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Russian Attacks Repulsed On Karelian Front Reserves Of American Leaf Dwindle

Capture Of Kiovisto By Reds Denied; 800 Russian Planes Aloft

HELSINKI, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Some reports of Russian attacks on both sides of the Mannerheim line during the night, along the Karelian isthmus front, a Finnish communiqué reported today.

The Red army smashed at the western end of the isthmus defense line and at Taipale on the eastern sector where the two divisions launched their attack.

The Finnish offensive meant the Russians were trying to break through across nearly the entire width of the isthmus and that the battle still was most critical in Finland.

Finnish hopes were raised by the onset of a swirling blizzard which was expected to balk the Russian drive.

Long Dynasty Loses Louisiana Control

Envoy Arrives



Richard Gardiner Casey

Smiling broadly, Richard Gardiner Casey, D.S.O., M.C., comes ashore at Los Angeles from the liner *Montevideo* on his way to Washington to present his credentials as Australia's first minister to the U. S.

Complete Victory For Reform Forces Led By Jones On Basis Of Unofficial, Incomplete Returns Today.

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The Huey P. Long political dynasty, born of years of dictatorial violence, died peacefully by ballot yesterday after one of the longest and bitterest election campaigns in Louisiana history.

Voters in the Democratic gubernatorial run-off primary swept to defeat Governor Earl K. Long, brother of the "Kingfish" and leader of the machine, and nominated Attorney Sam Jones of Lake Charles to the office.

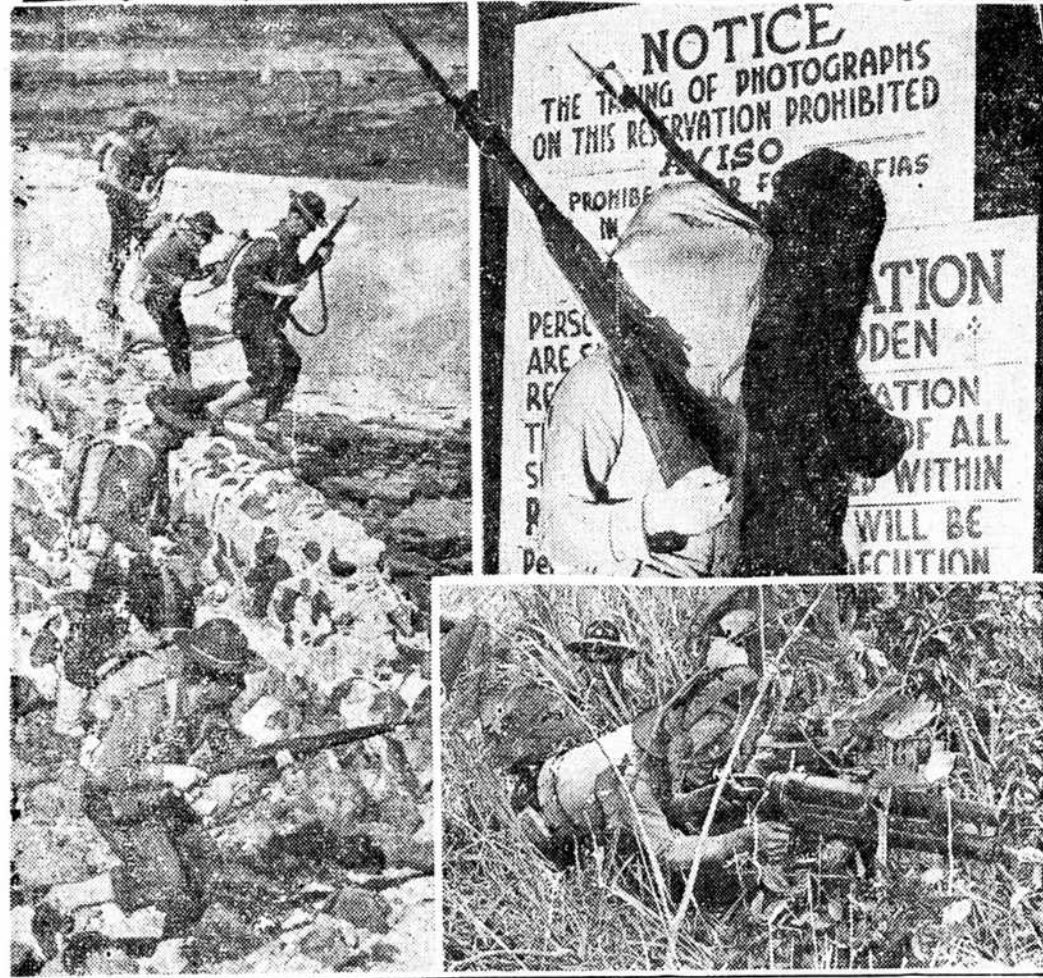
Jones, a new-comer to politics, pledged himself to restore democracy to Louisiana, resign much of the millions of dollars he said administration office holders stole from the state, and jail those found guilty of graft and corruption.

