombers in important quantities. This means that German industry, during late autumn and early winter, will for the first time learn of the delays and dislocations that grow out of large-scale air attacks. The American aircraft industry supplying Great Britain is the one aircraft industry outside of effective bombing range.

On the land Hitler's panzer divisions, operating with air co-operation are found to have their limitations. The Russians, if they do nothing more, have shown that tank attacks can be slowed, and even stopped. Information in the hands of the United States Army suggests that this fact first was demonstrated by Moroccan troops in France. These troops, really determined to fight, put out of action one German armored division in the battle of France, but received little or no help from other troops.

This isn't to say that Hitler's armies as they stand today are not in-

Democratic Morale Shows Improvement All Along Line

A new breeze, faint, but unmistakable, is beginning to fan the cheeks of freedom loving people everywhere. This is evident, says a Washington dispatch, in the fact that over the past month two major war developments have occurred of far-reaching significance: the moral of the democracies has greatly improved, while in the United States the era of sacrifice has begun.

Democratic morale is bolstered by the strong fight Russia is putting up, so strong that it seems certain that it surprised the German armies as much as it surprised military prophets of the democracies themselves. The British have meanwhile launched an imaginative propaganda drive in the "V for Victory" campaign, while the latest raid on Berlin symbolizes the growing democratic strength in the air.

Morale in Washington has taken a lift by a stronger stand toward Japan and the prospective end of appeasement there, for action is always more stimulating than inaction; by the final appointment of the agency to direct economic warfare, under Vice President Wallace; by the extension of the draft law will be extended, and by the action of congress and the administration in coming to grips with taxes and price controls. The manly apology of Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War to Senator Burton K. Wheeler, isolationist Democrat of Montana, has cleared the air, too, to a noticeable degree, and produced a better atmosphere in Washington. It does much to head off the idea that sincere isolationists would be characterized as "traitors" in a national campaign of abuse, and brings a better feeling to the whole situation by its

return to old-fashioned American fair-play.

These matters, it must be admitted, are very largely impoundable, and subject to change in other directions. But wars are frequently won by impoundables, for the moment the better all-round feeling in London and Washington is a matter too significant not to note.

At the same time, and linked with this, has come the beginning of the long-awaited era of sacrifice in the United States. It was inevitable that it should come sooner or later, and it is only now beginning. In one sense it is encouraging, for it means that America's war effort is really taking hold.

In the past week America has seen sudden, violent economic changes imperil the jobs of 175,000 silk workers, and threaten the work of more than 100,000 automobile workers. A million draftees who accepted a year's army service for the most part resigned, now see the term doubled or made even longer. A mild beginning to gasoline restriction has occurred in the start of the new 7-to-7 closing at filling stations on the east coast. Millions of women face the prospect of changes in wearing apparel from silk to rayon or cotton. In every direction defense shortages are in prospect or have already begun, minor at first but likely to increase. The House Ways and Means committee has reported out the most drastic tax law in history. Washington is getting down to grips with prospective inflation with new price curbs, while the Wallace economic defense agency will ultimately provide new restrictions and controls on business.

THREE MEN WILL RECEIVE HONORS

Broom of Union, Kiker of Anson and McEachern of New Hanover Picked For Tribute

By F. H. JETER

Three distinguished North Carolinians who have made valuable contributions to the farm life of their State will be honored with Certificates of Meritorious Service in Agriculture at N. C. State college this week.

A part of the exercises planned for Farm and Home Week, the awarding of these certificates will be one of the highlights of this annual farm convention being held this year for the 88th time.

The honored recipients are: Alexander Oldham McEachern, New Hanover county, dairyman, Thos. Jefferson Winfield Broom, Union county farm agent, and John Wesley Kiker, Anson county corn breeder. The certificates are one of the highest honors that can be conferred upon anyone engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Dr. J. W. Harrison, State college administrative dean, will present the awards during the Wednesday night program. Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the Extension service, will read the citations, describing the reasons why the three men were chosen to receive the certificates.

Kiker, widely-known for a yellow corn variety which he developed, was born and raised in Anson county and has spent his entire life there.

Got Ideas From Indians

Recalling a story of his forefathers concerning an Indian chief's telling early white settlers that people who ate yellow corn were healthier than those who ate white corn, the Anson county farmer set out early in life to improve a yellow corn that had been grown for generations in his family. By careful selection—a survival of the fittest—he developed a corn superior to other local varieties. Named fittingly Indian Chief, his corn was one of the first varieties to be certified by the North Carolina Crop Improvement association.

Today this variety is contributing to the development of hybrid lines of corn adapted to North Carolina conditions. In addition, it is grown in almost every section of the state. During his active life as a farm operator, Kiker has encouraged crop rotations and legumes and has inspired his neighbors and friends by his progressive ideas of farm management. At the same time, he has co-operated with agricultural research agencies engaged in the development of higher-yielding, more nutritious, and disease and pest-resistant varieties of corn.

