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## Germans Isolate Leningrad

### Nazi U-Boat Captured In Atlantic

#### British Ships Bring Sub To Port

British Planes Damage Submarine, Forcing it to Surface; Undersea Craft Not Believed Attacker of Greer.

London, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A German submarine has been captured in the Atlantic, damaged by aerial attack which forced it to the surface, the admiralty and air ministry announced today.

The U-boat lay in a gale-tossed sea while the British kept guard in the sky overhead until British warships could reach the scene and take over and bring the prize "successfully into harbor."

The circumstances were such as might attend entanglement of the German submarine which clashed with the U. S. destroyer Greer, but the joint London communiqués failed to note any connection, giving neither the precise location of the air attack, nor the date.

(Naval authorities in London, however, expressed doubt that the captured submarine was the one which fought with the Greer.

A German version of the clash, accusing the American destroyer of the first blow, indicated that the U-boat had reached port after the incident of last Thursday. U-boats seldom risk wireless communications on the high seas.

On the other hand, the search by air and sea for the U-boat with the suggestion from American and British sources that the undersea craft could scarcely have penetrated the criss-crossing lines of the hunt, is still believed to be underway.

Two American-made planes figured in the capture. The attack was made by a Hudson (Lockheed) bomber of the coastal command and a Catalina (Consolidated) patrol plane sent watch over the U-boat until surface forces arrived and took over.

**OIL TO RUSSIA**  
New York, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The third American tanker carrying oil to Soviet Russia from the United States arrived this morning in Vladivostok, the Sydney, Australia, radio said today in a broadcast heard by NBC.

#### Nazis Repeat Their Claims In Greer Case

Berlin, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Germany's official statement that the U-boat which fired two torpedoes at the United States destroyer Greer last Thursday was attacked first by the warship was pronounced by a spokesman today as an "unchallengeable statement of fact."

On the surface there was no indication of extraordinary agitation over the matter, but German sources, nevertheless, would not say the incident was closed.

Asked whether it might lead to any diplomatic steps, a spokesman replied, "I'm asked too much."

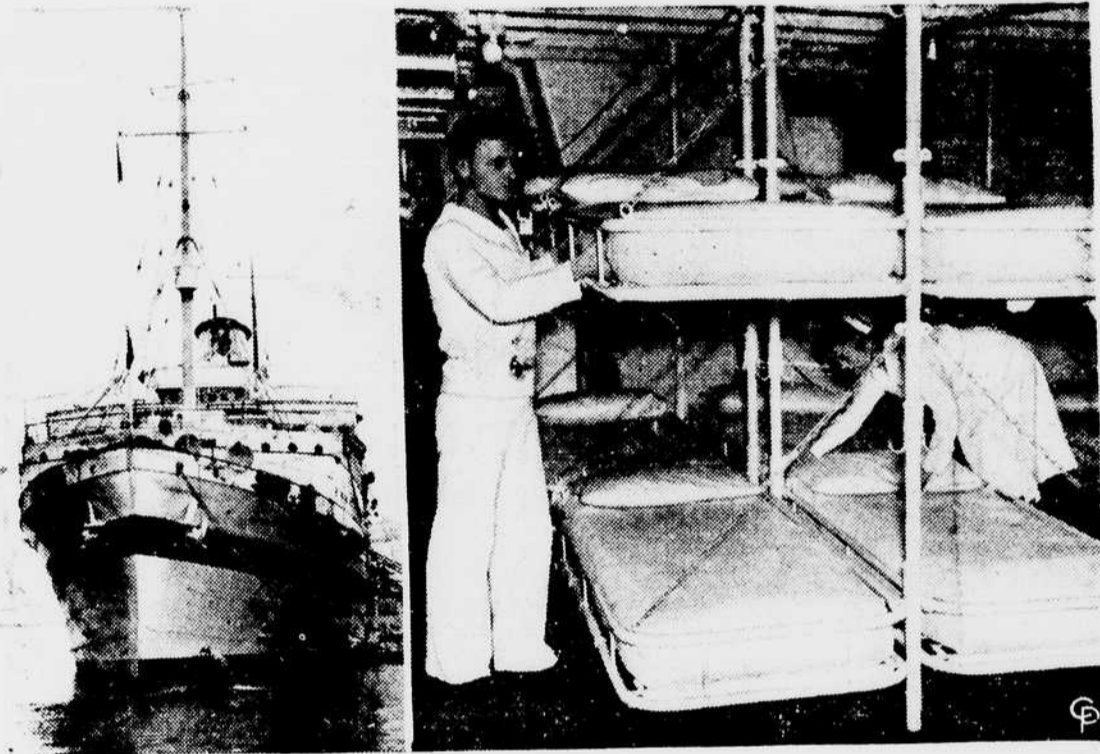
Both the spokesman and the Berlin press rejected the Washington revelation that the submarine was the aggressor and repeated the charge of the communique Saturday that the incident was part of a deliberate policy to push the United States closer to war.

"It ought to be obvious to the world that it is not the German interest or wish to maintain a quarrel with the United States," the spokesman observed.

It might be a shrewd guess he said, that the "British-Russian aggression" against Iran had cooled war fever in the United States and that "new circumstances had been devised to pour oil on the fire."

Under a big headline saying "Roosevelt's blatant lie about destroyer," the newspaper Zwoelft (The Blatt) called the Greer incident "a new provocation" by the President.

#### Navy's Newest Hospital Ship



Rebuilt from the Clyde Mallory liner *Iroquois* at a cost of almost \$5,000,000, the new naval hospital ship *Solace* (left), largest and most modern hospital ship in the world is ready to go into service. Right, a nurse shows a sailor how to make up one of the 432 hospital beds. The ship, based at New York, is capable of carrying a nine months' supply of food.

#### RAF Makes Heavy Raid On Berlin

Midnight to Almost Dawn Bombing Described by British as Heaviest of War; Fires Started Around Main Railway Station.

London, Sept. 8.—(AP)—British planes bombed a moonlit Berlin from midnight to almost dawn this morning in a raid described officially as the heaviest made on the capital of the Reich.

The air ministry news service said the attackers found the lakes to the west of Berlin shining in bright moonlight.

The Berlin attackers were but part of the hundreds of planes striking regularly at the continent.

Crews returning from the German capital said that many big fires burst around a main railway station and they glow could be seen long after the bombers set out for home.

The German defense, were strong, the attackers acknowledged. Anti-aircraft was virtually incessant and stopped only to allow the approach of German night fighters.

The press association called the Berlin raid by a powerful force the heaviest since the war began, but no figures were stated either for the number of planes or the bomb tonnage.

The force, highlighting a week-end of RAF attacks on a front ranging from Norway to France, were said to have been carried out in bright moonlight and good results were reported observed everywhere.

Besides the attack on Berlin—the fourth by either British or Russian planes in a little more than a week—the offensive was aimed at Bonaire base at Kehl, the Rhine industrial town of Hül, and the French-occupied port of Boulogne.

#### German Press Assails RAF Berlin Raid

Berlin, Sept. 8.—(AP)—An early morning German broadcast in which at least 27 mentions of Berlin were killed was panned by under two-column newsprint today and one newspaper bitterly assailed the attack as "exemplary low-down and contemptible."

Obviously with the permission of authorities, the press went beyond the customary mere publication of the high command's communique. At least a column was given to description of the attack, which the British said lasted from midnight almost to dawn and was the heaviest RAF blow on Berlin since.

Emphasis, however, was on the "exemplary discipline of aviators" and the care given victims.

Beside 27 dead announced by informed sources, a number of others were injured and four was expressed to be the number of dead night increases.

Of 17 British planes downed during the night, three were said to have been bagged over Berlin.

#### Tax Meeting Is Labeled As 'Phoney' In Capital

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#### Secretary for Air



Artemus L. Gates, former New York banker, is sworn in as assistant secretary of the navy for air, in Washington. He will be in charge of the supervision of naval acronautics and the coordination of its activities with other governmental agencies.

#### Middle Belt Optimistic

One of Best Opening Days in Years Anticipated; Good Quality Leaf to Markets.

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Growers of the North Carolina Middle Belt flooded some of their best tobacco on floors of the pine markets in anticipation of one of the best opening days in years tomorrow.

Other blue-ribbon belts already open in the South have averaged paying at least 25 cents a pound. The average last year on the Middle Belt was 16.55.

From the State Department of Agriculture came this report: "General satisfaction has marked leaf sales on every market in the Bright and Border belts and farmers in the Middle Belt areas are viewing price prospects with unrestrained optimism."

The markets are Aberdeen, Charlotte, Durham, Elwyn Springs, Henderson, Lenoir, Oxford, Sanford and Warren.

At Durham alone, the biggest market on the belt, about a million pounds was on the floors over the week-end.

#### Nazis Seize Hostages

Viehy, Sept. 8.—(AP)—More than 100 Jews and two prominent French lawyers, one of them a member of justice, in the old capital, were reported today to have been seized as hostages by German occupation authorities in Paris in reprisal for attacks on members of the Gestapo army.

It was in these same areas, it was reported, that the two most prominent lawyers, one a Jew, and Theodor Weiss, a former deputy, who is a member of parliament.

Viehy no longer used to be a zone or the fact that reprisals are "only" making things worse.

"We can expect to see street incidents multiply," the official government news agency told its papers.

#### Hannover Jews Ousted

Berlin, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Hundreds of Jews in Hannover received notices today to evacuate their homes within 24 hours.

They were permitted to take only "the most necessary objects and furniture" and advised that the remainder of their property would be sold, the proceeds to be turned over to them "at a given time."

One reason cited for the action was said to have been a book written by "the Jew Kaufmann in New York." The book, it was alleged, demands sterilization of all Germans and employment of German soldiers as coolies in foreign lands.

(This reference apparently is to a book entitled "Germany Must Perish" by Theodore N. Kaufman, (M) published by the Argyle Press, of Newark, N. J.)

#### Rail Center Near City Is Captured

Hundred of Stuka Dive Bombers Pound Defenders of Leningrad; Entire Front Active Despite Adverse Weather.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's high command reported late today that German troops had cut off Leningrad from all land connections and captured the railroad center of Schlusselburg, only 25 miles east of the old czarist capital.

Schlusselburg lies across the Neva river from Leningrad.

The Russians admitted that a fierce battle was being fought Leningrad, with the Germans smashing major offensives at the west and south approaches of the city.

Leningrad itself has been under German shellfire since last Friday, the Nazis said.

Soviet reports said Russian troops, in some of the fiercest fighting of the 70-day old struggle, had driven the Germans from positions astride a vital highway leading to Leningrad on the central front, a Red counter offensive was said, to be gaining momentum after re-capturing several important towns.

A Soviet communique at noon reported that hard-driving Cossacks seized a staff headquarters far behind the German lines and listed a Nazi general as killed. The communique also declared that a sharp counter attack routed an entire German battalion which left 1,200 men on the battlefield.

The Soviet bulletin said that despite bad weather conditions, the entire front from the Baltic to the Black sea was active.

Hitler's high command asserted that the Nazi-allied Finnish army, driving down on Leningrad from the north, had reached the Svir river, paralleling the Stalin canal which runs from a point on Lake Ladoga, 80 miles northeast of Leningrad, to Lake Onega.

While the Nazi high command was silent on other details of the vast conflict, DNB news agency said waves of Stuka bombers were smashing at Leningrad's defenses in a gigantic and unending "rolling attack."

In the bloody land advance on Russian second biggest city itself, the Germans conceded that their troops were encountering bitter resistance at every clump of trees and on every hillside. A Nazi war correspondent described the roads as engulfed in "bottomless mud," indicating that the drenching fall rains were seriously retarding Nazi mechanized warfare.

On the Ukraine front, the Russians reported that German attempts to pierce the defenses of Kiev, the capital, and to storm the besieged Black sea port of Odessa were resulting in terrific casualties, with hundreds of men going missing, a deadly tie on the front concentrations, artillery and communications lines.

Behind the lines, Premier Josef Stalin acted to stamp out the possibility of a Nazi fifth column and ordering the transplanting of 4,000 persons of German descent from their homes along the lower Volga river to Siberia.

Russians explained the vast evacuation orders by declaring that military authorities had discovered tens of thousands of diversionists.

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#### Nation Joins President In Mourning

Hyde Park, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The President's mother is dead, and a nation joined its Chief Executive in mourning today.

Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, who twice saw her only son inaugurated as President of the United States, died yesterday at the rambling old house which has been the Roosevelt family home for three quarters of a century. She would have been 67 years old on September 21.

Her death, attributed largely to her advanced years, resulted in the postponement from tonight to Thursday night (at 9 p. m. EST) of a presidential radio address which the White House said "would be of major importance."

The funeral, limited to relatives and to old neighbors and friends, will be held at the family residence tomorrow.

Mrs. Roosevelt will be buried in the family plot in the churchyard of St. James Episcopal church. Several generations of Roosevelts have worshipped at the little church, and behind it, under a canopy of aged oaks and elms, is buried the President's father.

#### Henderson Locks Horns With Dies

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Martin Dies and Leon Henderson locked horns today over the question of whether the boss of the office of price administration and four aides should be fired from the government service on the ground that they held or condoned communistic views.

Dies, House member from Texas and chairman of the committee on un-American activities, made public yesterday a letter to President Roosevelt asking that Henderson and the four employees be dismissed immediately.

To this, Henderson promptly replied that he would turn the accusations over to the civil service commission, and if the commission held the employees to be unfit he would discharge them as soon as he could get to a telephone. He added, however, that "summary punitive action on the basis of one man's opinion is an un-American procedure as anything to which Mr. Dies has yet given his attention."

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Fair to partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Tuesday, followed by scattered showers in mountains.

#### Lifting Of 'Curfew' On Gas Sales Asked

VANCE TO FURNISH 15 WHITE TRAINEES

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—(AP)—State selective service headquarters today announced quotas under which 2,635 white youths will be inducted into the army October 1 through 21, in the 18th draft call.

Quotas for the 794 negroes who will be drafted October 20 to 29 in the 18th call probably will be announced tomorrow.

All selectees will be inducted at Fort Bragg. White quotas include: October 21—Vance 15; Granville 15.

#### Maxwell Defends Taxes

Raleigh, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell asserted today that figures compiled by a Duke University economist which purported to show that North Carolina had an unduly heavy tax on industry were not comprehensive enough to give a fair picture of the situation.

Maxwell's statement was made at a meeting here of tax experts and commercial secretaries immediately after Dr. Ben F. Lennett of Duke had presented his figures.

Dr. Lennett said that a \$29,000,000 industry paid \$9,000,000 less in state and local taxes if located in Virginia than if located in North Carolina and that a \$100,000,000 industry paid \$24,000,000 less in Virginia than in North Carolina.

Maxwell replied that this did not take all factors into account, such as, for instance, the service rendered for the tax and the fact that North Carolina levies its tax on capital valuation and not on actual stock valuation.

#### Still Smaller Cotton Crop Is Forecast

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The agriculture department today forecast this year's cotton crop at 10,740,000 bales, based on September 1 conditions, compared with 10,710,000 bales forecast a month ago, 12,200,000 bales produced last year, and an average of 13,238,000 bales in the ten years, 1930-39.

The condition of the crop on September 1 was 65 per cent of a normal, indicating a yield of 226.8

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#### Head of Automobile Association Says Rule Has Had Little or No Effect in Conserving East's Supply of Motor Fuel

Washington, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The Automobile Association urged today that the eastern seaboard 7 p. m. gasoline "curfew" be lifted, on the grounds that it was an "unnecessary inconvenience" which has had little or no effect in conserving the east's supply of motor fuel.

This was one of several recommendations made by Russell E. Singer, general manager of the association, to the special committee investigating the petroleum supply.

Singer asked the investigators to report that "the present night closing of gasoline filling stations is not in the public interest and is not justified as a means of gasoline conservation."

"It is already evident," he said, "that none of the savings by retail outlets in the form of lower operating cost is being passed along to consumers."

Singer also urged that "the committee continue to function for the duration of the emergency to assure a continuing flow of the steps already taken to relieve the oil shortage and also to guarantee to the public that all concerned meet their responsibility in the use of petroleum products."

In another recommendation, he asked the committee to "use the full weight of its great influence to see that any increased gasoline shortage is met as a means of boosting price and to see that his organization had found widespread disregard" by gasoline retailers of a "fair price schedule" promulgated by the federal price administration.

Chairman Maloney, Democrat, Connecticut, announced at the opening of the hearing that the committee would attempt to wind up its immediate inquiry tomorrow.

He played to the record a letter from J. J. Bellevue, president of the Association of American Railroads, which said that the railroads were unable to supply to basic emergency reductions in petroleum products not in effect at the earliest possible date.

#### Cotton Prices Take Tumble

New York, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 2 lower to 1 higher.

Shortly after the forecast was issued, prices were 19 to 23 points lower, December 17.48; March 7.69; and July 17.74.

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