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The most graphic news of the Nazi-Soviet War comes from London. The British capital all along has been the most fertile and reliable source of tidings of that giant ~~conflict~~ conflict waged behind veils of censorship. So let's look at the Berlin and Moscow dispatches briefly, and then turn quickly to London.

The Germans repeat their huge statements of yesterday. They say their armies are engaged in the task of eliminating surrounded Soviet forces - a million men in all. Two great encirclements in front of Moscow and another of equal ~~dimensions~~ dimensions, in the Black Sea region, the Sea of Azov. Berlin tells of desperate fighting as the Red Armies struggle to break out of the traps. But the attempt is in vain, say the Germans. Moreover, they claim that the blitzkrieg is making the fullest use of a break-through on a front of three hundred miles in the Moscow area - the Panzer forces ~~fr~~ driving swiftly through the gap.

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The latest from Moscow admits Nazi gains - advances in several sectors. The Red forces giving ground. But the

Soviet communique declares that the main bulk of Marshal Timoshenko's Army has escaped encirclement and destruction. On this basis Moscow ~~declares~~ <sup>insists</sup> that the all-out Nazi offensive has thus far failed ~~it~~ in its principal objective, the knockout of Timoshenko's Red Army, encirclement, destruction.

Now let's see what London has to say. It's a late story,

just in. The British word is, that Hitler has hurled four million men into the battle and that the purpose of the <sup>strategy</sup> strategy is as vast as the number engaged. The purpose is no less than to surround ~~Moscow~~ Moscow and the whole central Soviet army in one stupendous ~~encirclement~~ encirclement - the greatest military ~~trap~~ trap ever dreamed of. London explains that the German encirclements achieved thus far are subordinate operations, with Panzer forces lashing out from the main columns of the drive - and trapping local masses of the Red Army. This, ~~adds~~ <sup>adds</sup> London, is particularly true to ~~the~~ the south of Moscow, where the blitzkrieg units that captured Orel have ~~been~~ swung north and are striking at the railroad junction of Tula, a hundred and ten miles south of Moscow. And Kaluga - ninety miles south. British military

men state that the Panzers that took Orel drove a hundred and sixty miles in a few days - a rate of speed which ~~indicates~~ indicates the weakness of the Soviet forces in that sector. And now the Germans are threatening to establish still another pocket of encirclement in the neighborhood of Tula and Kaluga. An immense trap - but still a local trap.

The main line of advance in those parts is cutting to the east of Moscow, with the plan of coming up behind the ~~Soviet~~ Soviet capital. There the column expects to meet another, smashing around <sup>to</sup> the North of Moscow. This northern drive, say London military men, has not sprung any traps - no encirclements. There the Nazis are driving in a straight line - to cut around Moscow from the North. So, the larger scope of the blitzkrieg strategy is to encircle the whole of the Moscow area, the entire central Soviet army - in one ~~stupendous~~ stupendous ~~trap~~ trap of <sup>running into</sup> dimensions <sup>^</sup> the hundreds of miles.

In painting ~~the~~ this picture with military deliberation, the London experts display few signs of optimism. They say it might be possible for the Soviet forces north of the trap to

strike down and break the northern claw ~~and~~ of the Pincers. But they're afraid the Nazi drive has gained too much momentum, with a constant hurling in of new power.

The British people meanwhile are demanding action to save the Red Army situation. The intensity of the popular chorus is described by tonight's United Press dispatch in these words: "An almost hysterical ~~pe~~ pitch". British newspapers are shouting in the largest type that the Soviets must be aided - and effectively. There are calls for an invasion of the continent - create another front to help the Red Army. Land a great British force to compel the Nazis to draw large forces from the Russian front. Complaints against the Churchill Government for not having done more. Threats that Churchill will be held responsible in Parliament if the Red Army should fall.

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MISSION

British aid to the Soviets is now going on a Lend-~~lend~~ lease basis - free of charge. Today Lord Beaverbrook, London Minister of supply, stated that Britain is rushing all possible armament to the Red Army - without asking any payment. Lord Beaverbrook made this statement upon his return from Moscow, where he was head of the British Supply Mission negotiating with Stalin.

