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## Nazis Pay High Price For Gains

### News Of Kearny Casualties Of 21 Men Jolts Washington Tojo Calls For 'Iron Unity'

#### Mediation Effort Fails

President Roosevelt May Take Over Strike-Bound Kearny, N. J., Plane Plant.

(By The Associated Press)

Unless President Roosevelt can find some way to reconcile differences between a CIO union and Air Associates, Inc., a vital supplier of parts for airplane manufacturers, it appeared probable today that for the third time the government would have to take over a defense plant.

The defense mediation board, which has been trying since July to resolve the dispute between the United Automobile Workers and the management of the Bendix, N. J., concern, conceded failure yesterday and turned the problem over to the President.

This prompted speculation whether he would find it necessary to pursue the same course as in two other stubborn defense strikes. In one, at the North American Aviation plant in Inglewood, Cal., he directed the Army to take over. Later the factory was returned to the company. In the other, the Navy assumed and still retains control of the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock company at Kearny, N. J.

The main point presently at issue between Air Associates and the union is a CIO charge that its members were "locked out" after a wage controversy.

The board recommended almost two weeks ago that the company reemploy all strikers immediately without discrimination. Yesterday, company officials advised the board they would "immediately commence reinstatement" of strikers and asked 30 days in which to complete doing so.

In reply the board sent a telegram stating that reinstatement was "an operation which plainly can be accomplished within a few days at the most if the union and the company accept the recommendations of the board in good faith and cooperate in an effort to carry them out promptly."

#### RAF AIR RAID

London, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The RAF made a successful sweep across occupied France today during which it derailed an ammunition train, the air ministry announced.

The attack came after bad weather over the continent had kept British bombers grounded for the third successive night.

#### Greeks Report Massacre By Bulgars

London, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Greek government in exile said today 15,000 Greeks had died in "a series of brutal massacres" by Bulgars in the Kavallia district and province of Drama, Greece.

The government said it had received the information in a cable "from official sources."

The Greeks, although virtually unarmed, killed 320 Bulgars and seven Germans, the cable dated Sunday said.

The Kavallia district and Drama province are in that part of Macedonia occupied by Bulgaria after the axis invasion of Greece.

A Greek uprising in the Drama region was reported recently to have been crushed.

The cable said revolt broke out in the Kavallia district after Greek and Jewish hostages were shot "indiscriminately."

#### Nazi General Assassinated

Vichy, Oct. 20.—(AP)—German General Holtz, commanding the Nantes region in German-occupied France, was shot and killed today.

The announcement said the general was fired on by two assassins and that both escaped. The shooting occurred early today in the Place St. Pierre, Nantes' principal square, as Holtz was en route to his headquarters.

Two men fired a series of shots at him and escaped in the resulting confusion. Both French and German authorities immediately began an active search for them.

#### Thomasville AFL Groups Stage Fight

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 20.—There is at least one indication from the Piedmont that North Carolina isn't altogether free of the jurisdictional labor rows which have afflicted many sections of the country with great violence.

The Tar Heel disturbance isn't a clash of CIO and AFL affiliates, however, but a battle between two groups within the AFL—the Upholsterers International and the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

Thomasville is the field of battle, with hostilities having gone to the point where representatives of the upholsterers are alleged to have "beaten up" C and J officials.

The trouble arises over organization of furniture workers in Thomasville. The carpenters and joiners think that the upholsterers unit should take in only those workers actually engaged in upholstery work.

Actually, it seems that the two unions sought to "divide up" the upholsterers, leaving High Point's furniture mills to the C and J's, and expecting the latter to leave Thomasville for good. Thus, it seems, the C and J's haven't done.

As a result, George Walker, organizer for the upholsterers, is said to have asserted that a strike of Thomasville workers is the only solution. There are unconfirmed reports that \$75,000 has been deposited in a Thomasville bank to feed strikers when they are called out.

While this storm is brewing within the AFL, the C and J's are also active.

