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MOSCOW DEFENDERS RESIST ASSAULTS

Far Eastern Relations Strained

Survivors of U. S. Freighter on British Warship



Survivors of the *Steel Seafarer*, American freighter sunk in the Red Sea, are shown aboard the British warship which rescued them. The *Seafarer* was sunk by a twin-engined German bomber, going down in 20 minutes. All of the crew were saved. (Central Press)

LEWIS STANDS ON STRIKE ORDER

Neutrality Debate Is Opened In Senate

Senator Connelly Declares 'United States Must Claim its Rights to the Seas'; Testimony Before Committee Made Public.

Washington, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Saying that American merchant vessels are being sunk by the brutal and murderous doctrine of unrestricted submarine warfare," Senator Connelly, Democrat, Texas, told the Senate today that "as a proud nation, the United States must claim its rights to the seas."

Before crowded galleries, the chairman of the foreign relations committee opened debate on legislation granting American merchant vessels the right to carry arms and to sail to any port in the world. Shipping now is forbidden by the 1939 neutrality law, which also prevents American merchantmen from entering belligerent ports or combat zones.

Democratic leaders who discussed the neutrality measure with President Roosevelt this morning reported that they had told the Chief Executive that the bill probably would be passed in less than two weeks.

Before debate opened, the Senate received a statement by Senator Hull that "we won't be in any war until Hitler decries that we shall."

The Senate foreign relations committee made public today the testimony that Hull, Admiral Harold R. Stark and others gave in closed sessions last week when the committee considered the bill which it approved Saturday, 13 to 10.

BONNIE DOONE, NEW TOWN, IS FORMED

Raleigh, Oct. 27.—(AP)—A new North Carolina town was formed today when the state board of municipal control approved an application for the incorporation of Bonnie Doone.

The town will be situated between Fayetteville and Fort Bragg, and will have a population of about 1,000. It is named for a small lake nearby.

JURORS DELIBERATE IN TOBACCO TRIAL

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Jurors who sat through 20 weeks of proceedings in the tobacco anti-trust trial resumed deliberations today following a Sunday recess declared when a Saturday devoted to consideration of the case failed to bring a verdict.

On trial on charges of criminal monopoly and price fixing are the American Liggett & Myers and R. J. Reynolds tobacco companies, two American subsidiaries and twenty executives. The accusation was filed by the Department of Justice.

Legislators Urge Action In Strike

Washington, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Demands were made in the House today for Presidential and Congressional action to meet the issue which legislators said was presented by John L. Lewis' "defiance" of President Roosevelt in calling a strike of so-called captive coal miners.

Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, declared the "do nothing" policy adopted by the government made it "a co-conspirator with the racketeers in the setting up of a labor despotism in this country." He asserted Lewis again had become "the strong man of the nation, though not so usable as Shirley Hillman, who seems to have been installed as fair-haired boy of the administration."

"It all admittedly makes a sham and a pretense out of all our preparations for war," Cox added.

Two Mississippi Democrats, Representatives Colmer and McGhee, joined Cox in his denunciation of Lewis.

Traffic Accident Statistics Show Need For Proposed Plan

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

Raleigh, Oct. 27—Statistics from the highway safety division give eloquent testimony that there is outstanding need for two safety measures now under consideration, to-wit: selective enforcement and highway zoning.

Motor Vehicle Commissioner Bodie Ward has already announced that he intends to stage an intensive safety campaign based on "selective enforcement," by which is meant the concentration of available highway patrolmen on selected stretches of road which past experience has shown to be the bloodiest. Highway speed zoning is coming in for serious study by the State Highway and Public Works Commission, with a view to setting speed limits lower than the state's 60 mile per hour maximum on those stretches where accident experience has shown that there is special danger or which are so congested with traffic that a limited speed is obviously desirable.

The half-score of roads, with total fatalities on each, are: US 70 and 70A, 28; US 301, 27; US 74, 25; US 421, 24; US 1, 20; US 29 and 29A, 18; US 17, 17; US 15 and 15A, 16; US 64, 13; and US 117, 11.

