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In Face Of German Claims Of Gains, Russians Say

Nazi Thrust Is Slowing Down

Hull Urges Modification Of Neutrality Law

Secretary Is First Witness

Congress Told Solemnly that United States 'Cannot Turn and Walk Away From the Steadily Mounting Danger.'

Washington, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Secretary Hull and Stimson joined today in urging Congress not only to repeal the prohibition against arming American merchant ships but to permit them to enter combat zones in the interest of expediting delivery of lend-lease goods.

"I believe that the repeal of this humiliating provision of law would not only conduce to regaining our self respect upon the ocean," Stimson said, "but that it would materially promote the safety of the vessels which we are now sending out and the safe landing of the munitions which Congress has decided to make available to the nations whose defense is vital to our own defense."

After the Blitz



A Russian peasant is shown returning to her home in Nazi-occupied Russia following the passage of German blitzkrieg units, according to the Nazi caption with this picture.

(Central Press)

U. S. Wants Fair Peace

Sumner Welles Leads Drive Already In Progress For Proper Peace Settlement.

By CHARLES P. STUART
(Central Press Columnist)

Washington, Oct. 12.—Lacking Hitler is recognized by the State department as today's most important business. The department is at a dead end of pains, however, to emphasize its opinion that licking him is no more important now than the job of fixing up the right kind of worldwide peace will be, after he is licked.

State Undersecretary Sumner Welles does most of the public speaking on the subject, but there's no question that he expresses Secretary Cordell Hull's views as his own.

Secretary Hull's thesis during his whole career, in the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Department of State, has been that it's a fatal mistake for nations to try for economic advantages over the other—bad for ten collectively and, in the long run, bad for the nations individually, that actually succeed.

Neither Representative Fish, Republican, New York, the ranking minority member, nor Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts, were present when the hearing started and members of their office staffs said both members were absenting themselves from the proceedings in protest against the action of the majority in restricting the inquiry to two days of almost completely closed sessions.

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15 Killed In Accidents

Automobile Wrecks Take Heavy Toll on Carolina Highways Over Week-End.

Charlotte, Oct. 12.—(AP)—At least 15 persons died over the week-end in injuries they received in automobile accidents on North Carolina highways.

Gailther A. Eller, 79, of Charlotte, was fatally hurt in an automobile accident near Mt. Airy.

Grandus Scott Chandler, 7, died of injuries received when he was struck by a car in Seayre village near Gastonia.

Paul Shifflet, 17, of Raleigh, was killed in an automobile-bus collision near Raleigh.

Two automobiles collided on a sharp curve six miles east of Rocky Mount, and James A. Johnson, 17, of Tarboro, and Jerry Thomas, 30, of Rocky Mount, were killed.

Carl Dutton, 16, of Spartanburg, S. C., was fatally injured in an accident between Lincolnton and Gastonia.

J. H. Kenyon, 60, of Raleigh, was killed today when his car and a truck

Two Fort Bragg soldiers were killed near Bynum yesterday when their car rolled over near Fayetteville. Another soldier hit the rear of an automobile and crashed into an Army truck. They were listed as James M. Haley, 20, and Robert E. Ost, 21.

Virgil Priest, 27-year-old tobacco man of Scottsboro, Va., was killed in an automobile-truck collision Sunday about one mile from Williamsston.

Corinthia Bowen of near Plymouth was killed while on a bicycle riding party in celebration of her 13th birthday. A car smashed into her bicycle.

Thomas Cecil Brower, 20, of Siler City was killed near Rameur when his car got out of control and left the highway.

Louis Calcaterra, 25, of St. Louis, Mo., was killed near Shelby when his car overturned.

John Mundy of Cooleenoe was killed when struck by a car at a street intersection.

Earl McDaniel Hensley, 19, of Asheville, was fatally injured when struck by a hit and run car.

Maneuvers Are Resumed

Camden, S. C., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Soldiers of the First Army returned today to their intensive training maneuvers after a week-end of leave during which many of the 359,000 men in Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum's command were entertained by the cities and towns and individual citizens of the Carolinas.

The heat wave with temperatures running into the 90's, which made the first week of field exercises unpleasant to the troops clad in winter clothing, appeared broken with cooler days and crisper nights in prospect.