The machine rout appeared complete with Jones' slate of secondary state officers engaged in the run off going in without a break together with a new anti-machine legislature and possibly an anti-machine state central committee.

Unofficial returns from 1,421 of the state's 1,703 precincts gave Jones 254,639 votes and Long 234,274, a lead of 20,415 votes for Jones.

It was the first time since 1928, when Huey himself was elected governor, that the Long administration had been whipped.

Panama Defenses Uncovered for F. D. R.



Some of 20,000 U. S. army troops inspected by President Roosevelt during visit to the Panama Canal Zone are shown in action. Left, they leap a sea wall near Old Panama during training in repelling landing forces. Top right, a sentry with mosquito headnet makes eerie appearance. Gloves also protect him against malaria peril. Note sign forbidding photographs. Special permission was given your photographer. Lower right, doughboys man a 37 millimeter gun. Jungle growth provides a protective screen. (Central Press)

British Tobacco Interests Reported Confering With Government; War Boom Results In Increased Consumption.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—British Empire tobacco interests were understood reliably today to be conferring with the government on the question of resuming buying of American leaf tobacco, halted last September 8 to conserve foreign exchange.

Unofficial reports persisted that the government was likely to relax the ban on United States tobacco at least to the extent of a percentage of pre-war imports.

Dwindling reserves of American leaf and increased consumption—resulting from war-boomed employment and greater buying power of British workers—are expected by the trade to result eventually in higher prices for cigarettes.

The prices have been boosted twice already since the start of the war.

The Financial Times, commenting editorially on the annual meeting of the Imperial Tobacco Company, said it was fortunate that the company had sufficient reserves of Virginia tobacco to last some time.

But it added that "at the same time the inadequacy of alternative sources of supply means that the company cannot remain independent of the American market for long."

Empire-produced tobacco and the government's purchases from Turkey were said to be insufficient to offset the lack of American leaf.

British manufacturers, informed sources said, had only about two years of Virginia tobacco reserve on hand when American buying was stopped.

Rumania Bans Shipments Of Oil To Nazis

Bucharest, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Pressure by Britain and France was reported authoritatively today to have led to a Rumanian government decree banning shipment of aviation oil to Germany.

The reported decree is in direct contradiction with an arrangement made with Germany's trade envoy, Dr. Karl Clodius, by which Rumania agreed to increase her shipments of aviation oil providing that increased export taxes were paid.

The decree was said to be the latest of Rumania's desperate attempts to keep the balance between Germany's demand for fuel and lubricants for her war machine and the Allies' counter demands. It was believed to be the result of Britain's recent note asking explanation of Rumania's petroleum policy toward Germany.

It also was reported today that Rumanian promises not to favor Germany have resulted in resumption of British shipments of arms and ore to this country.

Coalition To Oppose Dewey In Primary

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—An informal coalition of Taft and Vandenberg forces was reported today to be trying to keep Thomas E. Dewey from getting a head start for the Republican presidential nomination in the Wisconsin primary, April 2.

Although Senator Taft of Ohio announced last Saturday that he would not enter the Wisconsin contest, first major pre-convention battle, friends said there was good reason to believe he would give quiet support to Senator Vandenberg.

