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Russia Jibes At Nazi War News

Rommel in Plane Cockpit



This photograph of Nazi Field Marshal Rommel in the cockpit of a plane was received from the British. The "Desert Fox" may have used this same plane in fleeing from the British Eighth Army. Allied pilots are now actively testing the marshal's defensive positions covering the double approach to Misurata, some 120 miles south of Tripoli.

General Assembly In Short Session

Favorable Committee Report On Bill To Set Up Post-War Reserve Fund Highlights Session; Amount Increased To \$22,000,000

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Both houses of the 1943 General Assembly made their first week-end session a brief one today, with a favorable report by the senate appropriations committee on the administration-sponsored bill to set up a post-war reserve fund highlighting the meeting.

The bill, introduced by Senator Taylor of Anson, was amended by the committee to provide for a reserve fund of \$22,000,000 instead of the \$20,000,000 called for by the original measure. The money would be taken from the large surplus accumulated by the State during this year.

The senate, which had only five members present, adjourned after five minutes. Senator Ballentine of Wake presided over the short-lived meeting.

No local bills were offered in the house, which had previously stipulated that only local matters could be considered today, and the body adjourned two minutes after being called to order. Twenty-two members were present.

HUNGER STRIKE

Los Angeles, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Guy A. Anthony, an aircraft worker held on a federal grand jury indictment charging draft evasion, entered the tenth day of a hunger strike today. Anthony said he had lost considerable weight and might be fed soon to eat. He will be arraigned in city if he continues his refusal federal court Monday.

Henderson Opposes Cut In 'A' Cards

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Price Administrator Henderson expressed emphatic opposition today to suspension or wholesale reduction in the value of "A" gasoline ration in the east, and said he foresaw no immediate necessity for trimming the value of any coupons.

Henderson told a press conference that suspension of "A" books would lead upward of 3,000,000 cars stranded in the east. He made public a telegram from Thomas P. Henry, president of the American Automobile Association, saying Henry had heard persistent reports "that certain interests, inside and outside the government," had urged total suspension or devaluation of "A" books for an indefinite period. Henry predicted such action would be "disastrous" and would bring a breakdown in transportation in the affected areas.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Continued cold, with slightly lower temperatures tonight.

ANTHRACITE COAL MINE STRIKE SPREADS

Eight More Mines Close In One Day

Another 8,000 Miners Stay at Home, Bringing Total of Strikers to About 224,000; War Department Calls Mass Meeting

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 9.—(AP)—A new wave of idleness hit the strike-troubled anthracite fields today as the War department summoned striking miners to a mass meeting to urge an immediate return to work.

Another 8,000 miners stayed home, bringing the total number to about 224,000 and closing eight more mines to make the total 24.

Meanwhile coal dealers in Philadelphia reported supplies dwindling and a coal famine threatened. A "great shortage" also had been reported in New England and other sections of the nation.

Michael Kosik, president of District No. 1 of the United Mine Workers, which has condemned the walk-out, said the new stoppages were not necessarily allied with a revolt against a 50-cent-a-month union dues increase and a demand for a \$2-a-day wage bonus which caused the other closings.

Kosik said the cause might be dissatisfaction with a time-and-a-half pay provision effective today under a government-sponsored plan to increase the mine work week from five to six days. Many miners have demanded more for the sixth day. Possibly the miners who stayed out today may return to work at the start of the new week, Kosik said.

The strike spread to a mine in Hazleton, Pa., last night, soon after the War department announced it would attempt to get the strikers back to work.

Flynn To Be 'Ambassador'

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Edward J. Flynn's abandonment of the national Democratic leadership for an "ambassadorship" to Australia today is stirring two circles of speculation in Washington's diplomatic and political waters.

Chief questions to be answered are (1) will the diplomatic development return Nelson T. Johnson, former ambassador to China and now minister to Australia, to the Chinese post, and (2) will success Flynn at the Democratic helm.

Flynn made it plain he expected the President to announce his appointment as Mr. Roosevelt's "ambassador to Australia." His terminology indicated that the rank of the American diplomatic representative to Australia—now only that of a minister—would be raised to that of ambassador by presidential order.

