



## Nazi Push Threatens Moscow Seven Nations To Join Axis Lineup

### Ceremonies Of Signing Tomorrow

#### Finland, Denmark, Bulgaria, Croatia, Rumania, Slovakia and Nanking Regime Join Six Present Anti-Comintern Pact Signers.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Authorized German announcements today that seven more governments would join the six present signers of the anti-comintern pact tomorrow.

The seven new signers are to be Finland, Denmark, Bulgaria, Croatia, Rumania, Slovakia and the Japanese-sponsored Nanking government, Germany, Japan, Italy, Spain, Hungary and Manchukuo are to renew their signatures at a ceremony marking the fifth anniversary of the pact.

Besides the desire of Italy and Germany to form a European bloc against what their spokesmen call Pan-Slavic dreams of westward Russian expansion, observers read into the announcement that the ceremony is connected with the fight against "world bolshevism," a reference to Britain and the United States, who Germany considers are sponsors of world bolshevism.

Although German efforts to bring France and Turkey into the alignment have been increasingly apparent, it remained anybody's guess whether either country would be persuaded tomorrow.

Italy's delegation was the first to reach Berlin and got an impressive welcome.

The continental anti-comintern lineup as it will stand after the adherence of the new nations tomorrow will leave just Turkey, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Greece, France, Belgium and the Netherlands outside the fold.

French adherence, Germans said, was impractical until relations between Vichy and the axis powers.

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### Eighty Hurt In Train Wreck

Cornth, Miss., Nov. 24.—(AP)—One passenger was killed and more than 80 injured, three so seriously they may die, when eight cars of the Illinois Central's last passenger train, the Seminole, left the tracks and hurtled down a 30-foot embankment a mile south of here yesterday.

The fast train was bound from Florida to Chicago.

The horrid act of dining car waiters, credited with pulling a number of passengers from the flame-swept coach, was praised by J. E. Winslow, 64, of Greenville, N. C.

"Those waiters were as fine as anything I ever saw," he said. "They knocked holes through the top and pulled me out. I had been knocked down and couldn't get up. I never saw anything like those waiters. They saved others, too."

Winslow suffered cuts and lacerations of the head.

### The Situation in North Africa



On the British campaign in Libya may hinge control of the Mediterranean, according to military experts. The British troops are reported deep in Italian territory, well past Tobruk, where a British garrison has held out for seven months. Broken line shows the supply route through French Tunisia, aimed at by Hitler. (Central Press)

## British Are Less Optimistic

### Axis Admits New Message To Jap Envoys Wide Sweep

#### British Left Wing Drives More Than 200 Miles Since Libyan Invasion Began.

London, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The extreme British left wing has swept westward a total of more than 200 miles since the beginning of the Libyan invasion, axis sources themselves disclosed today, while the right was claiming the capture of the important axis supply center of Benghazi, along the shores of the Mediterranean.

This deep penetration for the southernmost imperial column was disclosed in an Italian communiqué conceding the fall of an Italian garrison north of Gialo Oasis. The British in this area, it appeared, were beating on toward the Gulf of Ferte, well below the major axis port of Benghazi.

Thus it seemed that a grand maneuver of encirclement was developing in the south while more spectacular battles raged for control of the Mediterranean coast.

Although there was no official British comment on the point it seemed that the axis communications were being threatened with severance hundreds of miles behind the active battle front and that the intention was to confront with this southern column any German and Italian forces which, surviving the present struggle to the north, sought to withdraw toward Tripolitania in extreme western Libya.

### EMBASSY AT SAIGON WRECKED BY BOMB

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The State department announced today that it had been informed the United States consulate at Saigon, French Indo-China, was wrecked by a bomb last night but no member of the staff was injured.

### Efforts Of Bailey's Son To Avoid Draft Stirs Talk

A few days after Bailey had passed the state bar exam he entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation's school for prospective G-men. Four days thereafter the local draft board, which put young Bailey in Class A-1, received a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover to the effect that the young man's services were indispensable to the bureau.

Why the story did not break then is hard to understand. There was a lot of talk about it here. The matter was brought to the attention of Governor Broughton by the chairman of the appeal board to which young Bailey took his case. It is understood that the governor, in turn, discussed it with the senator.

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## U. S. Army Will Guard Dutch Mines

### Contingent Will Move Into Dutch Guiana to Protect Valuable Bauxite Mines Under Arrangement With Netherlands.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The White House announced today that a contingent of American troops would move into Dutch Guiana to protect valuable bauxite mines which supply the United States with large supplies for raw aluminum.

The arrangement was made by the United States and Netherlands governments with the government of Brazil giving its wholehearted approval.

