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FDR Demands End To Strike

Reds Claim Ukraine Victory

Nazis Begin New Drive For Moscow

German Forces Trapped Near Rostov-on-Don; Berlin Spokesman Says Entire Soviet Front Threatened by Offensive.

(By The Associated Press) Russia's Ukraine armies were reported today to have inflicted a crushing defeat on German troops caught in a trap 25 miles northeast of Rostov-on-Don while the German high command declared that axis invasion forces had opened a new big scale offensive.

A leading military spokesman announced that the whole Soviet front is being threatened with German troops centering on the Moscow-Leningrad front and in the rear of the front of Lake Ladoga.

The spokesman said about 100 Soviet divisions—approximately 1,500,000 men—were left in the battle line after the destruction of 200 out of 400 divisions—about 6,000,000 troops—with which Russia started the war.

A military spokesman said German forces raked both Moscow and Leningrad during the night and left spreading fires in the Red capital.

A bulletin from the fuhrer's headquarters reported that 10,000 Russian prisoners had been captured and 171 tanks destroyed during the last three days, but it gave no details of the new push.

Small front line dispatches said German infantry regiments, supported by tanks and armored cars, had been driven off with bloody losses in repeated attempts to storm across the upper Volga river in the Kalinin sector, 95 miles north of Moscow, and the Red army commander gave his general summary of the battle in the twelve months old struggle.

"Our troops are beating off the enemy attacks and destroying equipment and annihilating the main forces of the Germans."

On the southern (Ukraine) front, the Russians said Marshal Timoshenko's forces had re-captured a number of villages and advanced from them to twelve miles—presumably in the heavily contested battle sector between Rostov-on-Don.

In the Crimea campaign, the German high command said Nazi bombers recently attacked Russia's great Black Sea naval base at Sevastopol, blasting docks, munitions dumps and a ship in the harbor, but there was still no indication of a direct land assault against the stronghold.

The British radio said Russian forces in the K. reb sector had been badly repulsed to the Caucasus, along with their complete equipment and war material.

Generally, Russia has not yet recognized the German claim to the capture of Kerch, but the Moscow radio acknowledged that axis invasion forces estimated at 90,000 troops had broken Kerch's defenses "at a cost of colossal losses."

'Chutists' In Maneuvers

Maxton Airfield Captured, But Pope Field Defenders 'Destroy' Air Invaders.

With the First Army in the Field, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Despite a successful attack by red parachute troops upon one blue airfield, the blue First Army of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum claimed further advances today against the red fourth corps commander by Major General Oscar W. Griswold.

The parachutists, numbering about 150, dropped from a dozen transports and seized an airport at Maxton, N. C., late yesterday. At last reports they were still in control of the situation but strong blue forces had been dispatched to try to capture

A Thought for Thanksgiving



A pure white gobbler weighing more than forty pounds struts his stuff for pretty Dusty Anderson, famous New York model, who cast an appraising eye over the birds in famous Pinesbridge Farm, at Ossining, with a Thanksgiving dinner in view. Wonder what the big bird would do if he knew the fate in store for him?

Mexican-U. S. Oil Dispute Is Settled

Pepper Warns Japs

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Senator Pepper, Democrat, Florida, said today that Saburo Kurusu, Japan's special envoy, should know that "if war in the Pacific is the price of resisting the Japanese rampage, then war will have to come."

Pepper, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations committee, told a reporter that Kurusu, who has been negotiating with President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull on the Far East situation, "should understand that this country has gone as far as we are going."

Kurusu and Admiral Nimitz, the Japanese ambassador, who conferred with Secretary Hull for nearly three hours yesterday, are expected to resume the talks as soon as they receive new instructions from Tokyo—possibly today.

Full Parity Price Plan Abandoned

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The House agriculture committee, consisting of the wisdom of Secretary Wickard, has abandoned its plan for price-pegging farm loans at 100 per cent of parity and will ask for a three year extension of the present 75 per cent level.

British Fight Axis Allies

London, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons today that Britain already was taking "military and naval action" against Finland, Rumania and Hungary, which have sent their troops to assist Germany's invasion of Russia.

His statement, in reply to a question whether Britain considered the three as enemies because of their participation in the fight against Russia, was "military and naval action is, of course, taking place against these countries."

Weygand May Resign Vichy Post

No Statement Issued Following Lengthy Conferences With Marshal Petain, But Rumors Say Crisis is Near in Regime.

Vichy, Nov. 18.—(AP)—General Maxime Weygand, who commanded France's last wartime army, walked along the banks of the Allier at dusk tonight, slowly and alone, after conferences with Marshal Petain which may determine France's fate—and perhaps his own.

Even as he walked with his hands clasped behind his back, accompanied not even by his faithful aide, Major Passer, rumors spread through Vichy that he would step down from his post as Petain's pro-consul in Africa.

This rumor was followed swiftly by another that, after three days of conferences with the aged marshal, Weygand already had resigned, but had reconsidered and might accept a compromise.

Official circles refused either to confirm or deny reports that his authority in North Africa had been curtailed. There were indications that an official announcement to clarify the situation might be forthcoming tomorrow.

United States Ambassador William D. Leahy also conferred urgently with Petain during the day. After these talks Admiral Leahy remained at the embassy several hours after his usual time and it was said he was drafting a confidential report to President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull on the situation.

BROOKE IS NAMED BRITISH ARMY CHIEF

London, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The British war office announced early today that General Sir Alan Brooke will replace General Sir John Dill as chief of the Imperial General Staff in Dec. 25.