As in the first week which in-

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On Way to Nazi Prison Behind Eastern Front



Disconsolate Russian prisoners are shown marching through a Nazi-held town behind the Eastern Front on their way to a prison camp, according to the official German caption with this photo.

Supreme Court Rulings Made

RAF Raids Nazi Cities

Fires Spread Over Large Area at Nuernberg in One of Heaviest Raids of War.

London, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Britain sought to relieve pressure on embattled Russia last night by striking at industrial Germany with one of the heaviest air raids of the war, setting many fires which "spread over a large area" at Nuernberg, scene of the Nazi party's annual congress.

Nuernberg, an industrial center in Bavaria, was the principal objective, a communiqué said.

"A number of targets in western and northwestern Germany also were attacked," the air ministry said, and authoritative sources added that more than 300 planes took part in the raid. The loss of eleven British planes was acknowledged.

The German high command acknowledged the broad sweep and severity of the British air forces, setting the British planes lost at 12. Its communiqué said planes in the northwestern, western and southern Germany were raided and "at various places buildings were destroyed or damaged," an unusual admission for Berlin.

Confederate Veterans To Meet

Atlanta, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Dixie's beloved Confederate veterans whose spirit grows stronger as their numbers diminish, rally again tomorrow when they open their annual two-day convention here.

Only 50 of the 890 still remaining Men in Grey are expected to attend. They are the physically vigorous who each year swear by a mighty rebel yell that the last reunion is many years hence.

General John F. Scott of Dallas, Tex., commander of the Texas-Mississippi department, probably will preside instead of General Julius F. Howell of Bristol, Va., titular head of the organization, who contends the reunion is "illegal" because he did not call it into session and for that reason has indicated he will not attend.

INJURIES FATAL

Wilson, Oct. 12.—Roland Robbins, 39, Wilson county farmer, was killed instantly Sunday morning, around 10:30, when an automobile which, General V. C. Martin said, was driven by J. H. Corbett, of Massfield, struck him while he was walking along a dirt road between Town creek and Bridge's store.

McDonald Defends Labor In Textile Meet Address

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—If there were any in North Carolina who thought that Dr. Ralph McDonald has moved any distance to the "right" of his 1936 stand, or that he might be inclined to pull his punches on controversial matters with an eye to political advantages, the University of North Carolina professor's speech to the state textile conference at Durham yesterday must have come as complete disillusionment.

On the contrary, Dr. McDonald went all the way in defending labor's attitude toward the defense crisis; praising its patriotism and declaring that it more than matches the record of any other group. This in the face of a concededly widespread conviction among Tar Heels of all classes that labor has impeded defense preparations by the strikes which have received much publicity all over the country.

Your reporter did not hear the address, but according to a synopsis prepared by Dr. McDonald the theme was set forth in the very first paragraph: "American labor is winning the war for democracy."

He stuck to his text throughout, and as specific proof of labor's patriotism he cited:

1. There have been far less strikes and labor disorders than at any period of similar production in our nation's history. He quoted Business Week to the effect that in the first six months of the defense program there were fewer man-days lost in strikes than in any other comparable period since passage of the Wagner act.

2. Practically all strikes which have occurred have involved unorganized, partially organized or newly organized workers. In industries which have been well organized very few work stoppages have

Communist Case Heard

Court Grants Appeal Which Would Open Way for Straight Out Ruling on Party.

Washington, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Supreme court agreed today to review litigation which would open the way for a straight out ruling on whether the Communist party advocates violent overthrow of the United States government.

The tribunal granted an appeal by William Schneiderman, state secretary of the Communist party for California and a native of Russia.

He sought a review of a decision by the Federal district court at San Francisco, concluding his American citizenship on the ground that membership in the Communist party had been concealed.

Whether Communist membership prevented allegiance to the United States government was the principal issue.

This was one of more than 350 cases acted upon today at the first session of the new term devoted to transacting business.

Among other actions, the court granted a Justice department petition for a review of a decision holding that the federal anti-racketeering act does not apply to members of a labor union alleged to have required owners of trucks entering New York city from outside the state to hire a union member to drive and unload the truck.

This was the first case involving construction of the anti-racketeering act to reach the tribunal.

Acting upon their outstanding con-

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DUTCH COMMANDER KILLED IN CRASH

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, Oct. 12.—(AP)—General C. J. Barendse, 54, commander in chief of the Netherlands East Indies army, was killed in a plane crash today shortly after a conference with Britain's commander in chief for the Far East on joint defense measures.

Four other occupants of the plane and five native children were killed as the plane landed on a native hut and burned.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy; slightly warmer followed by showers in the mountains by night.

Reds Launch Counter Attacks

Limit of Human Endurance and Wear and Tear on Motorized Equipment May Intervene to Stabilize German-Russian Front.

(By The Associated Press.)
In the face of Germany's claims that her Russian sweep had carried within 100 miles of Moscow on the west and south, Russian dispatches declared today that one German thrust had been slowed down and that the Red army had launched counter attacks at several points.

Authoritative sources in London asserted that the German advance had lost momentum as compared with the speed of the first two or three days and added that it was quite possible that the German drive might be stopped 70 or 80 miles short of the Russian capital.

The limit of human endurance and the wear and tear on the thousands of tanks and armored cars may intervene to stabilize the Russian-German front with Moscow untouched as the first snows of winter blanket the plains, perhaps smothering Adolf Hitler's hope of a pre-winter victory.

The Russian dispatches said that the German drive had been slowed, particularly in the direction of Vyazma, which the Germans have reported passed and already in the process of being mopped up. Vyazma is 125 miles west of the Russian capital.

One of the Russian counter attacks was said to have recaptured a town near Bryansk, 210 miles southwest of Moscow in the region of the German drive on Moscow from the south.

Another counter attack was launched north of Orel and east of Bryansk. Orel was lost to the Germans a week ago.

Despite the Russian resistance, a dispatch from the Moscow newspaper Pravda acknowledged that the Germans still were moving on Moscow and the only question was whether the drive could be robbed of its momentum short of the goal.

Reinforcements were streaming steadily into the Russian front, it was said. German reinforcements maintaining a numerical superiority for the invaders, however, were reported.

Adolf Hitler's headquarters claimed capture of more than 350,000 Russian prisoners in the double battle of Bryansk and Vyazma.

CAPTURE OF 350,000 RUSSIANS CLAIMED

Berlin, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's headquarters announced today that the number of Russian prisoners taken on the Bryansk-Vyazma front was more than 350,000. The German dispatches reported that a new Nazi spearhead had smashed through Russian lines 140 miles northwest of the Soviet capital.

The number of Soviet prisoners "grows steadily," said a special headquarters announcement.

Nazis Give Peace Aims

Removal of Churchill, Eden and Their Collaborators Described as Point.

Berlin, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Removal of British Prime Minister Churchill, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and their collaborators was described by one of Germany's war aims.

Answering foreign rumors of German peace feelers, these sources said:

"The fuhrer has stated that a clear military decision will be obtained against England."

"Only after arms have spoken and Churchill and Eden have been removed by the English people them-

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FDR Urges Speedy Action On Lease-Lend

Washington, Oct. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt urged congressional leaders today to speed enactment of the \$5,985,000,000 lend-lease appropriation and received assurance that the bill would reach the Senate floor early next week.

Senate Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky reported that the appropriations committee would begin hearings tomorrow and finish them within a few days.

He told reporters that Mr. Roosevelt had urged that the measure be expedited. "All parties," Barkley said, "were anxious to get action as soon as possible so they can make contracts and assure continuity of supplies."

Southeastern Power Shortage Renews Old-Time Controversy

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—Back of all the statements pro and con on the alleged power shortage in the southeastern states lies the perennial contest between advocates of private and public operation of power plants and the equally perennial effort of the federal bureau to take over control of everything in sight.

Thus, there is a strong current of opinion, held, for instance, by North Carolina's utility commission chairman, Stanley Winborne, that all the conferences which have been called and will be called by the Federal Power Commission had, and will have two undercover objectives, (1) a weakening of belief that private companies can adequately meet an emergency situation and (2) establishment of a federal overlordship over production and distribution of

power through the section.

Neither Mr. Winborne nor anyone else acquainted with the situation denies the fact that there is something of a power crisis in the southeast, but they do hold that the reasons for the crisis are almost exactly the opposite of what the federal officials would like to make it appear.

Thus, claim the advocates of private ownership, the only critical shortage in power comes from Tennessee, where the federal government has taken over power production and distribution through the TVA. There it is pointed out, no auxiliary steam plants have been provided, with entire dependence placed on the huge hydro-electric units. On the contrary the private companies of North Carolina and other states have provided for emer-

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