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 A new strategy for fighting the Nazis has been worked out in London between the British and the Russians. Such ~~are the~~ ^{is} ~~the~~ ^{very} latest ~~advices~~ from London, released only fifteen minutes ago. You may recall that a Soviet military mission has been in the British capital for two weeks, consulting with Britain's war cabinet and general staff. Tonight we hear that the chief of that Soviet military delegation is back in Moscow, to consult with ~~his~~ ^{the} ~~own bosses~~ ^{Kremlin,} With him, is his principal expert on mechanized warfare. Naturally, no details are ~~being~~ revealed. But evidently ~~a~~ great ~~deal of~~ importance is ~~being~~ attached to this ~~late~~ news.

As for the actual warfront, German shock troops tonight are fighting in the suburbs of Mohilev, ^{a city} ~~That's a sizeable place~~ due east of Minsk, and ~~only~~ eighty-five miles ~~to the~~ southwest of Smolensk. To get there, the Nazi spearhead had to smash its way against the Dnieper River, in the face of ~~hot~~ ^{heavy} resistance, ~~by the Russians.~~ When they got to the suburbs of Mohilev, ~~which~~ ^{is} on the east bank of the Dnieper, the Red soldiers fought them from house to house, with snipers firing on the advancing Germans from every window.

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All this we hear from the Germans, themselves. It isn't corroborated, although the details of the crossing of the Dnieper are told most circumstantially.

Hitler's panzer columns are also crushing their way through on the south central front and have captured Novograd-Volynsk. In fact, the Red troops are being driven from their new defense lines east of ~~the~~ Vitebsk with bloody losses, and the Germans are advancing swiftly on to Leningrad and Kiev.

So say
~~That again is~~ the Nazi ^{s. But} ~~story,~~ the Russians deny it.

Their version is that the Red air fleet has brought the German advance to a ~~stiff~~ halt ~~at~~ all vital ^{points -} ~~centers,~~ Vitebsk,

Novograd-Volynsk and Pskov. Soviet planes have launched such heavy bombing attacks upon the mechanized and motorized columns of the Nazis, that Hitler's shock troops were unable to advance. In fact, the Russians declare that there's no change to speak of in the fighting front. Unfortunately, in this war of words, the Moscow spokesmen are obliged to give themselves

away when they mention the names of places. For instance, they

~~ROGATCHEV & SHLOBIN~~

admit fighting around Vitebsk, ~~and Ralochef and Shelvin.~~ All

and others

~~those~~ places *are* well inside the Russian frontier, ~~are~~ *well* on the road

to Moscow. So we have the old, old story of the utterances of a

high command when its armies are on the run. We have defeated the

enemy, they say, but each of these defeats is further and further

back. [Even neutral observers, not sympathetic to the Nazis,

are forced to the conclusion that the places where the fighting

is fiercest indicate it's true that the Nazis have torn big holes

in the Stalin Line.

Incidentally, you may have noticed a change in the tone

and wording of the German high command announcements in this

Russian war. In previous campaigns they were typically military,

terse, laconic, factual announcements. But in this show, they have

a fustian, bragadoccio tone, ~~to them~~, quite foreign to the customary

expressions of a general. The explanation is that they're issued

from the headquarters of Fuehrer Hitler himself, and that he's

writing those communique. *But,* in spite of his *curious* ~~rather childish~~

style, those communique have eventually proved to be true, even if one or two of them have been a bit premature.

COMMENT

The Anglo-Russian defense alliance evoked just about the reaction you might expect in Germany. An authorized Nazi spokesman described it as a pact between two suicides, and he added that there's no question of a compromise peace with the Soviets because the Nazis are determined to fight until the Soviet system is completely destroyed. As for the British helping the Russians, the spokesman said the Nazis wish to make it quite clear they hope Britain will deliver war material in huge quantities to the Soviets, so that it will fall into German hands as quickly as possible.

CHURCHILL

Britain's Churchill was quite in his most Churchillian vein today. His broadcast was full of biting phrases, for which he's famous. The British, he said, can have no truce or parley with Hitler or the grisly gang who do his wicked will. He went on to say that they're going to mete out to the Germans the measure, and more than the measure, that the Germans have been meting out to the British. ~~So far, he revealed,~~ British bombers alone in the last few weeks have dropped on Germany just about half the weight of bombs that the Nazis have dropped on Britain since the war began. But he added that the work of the last few weeks is only a beginning: the tide of bombing will rise and rise, month after month and year after year. Then he made another promise that as the nights lengthen, that unhappy province of Germany, which used to be called Italy, will get its full portion of the bombings.

