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PARADE AND PAGEANT CLIMAX CENTENNIAL

Hitler's Juggernaut Declared To Have Hit Bloody Blow On Reds

Ex-Governor Opens Centennial



Former Governor Clyde R. Hoey is shown here making the principal address at the opening July 1 of the three-day Henderson Centennial. The event marked the one hundredth anniversary of the chartering of the town by the North Carolina legislature in 1841, and the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of Vance county by an act of the legislature of 1881.

Russians Indicate Long War Expected

Preliminary Negotiations for Purchases of War Materials in U. S. Taken as Belief Nazis Can Be Halted Short of Victory.

Washington, July 2.—(AP)—Soviet Russia indicated today that it expected a long war today by proceeding with preliminary negotiations for the purchase of vital supplies in the United States.

Russia's decision to begin shopping here for such material as can be spared was looked upon by some in Washington as a Soviet expression of confidence that Russia, despite initial Nazi successes, would be able to halt Hitler's newest blitzkrieg short of victory.

Informed officials here said that Russian representatives in this country undoubtedly are aware that, with few exceptions, delivery on any purchases they made is bound to be long deferred. Because of this fact, they believe that the Russians are thinking in terms of a long range program.

It was evident, these sources pointed out, that the excess supplies now available for Soviet purchases were too negligible to exert any tangible effect on the present tide of battle and, furthermore, it would take the materials too long to get to Russia.

If the Red Army is able to stabilize the eastern front in time to take advantage of the fall rains and the Russian winter, some sources thought the American arms production might be able to supply help to the Soviet in a limited degree before spring offensive time in 1942.

Red Cross Nurses Safe

Washington, July 2.—(AP)—The American Red Cross announced today it had "definite word" that Red Cross nurses missing since their ship was torpedoed last week are all safe on land.

Previously, six American Red Cross nurses on the same boat were known to have reached land. The others were believed to have been picked up by other rescue ships.

This belief has just been confirmed, Red Cross officials said, but they did not say at what port the nurses had landed.

The 17 nurses were part of a staff going to England to operate the American Red Cross-Harvard hospital. Nineteen other American Red Cross nurses are known to have reached England safely.

Russians Retreat On Wide Front

'Large Part' of Soviet Armies Trapped East of Bialystok Reported Smashed; German and Finnish Troops Start New Drive.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's military juggernaut was declared to have dealt a bloody, staggering blow to Russia today with the smashing of "a large part" of Soviet armies, trapped east of Bialystok—estimated at 100,000 troops—and the capture of 100,000 prisoners.

In addition, the German high command announced that "immense quantities" of tanks in the battle included 400 tanks and 300 field cannon seized or destroyed.

Russian troops were described as retreating on a wide front, suffering heavy casualties under the strafing of the Nazi Luftwaffe, while German and Finnish armies rolled across the USSR from Finland in a new drive toward Leningrad, Russia's second largest city.

Far to the north, Russia's ice-free Arctic port of Murmansk was reported to have been in German hands since yesterday, according to a Reuters dispatch from Stockholm.

While gigantic battles raged on land, the British radio reported that units of the Russian Black sea fleet scuttled and destroyed the German-occupied naval base at Constanta, on the Bulgarian coast.

The Berlin radio quoted the Nazi high command as saying that German troops had "smashed strong Soviet forces in the area of Kaunas and captured their entire arms and equipment," including 91 armored cars, 250 guns, 28 anti-aircraft guns.

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U. S. Marines In England

London, July 2.—(AP)—Arrival of 31 United States Marines under the command of Captain John B. Hill to take over guard duties at the U. S. embassy was announced officially today.

The Marines are to be quartered out in London for a few days, it was said, and then transferred to billets near the embassy to relieve American London B. officers, who have been guarding the diplomatic headquarters.

The Marines arrived yesterday at a British port. Survivors of the former Dutch steamer Maarsden, which was sunk while taking Marines and American Red Cross nurses to England, are expected here shortly.

At least one Marine aboard the ship and some nurses were feared lost. Rescue of the others were reported by the United States Navy.

The United States Red Cross said today it was reported "unofficially" to their headquarters that six nurses from the ship had been landed in Iceland.

It was also learned from a reliable United States source here that some Marines had been landed in Iceland.

POLISH LEADER SAYS WAR'S 'FAVORABLE EVENT' FOR POLAND

London, July 2.—(AP)—General Wladyslaw Sikorski, premier of the Polish government in exile, declared today the German invasion of Soviet Russia was a "favorable event" and that Poles could expect the Russians to restore Soviet-Polish relations to their pre-war status.

"Restoration of territories seized by Russia will now be only natural and justified," Sikorski declared at a luncheon in his honor.

Queen of Henderson Centennial



Miss Minerva Fisher, daughter of E. E. Falkner, clerk of Vance Superior Court, was crowned queen of the Henderson Centennial Tuesday night at the first of three presentations of the "Century of Progress" pageant depicting the history of Henderson and of Vance county. The event marked the one hundredth anniversary of the chartering of the city by the State legislature of 1841, and the sixtieth anniversary of the formation of Vance county by act of the State legislature in 1881.

Knox Denies Rumors Of Convoy Activity

EAGLE SQUADRON DOWNS 3 PLANES

London, July 2.—(AP)—The RAF's American Eagle squadron shot down three German planes this afternoon in raids over northern France, it was reported.

A total of 12 German planes were reported destroyed in the afternoon's combat, in which the RAF lost two bombers and seven fighters.

Wavell Sent To India

London, July 2.—(AP)—Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British viceroy in India, was reported to have been sent to India to take over command of the British Indian Army.

The viceroy's departure was reported to be the result of a reshuffle of British military appointments in the Far East.

