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Axis African Force Trapped Peril To Moscow Increasing, Pravda Acknowledges

Nazi Losses Tremendous Reds Report

Germans Encounter Supply Difficulties as Forces are Marshalled on Flanks of Defense Arc; Reds Gain Near Kalinin.

Moscow, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The peril to Moscow is increasing, Pravda, the communist party paper, acknowledged today, despite "tremendous" German losses and a difficult Nazi supply problem.

The newspaper said the Germans' main strength had been marshalled on the flanks of the capital's defenses for an attempt to push east and north in the past several days.

The Germans have encountered supply difficulties because their gains have extended their front, it declared, and reported the destruction of 320 tanks between November 19 and 25 as an indication of the Nazi losses.

A Russian counter offensive in the Kalinin sector, 90 miles north of Moscow, has driven wedges into the German line, and Red army troops have re-occupied several villages, Pravda said.

On the Rostov front in the south, the army newspaper Red Star said Soviet troops had made further advances.

Other Russian reports said the Russian air force, as well as the army, was taking a heavy toll of German forces before Moscow.

The Soviet communiqué said merely that Russian troops had fought the invaders on all fronts during the night.

Pravda said the Russians centered their attack on the northern prong of the German pincer movement against Moscow and "drove wedges into enemy lines and re-occupied many villages, some of which had served the Germans as bases of resistance and had been fortified."

Soviet reports told of 15,000 Germans killed in one day's period at three points on the Moscow front and said 105 Nazi tanks were destroyed by the Red army.

STATE DEPARTMENT DECLARES FINLAND LINED UP WITH AXIS

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The State department said formally today that Finland's latest actions had "confirmed our apprehensions that it is fully cooperating with the Hitler forces."

"Every act of the Finnish government" since delivery of its note rejecting a United States call for cessation of hostilities against Russia has made Finland's position clear, the department asserted in a statement.

Anti-Strike Bills Ready

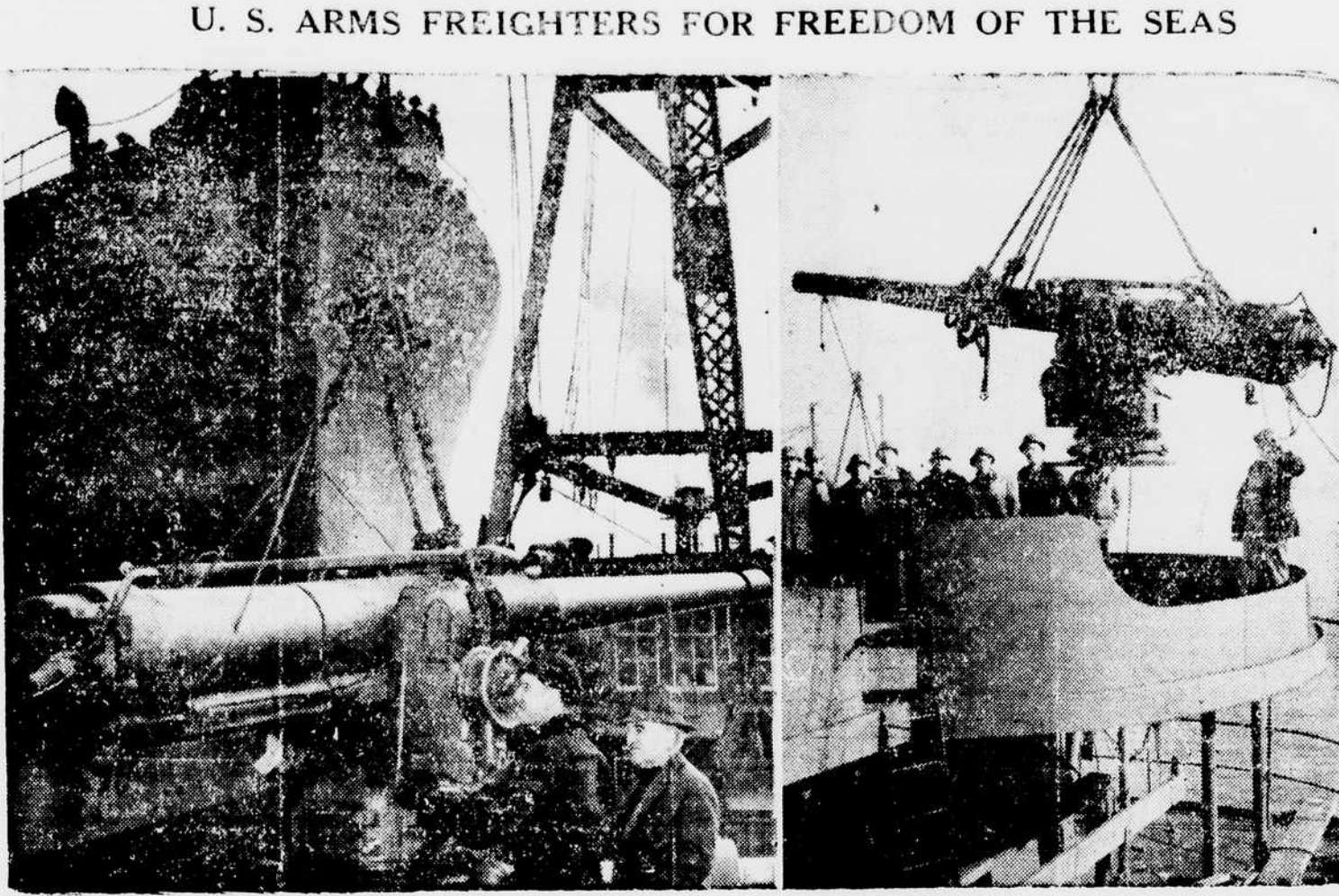
Measures Presented in Both House and Senate Take 'Middle of Road' Course.