Then he uttered a warning. The Nazis, he disclosed, have complete plans for even more ferocious attacks upon the British than those of last year. However, he declared, the British ask no favors from the enemy. There has been some agitation in Britain that the British should enter into an agreement with Germany to cut

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out the bombings on cities, headed by celebrities no less than George Bernard Shaw and Professor Gilbert Murray. ^{To which} Churchill's

~~reply to~~ ^{was} this; ~~was, I quote:~~ "If tonight the people of London were asked to cast their votes as to whether a convention should be entered into for stopping the bombings of cities, the overwhelming majority would cry 'No!'"

Then he went on to speak of the heroic way in which

the Londoners have conducted themselves during the ^{savage} bombings ^{by} the Nazis.

Britain, he said, now has equality with Germany in the air and

will soon have superiority. No matter how sombre the road, ^{or}

how grievous the task, the British will never turn from their

purpose until a new freedom and glory for all mankind is born, ^{said} he.

A year from now, the number of bombs dropped on Germany will

have been multiplied manyfold. So Britain's Prime Minister

told the world today.

ITALIAN COMMENT

One of the curious aspects of the Russo-German war is the pessimistic tone of Hitler's allies, the Italians.

For instance, ^{# the} here's ^A comment of ~~a writer in~~ the newspaper owned by the family of Mussolini's ~~own~~ son-in-law, and Foreign

Minister, Count Ciano. Ciano's paper warns the people of Italy against being over-confident of quick results in Russia.

Even the Germans admit Russian resistance has been fierce and tenacious. So writes that Fascist critic, [#] and he added that the

defenders of the Stalin Line give in only because of the technical superiority of the Germans. ^{with} ~~and even so,~~ the German divisions ^{fighting desperately for every} ~~have to work hard for their~~ gains. The stiff resistance

of the Russians on the battlefield, he says further, is due to the racial tendencies of the Slavs. Many people, he adds, expected to see the Bolshevik realm collapse after a few days of fighting.

And now those people are becoming disconcerted over the unexpected military efficiency of the Russians. If the Soviet realm is

hated by the masses as much as people say, how can the Bolsheviks hold out? And the writer says further:- "The resistance of the

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Russians gives ~~insidious~~ to insidious doubts and uncertainties. ~~and that's~~ A remarkable admission to be made in a paper owned by the son-in-law of Hitler's ally, Mussolini.

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ISLANDS

The State Department today gave indirect answer to the charge by Senator Wheeler of Montana that the government's next move would probably be to grab the Azores and the Cape Verde Islands. Sumner Welles, the Acting Secretary, speaking for the State Department, said the United States government was anxious that Portugal should retain into control over those islands and that the United States has no intention to act against them. Carefully chosen words, you'll notice. As a matter of fact, in saying this, Sumner Welles was repeating a statement made by Secretary Hull a month ago. The question came up at a press conference because of a statement the Portuguese Foreign Minister had made, saying he had been assured that the islands would not be occupied by American forces. Acting Secretary Welles in reply pointed to President Roosevelt's proclamation when he announced the occupation of Iceland in which he said we wouldn't want to see any change in the sovereignty of any strategic outposts in the Atlantic.

MILITARY SERVICE

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It was a weighty session that leaders of Congress had with President Roosevelt at the White House today. The matter discussed was a ticklish one - military service. The conference lasted two hours and fifteen minutes. The President sided with his Chief of Staff, General George Marshall, who was also there. The President and the General told the Congressmen that the government has got secret information gathered by intelligence agents, which renders it necessary to hold the drafted men in the army for longer than the original year of service laid down in the Act. That information puts the fat really in the fire. Corollary with this, there is also the grave question of removing the prohibition against sending the troops outside the country.

The leading Congressmen told Mr. Roosevelt and his Chief of Staff that there's earnest opposition in both Senate and House to holding the men more than a year. ^{That} The opposition might even ~~possibly~~ be overwhelming. ~~In fact,~~ ^{who} One Congressman ~~that~~ was present reported that they ~~have~~ told Mr. Roosevelt that if he insists he'll be up against a knock-down, drag-out battle. Nevertheless, the Legislators admitted that the President and

General Marshall had told them exceedingly urgent facts, even startling. Said Senator Barkley, the majority leader in the

Senate: ^{"What Sen.} ~~QUOTE~~ "What Marshall said was most convincing but

of course I can't reveal anything he told us." ~~Corollary~~ was

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~~prohibition~~ ~~against~~ ~~sending~~ ~~the~~ ~~troops~~ ~~outside~~ ~~the~~ ~~country~~.

