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Jap Bombs Damage U. S. Boat

Red Army Tide Surges West

Reds Claim Nazi Troops Thrown Back

Big German Drives Toward Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev Stalled, Russians Declare; Heavy Fighting Reported.

Moscow, July 30.—(AP)—The Red army declared today it had hurled German infantry from trenches near Smolensk and some reports said Nazi tank spearheads had been driven back 100 miles from their deepest penetration.

The Red army tide, Russians said, is surging west. They declared the big German drives toward Leningrad, Moscow and Kiev were stalled and the Nazis were fighting to hold their ground against increasingly heavy Soviet counter attacks at key points along a warfront long enough to stretch from New York to Kansas City.

A Moscow communique reported "particularly heavy fighting" and heavy German losses in the Smolensk sector where "our units dethroned the enemy from their positions with a succession of counter attacks."

Heavy fighting also was reported raging near Zhitomir, gateway to the Ukraine, and in the north near Nevel.

Vice Foreign Commissar S. A. Lozovsky said nine million men were locked in battle along the front. He added that strong Soviet tank forces—with plenty of reserves whenever they are needed—had turned back the Nazi advance forces.

Unofficial sources reported the German advance units pushed back as much as 100 miles from positions they once reached, but did not specify in what sector.

German dispatches reported a night battle raging on a 100-mile front pivoting on Smolensk. Adolf Hitler's newspaper said this front extended from Mogilev, southwest of Smolensk, to Vyazma, 100 miles east of Smolensk and 130 miles from Moscow.

Holland Gets 8th Reprieve

Raleigh, July 30.—(AP)—Sheprose Holland, spared from death in Central Prison's gas chamber on seven previous occasions after having been convicted in the insurance murder of Ray Goodman, his four-year old stepson, received his eighth reprieve today.

Under today's reprieve, Holland's execution is automatically stayed until September 19, the third Friday after the expiration of the reprieve.

Commenting on the action, Edwin Gill, commissioner of paroles, said "Holland has been reprieved in the past in order that he might appear as a witness in the case of the State vs. Sutton. This case was concluded yesterday and Governor Broughton will now proceed to a consideration of the case of Holland on its merits."

Germans In Bulgaria

Possibility Seen of Preparations Against Russian Fleet.

Antwerp, Turkey, July 30.—(AP)—Diplomatic dispatches from Bulgaria reported today that German naval personnel had arrived at the Black Sea ports of Varna and Burgas. The possibility was seen that they were preparing for operations against the Russian fleet. At the same time, rumors were circulating in Turkey that the axis planned to seize the Dardanelles and Bosphorus straits in order to send the Italian

Mr. Churchill Rides a Tank



Inside one of England's "Churchill" tanks, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, for whom the new type British heavy tank was named, carries on a radio conversation. Owing to the tank's cramped interior, Churchill discarded his well-known hat in favor of a Royal Tank Regimental beret.

Roosevelt Requests Price Fixing Power

Konoye Calls For Swift Jap Action

Tokyo, July 30.—(AP)—Japan needs "swift, determined execution of her national policy," Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye declared today as the Japanese press grew increasingly critical of United States and British activity and described the Netherlands East Indies as their tool.

The premier warned that Japan "must always be prepared to meet the worst" and that war between Germany and Russia "is bringing serious effects on Japan" but did not explain how.

Deferment Case Probed

Army Board of Inquiry Investigates Charges of Wilson Draft Board.

Fort Bragg, July 30.—(AP)—An Army board of inquiry began an investigation today of charges that Irvan Dickens, Wilson baseball player, was rejected for military service because of pressure brought into action to the night continue to play with the Wilson club of the Coastal Plain League.

The charge was made by Wilson county draft board No. 2, the members of which resigned in protest against the rejection of Dickens.

Dr. B. H. Patney of Elm City, physician to the board, also resigned. Captain R. A. Gileath, medical examiner of the Fort Bragg induction station, testified at today's hearing that Dickens had been found disqualified because of a "slight" case of venereal disease, which might be so aggravated by military service as to give Dickens' later claim against the government for compensation.

Dr. M. A. Pittman, Wilson physician who was alleged by the fighting board members to have used his influence to get Dickens rejected, denied that his interest as physician of the ball club had inspired him to

House Group Favors Army Service Bill

Floor Debate on Measure Expected to Begin Next Week; Legislation Expected to Pass House; Republicans in Opposition.

Washington, July 30.—(AP)—The House military committee today approved legislation to retain selectees, National Guardsmen, reserve officers and enlisted personnel of the Army for military training beyond one year.

The committee vote was 15-7, for the legislation, which was identical with that approved by the Senate committee, except for an addition to permit the President to order Guardsmen to serve more than one twelve-month training period.

Chairman May, Democrat, Kentucky, of the House committee, said he would appear before the rules committee Friday to ask a special status for the legislation on the House agenda.

May said he hoped to start floor debate on the measure next week and predicted that "unquestionably it will pass the House."

This afternoon, committee Republicans

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Strikes End In 4 Cities

But 8,000 Electrical Workers in New York Continue Walkout Into Second Day.

(By The Associated Press) Work stoppages in four widely separated cities were terminated today but a strike of 8,000 AFL electrical workers in New York City went into a second day with its effects reaching into the Brooklyn navy yards.

The national dispute mediation board announced the end of stoppages at the Gulf State Utility Co., Baton Rouge, La., and at Air Associates, Inc., at Fairfax, N. J. At St. Louis, Mo., where 2,700

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U. C. C. Merit System Used As Testing Ground By State

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, N. C., at the State Water Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, July 30.—The merit examinations given by the Unemployment Compensation Commission to applicants for jobs and the service ratings which evaluate the work of the U. C. C. staff after employment are likely to lead by the success or failure with which they meet, to determine whether or not some sort of civil service or merit system shall be applied to employees of all departments of the State government.