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Senate and House committees gave their approval today to separate bills which would empower the government to take over a defense plant when strikes impede production.

The Senate judiciary committee voted 12 to 2 to recommend the bill of Senator Connally to take over such plants and freeze the open or closed shop status in them.

This action followed only by minutes House labor committee approval of legislation which, besides the seizure clause, would create machinery for voluntary arbitration of labor disputes.

Acting Chairman Ramspeck, Democrat, Georgia, said it was a "middle of the road bill"



U. S. ARMS FREIGHTERS FOR FREEDOM OF THE SEAS

Belligerent waters barred to the U. S. merchantmen until the recent revision of the Neutrality act will, gun is being used by them, after they have been armed to protect themselves against submarines and pirates.

Above, left, a gun is hoisted aboard an unnamed ship at an eastern port. At right, a gun is being lowered to the prepared stern gun mounting deck of a freighter.

NO COMPROMISE WITH JAPANESE

Japanese Study Note

Contents of U. S. Note Not Disclosed; Japanese Press Holds Pessimistic View.

Tokyo, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Japanese officials carefully weighed U. S. Secretary of State Hull's note today with no indication of when or whether it would be answered, but the press expressed belief that Japanese-American negotiations were near an end.

The contents of the note handed by Secretary Hull to Japanese Ambassador Nomura and Soviet Ambassador Kurita, were not disclosed.

Foreign Minister Tani analyzed the present status of Japanese-American relations, with special reference to the Hull document at a cabinet meeting but the government gave no clue to its next step.

High war and navy ministry officials met at the official residence of Premier General Tani before the session to confer on the note, and also sat in on the cabinet discussion.

The government spokesman's attention was called at a press conference to Japanese newspaper comment that Japan could accept a temporary makeshift arrangement and he was asked whether that was the government attitude.

He answered that such opinion must be decided by the government but that it was in no position to comment.

AMERICAN MARINES SAIL FROM CHINA

Shanghai, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The President Harrison sailed today with 200 American marines to an unannounced destination, leaving less than 200 of their comrades in all China.

22 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Advertisement for Christmas seals featuring a cartoon character and the text "DON'T FORGET HOPE FOR HATTIE."

Thailand Prepares For Defense

Bangkok, Thailand, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Thai government today announced that it had decided to prepare to resist any possible aggression.

Several days later Premier Songkran, at the first cabinet meeting to convene since the Thai-French independence conference, said the cabinet had yet to be able to agree on a policy to be followed in the event of a possible aggression.

In Tokyo, the newspaper Yomiuri said that the Japanese government was studying the Thai situation.