Dutch Guiana lies on the northern South American continent and is bordered on the south by Brazil. The export is primarily an Atlantic seacoast. The population approximately 120,000 and the area is about half of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

A formal White House statement referring to the country by its Dutch name of Surinam asserted: "The bauxite mines in Surinam furnish upwards of 60 per cent of the requirements of the United States aluminum industry, which is vital to the defense of the United States, and the western hemisphere and the nations actively resisting aggression."

It is therefore necessary that the safety of these mines should be as completely assured as present conditions demand.

Normally, the statement said, the Netherlands government would rely on Netherlands Indies forces to strengthen the defenses of Dutch Guiana, but in view of the present situation in the south-western Pacific it is thought inadvisable to follow that course.

As a result of consultations between the government of the Netherlands and the United States it was agreed that an American army contingent go to Surinam to cooperate with the Netherlands forces in assuring the protection of the bauxite mines in that territory.

### Attorney Murdered

Leesburg, Va., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Ward Lovelless, 56, prominent Washington, D. C., lawyer and owner of extensive Leesburg county farm lands, was killed on his country estate near Spout Springs yesterday of early today.

The body was found by a Negro servant at 8 a. m. It had been wedged into a small china cabinet, feet sticking out and a heavy barbed table placed in front of the closet.

Blood had been splattered about three rooms of the home and there was evidence of a violent struggle.

### Envoy to Russia?



Maj. Gen. James H. Burns. It is reported in Washington diplomatic circles that President Roosevelt's choice as Ambassador to Russia will be Maj. Gen. James H. Burns, lend-lease executive, Gen. Burns was a member of the recent official mission to Moscow, and is a specialist in the production of munitions. (Central Press)

### Eight Dead On Highways

#### Six Soldiers Killed in Traffic Accidents Over Week-End; Two Others Die.

Charlotte, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Traffic accidents claimed eight lives in North Carolina over the week-end and six of the dead were soldiers.

The accident mortality rate for soldiers was the highest for any week-end since the maneuvers started early last month.

Henry Beard, 65, Iredell county farmer, was killed when hit by an automobile after he had alighted from a bus 15 miles north of Statesville.

Dr. B. W. Tugman, 59, Ashe county physician, died of a skull fracture suffered when he was struck by a car as he crossed a West Jefferson street.

Sergeant George M. Perry of Fort Bragg was killed near Raleigh when his motorcycle failed to take a curve.

Private John C. Hammond, 22, of Newburg, N. C., was fatally injured when a tractor overturned near Elberton.

Jack White, 26, and Texa Sander, 23, both of the 197th Coast Artillery, were killed near Tazewell when an automobile plunged over an embankment.

## Red Capital In Greatest Peril Of War

### German Shock Troops Drive New Wedge Between Moscow and Kalinin; Russians Launch Counter Offensive In South.

Kuibyshev, Russia, Nov. 24.—(AP)—German shock troops which drove a new wedge between Moscow and Kalinin and swarmed against the Red army's second lines of defense south and east of the capital put Moscow today in its most serious danger of the war.

Military sources declared, however, that on the Southern front, where German tanks battered their way into the Don river port of Rostov, the Red army had launched its greatest counter attack of the war, driving back the Germans in some places as much as 37 miles across the Donets plateau.

The Russians declared that violent street fighting continued in Rostov itself. (The German high command declared last Saturday that the port was captured and turned in German hands.)

Military reports said bluntly that the Red army had entered the most critical period in its resistance against a fierce onslaught toward Moscow aimed at taking "most important objectives."

In this big drive the Germans were estimated to have hurled more than 40 divisions—roughly 600,000 men—and half their tank force against the stubbornly defended approaches to the capital.

Military dispatches said this powerful attacking force had thrust a new wedge into the Russian right wing in the vicinity of Klin, 50 miles northwest of Moscow, in an attempt to cut between the capital and Kalinin.

The fighting here was the nearest to the capital yet reported by the Russians. (The Germans said today they had smashed to within about 31 miles from Moscow.)

Fighting off attack after attack by tank and mechanized forces, the Russians declared they were holding firmly to their positions at Kalinin and Vologolamsk, flanking the new wedge.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The Supreme Court held unconstitutional today California legislation which prohibited anyone from assisting nonresident judgment persons to come into the state.

Justice Byrnes delivered the decision on what was popularly known as the "anti-Okie" law intended to discourage the movement into the state of persons believed likely to become public charges.

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### 26 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

It's time to buy toys for the children.

Buy Christmas Seals

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Fair and much colder, temperatures below freezing in interior, near freezing on coast tonight, Tuesday fair and cold.