

RUSSIA

L.T. - Sunoco. Wednesday, July 29, 1942.

The word from Moscow today is that the military issue east of the River Don is now or never. Hitler ~~is~~ making an all-out attempt to crack the Red Army and crush the Russian defenses for good and all. The German panzers are being thrown forward in a supreme attempt to slice off the Caucasus, cut off most of the Soviet oil, capture Stalingrad, and gain control of the entire lower Volga region all the way to the Caspian Sea.

Into this Hitler's generals have thrown twenty fresh Panzer divisions. That means ^{some twenty} ~~no fewer than ten~~ thousand tanks, of all sizes. A fact bewildering to us is that in spite of ~~the~~ Russia's tremendous manpower, Timoshenko's army is outnumbered not only in weapons but in men. ~~Nevertheless,~~ ^{He} is fighting in good order, but the fact remains he is retiring, retreating.

Moscow admits that the Red Army has been forced back deeper into the Caucasus in the area around Bataisk,

south of Rostov. The Germans have also made fresh crossings of the Don in the northeast. Along the Volga they are pressing towards Stalingrad. One problem of the Russians is, to prevent the Nazi tanks from ~~XXXXXXXX~~ crashing through to the rear and starting a general breakdown.

According to the British radio, the Nazis are throwing a three-pronged attack on Stalingrad. One prong is launched against Kaluch, forty miles southwest of Stalingrad. Another is aimed at Kachalinsk, sixty-five miles northwest, and another at Novochirskaya, a hundred and ten miles to the southwest. The Germans claim that they have forced a crossing of two rivers east of Rostov, the Sal and the Manitch. ~~They are~~ Both tributaries of the Don and well inside ^{the} Caucasus territory.

After all this, it is not surprising that Moscow is pressing fresh appeals for a second front in western

Europe. A Soviet war correspondent ^{tells of} ~~declares that~~ Hitler is transferring to the Don front divisions which are withdrawn from France. The writer says he saw, two days ago, prisoners from a German infantry division which only a few weeks ago were quartered in Normandy, one tank division which had been quartered outside Paris, and still another infantry division fresh from France. Yesterday, three other infantry divisions that came straight from France were on the southern front in Russia. And he adds that Hitler is even withdrawing aircraft from Egypt.

Hitler's Propaganda Minister Goebbels published a blast today, daring the Allies to open a second front in the west. Goebbels ^{shouts} ~~declared~~ that it would be only too welcome to the Germans. The west, he ^{says,} is now garrisoned not by the weakest but by the strongest of all German divisions.

Of course nobody believes Goebbels, but British observers have reported lately that the Germans have vastly strengthened their fortifications along the west coast of Europe. At any rate, *the indications are* ~~it is definite~~ that there will be no ~~xxxxx~~ second front in Europe now except for the ^{so} mass ~~bombing~~ raids by the Royal Air Force ~~and the~~ *Uncle Sam's* ~~United States~~ Army Air Corps.

RAIDS

And, The Royal Air Force took another smash at Hamburg last night, ~~and~~ ^{ing} battered away at Hitler's great submarine plants there. More than six hundred planes went over, just as in the attack on Sunday night when they dropped more than seven hundred tons of explosives.

This one
It was a raid made under ~~terrific~~ difficulties. ~~The weather was appalling with~~ storms, ice and clouds all the way. The clouds were so heavy over Hamburg that it was difficult for the pilots to see how effective their bombing had been. The only way they could see their targets was to go below the clouds. So doing, they were silhouetted against the clouds and exposed ~~exp~~ to the full force of ~~the most formidable~~ ^{force anti-} aircraft fire and fighter defense.

Incidentally, a spokesman for the British Air Ministry took occasion to reply to the criticisms that the Royal Air Force had not done much in the ~~following~~ few weeks that followed the raid

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on Cologne. "From June twenty-fifth to July
twenty-seventh," said the Air Ministry, "there
were only three days without raids".

SABOTEURS

Seldom has the Supreme Court of the United States faced a more dramatic situation than today - at the second extraordinary session in twenty years.

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One surprise to the public and newspapermen came when defense counsel announced that they were representing only seven of the eight saboteurs. The eighth is a person named George John Dasch; one of the two American citizens. There was no official explanation of his not being represented in court. But rumor has it that he had turned government witness.

