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A Boy and His Dog



Other dogs won the blue ribbons but no one can convince Bruce Williams, 2, that there's a better dog anywhere than his Weimink. Bruce is shown with his entry at the Philadelphia Kennel Club Show. (Central Press)

U. S.-Jap Crisis Believed Nearing

Extended Diplomatic Conversations Near Climax; U. S. Consulate in Tokyo Warns Americans to Leave Japan Promptly.

Washington, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The extended diplomatic conversations between the United States and Japan were reported today to be close to their critical final stages.

Both governments held to their official silence on the exact stages of the discussions, but an atmosphere of uncertainty persisted. In Tokyo, an increased gravity with the news that the U. S. consulate in Tokyo had issued a new and urgent warning for all Americans to leave Japan promptly. A similar appeal was reported addressed to Americans remaining in China. The Tokyo press comment manifested deeper pessimism.

While there have been no developments to indicate that the two nations were any closer to a break extraordinary session of the cabinet was called and public statements were issued.

Police took unusual precautions. Demonstrations were ordered to ban.

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President Of Chile Dies

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 26.—(AP)—President Pedro Aguirre Cerda of Chile, head of the first and only popular front government in Latin America, died yesterday at 62 after an illness the nature of which he apparently had foreseen.

For only fifteen days ago, as his health declined, he turned over the presidency temporarily to Gonzalo Mendez, leader of the radical party, to which Aguirre Cerda belonged. At that time, he had been ill for more than a week of grippe.

The public doors slowly swung shut as the news of his death spread and crowds gathered outside. An

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Serious Study Of State Tax Revision Launched At Raleigh Meet Yesterday

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

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—For the first time in the history of the State, the advisory budget commission has begun a study of proposed revisions in North Carolina's tax structure in time to do something about it. For the fact, a great share of the credit should go to the secretaries of chambers of commerce.

AMERICAN SOLDIER KILLED IN AFRICA

Cairo, Nov. 26.—(AP)—United States Army Sergeant Delmer Cook of Phoenix, Ariz., was reported today to have been killed by German machine gun fire yesterday in eastern Libya, where he was a technician and observer with American-made tanks.

Price Bill Is Opposed

Republican Representatives Plan Effort to Send Measure Back to Committee.

Washington, Nov. 26.—(AP)—House Minority Leader Martin Dies of Missouri said after a two-hour session of the Republican membership today that a strong effort would be made to send the price control bill back to the banking committee if a hearing provision were a stored.

A few minutes later, on the House floor, two Democrats—Representatives Clegg of Georgia and Dewar of Texas—went to the floor and urged that the measure be re-committed.

Clegg stated that the substitute "cover all" price control bill proposed by Representative Gore, Democrat, Tennessee, could be defeated as well as an effort to restore the licensing provision to the selective control bill approved by the banking committee. Such action, he said, would warrant sending the legislation back to the committee to do something.

Does announced he would vote to send the bill back to the committee "for no other reason than that I intend to put the power into the hands of the enemies of this country." I repeated his allegations that ten members of the price administration had records of affiliation with communist organizations.

Nazis Claim British Troops 'Annihilated;'

African Drive Slows

Germans Advance Around Moscow

Reds Launch New Attacks In Ukraine

Russians Admit Serious New German Gains on Northern and Southern Flanks of Moscow's Defense Arc; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press) The Russians admitted today serious new German gains on the northern and southern flanks of Moscow's defense arc, but declared that Red army counter attacks in the Ukraine had thrown the nazis back six more miles northwest of Rostov-on-Don, in the sector where the Germans had already lost from 37 to 69 miles.

The Vichy (French) radio, quoting "German front reports," said nazis mechanized forces had slashed through Red army defenses to a point within less than 16 miles of Moscow—the closest approach to the Soviet capital since Adolf Hitler started his huge scale drive against Moscow on October 2.

