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U. S. BOMBERS HIT EAST GERMAN TARGETS

Citation Of Daniels Is Suggested

Subcommittee Votes To Have Daniels Up On Contempt Charge

Washington, March 4—(AP)—A Senate agriculture subcommittee voted unanimously today to recommend citation of Jonathan W. Daniels, administrative assistant to President Roosevelt, for contempt of the Senate for refusing to answer questions in an official investigation of the Rural Electrification Administration.

The recommendation goes to the full committee, which is expected to report on it next week.

The subcommittee, Chairman Arthur W. Capper, closed its session at 4:30 p. m. today.

The subcommittee will make a report to the full committee recommending that citation be taken against Mr. Daniels before the full Senate, to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt.

Mr. Daniels has refused to supply the subcommittee with information it has requested, maintaining that it is unconstitutional for the President to require such information and that it would not be in the public interest.

The subcommittee also has recommended that the contempt proceedings be taken by other means, such as by the House of Representatives, against an executive officer of the government.

The five executive members of the subcommittee declared they are ready to take a legal test of Daniels' refusal to answer questions put to him by the group in its investigation of the R. E. A.

They took the view that the refusal amounted to a challenge to the authority of Congress to investigate the testimony of public officers in investigations of governmental agencies.

Mr. Daniels, 41-year-old son of Joseph Daniels, World War I Secretary of Navy and former ambassador to Mexico, refused to tell the subcommittee whether he had participated in an effort to remove Harry Hopkins from R. E. A. administration.

Mr. Daniels, who was invited to testify by Daniels, has refused to answer whether Slattery's testimony was true.

Penalties for contempt range from a fine of a fine up to \$1,000 and imprisonment up to one year.

GERMAN OFFICER ASSERTS NAZI POSITION HOPELESS

Gen. Erich von Brauner, former chief of staff of the German army, today asserted that the Nazi cause is a lost cause and that a decision to withdraw from the East is being forced by his conscience.

The 74-year-old member of an old German family, who escaped Istanbul two weeks ago with his wife, the former Countess Eliza Plehinskaya, has been elected with Allied intelligence officers at a Middle East headquarters for several days.

Closer Check On Local Taxes Now Being Made

BY LYNN NISBET Daily Dispatch Bureau

Developing tax consciousness on part of the public, accentuated by much midnight oil burning over Federal income tax blank, centers attention also on local taxes.

Attorneys and other representatives of big taxpayers don't like to talk about what they are doing, but information from unimpeachable sources is to the effect they are watching very closely the levy, collection and distribution of ad valorem taxes in counties and cities where they have large valuations.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad company has "fronted" the protest. The railroad has brought several suits in North Carolina counties charging excessive levies and has won most of them.

One of the controlling cases was in Cumberland county. The commissioners there levied 17 cents for relief of the poor in 1942.

The Coast Line paid under protest and then entered suit for recovery of 12 cents, setting up that the law did not permit more than five cents levy for that purpose.

The case was heard in Cumberland court by Judge Quiney Nimocks in September last year, and resulted in a decision for the railroad. The county

GIRL GUERRILLA'S SCORE IS 21 NAZIS



A MEMBER OF TITO'S Yugoslav guerrillas, who have given the Nazis plenty of headaches, Vera Krizman (center) 19, discusses her exploits with other girl guerrillas in the Bari area in Italy. Vera is credited with killing 21 Nazis in battle. Official OWI photo.

Rep. Luce Suggests Workers Draft By Induction In Army

Washington, March 4—(AP)—Rep. Charles McNary, Democrat, today introduced legislation to draft workers by induction in the army.

Court Denies Lepke Appeal

Washington, March 4—(AP)—The Supreme Court today denied the appeal of Alvin Karpis, one of the gangster leaders.

Manpower Drafting Through Selective Service Introduced

Washington, March 4—(AP)—Undaunted by the side-tracking of a similar bill and impatient because of "too much talking and too little action," Representative Clare Boothe Luce (Conn., R.) offered a new solution to the manpower problem today.

She introduced legislation to induct into the army, for limited service in essential war activities, between 50,000 and 200,000 men, who would be non-fathers, between the ages of 18 and 44 or 45-49 between 18 and 30.

The bill, introduced through the regular selective service act, would be assigned to the army, reserve, regular army pay and wear army uniform.

"They would be used for harvesting, mining, logging, tanning and other seasonal activities, and in essential war and war supporting jobs, whenever and wherever needed."

"It's time to stop talking and do something," Mrs. Luce said in an interview. "The law, all Congress has done on the manpower problem is to talk what cannot be done."