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#### Bombers Evade Watchers In Maneuvers Over N. C.

With the Third Interceptor Command on Maneuvers—Oct. 20.—(AP)—Several flights of army bombers roared far inland over North Carolina, despite the watchfulness of many aircraft warning service posts, to drop "destructive" explosives upon military objectives at the opening of the third interceptor command's week-long mimic warfare today.

The first reported flight was observed over Laurinburg, N. C., traveling rapidly toward the center of this state. Almost simultaneously another flight was reported over Newberry, S. C., driving apparently toward the Charlotte army air base, an important objective because of the presence of the headquarters of Brigadier General Walter H. Frank, commander of the interceptor force.

Almost impossible flying weather was reported over the Charleston area, but rapidly accumulating reports by spotters indicated that the long range bombers from offshore bases were skirting the instrument weather area to cross the shoreline near Wilmington.

By 8 a. m. many flights were seen by spotters in the Wilmington section, all moving toward the center of North Carolina.

Many motors of interceptor planes roared, warming up in the chief defense bases and the sub-bases, as warning orders were received from the interceptor command. Interceptors were hurried into the air from dispersal points and bases on the North Carolina coast and several interior sub-bases immediately after the approximate courses of the bomber flights were plotted with receipt of the confirming information.

Bomber formations that crossed the shoreline over the Wilmington area were beyond range of the anti-aircraft artillery units defending that port. There, great planes winged their way swiftly on parallel courses, about 40 miles apart, toward objectives in the Lumberton, N. C. region.

Thinly scattered on the ground in that part of North Carolina were many thousands of the soldiers of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum's First Army and the sixth corps engaged also in mimic warfare.

General Frank made it clear that these far flung exercises, greatest in extent and number of planes that ever had been ordered for the southeast, particularly are lesson one for the aircraft warning service spotters in their isolated posts.

#### Crossroad For Japan

New Japanese Premier Says 'Crucial Hour' Faces Nation in 'Encirclement.'

Tokyo, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Declaring Japan now stands at a crossroad in her national history, Premier General Tojo called today for "iron unity among all the fighting arms and the people to cope with the encirclement of Japan by foreign powers."

Tojo's appeal was issued in an order of the day directed to the war office in his dual role of premier and war minister.

He told war office officials in an address that they must be prepared to sacrifice everything in order to surmount the "crucial hour" which he said was facing Japan.

The premier, who returned to Tokyo by plane overnight after a pilgrimage to the temple of the sun goddess at Ise, immediately plunged into the task of revamping the Japanese civil and military administrations to bring them under strict, unified control.

One of the first moves as home minister, a post he assumed along with the premiership and war ministry—was an unexpected and sweeping shakeup of the department's personnel.

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#### Pelley Loses Court Appeal

Washington, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Supreme Court denied today a request by counsel for William Dudley Pelley, Silver Shirt leader, that the tribunal withhold temporarily an order issued last Monday refusing a review of a decision directing his return to Asheville, N. C.

The delay was sought until a petition for rehearing could be filed on behalf of Pelley. Despite today's action, he still has 25 days from last Monday to request reconsideration.

Pelley faces possible revocation of probation granted after his 1935 conviction of violating North Carolina blue sky laws. His return to Asheville was ordered by the United States court of appeals for the District of Columbia.

#### Few Details To Amplify First Report

Eleven Listed as 'Missing,' But Believed Dead, Ten Injured in Torpedo Attack by Sub 'Undoubtedly German.'

Washington, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Secretary Hull today characterized the torpedoing of the United States destroyer Kearny as another in a series of incidents illustrating Adolf Hitler's known and confessed effort to seize control of the seas as well as the continent.

Hitler has notified all nations to keep their ships out of an area covering a large portion of the North Atlantic on penalty of having their ships sunk. Hull told his press conference because he proposed to drive all other nations off the seas by intimidation.

If such intimidation were successful, the secretary continued, he supposed Hitler then would want other nations to get off the earth.