At the U. C. C. staff dinner, last week, Governor J. M. Broughton flatly said he had a merit system for all state employees, though he has been pictured in many quarters as the most ardent practitioner of the spoils system in the government's chair in many years.

With the passage in 1930 of a merit system and the U. C. C. plan, the working of the U. C. C. plan will be watched with interest as it develops.

As a matter of fact, the 1941 legislature broadened the merit field to include all agencies of the state receiving funds under the federal Social Security law, but the U. C. C. was first in the field of merit systems in North Carolina and it is the one likely to be used as a proving ground.

It is pointed out that the merit system not only provides a plan for recruiting qualified personnel, but that it attempts to harmonize and

Where Communiques Conflict



What is actually happening in the Russo-German war may not be known until a decisive victory lifts the veil of censorship imposed by both Berlin and Moscow. Here is the line of battle as far as can be ascertained from the conflicting communiques issued by both sides. Both sides claim victories; the Nazis reporting great advances, the Russians reporting the blitzkrieg definitely stopped.

(Central Press)

Bombing Brings Representations

Polish-Soviet Agreement Is Signed

London, July 30.—(AP)—A Polish-Soviet Russian agreement was signed at the British foreign office today.

The agreement grants an amnesty freeing all Polish prisoners in Russia and wipes out territorial changes in Poland resulting from the German-Russian treaty of 1921 partitioning Poland.

It also provides for the formation of a Polish army in Russia under a Polish commander to be subordinate "in an operational sense to the supreme command of the Soviet Union, upon which the Polish army will be represented."

Such an army would be recruited from among some 200,000 Polish prisoners of war in Russia.

Acting Secretary of State Welles Confers With Japanese Ambassador Nomura and Lodges Immediate Representations.

Washington, July 30.—(AP)—The United States lodged immediate representations with the Japanese government today over the bombing of the American gunboat Tutuila at Chungking.

The gunboat, a member of the Yangtze river patrol, was damaged with minor loss of life and the United States embassy narrowly missed by the incendiary bombs.

Sumner Welles, acting secretary of State, made arrangements at the representations after a brief conference with the Japanese ambassador, Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura.

Welles declined to explain the nature of the representations. It was believed, however, that Welles, after conferring with President Roosevelt by telephone, had called the Japanese ambassador.

In announcing that representations had been made, Welles said the government had received a report that 26 Japanese bombers dropped the Chinese capital despite the fact that the Tutuila and other American property.

He said that both the gunboat and the property were on the Yangtze river from the capital upstream.

In connection with the Japanese ambassador's representations, it was recalled that the United States ambassador immediately advised the Japanese envoy and delivered strong representations at the time by U. S. S. Purney was sunk by Japanese bombers in December, 1937.

Washington, July 30.—(AP)—The House today passed a bill to modify the 1930 tax law by extending for one year the 22-percent gift tax on the proceeds of the sale of real estate which would require married persons to file joint income tax returns.

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Vessel Hit In Raid On Chungking

Navy Says Damage to United States Ship Was Incidental to General Air Raid on Chinese Capital; Gunboat In Safety Zone

Washington, July 30.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that the United States gunboat Tutuila had been damaged by Japanese bombs in a Japanese air raid on Chungking, Chinese capital. No casualties were reported.

The gunboat was said to have been at anchor across the Yangtze river from the capital. Several bombs were dropped by the raiders over the river patrol gunboat, a Navy spokesman said, and the stern superstructure of the small vessel was damaged slightly.

The Navy source stated his belief that the damage to the United States ship was incidental to the general raid on the Chinese capital, although the vessel was in the so-called safety area across the river.

A small transport motor boat belonging to the Tutuila was shattered, it was among other things, and some other equipment on a dock nearby was reported damaged.

The Tutuila narrowly escaped bombs which fell in the American safety zone in Chungking on June 15, leading to a strong United States protest to Japan.

At that time several bombs fell in the vicinity of the American embassy at Chungking and near the Tutuila.

The Tutuila's sister vessel of the Yangtze, the USS Albatross, was sunk by Japanese action, with the loss of 100 lives, on the Yangtze near above Nanjing.

Whether the United States would ask responsibility for damages to the Tutuila remained uncertain.

Cigarette Jobber Heard

Lexington, Ky., July 30.—(AP)—The purchase of 10 tobacco manufacturers' stock, in purchasing their bonds from individuals for promotional purposes was described to the public here today by Edward T. Hines, Indianapolis banker.

The proceeds are said to be sales of the stock at a low price to jobbers. It is said, and constitute not over \$300 worth of his business annually.

Most of the jobbers' purchases are of major brands to be sold in advertising, he said.

Eden Warns Japanese

British Foreign Secretary Advises Nation "To Reflect While There Is Still Time."

London, July 30.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today that Britain would tell Japan "to reflect while there is still time" if Japan would not stop its acts of aggression and integrity of French Indochina, and supply warned the Japanese that while there is still time, they should reflect on their present policy of "brutal force."

Eden said that "Japan commences a new phase in her aggression, and it is a matter of grave concern to the British people that Japan should be given a clear and final warning that the consequences of her aggression will be severe and that the British people will not be able to stand idly by and watch her aggression."

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He said ratification of the commercial treaty between Japan and Indo-China in 1937 was expedited with the report that Japan contemplated acquisition of naval and air bases in both Indo-China and Thailand.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Continued partly cloudy and warm with a few scattered thundershowers this afternoon or early tonight and probably Thursday.

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