Mrs. Luce said she did not believe Congress was in the mood to enact a national service law now and she thinks the House Military Committee, of which she is the only woman member, had any intention of considering a bill to introduce some type of emergency work corps through the wholesale induction of draft-age non-fathers not already in uniform.

Slight Chance For Speedy New Trial Of Wayne Lonergan

New York, March 4—(AP)—Any possibility that Wayne Lonergan's second murder trial would get under way quickly appeared today to be buried beneath legal stumbling blocks.

With the accused wife slayer back in a cell at the Tombs, professing disappointment over the delay, District Attorney Frank Hogan said he had not decided whether to press for a new trial immediately.

"Even if we started tomorrow," he added, "it would take at least two weeks for the preliminary maneuvers."

Among other things, a new jury panel must be drawn because Judge John J. French dismissed the original talesman when he abruptly ended the first trial yesterday with a statement that Lonergan's attorney, Edward V. Broderick, had sought to make "a farce and mockery" of the first degree murder proceedings.

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Soviets In Pskov Outskirts And Push Nearer To Narva

Reds Holding 2 Positions Near Pskov

Pskov-Warsaw Rail Line Is Threatened By Red Spearheads

London, March 4—(AP)—Russian troops have smashed their way into the outskirts of Pskov from the east, Moscow announced today, and official Soviet reports said the Germans have put the torch to the ancient Estonian fortress town of Narva as the Soviets lunged nearer.

Reds today held positions in the environs of Pskov from the direction of Plov, and today advanced their front planes to within six miles of the city from the north.

Seventeen miles southeast of Pskov, Soviet spearheads fought their way to within six miles of the Pskov-Warsaw railway, one of two last escape rail routes open to the Pskov garrison, the Moscow bulletin said, and were closing in on the rail town of Ostrov.

On the Narva river bridgehead south of Narva, General Lesund A. Gouzenko's troops pressed westward against a Nazi rearguard and succeeded in enlarging their foothold on the weak bank, killing more than 2,000 Germans within the past 48 hours, Moscow reported.

Gouzenko's troops had previously reached Auzova, nine miles west of Narva, cutting the railway leading to Reval, practically isolating the Narva garrison.

Berlin admitted Russian gains in the Narva area, but denied the fighting was "exceptionally unbalanced" and said the enemy continues to attack without interruption.

Indication of the fight the Germans were prepared to put up to hold Pskov, key to what is left of their communications and supply system in northern Russia, Moscow said that "the enemy has transformed all populated places situated on the approach to Pskov into powerful centers of defense and is putting up strong artillery resistance."

Senate Shies From Decision Of War Trials

Washington, March 4—(AP)—Wary of disrupting Congress with another bitter debate on international collaboration, influential senators today shied away from a resolution which would pledge the United States to participate in the trial and punishment of war criminals.

The resolution, introduced by Senator Pepper (Ill., D.), a moderate advocate of international cooperation, calls upon the United States to act up to its obligations as a participating enemy leader and commit the United States to a full part in preparing for prosecution.

It was sent to the Foreign Relations Committee but members generally declined to discuss its chances.

"The resolution implies that our own basic foreign policy," said Republican spokesmen. "It involves our own principles, a demand for international solidarity, and a commitment to a member of the committee, one way or another, could have a telling effect upon our world relationship."

Several months ago President Roosevelt said this nation would track down and punish the Japanese officers responsible for executing the American bombers of Tokyo. He said the same thing concerning the Japanese in which prisoners taken in the Philippines were subjected.

Pepper's resolution apparently contemplates some sort of a United Nations court for the trial and punishment of those guilty of the crimes of military aggression and atrocities committed during the war upon persons of war and civilians.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Showers and warmer tonight. Sunday clearing and colder central portions, showers near coast, followed by clearing and colder Sunday evening.

TIGHTEN NOOSE AROUND NARVA



RUSSIAN TROOPS have crossed the Narva River south of Narva (1), cutting the German escape railway leading to Tallinn. The city is almost completely surrounded, leaving the Gulf of Finland as the only escape route for the trapped Nazis. The Red drive on Plov (2) continues unabated and latest reports see that Russian artillery is being used to blockade roads along which the Germans could bring their mobile guns to protect their communications base.

Yanks Slowly Push Inland In Invasion Of Admiralty Isles

Wins Political Post

Japanese Resisting Bitterly From Ridge Positions on Island

Allied Headquarters, Southwest Pacific, March 4—(AP)—Reinforced American invaders of Los Negros in the Admiralty islands are inching forward a mile and three-fourths inland against Japanese bitterly resisting from ridge positions.