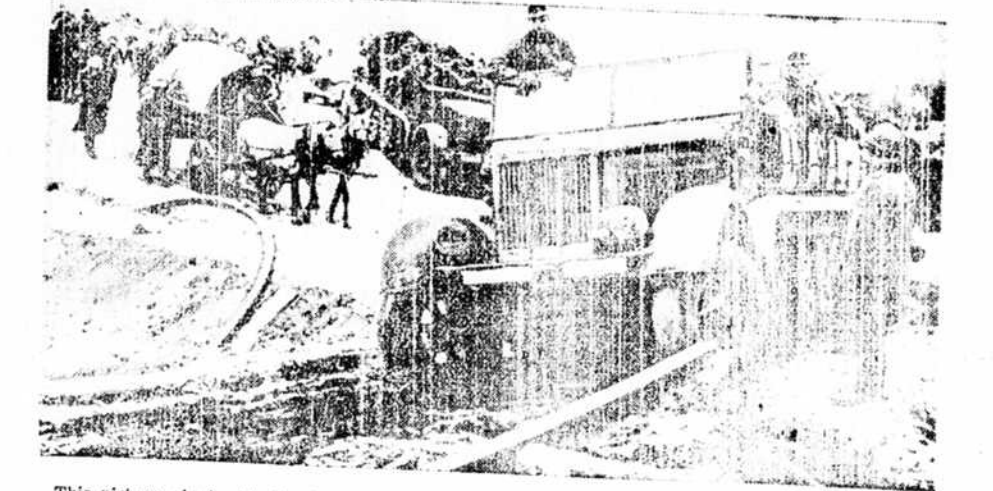
Test Farm To Be Moved

Raleigh, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Director P. E. Miller of the division of test farms of the State Department of Agriculture said today the Blackland experiment station, located near Weldon in Washington county, would be moved to two tracts of land near Plymouth.

The agricultural research station is being moved, Miller said, because the usefulness of the present location has been impaired by extensive fires.

The new location, five miles east of Plymouth, will embrace approximately 2,000 acres of forest and cleared land.

Nazis Seek Avenue of Escape in Don Area



This picture, obtained in London from a neutral source, shows German and Russian troops retreating from the Don area in Russia looking dubiously at their last means of escape, a railway bridge which had been destroyed by the Russians. Note the torn-up tracks. Moscow announced that the Don and Caucasus offensives were continuing, and twenty-one more towns were captured. The Russians are converging on the key city of Rostov and are threatening to cut off and isolate a large Nazi force. (United Press)

Draft Laws Under Study

Chairman May Say Whole Subject Of Selective Service May Be Reopened Soon

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The whole subject of selective service may be reopened shortly by the House military affairs committee in a move to give draft supervision to the War department and prevent drafting of married men while eligible single men are available.

Chairman May, Kentucky Democrat, said today he had received proposals either from the War department or from selective service headquarters for draft law revision, but added the committee might propose some changes of its own volition if it came before the committee.

May said he believed administrative changes in the War department instead of under the manpower commission headed by Paul V. McNutt. While he does not plan to draft legislation to this effect, he added, he would support such a measure if it came before the committee.

"The job of fighting the war and winning it is in the hands of the War department," the Kentucky commented. "It seems to me the department should have control over who is going to be drafted to do the fighting."

U. S. SUBMARINES SINK JAP LINERS

London, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Reuters quoted a Ceylon report today that two Japanese liners had sunk about 25 miles from Shanghai, and that only 12 men were saved out of 1,000 aboard the two ships.

Nanking Declares War

Tokyo (From Japanese Broadcasts), Jan. 9.—(AP)—Premier General Hirota today announced today that the Chinese national government at Nanking had declared war against the United States and the British Empire.

The Japanese war leader declared that the move was a "great step forward in the prosecution of the war in greater east Asia to crush those two enemy countries."

(The British radio in a broadcast recorded by CBS in New York said the declaration of war by the puppet Nanking government could have no military importance, but that it would be likely to affect those Britons and Americans still living in the area. It estimated 12,000 Britons and Americans were in Shanghai alone. Until now, it added, they have been allowed a certain amount of freedom.)

Senators Shy Away From Peace Formula

Public Urged To Avoid Use Of Taxicabs

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Joseph H. Eastman, director of defense transportation, called on taxicab operators and the general public today to halt all use of cabs by pleasure in the 17 state eastern oil shortage area.

Eastman told reporters that reports indicate the office of peace administration's ban on the use of private cars had resulted in a "noticeable increase in the use of cabs."

"If this is true," he said, "the purpose of restricting the use of private passenger cars in the eastern United States to necessary driving is being partially defeated. The purpose of course, is to cut down on the consumption of gasoline. Obviously, nothing is accomplished if pleasure riding is merely transferred from passenger cars to taxicabs."

BODIES OF ELEVEN MEN ARE RECOVERED

Morgantown, W. Va., Jan. 9.—(AP)—Rescue workers early today recovered eleven bodies in the rubble filled, Hempstead No. 15 mine of the Purplepine Mining Co. and continued a search for the last of 13 miners killed when trapped by an underground fire.

Biddle Asks Early Trial In AP Suit

New York, Jan. 9.—(AP)—Attorney General Francis Biddle today filed a petition in federal court here, asking that the government's antitrust action against the Associated Press be expedited and heard by a court consisting of at least one eminent federal judge and two federal jurors.