Obviously not every part of each of these roads has the same mortality rate; the slaughter being generally in the counties with the worst safety records for the year.

Thus, of the 25 deaths listed for US 74, no less than ten happened in Columbus county. The highway length within this county is approximately 50 miles, giving an average of a death for every two miles.

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Conference Is Arranged

Union Leader Agrees to Meet Taylor in Effort to End Walkout of 53,000 Miners.

Washington, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The United Mine Workers claimed today that practically all of the 53,000 coal miners in captive mines of the nation remained idle in answer to a strike order of President John L. Lewis, despite a second appeal by President Roosevelt that the miners stick to their jobs.

K. G. Adams, press official of the UMW, said Lewis would reply this afternoon to Mr. Roosevelt's second request that the mines continue in operation in the interest of national defense.

Adams said all captive mines were shut down, and that a "stack" of telegrams from local unions endorsed Lewis' rejection of the President's first request that miners remain at work pending further negotiations.

The UMW claimed it had about 95 per cent of the miners in the captive mines organized with nearly 100 per cent strength in some mines.

Washington, Oct. 27.—(AP)—John L. Lewis, boss of CIO's United Mine Workers, stood pat today on a strike order for 53,000 miners in steel producer-owned coal mines despite a second appeal from President Roosevelt to call it off in the interest of national defense.

The strike began Saturday midnight after Lewis had rejected a suggestion by the President that it be deferred while the UMW leader and Myron C. Taylor, former chairman of the board of U. S. Steel Corporation, tried to work out a solution.

Lewis said then that he understood Taylor was unwilling to participate in such a conference because he felt that if he did so any decision reached might be considered binding on the entire industry. However, he said he was ready to meet with Taylor.

President Roosevelt, in his letter to Lewis last night, said that Taylor would meet Lewis Wednesday. The President renewed his request that the UMW chieftain reconsider his strike decision and get the men back to the pits pending a final settlement.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy and windy, scattered showers this afternoon and tonight and over east portion Tuesday; colder Tuesday and over west portion tonight.

Jap Attack On Red Post Is Reported

Actions of Japan's New Premier Taken as Reply to Knox Statement; Japanese Press Renews Charges of Encirclement.

(By The Associated Press)
For Eastern developments put fresh strain today upon United States-Japanese - Russia relations.

A reported attack by 20 Japanese soldiers on a frontier post of far eastern Russia four days ago emphasized the ticklish situation between massing Japanese forces in Manchuria and Russia's far eastern armies.

Premier General Tojo's charting of Japan's course toward "ever expanding progression" appeared to be a reply to U. S. Navy Secretary Knox's warning that a collision in the Pacific was inevitable if Japan persisted in far eastern expansion.

The Japanese press resumed talk of Anglo-American economic and military pressure" on Thailand and said that nation was being agitated by "groundless rumors that Japanese forces were crossing the border from French Indo-China."

Reports from the foreign office said "a very delicate situation" existed between Thailand and Indo-China as a result of "England's machinations."

Indo-China, by virtue of grants to Tokyo by Vichy, is under Japanese military domination and the standing question in the Far East has been "if Japan moves will it be against Siberia or southward, via Indo-China, toward Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies, or both?"

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British commander-in-chief in the Orient, returned to Singapore today after a Pacific tour which included defense talks in Australia and the Netherlands East Indies.

Advices to Shanghai said that the

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BARRAGE BALLOONS ESCAPE AT DAVIS

Camp Davis, N. C., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Two barrage balloons snapped their cables here today and put on a free-for-all show as one fouled the power lines and left the camp without electricity.

The two balloons took off within an hour of each other and when last seen were flying northwest at a lively clip, apparently gaining altitude all the time.

All the balloons were pulled down about 10:30 a. m. when a violent and prolonged squall hit the camp. Shortly after they were put up again, one broke loose at 11:30 a. m. at an altitude of 2,500 feet.