Averell Harriman, Chief of the American Mission to the Kremlin, stated he was ~~was~~ convinced that the Soviet Army would fight to the last. The Soviets realizing that they have the United States and Great Britain behind them.

SPIES

The President today made some remarks about his letter to Stalin - which the Nazis got and published. His remarks were rather cryptic. How did Berlin procure that most secret presidential communication which Averell Harriman took to Moscow? The President said he didn't know definitely, but he had a hunch. ~~He wouldn't say what the hunch was, but added that he was not surprised, - not astonished by the fact that the note to Stalin had leaked out. He was asked - had the letter been broadcast to Red Army troops in the field? He replied - not that he knew of.~~

There has been some suspicion that Moscow might have let the Roosevelt -to-Stalin note leak out - though a more obvious surmise might be that Nazi spies got it. Spies, maybe in Washington, or, more likely in Moscow. German spies ~~are~~ operating in the ~~Kremlin~~ Kremlin <sup>would be</sup> ~~does seem rather~~ melodramatic - with all the vigilance of the ~~Ogpus~~ Ogpu. However, such things can happen apparently. For example, here's a bit of testimony ~~is~~ given today at the spy trial in New York, which is still dragging on. A Federal agent who worked at counter-espionage testified about a thing

stated by ~~me~~ one of the defendants on trial for espionage. He overheard this defendant say that Berlin had a way of getting copies of messages sent from the British Embassy in Lisbon to the London Foreign Office. The system was so efficient that the spy chiefs in Germany got ~~the~~ the British ~~diplomatic~~ diplomatic messages as quickly as the London Foreign Office did. How was this miracle of espionage accomplished? By means of Nazi agents who worked in the British Embassy in Lisbon. One of these agents was ~~described~~ described as an Englishman who carried British diplomatic mail pouches from Lisbon to London.

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LEND - LEASE

The House of representatives today rejected amendments to the new Lend-Lease bill. Republicans entered a proposal to cut the six billion dollar figure - put up less money. That was voted down. And then up came an amendment to robbid Lend-Lease aid to Soviet Russia. Send the War supplies to Britain, but not <sup>t</sup> to the Red Army. There was some sharp debate, with Congressman Rich of Pennsylvania explaining that he was against aid to the Soviets because he hated everything concerning ~~ing~~<sup>ed</sup> with Communism.

Congressman Woodrum of Virginia, on the contrary, cried that he wished the whole six billion dollars worth of armament could be dumped on Russian soil immediately - to help the Red Army. When the vote came, the amendment was turned down, a hundred and sixty-two to twenty one. By that large majority the lower house of Congress refused to put a ban on Lend-Lease aid to the Soviets.

Here is ~~the~~ late word ~~fr~~ off the wire from Washington.

The new Lend-Lease Bill, providing for six billion dollars, aid for the democracies, including Soviet Russia, has just passed the House - by a vote of three hundred and twenty-eight to sixty-seven.



ROOSEVELT - STRIKE

Two interesting things were published today, and they're twice as interesting if you put them together - in juxtaposition. One is a statement by <sup>the</sup> President ~~Roosevelt~~ who declares that the North American aviation Strike in California last June was the doing of the Reds, strictly a Communist job. The President says this in the latest of his ~~ex~~ series of magazine articles published in *Colliers*. It appeared today.

The President remarks with pride that he had never used soldiers in a labor dispute - until that North American aviation strike. Then he had the Army take over the ~~hitax~~ big plant, ~~so~~ important for national defense, and put an end to the trouble. Explaining why he did this, the President writes:-

"The responsible leaders of labor in the United States all realized that this was not a bona fide labor dispute, but a form of alien sabotage inspired and directed by Communist forces - interested not in the advancement of labor but in the defeat and overthrow of the United States."