The theory they explained is that Vandenberg appears to have a better chance to beat Dewey in Wisconsin.

The Democratic picture, meanwhile, continued to place the third term question in the foreground.

Astor Ewing, eastern campaign manager for Paul V. McNutt said that President Roosevelt would be "almost the unanimous choice" of the convention if he chose to be a candidate.

Churchill Declares British Sinking Many German U-Boats

Reds Recall Technicians

Hundreds of Technical Experts Ordered To Return From Turkey.

Istanbul, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Hundreds of Russian technical experts employed in Turkish industry for many years under a Turkish-Russian agreement were ordered by the Moscow government today to return to Russia immediately.

The Russians are expected to embark on Russian ships with their families for Odessa, Russian Black Sea port.

The action followed the gradual liquidation by Russia of its commercial organizations in Turkey.

The Turkish press recently has discussed the possibility of war this spring in the Near East with Russian Caucasus oil fields a possible center of activity.

German technical experts employed here in national defense industries recently were sent home by Turkey and a German-owned shipyard here was occupied by Turkish marines.

Successes of Recent Weeks Bear Out Assertion That Two to Four Submarines Are Sunk, Churchill Asserts.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Winston Churchill, first lord of the Admiralty, declared today that the British navy was maintaining a high rate in the destruction of German submarines.

"Successes of recent weeks," he told the House of Commons, show that the weekly sinkings are continuing at such a rate that his assertion of December 6 that the British navy was sinking two to four U-boats a week was in no way exaggerated.

Two British intelligence officers abducted by the German secret police in a mysterious incident on the Netherlands frontier November 9 were disclosed by Foreign Under-Secretary R. A. Butler to have been engaged in checking German peace overtures.

The two men were captured near Venlo during an encounter in which one other man was killed.

Butler declared in the House of Commons that there was no question of the men carrying peace proposals from His Majesty's government, but that they had been authorized to listen and report on an approach from the German side.

Juggling Of Fact Charged

House Democrats And Republicans Hurl Charges In Reciprocal Trade Pacts Debate.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(AP)—House Democrats and Republicans accused each other today of juggling figures to prove their cases for and against extension of the administration's reciprocal trade agreements program.

Representative Buck, Democrat, California, led the line of argument when he charged Republicans and Democrats with employing "statistical legerdemain" in an effort to "show that the trade pacts had been injurious to American agriculture."

Representative Reed, Republican, New York, stated a few minutes later that much of the exports increase which the Democrats "boasted" as due to the trade program actually consisted of war materials being shipped to Russia and Japan.

"While you are padding your export figures with this war traffic," the New Yorker shouted, "don't forget that the United States is going to be the most hated nation in the world—hated by those who have suffered from our war exports; despised as a Shylock by those from whom you are extracting blood money to buy war materials."

Madison County Man Imprisoned After 19 Years

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Berry Dockery, Madison county man who had free for nearly 19 years, went through the same routine at state prison today as a new prisoner as he resumed service of a 39-year term imposed in July, 1914.

Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill said Dockery's parole was revoked because "we found as a fact that he had not been of good behavior" as was stipulated in the parole order of Governor Cameron Morrison in 1921.

Dockery is 56 years old. He was convicted in 1914 of second degree murder.

Records show that Dockery recently was charged with the slaying of Doyle Massey in Madison county and that he also was charged with assault on his wife after he had been freed under bond in the Massey case.

Suspect In Mystery Case Surrenders

New York, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The shambling figure of John (Red) Poggi, 42, a financial district newsboy, appeared in the police lineup today as detectives sought to connect him with a baffling case of suicide and an attempted murder which they have dubbed the "art gallery mystery."

Poggi denies emphatically that he has any connection with the case.

"I never saw the man before in my life," he declared referring to the art gallery executive whose skull he was accused of having cracked.

Poggi shuffled into a Staten Island police station yesterday after a vain 48-hour search for him and loudly inquired if he was "wanted."