Asked whether the United States had made or was contemplating a diplomatic protest to Germany, Hull replied with asperity that one does not often send diplomatic notes to international highwaymen.

Washington, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The capital was jolted today by the news that the torpedo which hit the U. S. S. Kearny took a toll of 21 casualties—ten injured and eleven listed as "missing," but believed dead.

The Navy formally identified the attacker as "a submarine, undoubtedly German," but this detail of the official announcement was momentarily overshadowed by the unlooked-for disclosure that the Atlantic fleet has sustained its first personnel losses.

When the torpedoing of the new 1,630-ton destroyer was first made known Friday, the Navy's communication said "no casualties were indicated" and "relief tempered the captain's reaction to the incident. Last night, however, the Navy received further information—the wounded Kearny had made her way to an undisclosed port and reported her 21 casualties.

It was the first time since Japanese warplanes bombed and machine-gunned the U. S. gunboat Panay on the Yangtze river in China that a unit of the Navy has had losses due to belligerent action. The toll in the Panay bombing in December, 1937, was two dead and 43 injured.

The Navy's announcement last night was almost as meager as the original communication on the torpedoing. It volunteered no details on why the eleven men were considered "missing," or on the nature of the injuries of the other ten. The only amplification was that one man was critically injured, one seriously injured, and eight had minor injuries.

The character of the encounter between the Kearny and the submarine, however, led informed quarters here to write of the missing as dead. It was their belief that the men either had been blown out of the ship when the torpedo exploded, or else that they were trapped when water-tight bulkheads were closed after the ship had been hit.

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 20.—The mere fact that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of North Carolina in a convention assembled at Elizabeth City has called for an aggressive, unrelenting campaign for a statewide liquor referendum does not of itself mean that John Bailey, who will be an issue in next spring's primary elections in North Carolina.

On the other hand, the clarion call seems to be no more than symptomatic of restless feeling among the prohibition forces and there are so many corroborative signs that it is reasonable to assume that it is a harbinger of things to play quite a part in the 1942 voting.

The flurry of local option elections called by the prohibitionists in some half-dozen control counties indicated a change in dry tactics, which previously had aimed more at pre-

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#### Cotton Prices Turn Lower

New York, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 12 to 19 lower. Mid-day values were 8 to 20 points lower, December 16.18; March 16.14; July 16.73.

#### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; slightly cooler tonight.

#### GOP Leaders Seek Neutrality Repeal

Wants U. S. in War



Russell Birwell

Shown telephoning from his office in London, Russell Birwell is conducting a one-man campaign for an American declaration of war against Germany. He attracted nationwide attention in America recently with a full-page advertisement in a magazine captioned "What the hell can we get out of this war!"

#### 'Breathless Moment' Came September 18

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Oct. 20.—For several years the petroleum industry has been calling attention to an annual "breathless moment," the day on which the nation's gasoline tax bill passes the billion-dollar mark; but this year the big event slipped up on the blind side of the oil publicity folks, with a result that the great moment came and went without any fanfare of publicity.

It seems that September 18 was the date—some two months earlier than last year. And, at this time despite "Honorable Harold" Helms' loud and raucous assertions that the east coast areas, in particular, will have to use less gasoline, or else. So far, the "breathless" is that it uses more.

That, at least, is true of North Carolina which has reported all time highs in gasoline tax collections for the last two months right square in the face of the Helms' assertions.

But getting back to the "breathless moment" for motorists (Mr. Helms never runs out of breath), it was first observed in 1929 when it fell on December 15. That, incidentally, was the first year in which the nation's gas tax bill reached a billion. Last year collections came a trifle earlier and later and heavier, with the result that "breathless moment" time was November 15.

This year because of higher federal taxes on gasoline plus increased use of passenger cars and trucks in defense activities, the date jumped up two months and had passed before anyone was aware of the fact that it was here.

This year it is estimated that the national gasoline tax bill will go to \$1,300,000,000 against \$1,051,650,000 last year.