Army Now Has 2,500 Planes

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Major General Henry H. Arnold reported today the Army now has 2,500 of more modern, combat-type warplanes despite the diversion of American-made aircraft abroad.

In a recent version of a report on the state of the Army, General Arnold revealed that 2,500 more planes were ready to act in advanced bases south of continental United States, the new figure, for a total of 4,000 other than combat planes.

Anderson Declares Taxes Are Not Bar To Industry

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

Raleigh, Nov. 28.—Jim Anderson, director of the bureau of commerce and industry, whose job is to attract new industries into North Carolina, says "insofar as I know we have never failed to get a new industry solely because of the tax structure of this state."

Anderson's statement was, in effect, an answer to the argument of certain secretaries of chambers of commerce who have made public statements, that the state, or their particular communities, were not getting new industries because North Carolina taxes were too high.

93 SOLDIERS DIE DURING MANEUVERS

Camden, S. C., Nov. 28.—(AP)—Ninety-three soldiers have died in the Carolina war games since they began the first week in October.

Colonel F. W. Weid, sergeant of the First Army, said that 75 men had died in the ranks of the 220,000-man First Army. Sixty-three of them were accidental and twelve were from natural causes.

Soldiers To Leave Carolinas

With the First Army in the Carolinas, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A little more than a week ago, the First Army and the 10th Army Corps, a plan was made to return the 93,000 soldiers of the First Army to their base this week-end. It will end the Army's 1941 maneuvers in the Carolinas.

A plan for demobilization of the First Army provided for starting the move on Nov. 15, and it was completed today after the end of the practice phase, the final phase of maneuvers. These moves are along the coast.

Assuming that the maneuvers will end until Sunday, the program contemplated that troops from Fort Bragg, Fort Bragg, Camp Detrick and other posts in the region will return to their home stations December 3. Most of these men are in the first corps.

Should the maneuvers end before Sunday the departure schedule probably will be adjusted to conform to the earlier termination.

Anderson Declares Taxes Are Not Bar To Industry

Anderson, with the aid of the tax research division of the Department of Revenue, has prepared a comparative study of the total tax bill a hypothetical industry would have to pay in this and other southern states. Although there are two states in which that bill would be lower, would be well below the average would be well below the average for the section.

The head of the bureau declined to make public the comparative study. "After all, that's our secret ammunition," he said. But he will show it to any secretary who is interested.

U. S. Ships May Arm

American Government Stands Firm on Pacific Issues; Japs Active on Thai Border.

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The American government it was learned today from the best available sources in Washington, has ruled out any possibility of a compromise with Japan on the Chinese issue and has raised a possibility that American merchant ships in the Pacific may be armed.

While it was reported in the highest authorities that merchant ships may be armed in the Pacific and Asia, the U. S. Navy has not broken down, the United States viewed the present situation as extremely serious.

An official White House announcement concerning merchant ships on Pacific routes "will not be issued under existing circumstances."

And when the time comes, it would be a matter of how long he thought these circumstances would last. He thought the situation would last for a long time.

He was asked whether there was anything he could say on the possibility of arming merchant ships in the Pacific. He thought that he would not say anything on that point.

NAZIS SAY TOBRUK STILL UNDER SIEGE

Berlin, Nov. 28.—(AP)—British attempts to break out of Tobruk on the Libyan front have been repulsed, the German high command declared today.

Heavy battles are continuing on the north African desert, the communiqué said.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, warmer in interior tonight. Moderately warm Saturday.

Wage Control Proposal Rejected

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The House refused today to include a modified form of wage control in the administration's amended price control bill after leadership had made other concessions aimed at recruiting badly needed votes for the measure.

It rejected by a standing vote of 182 to 83 an amendment by Representative Robertson, Democrat, Virginia, which would forbid any agency or official of the government approving or recommending wage increases which the price control administrator deemed inflationary. The amendment had the approval of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Earlbert said.

Earlier, Chairman Stengall, Democrat, chairman of the House banking committee, announced that the administration would agree to have its proposed price controls administered by a board rather than an individual.

He announced also the administration was willing to make some concessions—a provision to license commodity dealers and one to empower the government to pay and set any commodity in the open market in a plan to keep prices stable.

Driving for a final vote on the bill, administration lieutenants still sought to keep the licensing power in the bill, even though modified.