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That's one of the two ~~beguiling~~ beguiling things published today. So what's the ~~other~~ other? It's a declaration

by the Communists, the American Communist party - and ~~thax~~ it's on the subject of strikes. The Comrades seem to have changed their minds. Today a pronunciamento appeared in the daily worker, official Communist newspaper. It reads in part as follows:- "Anything that interferes with the production of needed war supplies, either <sup>i</sup> it is the result of strikes or of delays by ~~the~~ employers, can only help Hitler and weaken the defense of the United States." So says the Daily Worker, and then continues: "Labor should find ways to deal with employers in such a manner as will not weaken the defense effort." Yes, the Comrades certainly have changed their minds. I wonder why? Could a hint be in one passage of the Daily Worker editorial which uses these words, "aid of the people to the Soviet Union and Britain?" Well, it's all in the party line.

President Roosevelt today announced a program for rehabilitating a large part of the men who have been rejected by the Army because of physical defects. He revealed figures to show that one million have been turned down. The total number examined was two million. So the rejections come to about half. The President said that this proportion was much too high, and he added that it indicates a deplorable state of health among the people of this nation.

Of the one million men rejected by Army Boards, two hundred thousand have physical ills that can be corrected. The defects can be cured, and thus make the man available for Army service. That's the purpose--put them into such good shape that they can be taken into the Army.

How will this be done? The President said that the two hundred thousand will be called upon to take medical treatment. The treatment will be given by their local physicians. The money for this will be provided by the government. The President said that it will cost the Federal Treasury about half a billion dollars. *He added that* ~~he said~~ the expenditure would come under the heading of national defense--making

available more able-bodied soldiers.

The President was asked -- suppose some of the two hundred thousand don't want to go to the doctor to be rehabilitated for selective service? Suppose they'd rather stay physically defective -- and out of the army. He replied that the men were subject to the authority of their draft boards, which could order them to the doctor for treatment. The President said he thought the great majority of them would be eager to be rehabilitated; but, if any were persistent in refusing -- they could be inducted into the Army and compelled to take medical treatment.

This to apply to two hundred thousand of the million rejected. And, there are a host of others who can be fixed up well enough for limited military service. These too will enter the picture -- but not immediately. The program will be extended later on to take care of them. They, too, will be sent to doctors to be put in shape for the limited army service for which they can be made capable. The President said he had in mind a long range program of rehabilitation.

He released statistics giving figures that apply to the

various kinds of physical defect. The largest class was bad teeth. A hundred and eighty-eight thousand men called for service were rejected because of dental trouble. That's nearly twenty-one per cent of the one million turned down. Next on the list come defective eyes--thirteen point seven per cent. And so on down the line. Defects of the ears four point six per cent. Bad ~~xxx~~ feet, four per cent.

The whole list gives a picture of inferior national health, for which, the President said, this nation should be criticized.

AIR SHOW

I had a telephone call ~~to~~ today from an old friend, Major General Herbert Dargue, Commander of the First Air Force. He told me that New York City tonight may have a dramatic air show. Planes of the squadrons commanded by Major General ~~to~~ Dargue will stage a sky attempt against the metropolis. This will happen shortly before eleven o'clock. What will ~~be the result~~ the big town do about it? Well, there's some suspicion that ~~Major~~ Mayor LaGuardia's anti-air raid defense will go into action - with searchlights to stop the raiders of the sky and with simulated anti-aircraft fire to shoot them down, theoretically speaking.

WOMEN FLIERS

We all know the old argument about women as automobile drivers; but, what about the ladies -- as aviators? Here's the opinion of a hundred leading flying instructors - men. They were queried by the magazine "Flying and Popular Aviation", and they answer -- that the feminine flier is more talented than her brother aviator.. That is -- in some respects. For example, the ladies of the ~~xxxx~~ sky are better adapted to what is described as "flying by feel". That's because they have more of the quality called - "kinaesthetic ~~xxxx~~ muscle sense". So there you are girls. If anybody tells a cutie that she hasn't much sense, she should reply with dignity -- "Sir, I have a lot of kinaesthetic muscle sense".

But what is it that they haven't got? The hundred flying instructors said that one fault of the girls with wings is sad, indeed. When they are criticized, they have a tendency to cry. Burst into tears, to which the echo ~~xxxxxx~~ responds --

"weep no more my ladybird", you still have kinaesthetic muscle sense!"

Now let's hear from a young man who may even have kinaesthetic muscle sense. Because he seems to have everything. I mean Hugh.

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