At the end of the conference, the Congressmen

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arrived at one conclusion. Committees in both the House and the Senate will hold hearings at once and listen to witnesses on both sides. Republican Congressman Wadsworth of New York told reporters

that everybody admitted the importance of the emergency, and

everybody got a better view of what the predicament is. We are

just starting to get an army trained, said Wadsworth, who has

long been recognized as an authority on military affairs. And

he added, "Now we have to decide whether we should take a chance

^{on}
~~of~~ tearing to pieces an army just as it's beginning to become good."

And here's the latest, ~~fresh~~ from Washington. The

President has decided to yield on one point. He won't ask Congress

to permit him to send either the National Guard or the selective

service men anywhere outside this hemisphere. That's an
announcement that ^{surprised} ~~astonished~~ ^{late} Washington this afternoon. Everybody
had expected ~~that~~ Mr. Roosevelt ~~would stand by his guns~~ ^{to} and insist
on the doing away with ~~the~~ Congress's geographical restrictions
on the movement of troops. But at that White House conference
this afternoon, it became so plain that he would have a tough
fight on his hands, ~~putting over both those points in Congress.~~
After the congressional leaders had left the White House,
General Marshall remained and was closeted with the President
for more than two hours. ^{when} ~~after~~ the General left the President,
^{this late} ~~this~~ news leaked out. ^{but it} ~~It~~ seems to be accepted in Washington
that this yielding on the part of ^{the President} ~~Mr. Roosevelt~~ is only temporary.
^{That} ~~But at any rate,~~ for the time being, he ^{is} ~~is~~ going to press for
only one concession:—To continue the service of the men now being
trained as ~~long as the~~ well as the National Guardsmen, ^{for} as long as
the emergency lasts.

WOMEN

Out in California, they ^{are}~~are~~ going to use women to build airplanes. Twenty-nine of them today registered and began a six weeks' course in airplane building at an aircraft school.

The manager of the school declared that they ^{would}~~are~~ be sure of jobs.

Incidentally, about half of them are young housewives. The manager of the school also said that one airplane manufacturer in those parts has had considerable success with women in some of the departments of his factory.

LANDSLIDE

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These are anxious days and nights for the folks in a little ^{Virginia} mountain village, ~~in Virginia~~. ^{the} ~~It's a~~ mining community ~~of~~ ~~called~~ St. Charles. A week ago, several days of torrential rains culminated in a landslide. The steady downpour had loosened the dirt beneath a huge pile of dirt and slate. Thereupon, ^a myriad tons of earth started sliding forward in the direction of the village. For a while it looked as if St. Charles would be wiped out completely, but the landslide stopped dead just as it had crushed six houses and ^{a few} damaged others. The folks of St. Charles hoped that this was all, and went to work to repair the harm done. But yesterday that slide began moving again, ~~It was just~~ like a river of dirt and rock. This time it started to spread in three prongs, rearing up to a height of twenty feet.

^{landslide}
In The path of that ~~slide now covers a number of acres,~~ ~~and~~ many houses have had to be evacuated. Miners had to put their household goods out in the rain or ~~shove them~~ in the houses of the neighbors. To add to today's terrors, heavy

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black clouds were hanging over the mountains bringing the fear of another torrential downpour, and then ~~that~~ the slide may turn at any moment into an avalanche.

BASEBALL

Lou Gehrig in the movies - that is, Mrs. Lou, his widow.

That's a bit of ~~interesting news~~ I just heard from Clem McCarthy.

He had a telephone call from Christy Walsh ^{out on} ~~at~~ the coast, reporting

that the wife of the famous Iron Man of Baseball had just arrived

at Hollywood, and had signed a contract with Sam Goldwyn for a

^{built} picture around the character, career and achievements of Lou.

The news carries the typical Hollywoody postscript. "No limit on

production costs."

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LEAR

Here's the latest in the controversy over the yoo-hooing soldiers and Lieutenant-General Ben Lear, who disciplined them. Not since the World War has any military topic aroused ^{more} ~~such a~~ tremendous volume of comment and argument. And here's the climax:

Lieutenant-General Lear arrived at Indianapolis today.

He was there to inspect Fort Harrison. When the reporters were admitted into ^{his} ~~the General's~~ presence, they asked him whether he wasn't a little surprised at the controversy he had stirred up.

To which he replied:-

~~and here is his reply:~~ QUOTE, "I haven't even heard

of it," said Lieutenant-General Ben Lear.

And what say you Hugh?

So until 5+5 within
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