Nazis Mine Sea Lanes

London, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The German air force is sowing "considerable" mines along the sea lanes off the west coast of England through which some United States ships coming directly to Britain must sail, an authorized source said tonight.

He said this mining has been a continuing process but that the British had been "very successful" in dealing with air-sown mines through the "minuscule" value to the Germans had been enormous considering how many men were required to keep the approaches swept clear.

Priorities End Highway Construction

Baleigh, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Faced by an acute shortage of materials due to activity during the State Highway and Public Works Commission announced today it would be necessary to abandon new construction work in North Carolina.

Ben Brann, highway administrator, said the commission still would be able to obtain materials to repair existing roads, bridges and other projects, but that there was little hope of new construction.

It also will be possible to obtain priorities on materials for road leading to military encampments and on roads designated by the War department as strategic, he added.

HULL RE-EXAMINES U. S. VICHY POLICY

Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull today began a sweeping re-examination of United States policy toward Vichy France.

Hull turned to this problem as soon as he was freed of the time-consuming conversations on the Pacific which have been suspended pending Japan's decision on whether to pursue policies of peace or aggression in the Far East.

Again the diplomatic objective was to avoid the spread of war to new areas which might affect the peace and security of the western hemisphere or jeopardize its interests.

VILLA HOTEL BURNS AT MOREHEAD CITY

Morehead City, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The Villa hotel, a four-story structure here, was partially destroyed by fire this morning.

No one was hurt.

An observer said the roof was completely burned, and that damage from water and fire was considerable.

British Wall Bars Return Of Column

British Tobruk and Rezegh Junction Consolidated, as British Press Westward Along Coast Toward Gazala and Derna.

Cairo, Nov. 28.—(AP)—The Tobruk and Rezegh forces, consolidating their junction today, trapped large axis forces to the east which immediately began to attempt to battle their way out, a British spokesman announced here.

Practically the entire Italian Bologna division was wiped out in the action, the spokesman said.

Bitter fighting was in progress today, it was said, as an axis column which had darted into Egypt two days ago as a diversion tried to get back to the axis main forces.

They were headed for a British wall, however, as the contact established by the Tobruk forces yesterday was strengthened into an effective line.

This flying column on its retreat westward was able to join with some forces from the strong axis formation under the axis African commander, General Erwin Rommel, which were entrenched along the Egyptian-Libyan border southward from Halfaya (Hellfire) Pass to Sidi Omar when the British drive opened eleven days ago.

However, it was said, most of the forces were scattered by combined British air and ground forces which worked in unison to keep them trapped and smash them into small groups for easier annihilation.

The British also were pushing westward from Tobruk farther along the Mediterranean coast, heading toward the strong axis centers at Gazala and Derna.

The British commander, Lieutenant General Sir Alan Cunningham, however, appeared to be concentrating for the moment on the big axis armies backed to the east of Tobruk.

The biggest tank encounter of yesterday occurred in this sector, as the two teams moving axis troops ran into the tank-bottled jaws of the British tank.

The axis column was shattered, the British said, some tanks moving toward Gambut, which the British have re-occupied and others pushed into the void of the desert sands.

The spokesman, although stressing that the British now had completed the junction with the Tobruk garrison forces, which had been besieged since April, nevertheless predicted more heavy fighting in the Tobruk area.

To escape to the main axis forces, the trapped Germans and Italians would have to break the new British Tobruk-Rezegh connection.

BRITAIN MAINTAINS FLEET IN PACIFIC

London, Nov. 28.—(AP)—United States aid in the battle of the Atlantic has enabled Britain to delegate to the Pacific the sort of ships (that is battleships) needed to meet a "really great naval power," an authorized source said tonight.

The informant meant Japan, whose strength in capital ships is far superior to that of the Italian or German navies. Against the axis Britain needs only lighter craft.

RAF Raids Duesseldorf

London, Nov. 28.—(AP)—A large scale aerial attack on Duesseldorf was announced today by the air ministry, which said railways and industrial districts were heavily bombed.

Docks at Ostend and German air-dromes in the Low Countries also were said to have been attacked as the British bombers swept eastward into Germany.

The air and home ministry ministries announced that a small number of persons were injured and some damage was caused in German air raids.