The radio said German spearheads had broken through southeast of

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WINBORNE BELIEVES BAN COULD BE ENDED

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne said today he saw no reason why an OPM order prohibiting decorative and advertising lighting in North Carolina could not be repealed immediately.

The OPM has announced that the order will stand until December 15, unless it decides to advance the date.

Magazine Article Denounced

Washington, Nov. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt accused a magazine of printing a "disgraceful" article about the late President Pedro Aguirre Cerda of Chile, and said the article was furnishing ammunition to axis propagandists in South America.

Mr. Roosevelt disclosed that the United States government "has been forced to apologize" to Chile for the article in question, and spoke of the "general indignation and disgust" which it engendered.

Time's editor, Henry R. Luce, replied he considered "the President's words are unwarranted by the facts and unfair as an attack on a free and honest press," even though they may have been influenced by "pressure of international politics."

"In view of President Roosevelt's extraordinary outburst," Luce said "Time will later make a complete report" on the article.

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Ribbentrop Says Germany Has Won Campaign In East

Marked Man



In accordance with the stringent anti-Jewish laws strictly enforced in Germany, this Jewish businessman in Berlin wears the six-pointed Star of David, prominently displayed on his coat. The word "Jude" is emblazoned on the star.

Anti-Strike Bill Studied

House Labor Committee Has Measure Drawn by Rainspeck; Strike Is Deadlocked.

(By The Associated Press) A tentative draft of legislation to require ending all pending labor strikes could be carried out in different industries, including a provision for compulsory arbitration, was studied by the House labor committee today.

Under the measure, during the so-called cooling off period, conciliation, mediation, and as a last resort, compulsory arbitration.

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Finland Still Free

Helsinki, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Finland's adherence to the anti-communist pact of Berlin "does not affect Finland's independence and freedom of action in her relations with non-signatory states," the newspaper Suomi Democratic, organ of the dominant social-democratic party, said today.

The statement, made by the Finnish government in recent notes to the United States and Britain, continues to express the national policy, the paper reported. (Finland told the United States that her war against Russia was defensive and that her alliance with Germany did not threaten Finnish independence.)

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Signers of Anti-Communist Act Are Told War Now Lines Up as Only Fight With Britain and Her 'Trans-Atlantic Helpers.'

Paris, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Josephine von Ribbentrop told signers of the anti-communist pact today that Germany already has won her campaign in the east and that the war now lines up only as a fight with Britain and her "trans-Atlantic helpers."

The United States, von Ribbentrop told, "is the enemy of the axis and its satellite nations." "It remains the last powerful ally of Britain. He added that Hitler long had calculated upon the hostility of a "small clique of leaders in the United States."

No matter whether or to what extent the United States delivers war materials to England, the outcome of the war cannot be changed, he declared. Neither, he said, is Russia in a place to make any change.

If it should develop that there would be war between the United States on one side and Europe on the other, the responsibility is clearly on Roosevelt," von Ribbentrop said.

He added, however, that any idea of a German military attack on the United States was "fantastic foolishness," and said that charges that Hitler planned world conquest, destruction of religion, and Nazi dominance of South America were products of deliberate propaganda nurtured by the American President.

Von Ribbentrop repeated the German contention that Roosevelt was a "traitor" in the war, and questioned whether the American people, whom he described as sharing a long time friendship with the German people, would "much longer tolerate his traitorous policy."

He declared that the reich was ready to give "constant extension" any peace treaty signed by Hitler's side at the end of the Polish campaign. Seven stories the foreign minister declared British intentions in an effort to encourage the British people.

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Ship Sinkings Cause Slump In Recruiting

Washington, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox said today that the torpedoing of the U. S. destroyer USS Kearny and Reuben James with a total loss of life of 112 men had caused a decline of 15 per cent in the rate of Navy enlistments.