General Wavell, who is 61, is reported to be in good health and is expected to arrive in India in a few days.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, except for a few afternoon thundershowers at scattered places in west portion.

'Century Of Progress' Is Thrilling, Impressive; Parade Great Spectacle

Thousands See March Through Business and Residential Sections; Pageant Repeats Tonight and Thursday Night.

With the mammoth parade of seventy entries this afternoon, following the first presentation last night of the "Century of Progress" pageant, the Henderson Centennial celebration reached a climax today.

Last night's pageant was almost universally appraised as the best thing of its kind ever offered in this section, and far exceeded expectations of the most optimistic managers and well-wishers of the Centennial. Today's parade brought the largest crowd of the entire week's program, and presented perhaps the greatest and most elaborate array of floats ever seen in this city.

No prizes were offered for the best floats, but judges were engaged to make selections of the outstanding entries, and their report was that the Seaboard Railway's exhibit was in first place, with Henderson and Harriet Cotton Mills second and the Coca-Cola company third.

The judges were asked to name three others for honorable mention, but found this task a difficult one. They selected a round dozen instead. These were listed not in the order of the committee's estimate of their excellence, but for their general high standing, as follows: McPherson Bottling Company, Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company, Carolina Power & Light Company, Henderson Automobile Dealers, Southern Railway, Ross's 5-10-25c Stores, Stevenson Theatres, Henderson Utilizing Company, E. G. Davis & Sons Company, First National Bank, Henderson Tobacco Board of Trade, Henderson Lions club.

Young women appearing on the Seaboard's highest rated float of the parade were Misses Myra Huff, Debra Hinton, Ann Elizabeth Bennett and Mary Tucker, and the impersonation of Uncle Sam was by Melville Dorsey. They were to be guests of Seaboard officials at dinner at the Vance Hotel this evening.

One of the other entries that attracted particular attention was that of three tobacco hogsheads, each drawn by a mule, and representing the manner in which leaf tobacco was transported to Petersburg for sale seventy-five years ago. These were entered by S. H. Peace, and one of them was an aged colored man in employ of the Peaces who once was a slave and who helped load tobacco to Petersburg in this manner. He is in his 90's.

In the parade were bands from Oxford, Lenoir, Rocky Mount, Blount and Henderson, and in addition the Henderson Junior high school band and bugle corps sponsored by the Henderson Kiwanis club. They all received applause all in the route.

The parade turned on North Chestnut Street and turned into Rock Springs through into North Garnett, winding southeast through residential and business sections to Belle street, where it turned westward back into Chestnut and moved northward to the place of the beginning.

Many thousands of people braved the heat.

Statements Please Soviets

Moscow, July 2.—(AP)—The Soviet government expressed satisfaction and gratitude to the United States today for recent American government statements of its stand on the Russian-German war.

S. A. Losenko, vice-minister of foreign affairs, acting as spokesman for the Kremlin, told a press conference that acknowledgment of declarations by President Roosevelt, Navy Secretary Knox and Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles would be made both at Moscow and Washington.

Time Limit In Strike

Defense Mediation Board Sets Deadline for Company Acceptance of Ruling.

(By The Associated Press.) The defense mediation board today set a time limit 5 p. m. EST tomorrow for the management of Western Cartridge Company, Atton, Ill., to accept or reject the board's recommendation that it recognize the AFL Chemical Workers' union for its smokeless powder workers and thus avert a strike set for next Sunday.

Ralph Seward, board secretary, received this notice on John Olin, vice president of the firm which holds about \$100,000,000 in defense orders for small arms ammunition. The board's recommendation was made Saturday.

The board had declared that the sole issue is whether the company shall recognize the AFL union as bargaining agent for some 350 employees of the Atton plant smokeless powder division. There are 6,500 workers in all at the plant. The union was certified by the National Labor Relations Board, but the company has ignored its invitation of with-

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Japs Decide On Policy

No Announcement Made as to Moves Decided Upon at Imperial Conference.

Tokyo, July 2.—(AP)—The Japanese government announced today that "a decision" was taken at an imperial conference held this morning on important national policies to meet the current situation, but did not disclose the nature of the decisions.

The announcement was made after a cabinet conference at the imperial palace attended by Prince Konoye, Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka and members of the high command.

In an authoritative outline of what some sources said may be regarded as Japan's course in international affairs, the Diplomatic Review today stressed efforts to settle the conflict with China, the strengthening of an east Asia sphere of co-prosperity, and observance of both Japan's axis alliance and her neutrality pact with Soviet Russia.

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Navy Secretary Says No American Vessel Engaged in Convoying, Involved in Combat, or Had Suffered Any Losses.

Washington, July 2.—(AP)—Secretary Knox today stated today that no American vessels on Atlantic patrol had engaged in convoying, had become involved in combat, had suffered any loss of life in their crews or any loss of equipment.

The incident of such a case raised a "grave question" which the Navy chief also was interrogated about yesterday in Congress of his demand that such a report be made to the "German press" from the Atlantic.

It was today the secretary declined to reply to the question, to say whether the result of which he was the demand had been a "substantial" one.

At length, however, he was asked whether the vessels in which he was taking his own gun on the "deck" Knox would.

Senator Winches, Democrat, Montana, said yesterday that Knox should be removed from office for making such a speech.

N. C. Author Ends His Life In Mexico

Mexico City, July 2.—(AP)—Here on a Guggenheim Fellowship to write a book about life in the South, W. J. Cash, 46, recently an associate editor of the Charlotte, N. C. News, was found hanged last night in his hotel room.

He was author of the widely read book "The Man of the South."

He and Mrs. Cash, to whom he was wed last Christmas Day, arrived here last month.

Plans were made today for the cremation of the body.

Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Daniels immediately upon learning

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