County Agent

Broom, born in North Carolina and educated in the public schools of his home county, Union, has served as county agent more than 30 years. He was one of the pioneer agents when farm demonstration work was started in North Carolina early in the present century.

"During this time," Dr. Schaub said, "he has been particularly interested in the development of more fertile soils as a fundamental basis for improved farming. Discovering in lespezoza a legume ideally suited for soil improvement under North Carolina conditions, he has found a practical method of growing the legume in crop rotations, and has been working since 1915 to have lespezoza adopted by the farmers of North Carolina.

"His leadership has been an inspira-

Human Interest

THE HESS MYSTERY

The greatest sensation of the war was the lighting of Rudolph Hess, Hitler's right hand bower, in Scotland last May. The matter died down and no explanation has ever been made that seemed to fit the case. Now comes a writer, a former French editor, who gives to the world what sounds like a reasonable explanation of the whole matter. His statements fit in with the known facts, the fact that the sensation quieted down in a short while, Hess is still in the hands of the English, and the world is forgetting the matter. The writer says that the English secret service, without the knowledge of the government, designed a plan to get possession of some important German who might be exchanged for two secret service men from England captured by the Germans. To do this they pretended that a revolt in Scotland against the English was brewing and needed the aid of Germany. The plan was to separate Scotland from England, murder Churchill and the other members of the government, and join Scotland with Germany, much after the scheme in Ireland during the first world war. The Germans swallowed the bait, hook, line and sinker and thought it so important that nothing less than the top of their biggest men was to be sent over. Hess was selected. What happened to him is well known.

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SNUBBING HABIT IN WASHINGTON

Professional Army Women Have No Time For Wives of Non Professional

By H. E. C. (Red Buck) BRYANT

Washington, Aug. 4.—The daily newspapers are full of war news but they are not covering all the battles; they are giving the front lines much space but paying little attention to the rear, where civil conflicts are raging.

Wives of West Point and Annapolis graduates are throwing down the gauntlet to the wives of volunteers, draftees, and other "unfortunates" who climb from civilian posts to places of distinction in the Army or Navy. At Belvoir, near Washington, social lines are drawn.

"You cannot attend our parties if your husband did not come up thru the West Point route," is a warning. At other camps like regulations are enforced.

"We alone are tops," is the battle cry.

Many are the stories of snubs administered. Here in a "democratic" country one has to marvel at distinctions that would not be tolerated in Germany or Russia. If a young man would help build an army post barracks he must consult one of John L. Lewis' or Bill Green's lieutenants, and if he got to work, would have to pay for the privilege of toiling in a free country. If the wife of Tom, Dick, or Harry went to camp to see her husband she might not be permitted to dine with him, if by chance he sat near the helmpate of a West Pointer or a Naval Academy graduate.

Battles For the Negroes

While such conditions exist, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt battles for equal rights for the wives of Negro soldiers. She is Democratic through and through when it comes to the race question.

In the August number of the Ladies' Home Journal, in her spiel, "If You Ask Me," she has the following:

"How would you feel if you were a colored woman and your sweetheart had been inducted into the Army and he was even refused a decent seat in a movie house or camp grounds, because he was a Negro?"

Her answer: "I think if I were a colored woman and faced the situation which you describe I should feel deeply resentful. There are many things in our democracy which are not as yet democratic, but I think if I were either a colored soldier or his sweetheart, I should try to remember how far my race has come in some seventy-odd years. The change is very great and, hard as the present seems, there is much already for which to be thankful, and the progress will probably accelerate as time goes on."

Social equality may be attained beyond the River Jordan but it has a long way to go from here.

High and Mighty Lady

I heard the wife of a man who has climbed high in the service of the Navy, not via Annapolis, but by hard knocks and steady and well-aimed perseverance, say that she was insulted by an old dame who had the honor of being the spouse of a mediocre officer, with a Naval Academy education, paid for by Uncle Sam. She was ushered to a seat at a dining table on a government boat where the high-and-

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AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF SODOM... In the Light of Those Times May God Not Bless America?

(AN EDITORIAL)

Dr. Harold L. Proppe, of the First Church in Hollywood, California, seems to be despondent in the face of a sinful country. ("Should God bless America," he asks in an article in the "Christian Century Pulpit," "when there is a check forged every 3 1/2 minutes, night and day, in the United States, when a major crime is committed every 22 seconds in America; when one home in every four is touched by crime; when there are 4,000,750 in the army of the lawless; when there is one divorce for every six marriages in the United States; when 70 per cent of the arrests made are due to liquor? 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