The decline set in with the Kearny incident October 17 and was speeded up by the torpedo sinking of the Reuben James October 31, but Knox said that there was now a tendency toward returning to the old level of recruiting 10,000 to 11,000 men per month. That date is still about 2,000 to 3,000 men a month short of the Navy's actual needs, Knox said.

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U. S. Troops Welcomed



NEW DEFENSE AREA

Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, Nov. 26.—(AP)—United States troops have reached this Netherlands South American colony and have received a "heartily and simple welcome" by the official Netherlands Indies news agency Aneta, reported today.

The time of their arrival, their numbers and their deployment were kept secret.

The troops are here under an agreement among the United States, The Netherlands government and Brazil, by which the United States undertakes protection of the bauxite mines.

Knox Makes No Profit

Navy Secretary Says He Has Received No Remuneration for Magazine Articles.

Washington, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox told his press conference today he had not profited from the sale of magazine articles published under his name.

He opened the subject by explaining that while he expected, as a public official, he would have "paid" for his time to write "there was a sample of this yesterday which got my goat and I went to town to see it."

He then read editorially which he said had recently been published in the Waterbury Press, Conn., and the

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WHITE HOUSE SAYS GERMANS PLANNING TO RAZE BELGRADE

Washington, Nov. 26.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today that government intelligence services had reported Germany was preparing to raze Belgrade, capital of conquered Yugoslavia, because the nazis are convinced that Chetniks, Serbian guerrillas, are using it as a base of operations.

Stephen Early, presidential press secretary, said the report had come in last night. Asked the purpose of disclosing military intelligence, he said he expected to see the report printed. But when he was asked whether President Roosevelt hoped thereby to deter the German plan, Early said he would not say so even if that was the President's desire.

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British Army Reinforced At Rezegh

Big Battle Expected Momentarily South of Tobruk; Germans Report Capture of 5,000 British; Lengthy Struggle Foreseen.

(By The Associated Press) Axis front line dispatches declared today that British troops south of Rezegh, scene of a three-day battle of massed tanks, had been encircled and "annihilated" with more than 5,000 prisoners captured, and German military quarters asserted flatly that the Libyan desert campaign could no longer be regarded as a British offensive.

Rezegh is ten miles south of Tobruk. British Middle East headquarters said the Germans had rushed up reinforcements to Rezegh and that a big battle was expected there momentarily.

A Cairo bulletin reported that the British Tobruk garrison had smashed deeper into axis siege lines and declared that strong British tank reinforcements, previously held in reserve, were now moving into the forward battle zone to bolster other imperial armored columns which had been reorganizing for a new attack in the Rezegh area.

Other dispatches indicated that the British expected a lengthy struggle. The situation was confused but apparently from all reports the British drive led by General Sir Alan Cunningham was slowing.

From Cairo came acknowledgment that the Germans, rallying from the first surprise shock of the British counter offensive, had seized the offensive in some sectors and that trapped nazis were fighting savagely to break through British lines.

In London, an authorized spokesman said Jersey that the battle was still raging furiously with bloody losses on both sides and added that the struggle "possibly now is reaching a fresh climax."

DNB, the official German news agency, said strong British tank counter-attacks would cut reported the number of prisoners and booty was growing steadily, and asserted that renewed losses from siege-girt Tobruk had been frustrated.

MUSSOLINI MAY GO TO AFRICAN FRONT

New York, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini may leave Rome for the Libyan front to encourage his Italian soldiers, the Rome radio said today in a broadcast heard by NBC.

SLIGHT DAMAGE. Lisbon, Nov. 26.—(AP)—Available reports today still indicated only slight damage was caused by yesterday's earthquake, the most violent recorded here since 1755.

Kearney's Own Depth Charges Killed Sailors

New York, Nov. 26.—(AP)—An unintended number of the 100 men who perished on the torpedoed American destroyer Reuben James died from the explosion of the ship's own depth charges, while thrashing around in icy waters on the night of October 31, survivors say.

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair, not quite so cold tonight; Thursday fair, rising temperatures.