The legal procedure is for a single federal judge to hear such cases. A ruling that the case was a "general public importance" the attorney general asked that it be assigned for hearing at the earliest practical date and in every way expedited.

The government suit charging monopoly was filed in federal district court here last August 23, and asked the court to order the Associated Press, world's largest news-gathering organization, to open its membership rolls to any newspaper willing to pay its proportionate share of the cost of gathering news.

Tendency To Avoid Stand Until War Is Won Is Indicated; Admiral Stark Declares War's Greatest Problem Is That Of Shipping

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—A tendency to avoid blue print structure for the post-war structure of the world until the war is won was indicated today among the senators who were told by President Roosevelt they might have a hand in building it.

Some who spoke for the record and some speaking privately informed an interviewer they preferred to wait and see whether Americans themselves wanted nationalism, internationalism or some middle of the road policy.

The President's statement to Congress Thursday that it was "within the realm of possibility" the present Congress may help greatly to save the world from future war was amplified at a press conference today when he expressed hope that the war might be won in 1944.

Similarly, Admiral Harold R. Stark, commander of American naval forces in European waters, told reporters he still held to his previous opinion the war would be "long and tough" but that next year "we will be coming along with such power that we can afford to march in anywhere."

Home for consultations, Stark asserted that the whole problem of the war's conduct now comes down to shipping and in that respect the greatest menace is the submarine. "Recent shipping losses, he observed, are something to be mighty uncomfortable about."

"The 'wait and see' attitude toward post-war plans, said those senators speaking off the record," is based on a belief that Americans are still essentially nationalistic. They expressed doubt that other countries, particularly those who look forward to reelection, would want to wait a stand until they knew the temper of the returning soldiers.

U. S. MERCHANTMAN SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that a United States merchantman was sunk by an enemy submarine late in October in the Indian Ocean. Survivors were landed at Norfolk, Va.

FORTRESSES STAGE ATTACK ON BIZERTE

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Jan. 9.—(AP)—The United States air force has struck one of the heaviest blows of the war at Bizerte, a vital axis supply port, with four twin-engine Flying Fortress bombers on three separate raids, it was announced today.

Dares Hitler To Tell All About Loss

German Field Headquarters Still Gives German People No Intimation Of Russian Gains; Red Armies Continue Triumphant Sweep.

(By The Associated Press) Russia official challenged Germany today to tell the truth about the disaster rapidly enveloping Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, even as Soviet troops recaptured more than 20 additional towns in their triumphant sweep through the lower Don valley and the Caucasus.

Despite the Soviet jibe, Hitler's field headquarters still resorted to generalities and gave the German people no intimation that the once-conquering Nazi legions were suffering their worst setbacks of the war.

Thus the Nazi communiqué played German troops as repulsing Soviet attacks in the three major sectors—between the Caucasus and the Don, near "Kaukasus"—and inflicting "extremely heavy losses" in counter attacks.

Soviet dispatches said three Russian armies were now closing in around the great German base at Brest, key to the whole Nazi position in the Caucasus. The nearest German town was less than 60 miles away.

The Soviet communiqué said German leaders had concealed the truth of the retreat from their people and when it became no longer possible to remain silent, the heroic ruler "decided to break these silence but in such a manner that no one should understand anything."

Other developments in the global war: NEW GUINEA—American and Australian warplanes smashing at a tropical Japanese convoy off the north coast of New Guinea were officially credited with sinking three transports, damaging a fourth, and shooting down 38 enemy combat planes.

United Nations headquarters said the Japanese, attempting to reinforce the remaining New Guinea stronghold by transporting troops from New Britain to the base at Lae, succeeded at least in landing only

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U. S. Planes Raid Kiska

Results of Big Raid Not Observed; Other Bombers Attack Jap Base in Rekata Bay

Washington, Jan. 9.—(AP)—American bombers in a raid on a Japanese base in Rekata Bay in the Solomon Islands started fires in their installations, the Navy reported today in a communiqué which told also of a new air attack on enemy bases at Kiska. The Navy communiqué No. 245 said:

"North Pacific: 1. On January 7th, a force of heavy bombers dropped bombs on enemy positions in Kiska. Results were not observed.

"2. On January 7: (A) During the morning a force of Flying Fortresses bombed enemy flying on the island of Bougainville. Twelve Japanese Zero fighters attacked the Fortresses. Two Zeros were shot down. No U. S. planes were lost.

"(B) A force of medium bombers with an Avrocoast escort attacked enemy installations at Rekata Bay on Serab Island. Fires were started and two enemy float-type planes were damaged. Two U. S. planes were shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire."