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## Adolf Hitler's Press Chief Declares

# Russia 'Militarily Finished'

## Roosevelt Urges Revision Of Neutrality Legislation

### Resolutions Introduced Immediately

President Declares it is Time for United States to 'Stop Playing Into Hitler's Hands, and to Unshackle Our Own.'

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, asserting it was time for the United States to "stop playing into Hitler's hands, and to unshackle our own," urged Congress today to revise the neutrality act speedily to permit the arming of American merchant vessels.

In a special message he also left the door open for further revision later to wipe out another major prohibition, that preventing American cargo ships to travel to belligerent ports.

Saying that Adolf Hitler "has offered a challenge which we as Americans cannot and will not tolerate," the President said:

"We will not let Hitler prescribe the waters of the world on which our ships may travel. The American flag is not going to be driven from the seas either by his submarines, his airplanes, or his threats.

"We cannot permit the affirmative defense of our rights to be annulled and diluted by sections of the neutrality act which have no realism in the light of unscrupulous ambitions of madmen.

"We Americans have determined our course.

"We intend to maintain the security and the integrity and the honor of our country.

"We intend to maintain the policy of our feeling the freedom of the seas against domination by any foreign power which has become encased with a desire to control the world. We shall do so with all our strength and all our heart and all our mind."

Administration leaders moved rapidly to implement the President's message, introducing bills in both houses to repeal the neutrality act provision against the arming of American merchant vessels.

Resolutions offered in the Senate by Chairman C. Connally, Democrat, Texas, of the foreign relations committee, and in the House by Chairman Blaine, Democrat, New York, of the foreign affairs committee, specifically authorize the President during the period of national emergency to



Senator Tom Connally (left), Texas Democrat, and Representative Charles A. Eaton, New Jersey Republican, foreign affairs committee, leave the White House after conferring with President Roosevelt about proposed changes in the Neutrality Act.

## Greatest Offensive Is Opened By China

### TROPICAL STORM FARTHER AT SEA

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 9.—(AP)—The weather bureau today issued the following advisory:

"Advisory 9:30 a. m.: the tropical disturbance was centered at 7 a. m. (EST) about 275 miles south of Cape Hatteras near latitude 31 degrees 30 minutes north, and longitude 75 degrees west, moving slowly, southward, attended by a very small area of moderate gales."

### New Problems Given Troops In Maneuvers

Camden, S. C., Oct. 9.—(AP)—A new set of problems faced the men and officers of the First Army's three corps as they returned today to separate training exercises after a short lull in operations following the initial phase of training maneuvers.

Preparatory to the resumption of field work, the second corps, commanded by Major General Lloyd R. Fredenhall, was reduced to two divisions instead of three, losing the 44th temporarily in order that the latter might furnish opposition for the sixth corps, commanded by Major General Karl Truesdell.

Public relations headquarters here was without details of the exercise planned for the sixth corps but it was believed that the 44th, made up of Guardsmen from New York and New Jersey, would act as a red army in opposing the return of the blue 26th division, New England Guard unit, to its base near Norman from the defensive position it took up west of Norfolk, N. C., as a concluding phase of the first field operations.

In the first corps area between

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**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair, slightly cooler in east portion tonight; Friday partly cloudy followed by showers in mountains by night, warmer in west and central portions.

## Steel Mills Are Struck

### CIO Workers in One Plant and AFL Unionists in Another Halt Defense Work.

(By The Associated Press.)  
The Buffalo (N. Y.) Forge Company, busy with \$13,470,000 in defense orders, was struck today by CIO steel workers in a dispute over higher wages, bargaining conferences and reinstatement of three discharged union men.

The Steel Workers organizing committee, claiming a majority of the plant's 1,500 employees, called the walkout 24 hours after an authorization vote of 387 to 27. Union sources said their wage demands were a ten cent increase in the present basic scale of 44 to 50 cents an hour.

Construction of the government \$8,000,000 San Jacinto (Tex.) ordnance depot was at a standstill today because of an

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## Panama's President Flees Land

Flight Not Revealed Until Successor Was Sworn in Today; New Head of Government Reported to be Pro-United States.

Panama, Panama, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Panama's reputedly naziminded president, Dr. Arnulfo Arias, has fled the country in secrecy, apparently under political fire of a faction favoring collaboration with the United States, it was disclosed here today.

So secretly did Arias flee by airplane at 5:30 a. m. Tuesday that his departure was not revealed until a successor was sworn in this morning.

Neither his motives for leaving the country nor events leading up to the sudden development were clear, but the country was quiet.

His foes accused him of being anti-American and pro-nazi, were said to have feared his nationalistic policies might jeopardize the country's relations with the United States.

On the surface, there was no indication that other than internal politics were in the background of the president's flight.

The supreme court of Panama to-

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## Nazi-Turk Pact Signed

Trade Agreement Provides for Nazi War Products in Exchange for Raw Materials.

Berlin, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Conclusion of a German-Turkish trade treaty involving 200,000,000 reichs marks (nominally \$30,000,000) on each side was announced officially today. It will run until March 31, 1943.

A spokesman said that the pact, signed today at Ankara, called on Germany to send war materials and iron and steel products in return for Turkish exports of raw materials, principally cotton, tobacco, olive oil and minerals.

Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, Dr. Karl Clodius, Berlin economic expert and Turkish Foreign Minister Soraoglu signed the treaty.

## Babson Says 'Cobwebs' Are Greatest Danger

By ROGER W. BABSON  
(Copyright, 1941, Publishers Financial Bureau, Inc.)  
New York, Oct. 9.—Next to truth, the greatest need today is for faith—faith in God, faith in America, and faith in our fellow men. On the other hand, the greatest danger lies with fear—fear of death, fear of sacrifice, and fear of losses of various kinds. Yet there are many columnists, authors, and even political leaders who make their livings crying "Wolf! Wolf!" when there is no wolf.

The Latest "Bad Wolf"

Even radicals are now pretty much agreed that our generation has nothing to fear from socialism or communism. They have entirely changed their tune as to this fear. Karl Marx is no longer their idol and they have lost faith in the proletariat. They instead talk of a "managerial revolu-

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### Death in Karelia



Finns marching past the ruins of a church on the Karelian Isthmus, no-man's-land in two wars, are shown glancing at a fallen Russian soldier. Finnish troops are reported to be pressing on Leningrad.

## SPAB Bans Public Or Private Building

### Reynolds Weds Heiress

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Senator Robert R. Reynolds, of North Carolina, 57, and 19-year-old Evelyn McLean, heiress, were reported by newspaper to have been married today in a private ceremony.

The rites were performed at noon at "Friendship," palatial estate of Mrs. Evelyn W. McLean, mother of the bride and owner of the famous Hope diamond. The vows were spoken before Judge Robert E. Mattingly, of the Washington municipal court, an old friend of Mrs. McLean.

It was the senator's fifth and the bride's first marriage.

No member of Reynolds' family attended, his office said. He has two daughters and a son by previous marriages.

Mrs. McLean was the only member of the bride's family who was present.

After luncheon at "Friendship," the senator and his bride left for a Florida and Cuba honeymoon.

### Ruling Has Effect of Suspending Non-Essential Construction Projects for Duration of National Emergency.

Washington, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The supplies priorities and allocations board issued a sweeping policy decree today forbidding the start of any public or private construction which would use critical materials essential to the nation's defense or to the public health and safety.

The ruling applies the SPAB announcement said, to power, navigation, and flood control projects, office buildings, postoffices, hotels, highways, and even residential construction. Its effect was to suspend such non-essential building for the duration of the emergency. SPAB officials said.

The ruling carried the implication that the priorities division, headed by Donald M. Nelson, by using its priority power to deny materials to projects it deems non-essential, could block public works projects approved by Congress.

The SPAB announcement said the new policy means that two checks will be applied hereafter to every building project:

1. Does this construction involve the use of appreciable quantities of such critical materials as steel, copper, brass, aluminum and bronze?
2. Is the construction directly necessary for national defense, or clearly essential to the health and safety of the civilian population?

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## Million Reds Said To Be Encircled

Germans Claim 110-Day War on Eastern Front is Virtually Decided, With Remnants of Soviet Forces in Retreat.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Adolf Hitler's press chief declared today that "the Soviet Union is militarily finished" and that the 110-day old war on the eastern front was virtually decided, with nearly one million red army troops caught in two vast encirclements in the German drive on Moscow.

The sensational pronouncement, which was not elaborated by any details of specific land gains, came from Dr. Otto Dietrich, arriving in Berlin directly from the Fuehrer's eastern front headquarters.

"From the springs of the Volga to the Sea of Azov," he asserted, "remnants of Soviet armies everywhere are in retreat."

The Berlin radio broadcast a Shanghai dispatch quoting "Soviet quarters" as reporting that the Russian government was fleeing Moscow. There was no confirmation elsewhere.

Keyed with Nazi claims of triumph, the Germans published a special order of the day issued by Hitler a week ago at the start of the new offensive, declaring:

"Today (Thursday, October 2) begins the last great, decisive battle of this year. It will hit the enemy destructively and with it the instigator of the entire war, England herself.

"For if we crush this opponent, we also remove the last English ally on the continent."

A special high command bulletin, heralded by a fanfare of trumpets, declared the Russians had not a single division left fully fit for battle on the entire front.

Dr. Dietrich said between 60 and 70 Russian divisions—900,000 to 1,650,000 troops—were "hopelessly" bottled up in the Bryansk and Vyazma sectors, facing imminent annihilation.

Once their destruction has been completed, he asserted, "the campaign will develop when and how we wish."

To Britain, he added this warning:

"Let the English attempt a landing in Norway, Holland, Belgium or on the French coast and they will learn what reserves we still have."

While the Germans thus proclaimed a climactic turning point in the world's greatest military campaign, the Russians acknowledged they had withdrawn from Orel, key town 68 miles southeast of Bryansk

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## Britain Sees No Remedy

Pressure on Russians Cannot Be Eased by Re-Opening Western Land Front.

London, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Germany's mighty new drive toward the heart of Russia—impervious to the armies that guard Moscow—was viewed today with mounting concern by the British, who saw no real hope of easing the pressure on their Soviet allies by re-opening a western land front.

With supply as the chief means of aid, British and United States missions to Moscow returned to England loaded with data on Russia's needs and pledged to deliver the goods.

Newspaper military commentators took the view that the next few weeks would decide the fate of Russia's main armies, now locked in one of the mightiest battles of history.

Authoritative sources declared the twin drive Adolf Hitler launched northwest and southwest of Moscow in a race with winter had created pockets in which vast Russian forces might be trapped.

### COLONEL KENNEDY COMMANDS BRAGG

Fort Bragg, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Colonel John T. Kennedy, a native of Orangeburg, S. C., was named today commander of Fort Bragg, the public relations office announced.

Colonel Kennedy, who has been commander of the GHQ field artillery brigade at the post, succeeds Colonel E. P. Parker, Jr., commander of the field artillery replacement center, who was acting as temporary head of the post until a successor to Colonel C. B. Elliott was appointed. Colonel Elliott was transferred to Mississippi state.

Colonel Kennedy is now on maneuver duty in the Carolinas.