A few hours later in a Manhattan hospital Poggi was identified by Milton B. Logan as the man who slugged him with a foot-long piece of lead pipe during a wild ride through east side New York last Monday night.

With Logan on the ride was John T. Geary, secretary-treasurer of the art gallery, who three hours later—after meeting his wife at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel with a bleeding face and battered skull—shot himself to death in the basement of his luxurious home at Garden City, Long Island.

Buildings Fired In Swedish Town Bombed by Reds

Stockholm, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Seven Russian bombing planes today showered Sweden 30 and 40 bombs on the Swedish frontier village of Pajala, setting many buildings afire but causing no casualties, dispatches from the border region reported.

Four buildings in Pajala, a village of 2,000 inhabitants five miles from the frontier, were destroyed and others set afire by the raiders who descended to 2,500 feet before unloading their bomb cargoes.

The terrified inhabitants had brief warning of the approaching planes from a village which is closer to the frontier. Thus, most residents were able to find refuge.

Attack On Unemployment Is Proposed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A House Democrats and Republicans coalition today proposed an "attack" on unemployment on the basis of simple devotion to the institutions and its maintenance.

The coalition was called for next week.

The coalition is to form a "committee" to study the unemployment problem from a political advantage point of view or any party or any other interest.

The notice to the coalition is to study what it purports to be the "real" cause of unemployment and to seek to work out a solution to the problem of our age.

The coalition was formed in 1929 more than 100,000 people were unemployed and the production "and we were producing 9,999,999 and 11,999,999."

The coalition is to study the unemployment problem without re-creating the notice said, "Under the present recovery could be produced by the production of more goods."

Vocational Education Is Important And Practical Work In Rural Sections

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Next month approximately one hundred seniors from two state-supported colleges will leave their campuses for a period of training during which they will swap the theoretical for the practical.

They are soon-to-be teachers of home economics and vocational agriculture in Tar Heel schools. They will next year become part of a rapidly growing system which now numbers 289 home economics and 411 vocational agriculture teachers scattered all over the state.

These teachers from the shock troops of the Department of Public Instruction's division of Vocational Training, in which Miss Catherine Dennis is State Supervisor of Home Economics, with Miss Virginia Ward as her assistant.

Set up in 1935 on a more or less tentative basis, the division began serious work in 1936 and has now become an important and valuable aid in the general program for balanced prosperity in North Carolina, one of the dozen states in the South which are pushing such a program energetically.

Miss Dennis said that extension of the program is a matter of great

Planes Raid Helgoland

Berlin, Feb. 21.—(AP)—An early morning raid of "several enemy planes from the west and north-west" over Helgoland High was reported today by the high command communiqué which, however, did not give results of the flight.

The communiqué also reported that one German submarine "returning from a distant voyage reported the sinking of 27,795 gross registered tons of shipping."

Repeating claims made last night by the official agency, the communiqué reported the sinking of two mine layers and destruction of an "armored commercial vessel" yesterday by German warplanes along the coast of England and Scotland.

From these raids, which extended as far north as the Shetland islands, all German planes returned safely, the communiqué said.

\$3,000,000 Given Chrysler Workers As Compensation

Detroit, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A state referee ruled today that nearly \$3,000,000 in unemployment compensation benefits should be paid to 27,000 of the more than 50,000 Chrysler corporation workers thrown out of their jobs by a prolonged labor dispute last October.

The ruling, announced by Referee Charles Rubinoff of the Michigan unemployment compensation commission, excludes from benefits approximately 23,000 employees of three Chrysler plants in which there were strikes.

It upsets a decision by the commission made last November 10 that all Chrysler employees were "directly interested" in the dispute and thus were ineligible for compensation under the Michigan law.

Two Bodies Wash Ashore

Southport, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Searchers found today the bodies of James Creech, 29, and his brother, Gilbert, 19, washed up on the beach at Daldhead Island.

The men set out Monday in a boat to examine shad rigs in the ocean three miles off the island, and drowned when high sea smashed their boat.

They drowned on the fourth anniversary of a drowning of an older brother, William Creech, James is survived by his widow and two children.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow, slightly colder tonight.

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