At 12:30 p. m. the second balloon got loose, dragging 2,000 feet of cable.

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Washington Views New Jap Premier As Bad Symptom

By CHARLES P. STEWART
(Central Press Columnist)

Washington, Oct. 27.—The correct spelling of Japan's new premier's name is:



Lacking the typographical facilities to make a first class job of it, American newspapers have resorted to referring to the prime minister as his military man primarily as Eiki Tojo, but the Jap press mentions him as above indicated.

I've heard the point made that he must be a Jew, inasmuch as his first monicker is "Iky" (short for

Held for Perjury



George Hill

George Hill, secretary to Rep. Hamilton Fish of New York, was released on bond in Washington after he was indicted on two counts of "corrupt perjury" in connection with the Grand Jury's investigation of foreign propaganda agents. Hill was questioned in connection with the distribution of literature under Congressional frank.

Desperate Situation In South

Germans Apparently Pushing Steadily Toward Rostov; Russians Concede Loss of Stalingrad, Deny Kharkov Captured.

London, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Russia's line southwest of Moscow admittedly shoved back by fierce German onslaughts, was said in war dispatches today to have withstood Nazi attempts to blast an opening through toward the Soviet capital.

In the south, however, the Germans apparently were pushing steadily ahead toward Rostov, Russia's important pipeline terminus and rail river junction at the gateway to the Caucasus.

With the situation in the south conceded to be desperate for the Russians, the British again yesterday renewed heated demands on their government to strike in the west to divert some of the Nazi pressure from the Russians. There were indications that British forces might fight side by side with the Russians to protect Soviet oil resources.

Evidence of the growing weight of German blows on the southern front was indicated by Russia's acknowledgement that Stalingrad, important Donets basin industrial center, had fallen although the Germans' cost was said to have been 50,000 men killed and wounded during several days of violent combat.

Both Stalingrad and Kharkov, in the heart of the Donets area, already had been claimed by the Germans but the Russians said heavy fighting still raged in the vicinity of Kharkov and have not conceded that city's loss.

Russian front line dispatches to Kursk, the Soviet "branch office capital" on the Volga, said big Red Army guns firing into charging German tank columns at point blank range had stopped a new Nazi penetration southwest of the capital.

The Russians were said thus to have stood on a new defense line a short distance behind their former positions in the Maloyarovslavets sector, 65 miles southwest of Moscow, and in the early morning Moscow communiqué said the Germans had suffered heavy losses.

Moscow radio broadcasts said a battalion of Germany infantry was destroyed before a town identified only by the initial "S."

16 MINERS RESCUED, 15 STILL MISSING

Madisonville, Ky., Oct. 27.—(AP)—Sixteen miners were rescued and 29 others were reported safe today following an explosion in the mine of the Sterling Coal Company at Daniel Boone, a small mining community eleven miles southwest of Madisonville.

Fifteen men were reported missing.

The mine was badly wrecked by the blast, the cause of which, officials said, was not immediately determined.

Reynolds Tax Case To Be Heard

Washington, Oct. 27.—(AP)—The Supreme Court agreed today to review a decision denying the government the right to collect deficiency taxes of \$9,675,000, including interest, from the estate of Zachary Smith Reynolds, who died in Winston-Salem, N. C., in 1939.

Reynolds, 20-year-old tobacco heir, died a short time after his marriage to Libby Holman, the torch singer.

The government, which appealed from the fourth federal circuit court, contended huge trust funds left to Reynolds by his parents were a part of the taxable estate, but the court ruled otherwise.

These funds were the subject of long litigation after Reynolds' death. He had been married to Anne Cannon of Concord, N. C., who divorced him at Reno, Nev. They had a child. He then married Libby Holman, who gave birth to a child after Reynolds' death.

A compromise finally was reached under which North Carolina got \$2,000,000 in taxes, the first child 37 1/2 per cent of the remainder, the second child 25 per cent and a brother and sister of Reynolds 37 1/2 per cent. They were also given \$750,000 to pay over to Libby Holman Reynolds.