The several thousand of Japanese also are being reinforced from Manus island on the west in the battle for a dominant position in the Bismarck Sea.

But the Japanese are undergoing a terrific pounding from Mitchell bombers and Boston attack planes, and the only appearance of their planes since the invasion opened Tuesday resulted in a costly defeat.

This was the situation depicted today at headquarters communiqué.

Destroyers put dismounted cavalrymen of the Sixth Army ashore at Los Negros on the northeastern side of the Admiralties Tuesday to test enemy defenses there. The Japanese, obviously expecting an attack on the Admiralties, came from the south, where an outmaneuvered force of landing forces quickly captured Manus and advanced quickly toward Los Negros.

After General Douglas MacArthur personally inspected the area, and counter-attacks by numerically superior forces of Japanese were thwarted, a full blown invasion

was decided upon and reinforcements were landed Thursday. Headquarters said today that more enemy counter-attacks were blunted that day and yesterday the invaders moved slowly ahead in all directions from the airfield.

Deprived of air support in the Admiralties by the bombing out of Lae, an airfield on Manus and the capture of Manus on Los Negros, the Japanese finally got a formation of 10 planes over the invasion scene, presumably from New Guinea bases, more than 200 miles to the west. A group of 10 Thunderbolts, only half of them, that downed eight of the Japanese fighters, and are believed to have found four others.

Liquor Leads Among Stocks

New York, March 4—(AP)—Liquor futures opened 25 to 40 cents a bale higher. Futures closed 50 to 65 cents a bale higher.

Alcohol stocks for the time were National Distillers, Montgomery Ward, Heublein and Taylor. On the off side were United Distillers, Western Union, A. S. S. Industries, United Aircraft and General Motors.

Bonds were narrow. Commodities depressed.

Cotton Closes 50-65c Higher

New York, March 4—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 25 to 40 cents a bale higher. Futures closed 50 to 65 cents a bale higher.

March 20.75 20.80
May 20.32 20.36
July 19.66 19.74
October 19.20 19.25
December 18.99 19.07
Midling spot 21.32.

Yanks Make First Raid On Berlin

Confusion of Nazi Reports of Attacks By American Planes

London, March 4—(AP)—U. S. army headquarters announced today that American heavy bombers attacked targets in eastern Germany and that one formation "reported attacking a target in the Berlin district."

The headquarters announcement following the attack on the German capital for the first time by American bombers said:

"Formations of heavy bombers today attacked targets in eastern Germany. One formation reported attacking a target in the Berlin district."

The flight was made through heavy anti-aircraft fire, with a number of other formations reported.

Earlier a German broadcast by the propaganda agency, international information bureau, said heavy bombers had attacked Berlin, but D. N. S. the special Nazi news agency, declared that a single explosive fell on Berlin itself.

This confusion in Berlin broadcasts, however, apparently was the result of near splitting as to Berlin's boundaries.

The German broadcast said the first on the German capital was a repetition of an attack which failed yesterday. United States headquarters announced yesterday, however, only that American fighter planes had made an extensive sweep over Berlin and made no reference to bombers.

Berlin has been a goal for American flyers ever since they began operations in the European theatre but if the German reports were true this was the first time they had an opportunity to take part in the destruction of the capital begun—and almost finished—by the RAF.

The daylight operation against the German capital awaited development of P-51 and P-51 long range fighters necessary to protect the bombers along the heavily defended course to the target, at least 375 miles from British bases.

RESIGNATION OF FSA GOVERNOR IS ACCEPTED

Washington, March 4—(AP)—President Roosevelt today accepted the resignation of A. G. Black as governor of the Farm Credit Administration. Black is leaving to take a new assignment in Iran.

Black was appointed governor of the F. C. A. in 1937. He had served for five years.

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Three Small Nazi Stabs Below Rome Are Smashed

Allied officers estimate that at least three Nazi divisions were used in the recent costly offensive against the beachhead. Three German divisions had previously been identified in the assault, but the Allied command later learned the crack Hermann Goering panzer division and the 14th infantry also were employed. The latter outfit suffered heavy casualties in both of the last two offensives.

Since the British and Americans landed below Rome January 22 they have taken more than 3,500 prisoners, a spokesman said.

The Allied air forces yesterday struck smashing blows at German communications in northern Italy, and in Rome, blasting railways, destroying a number of locomotives and commandeering shipping and dock facilities. Eleven German planes were destroyed for a loss of ten Allied craft.