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Reds Counter Attack In Crimea Strike Settlements Clear Labor Situation

Deny Rift in Their Romance



Pictured in a New York night club, Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, and his fiancée, Miss Evelyn W. McLean, daughter of the owner of the famous Hope Diamond, denied reports of a rift in their romance. She is to be his fourth wife.

(Central Press)

Green Calls Strikes 'Big Gun'

AFL President Says Labor Will Never Surrender Right to Strike to Anyone; Mediation Board Ends Walkouts.

(By The Associated Press.) Settlement of several labor disputes was in immediate prospect today, while American Federation of Labor's President William Green called the right to strike "our big gun" which would not be surrendered. In Hazelton, Pa., 34 of 41 locals of the CIO United Mine Workers voted last night to go back to anthracite mines, ending a three weeks strike over increased dues and annual assessments. The locals embrace 11,071 miners who planned to return to work Monday.

Green, in Seattle for the opening of the AFL national convention Monday, said the federation was willing to leave its "big gun" behind the door temporarily but would "never surrender it to any one."

In the capital, the national defense mediation board announced settlement had been reached in a threatened strike involving 27,000 workers at the Consolidated Aircraft plant in San Diego, Cal. The details were not disclosed.

The board also announced settlement of a dispute at the Mahwah, N. J., plant of the American Brake-shoe and Foundry Company, which makes shoes and castings for the Army. Details of this agreement also remain undisclosed and are subject to union approval.

Exchange Of Prisoners Is Halted Mysteriously

German Prisoners Remain Aboard Ships in British Harbor Darkened After Word From London; Delay Believed Temporary.

Now Haven, England, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Mysterious inter-government communications continued to hold up the war's first exchange of British and German prisoners today and residents of this channel port did not know whether to expect a bomb or a temporary olive branch.

A group of 1,500 German wounded to be exchanged for 1,500 wounded British already had suffled aboard two British hospital ships in the strangely lighted harbor last night when London suddenly sent word halting the operation.

Harbor lights, glowing for the first time since September 1, 1939, were quickly extinguished. The delay was generally expected to be only temporary, however, and the German prisoners remained aboard the ships. It was reported they would be joined by 50 German women, interned on the Isle of Man since the start of the war, who are to be exchanged for 50 English women held in Germany. The mercy vessels, the St. Julien and Dinard, were to have moved out at dawn under a temporary truce announced by the International Red Cross for the five-hour journey to Dieppe, in occupied France, to release their passengers and pick up Britons being freed by the Germans.

Even the lights upon the Red Crosses of the two ships were turned off at the announcement of the hitch in plans.

Fugitives Captured

Columbus, Ga., Oct. 4.—(AP)—Forrest Turner and S. J. (Slim) Scarborough, long sought fugitives, were captured today with a convict they liberated yesterday and a woman claiming to be Turner's wife.

The capture by federal and state officers occurred in south Georgia near Norman Park. There was no violence, although Turner and Scarborough were heavily armed yesterday when they raided a state camp, freeing 43 convicts.

Capture climaxed the intensive hunt begun after the fugitives kidnaped a guard and a state highway inspector in a roadside gun battle near Hamilton.

Zero Hour For Asia?

Saigon, French Indo-China, Oct. 4.—(P)—Imperial Japanese units stationed in French Indo-China began grand maneuvers today as many observers expressed belief the long anticipated zero hour for southern Asia was at hand.

Details of the size and equipment of the forces were barred by the censor, but it was disclosed that the troops, tanks, trucks, and other equipment involved were sufficient for a full dress campaign. The exact location of the war games also was kept secret.

Meanwhile there were indications of growing diplomatic pressure on Thailand, with whom Japan long has sought an agreement.

Japanese quarters here stated frankly that such an agreement was one of the most important objectives in Japan's southern march and said they hoped it could be achieved peacefully.

British Diet Insufficient

Agriculture Officials Are 'Actually Hungry' After Two Months In England.

Washington, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Reporting they were "actually hungry" after a month's stay in England, two high ranking agricultural department officials said today the British people need all the food that the United States can possibly send.

Paul H. Appleby, under secretary of agriculture, remarked that he lost eight pounds on the restricted English diet, while R. M. Evans, agricultural adjustment administrator, returned here ten pounds lighter.

Both went to England nearly two months ago at the invitation of the British government to get a close-up view of food supply distribution and transportation problems.

Appleby said that "gobs and gobs

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Nazis Mop Up Serb Bands

Zagreb, Croatia (Via Berlin), Oct. 4.—(AP)—An entire German mechanized division—about 12,000 men—was reliably reported today to be moving slowly through southern Serbia toward Belgrade, old capital of Yugoslavia, to mop up Serb guerrilla bands.

The German air force, cooperating with the drive, has bombed Leskovac and Nishunika.

Serbia's industrial situation is especially serious on account of a lack of coal. This shortage is reported due to sabotage as well as German strafing and bombing. Pre-war production was 125,000 tons monthly. It has now dropped to 15,000 tons.

Uprisings Are Serious

Stewart Says German Reports of Executions Indicate Extent of Revolt.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
Washington, Oct. 4.—Nazi-imposed censorial regulations make it impossible to tell very accurately how much trouble Herr Hitler is having to make his conquered European areas stay conquered, but there's a growing belief in official circles in Washington that he's having a lot of it.

This impression isn't based on reports directly from the at least temporarily vanquished countries, because such news can't get out from them.

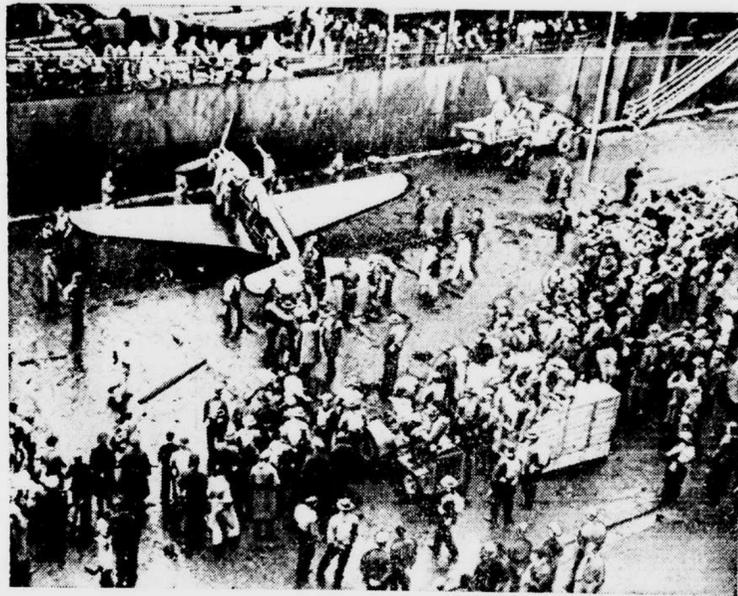
It's based on Bern's own accounts of the death sentences the nazis are executing and the repressive orders they're issuing. Naturally the shootings, decapitations, curfews and the

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Cou. J. Storza

Fighter Planes for U.S. Army in Iceland



American planes are unloaded at Reykjavik as a field force of the United States army arrives in Iceland with the equipment and supplies to make the North Atlantic outpost a formidable fortress against Nazi aggression. The force includes infantry, artillery, engineer, signal, ordnance and medical units. Each man is equipped with a Garand automatic rifle, skis and snowshoes.

C. P. Cablephoto

AMERICAN TANKER SUNK

Sinking Denounced

Secretary Hull Makes Unusual Gesture of Permitting Direct Quotation.

Washington, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull today vigorously denounced the action of a submarine in sinking the American-owned oil tanker I. C. White in the South Atlantic.

The secretary made the unusual gesture of permitting correspondents to quote him in declaring that sinking of the oil tanker "seems to be another act of lawlessness, piracy, and attempted frightfulness in conjunction with the general movement to drive people off the Atlantic ocean, which is part of the world movement of conquest."

Hull added, in reply to questions, that regardless of the flag the I. C. White was flying or whether it was in a convoy, every nation had the inherent right of self defense in meeting attacks which he described as part of an attempted conquest of the earth.