The appointment of General Brooke is expected to be the top job in Britain's armaments specialist regulatory mechanism, gunnery and anti-aircraft defense. He already has earned the title of "wizard" from his fellow soldiers.

Brooke, 56 years old, has been commander-in-chief of the home forces since July 10, 1940.

North Carolina Hospitals For Insane Are Understaffed

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Wain Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON.

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—North Carolina gives the patients in its mental hospitals less than half the medical attention the average state gives its insane.

Whereas the National Committee for Mental Hygiene says that there should be at least one doctor for every 150 insane patients, and whereas the average of all such state institutions is one doctor for every 223 patients, there is only one doctor for about 300 patients in the hospitals operated by this state.

The condition is not the fault of the hospital staffs, nor of the governing boards, according to Dr. James Watson, psychiatrist of the department of welfare. The trouble is that the hospitals do not have enough money with which to operate as they should. Dr. Watson's duties include the inspection of the mental hospitals.

For food, heat, warding, medical care for everything this state spends less than 65 cents a day on the patients in its three hospitals for the insane at Raleigh, Morganton, and Goldsboro, and even that figure includes the value of the food which the patients help to raise on the hospital farms and the money paid the hospitals by those patients who do pay anything at all.

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Closed Shop or No Coal—Lewis



John L. Lewis (left) is shown in Washington with Patrick J. Fagan, one of his district leaders in the United Mine Workers, as he declared there would be no peace in the captive mines until the steel companies granted a closed shop in the mines they operate.

Bragg Commander Demands Clean-Up

Eden Warns Against Attack

London, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said today that any attack by Japan on the Burma Road would "create a grave situation."

The Burma Road, twisting through the mountains from British Burma through Yunnan province to Chungking, is one of the principal lines of supply for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's Chinese forces.

Cotton Prices Again Higher

New York, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Cotton futures, reported to be 40 cents a bale higher, were 25 to 45 cents higher today, December 16.10. 11 1/2 to 12 1/2 (1939).

Shakeup In British Army Command

London, Nov. 19.—(AP)—A shakeup in British army command in the present chief, General Sir John Dill, reaches the retirement age of 60. General Dill was made field marshal and will become governor of Bombay when the term of Sir Roger Lumley expires.

The chief of staff designate, a member of the distinguished northern Ireland family known as "the fighting Brookes" is a specialist on military mechanization, gunnery and anti-aircraft defense.

General Brooke will assume his new position December 25 when the present chief, General Sir John Dill, reaches the retirement age of 60. General Dill was made field marshal and will become governor of Bombay when the term of Sir Roger Lumley expires.

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Alternative Proposals Are Offered

In Letters to Steel Company and Union Leaders, President Roosevelt Says Work in Captive Mines Must Re-Commence.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, declaring that work in captive coal mines must re-commence, called upon steel company and union executives today to maintain a status quo on the issue of a "closed shop" for the period of the national emergency or to submit this issue to arbitration, agreeing to accept in advance any decision reached.

The Chief Executive laid his alternatives before John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers; Benjamin Fairless, president of United States Steel; Eugene Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel; and Frank Purnell, president of Youngstown Sheet and Tube, in identical letters.

The President wrote in sympathetic strikes in commercial coal mines were spreading rapidly during the day.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Despite the steady spread of sympathy strikes in the commercial mines and some violence, an authoritative source said today that President Roosevelt probably would withhold executive action in the captive coal mine dispute until after the CIO concludes its national convention in Detroit Friday.

At the same time, however, it was learned that 50,000 troops were being held in readiness to take over the captive mines in the event the present deadlock continues and the President decides that use of the Army is necessary to fulfill his "indispensable obligation"—the restoration of coal production.

Preparations for the use of troops were said to be complete down to the last details, which include special instruction to the men on how to support themselves in the presence of mine workers. The time table calls for occupation of the captive mine centers within a few hours after the necessary orders are issued.

However, uniformed quarters have been vacated, there has been no final decision yet to use the Army.

Mr. Roosevelt, one authoritative source indicated, was purposely biding his time and giving CIO's striking United Mine Workers ample opportunity to reconsider the adamant position the union has taken to enforce its demands for a union shop in the captive pits which are owned and operated by the big steel companies.

There was a veiled intimation of the President's attitude in the message he sent the CIO convention yesterday, calling for production of the mines of defense "without delay and with interruption."

The statement that the President could stay his hand for a few days more found corroboration in authoritative House reports that Congress had received a quiet go-ahead signal to mullie the road legislation to deal with defense strikes, but with the understanding that action would be deferred for a week or so.

Highly placed legislators said that the question probably would not come up in the House until CIO's Detroit convention had ended and until the captive mine strike had been settled.

As the suspense intensified, the coal strike front presented this general picture:

Captive mines—most of them have been closed down, but a few continued to operate with curtailed working forces.

Commercial mines—the total of these mines tied up by sympathy walkouts in Pennsylvania has reached 18. Some 6,000 miners in 32 of Kentucky's commercial mines were ordered to quit work today in another series of sympathy demonstrations, and there was a possibility they might be joined by 8,200 in Virginia the union prediction was that all the 550 mines in that state, employing 105,000, would be closed within 48 hours. Already 5,500 West Virginia miners have quit the shafts in sympathy strikes.

Violence—Two hundred state troopers were ordered into Gary, W. Va., after two men were wounded at one captive mine which was continuing operations. Independent

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy, warmer in the interior tonight. Thursday increasing cloudiness and warm, followed by intermittent rains in the mountains.