The session we hear was without precedent, in that the Judge Advocate General appeared before the Supreme Court.

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Two hours before the session opened, more than a hundred people were standing in line outside, and when the case was called, the Chamber was jammed. But, the defendants were not there. And no member of the Army


except those of the Military Commission were allowed in the courtroom.

Leading counsel for the prosecution were Attorney General Francis Biddle himself and Major General Cramer, the Judge Advocate General. Leading counsel for the defense were Colonel Cassius M. Dowell and Colonel Kenneth Royall. At the outset Chief Justice Stone offered to disqualify himself because his own son, Major Lawson A. Stone, is of counsel for the defense. The Attorney General replied that both sides wanted the Chief Justice to take part in the session. Incidentally, Major Stone is taking no part in the actual proceedings before the court. Nor was Mr. Justice Murphy present. He has not yet come in from wherever he is serving with the army. Before opening the proceedings, defense claimed that even Nazis were entitled to call upon

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their rights of habeas corpus. Defense also argued that President Roosevelt's order denying them access to the civil courts and creating a Military Commission was unconstitutional and invalid. The defense lawyers further maintained that the seven defendants are entitled to trial by civil court.

The lawyers arguing these points are themselves colonels in



Uncle Sam's army. In reply, ~~to that~~, the Attorney General and ~~the~~ Judge Advocate General declared that the real issue at stake ^{is} ~~was~~ the struggle between the United States and Germany to determine which of the two should survive.

"This case," added the prosecution, "is no more than a small skirmish, but on an important front." The prosecution also declared that in time of war, all nations traditionally have denied belligerent enemies access to their courts. (That is one of the earliest and most rudimentary forms of political and economic warfare, an integral part of total warfare." Today the nation that will not wage total war," said the prosecution, "usually meets total defeat." Observers interpreted this as an indication that the prosecution will contend that in total warfare, the entire country can be one vast military area.)

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The prosecution continued:- "These German soldiers already have been given rights which no American would receive in Germany, and now ask for constitutional privileges which we do not allow our own soldiers."

Leading off for the defense, Colonel Royall declared:- "Every man is entitled to his day in court. Defense counsel had felt from the first," he said, "that the special Commission appointed by President Roosevelt was invalid and incompetent."

Then he reminded the court that one of the seven, Herbert Hans Haupt, is an American citizen with a right to trial ^{by} ~~in~~ civil courts, a right which aliens might not have. At that point Associate Justice Jackson interrupted with this question: "Why are they not all members of the invading force and subject to the laws of war?"

Royall replied: "They do not admit that they were an invading force but only that they used U-boats to get out of Germany." Then he explained:- "The defendants contend that they came to this country this way as a means of escaping Germany." He went on

to set forth that the accused men do not admit that they have committed a crime, only the appearance of crime."

Later on Jackson interrupted again, with these words: "Is it your contention that if a regiment landed and march into this country, they would have ~~the~~ the right to resort to the court if they were captured and became prisoners of war?"

To that Colonel Royall replied: "Prisoners of war fall in a different class. If they lose some rights they also gain some much more valuable rights, as they are entitled to be treated as prisoners of war."

Later, Colonel Royall observed that once ~~these~~ Nazis had landed and mingled with the common stream of ~~the~~ human beings, they were entitled to rights of civil process.

At that point the Chief Justice himself

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remarked:- "If they had been shot while they were landing it would not be called murder." Then Mr. Justice ~~James F.~~ Byrnes asked, "Your contention is, that if the Fuehrer of the Reich and several generals were to land on the banks of the Potomac without their uniforms, they would have all these rights which you contend for these men?"

Colonel Royall replied stoutly: "Yes, we must and do contend that."

In reply to Colonel Royall, the leading ^{carried out} ~~ing~~ off for the prosecution was ~~done~~ by Attorney General Francis Biddle. ^{he!} ~~And he~~ said: "The essential factor in the status of these men is that all of them are enemies of the United States. The essential factor is not the citizenship of one of them, which I consider irrelevant, but whether they are enemies caught in the act of invading the United States, and who now ask the courts to aid them." Previously, Biddle had contended that

it is clear the courts have no right to help them for, he explained, war wipes out the rights of the enemy alien, although in the discretion of the sovereign he might be granted the right to use the courts for limited purposes.