In such unusual circumstances, he said, abstractions of international law must be construed and dealt with in the light of self defense.

LINDBERGH PREDICTS LOSS OF FREE SPEECH

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 4.—(AP)—Charles A. Lindbergh contends that the administration soon may move to "prevent freedom of speech among us."

He so maintained last night, and also declared:

"We are approaching a point where we are no longer governed by the will of the people. We are in fact governed by one man who has consistently evaded the check and balances on which representative government depends—a man who is drawing more and more dictatorial power into his own hands. We must face the facts that you and I and our generation have lost our American heritage."

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Sunday, possibly occasional light showers in mountains and north central portions.

On London Tour



Pretty Kathleen Harriman, daughter of W. Averell Harriman, head of the U. S. lend-lease mission to Moscow, is shown the sights of London by a steel-helmeted Bobby, who appears to be enjoying the work.

(Central Press)

Russians Mass In South

Berlin, Oct. 4.—(AP)—German reports received from the southern front today that the Russians were heavily organizing their last major offensive strength in that area.

Authorial sources said the intensive Red army activity discovered by air reconnaissance and ground patrols presumably was a Russian counter offensive to the large scale German operations announced yesterday by Adolf Hitler.

At least one strong Russian counter thrust was reported in the south, where dispatches said a German regiment destroyed 300 Red army tanks.

With crisp fall weather favoring air force activity, the daily war bulletin reported both Leningrad and Moscow raided during the night.

STORM FORMING

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 4.—(AP)—The formation of a tropical storm in the Atlantic ocean about 850 miles southeast of Miami was reported today by the weather bureau.

East Front Battle Line Straightened

Heavy Fighting Reported Along Entire Front, With Little Important Change in Positions; Nazis Bomb Red Cities.

(By The Associated Press.) Big-scale Russian attacks in defense of the Crimea and heavy fighting along a line now running almost straight from that Black sea peninsula to Leningrad were described today in dispatches on the German-Russian war.

The Germans reported new overnight bombings of Leningrad and Moscow. Although the German high command merely reported extensive operations in progress on the eastern front, dispatches from the belligerent capitals indicated the Nazi thrust toward the industrialized Donets basin in southern Russia apparently was the main danger to the Soviet.

From authoritative sources in London, however, came word that the Russian forces were driving from Melitopol in the Crimea in a determined offensive to save the Crimean peninsula which is vital to control of the Black sea.

These sources acknowledged that farther north, in the area immediately east of captured Kiev, organized Russian resistance had ended, but said farther east Red army resistance continued "stubborn and effective."

There was little change around Odessa in the south, Leningrad in the north, or in the central sector, it was said, and the general straightening of the line eliminated danger of Russian forces being encircled.

Berlin reports said the Germans seemed to be turning their mightiest pressure upon the Donets and the manufacturing city of Kharkov. They added that the German assaults were colliding with counter attacking Russian tanks and armored trains.

The Russians reported there was fighting along the entire front, and said the Germans were suffering heavy material losses in the south.

Moscow said marine parachutists were harassing the besiegers of Odessa, on the Black sea, joining forces with the guerrillas of that district.

RUSSIAN FORCE ESCAPES FINNS

Moscow, Oct. 4.—(AP)—The Russian navy reported tonight saving of powerful Red army forces, which fought their way out of Finnish encirclement and reached the shores of Lake Ladoga after killing more than 13,000 Finns.

Red fleet, organ of the Soviet navy, said the troops embarked on a swarm of small warships which crossed the lake and brought them to rejoin their comrades.

Seven More Executions

Three Jews Among Number Executed in Prague for Treasonable Activity.

Berlin, Oct. 4.—(AP)—Seven persons were executed in Prague for treasonable activity today, it was announced officially through DNB.

Three of those executed were Jews who were tried on charges of preparation for treason, economic sabotage and unlawful possession of weapons.

The court of Bruenn acquitted the former commander of the Moravia military district, Eduard Kadlec. The charges against him were undiscovered.

A Prague newspaper said that a section chief of the Bohemia-Moravia protectorate's agricultural ministry had been arrested and accused of placing obstacles in the path of food distribution.