New York, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Bidding for stocks was hesitant today but demand was sufficient to keep the market generally on its feet.

An assortment of industrials, rails and utilities managed to tack on small plus marks at the start and, in the majority of instances, these were retained near the fourth hour. Dealings were sluggish throughout, however, and numerous issues were unchanged or a shade lower.

Quotations at 2 p. m.: American Radiator 5 3/4 American Telephone 152 3/4 American Tobacco B 69 3/4 Anaconda 26 Atlantic Coast Line 24 5/8 Atlantic Refining 23 7/8 Bethlehem Steel 61 3/4 Chrysler 55 5/8 Columbia Gas & Elec Co 2 Consolidated Oil Co 6 Curtiss Wright 5 5/8 DuPont 144 1/4 Electric Power Light 1 1/2 General Motors 39 5/8 Liggett & Myers B 87 1/2 Montgomery Ward & Co 32 1/4 Reynolds Tobacco B 29 3/4 Southern Railway 41 3/8 Standard Oil Co N J 17 3/8 U S Steel 52 3/8

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#### Four Million Casualties Estimated

Despite Tremendous Toll 'Still These Accursed Locusts Come On,' Pravda Says; Moscow Under State of Siege.

London, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Pravda declared today that German losses on the eastern front now are approaching four million killed and wounded, but "still these accursed locusts come on," according to a Moscow radio broadcast.

The price the Germans are paying for their gains was indicated by the Soviet Information bureau, which said that in the Bryansk and Kaluga sectors Saturday alone Russian forces destroyed about 445 German trucks loaded with men, fuel and munitions, 25 tanks and 70 cannon.

Meanwhile, Moscow became one vast bustling fortress today under a state of siege proclaimed by Premier Josef Stalin as the city's millions braced themselves for the impact of advancing German forces only 57 miles away.

The broadcast of Stalin's proclamation by the Moscow radio preceded an official Soviet announcement that gigantic battles were raging on two approaches to the city, in the Mozhaik and Maloyaroslavets sectors to the west and southwest.

That the German drive was being held up there was indicated by two successive communique, later yesterday and at noon today, both reporting particularly fierce fighting in those sectors.

Mozhaik is 57 miles airline west of Moscow, on the railroad running to Vyazma, the central front sector where attacks and counter attacks surged from the start of the German Moscow offensive on October 2.

Maloyaroslavets is 65 miles below the city on the rail line to Kaluga, communications center about 25 miles farther to the southwest.

The Moscow radio said the Germans attempted to turn the Russian flank in the Maloyaroslavets area but were halted by strong resistance.

It was recalled that Maloyaroslavets was the point where Napoleon in October 24, 1812, encountered Russian forces during his retreat from Moscow. There resistance further weakened his troops and forced them to take the road to Smolensk, which already had been devastated during the advance on Moscow.

Washington, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Russia may have to turn to the United States for food supplies, particularly wheat, as a result of the loss of rich grain-producing areas of the Ukraine, Agriculture department officials said today.

CONFERENCE

Hyde Park, Oct. 20.—(AP)—A conference on help for Russia was scheduled by President Roosevelt today with W. Averell Harriman, head of his mission to Moscow, and Harry L. Hopkins, his supervisor of lease-lend operations.

WASHINGTON

Representative Thomas, Republican, New Jersey, asserted today that the United States ammunition stocks were insufficient to supply the Army for one week if it were engaged in fighting on a scale comparable to present Russo-German operations.

Sabotage, strikes and other work stoppages caused by labor disputes, he told newsmen, have slowed up production to such an extent that ammunition on hand amounts to only about 2 per cent of a year's defense requirements.

He added that he had confidential information that the War department had underestimated the time needed for adequate expansion of anti-aircraft defenses and hence "not a city in the United States is protected from enemy air attacks."

Consequently, he said, "American cities along the Atlantic seaboard must necessarily expect token air raids if our relations with Germany continues to grow worse."