PELLEY FOLLOW LEAD

While this was going on in Washington, a federal court in Indianapolis was trying William Dudley Pelley, former head of the Silver Shirts, on charges of sedition. There were two interesting ^{bits} ~~events~~ in that trial today. One, ~~of them was~~ the reading of extracts from Pelley's autobiography entitled, "Door to Revelation". Pelley's counsel objected violently, said those extracts would be ~~xxx~~ torn from their context and falsely interpreted. But the court disagreed and allowed ^{quotations} ~~bits~~ from the book to be read. They were quite entertaining. For one thing, they showed that in Nineteen Twenty-Nine, Pelley had discovered that he was gifted with super-natural powers. "The voice of an oracle came to him," said Pelley in his autobiography. The voice told him that an Austrian painter would become chief of the German state and that he, Pelley, would in three years find himself head of a vigilant ~~e~~ organization.

So, on January Thirtieth, Nineteen Thirty-Three, Pelley saw a newspaper head ~~telling~~ ^{revealing} that Adolph Hitler had become Chancellor of Germany. At that moment something clicked in his brain and he said to himself, "Tomorrow we shall have the Silver Shirts."

By Nineteen Thirty-Four, the Silver Shirt army had spread to every state in the Union. At one time, said Pelley's autobiography, there were more Silver Shirts in California than ~~either~~ state troopers ^{and} ~~or~~ National Guardsmen.

The other interesting event in Indianapolis concerns former Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. Pelley's attorneys asked the court to subpoena Lindbergh, to appear as a witness for Pelley. ^(They also asked for) ~~also~~ former Senator Rush Holt of West Virginia, William Allen White, the sage of Emporia, Kansas, and Major General George Van Horn Moseley.

COLONEL GEORGE P. DIXON

A few days ago I passed along a call issued by the Signal Corps of the Army, a call for persons with technical experience in radio, telephone, electricity. The Signal Corps needs thousands of such persons both as recruits and as civilian employees. I have had a stack of replies from radio listeners jumping at the chance -- and also a number of letters asking for clarification, more facts.

So now, let's have someone elucidate, a top-ranking authority, Signal Corps Colonel George P. Dixon, Signal Officer, Second Service Command. The Colonel has offered to try and answer a few questions.

COLONEL, We have heard that the Signal Corps has established schools for the purpose of training men to become Radio Repairmen and Maintenance men with the Signal Corps. Is that right?

COL. DIXON: Yes. The Signal Corps has not been able to get all the trained radio men that it needs so they have established various schools throughout

the country for this purpose. We of the Second Service Command have three schools in operation in New York State at the present time. We are turning out men at the rate of about five hundred and fifty a month.

L.T.: Colonel Dixon, we have had many inquiries from men with radio as their background who complained that they do not know how to offer their services to the government. Is there anything that you can suggest to these men?

COL. DIXON: Of course, since we are in urgent need of such men, we are willing to pay for qualified Radio Mechanics and Radio Engineers, one thousand four hundred and forty dollars to Three thousand two hundred a year to work as civilians with the Signal Corps.

L.T.: Can you give these men full particulars for this position, Colonel Dixon?

COL. DIXON: Yes, just write to the Signal Corps,

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Sixty-Three Park Row, New York City, and ask for
Form Number Fifty-Seven. Fill out this form and
return at once to this office, Sixty-Three Park
Row, New York Cityl

BEER

Here is a dispatch from ^{the} El Alemein front in Egypt which contains a message addressed especially to us. It comes from the South African soldiers in that driest of deserts. They had just finished fighting a major battle, pushing Rommel's Afrika Korps back. But when an American correspondent talked to them, the subject they wanted to discuss was not the battle, but beer. Please let the Americans know ~~the Africans~~ *that the Afrikanders* can use a few more cans. *That was the message, and* One man suggested:- "They can put beer cases inside the General Lee and Grant tanks they are sending. Then the beer will not take up too much shipping space."

There is an idea.

~~It was the South Africans, we are told, who led~~

And now, what sort
~~the way for Auchinleck's Eighth Imperial Army across~~
of an idea have you for us,
~~ground thick with enemy mines. They said they had to~~

Hugh.
~~prod every yard of the ground with bayonets to make~~

~~sure they had cleared the way for troops of the United Kingdom who followed them.~~