

RED ARMY GIVEN 'FREER HAND' IN EUROPE'S MIXUP

Far Eastern Truce Permits
More Pressure in West;
Turkey Is Mystery.

MOSCOW, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The Red Army henceforth will have a freer rein on the European front, it was stated today in connection with an announcement that elaborate maneuvers had been completed successfully by the Second Far Eastern Army.

The announcement said that the recently concluded armistice with Japan and the approaching winter conditions indicated quiet on the Far Eastern Front.

Seek Turkish Neutrality
The announcement regarding the military situation coincided with two important diplomatic developments.

1. Negotiations with Turkey to insure that country's neutrality in event of a British-French declaration of war on the Soviets and to prevent any attack on Russia through the Dardanelles. (Turkey also is concluding an alliance with Britain but it was uncertain whether either pact would definitely fix Turkey's position in event of war between Russia and the Allies.)

2. An invitation to the Latvian Foreign Minister, who arrived by airplane this morning to negotiate an agreement presumably along the lines of the Estonian pact which gave Russia naval and air bases in the Baltic.

All newspapers printed on their front pages today official accounts of the four-hour conference last night of Josef Stalin, Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov and Turkish Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu.

Postpones Departure
The Turkish Foreign Minister had arrived here Sept. 25. He had seen Commissar Molotov the next day, but from then until last night, the Turks had awaited the pleasure of the Government, maintaining contact only with the British and French Embassies, while the Russians negotiated and wined and dined German and Estonian delegations.

Minister Saracoglu had intended to leave Moscow last night. What happened in the conference was a secret, but now it was forecast he would not leave until tonight or tomorrow. It had been said that the Turkish-British mutual assistance pact would be signed as soon as he returned to Ankara.

GUNBOATS LEAVE YANGTZE
SHANGHAI, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The British Navy announced today that it is withdrawing five of 19 gunboats from the Yangtze River because of the "urgent military necessity elsewhere."

Poles' New Head



President Rakiewicz... without a country.

SIKORSKI SEEKS 125,000 IN ARMY

Volunteers From U. S. May
Be Asked to Join
Legion in France.

PARIS, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Gen. Wladyslaw Sikorski, new Premier of Poland, conferred today with Premier Edouard Daladier on his Government's status in France, and vowed to recruit soldiers to help the Allies restore his country.

Gen. Sikorski announced that he hoped to send at least 125,000 men into the war against Germany. He said he might appeal to the 5,000,000 Poles in the United States to volunteer for the Army. Formation of Polish Legions in France and England already is under way.

The new Premier, installed by President Wladyslaw Rakiewicz Saturday, asked Ignace Jan Paderewski, former Polish Premier and concert pianist now in voluntary exile in Switzerland, to co-operate with the new Government. It was not known what Mr. Paderewski could, since he has been ill for several months.

The new Government began as fear spread for the lives of four former Ministers, believed to have been killed or captured by the Germans or Russians before they could escape to Rumania.

The Ministers were Justice Minister Witold Grabowski, "scourge of the Communists"; Agriculture Minister J. Poniatowski, who had expropriated big German land holdings; Social Assistance Minister Zygmunt Kosciolkowski, and E. Kalski, Minister of Posts and Telegraphs.

The new Government was constituted as one of "national union" with representatives of all political tendencies.

GERMANS SEEK AID OF ITALY IN OBTAINING FOOD

Hope for Two Sources of
Supply for Duration
Of War.

ROME, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Germany is seeking to form a powerful economic bloc including Italy and Russia in preparation for a long war, usually reliable informants said today.

The German invitation which took Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, to Berlin was concerned primarily with Adolf Hitler's proposed "final" peace effort, it was said.

But informants added that it was taken for granted that the peace effort would be rejected by Great Britain and France, and that Herr Hitler, foreseeing a long war, wanted to make Germany as strong as possible economically in hope that he could offset the British contraband control.

Herr Hitler's annexation of Austria and his partition of Poland have given him direct frontiers with Italy and Russia across which supplies could be exchanged.

In any peace move in which Italy took part, it was believed there might be a suggestion for a small "independent" Polish state. As late as 10 days ago Sig. Mussolini's newspaper Popolo d'Italia of Milan suggested a small, purely Polish state.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII was believed to approve heartily of Count Ciano's mission to Berlin, in hope that in some way peace might be attained.

ARMY ADDS MORE MEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Secretary of War Harry Woodring said today that Army personnel would be increased during the current fiscal year by 114,494 men, including 25,790 in the rapidly-expanding Army Air Corps. The recruiting campaign, largest in the Army's peace-time history, will bring the Army's strength to 227,000 men by next June 30.

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Report Anti-Nazi 'Putsch' Caused von Fritsch Death

LONDON, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The diplomatic correspondent of the newspaper, The People, said yesterday that the French Intelligence Department had "reliable evidence" of an attempted German Army coup against Adolf Hitler that resulted in the court-martial of 200 officers and the death of Col.-Gen. Werner von Fritsch.

The correspondent said an old feud between the German High Command and high Nazi officials is "growing in bitterness and spreading dangerously to include all party men on one hand and all regular officers on the other."

The attempted coup, it was said, was organized by a group of high officers who approached Gen. von Fritsch to lead them. When the plot became known, Nazi Leader Hitler, Former Reich Commissioner for Justice, was ordered to eliminate Gen. von Fritsch, longtime antagonist of Herr Hitler.

The French Intelligence Department's evidence was said to show that nearly 200 officers had been court-martialed recently. Others have been shot in the back or ordered to dangerous posts on battle fronts.

Two German divisional generals and their staffs have been relieved of their commands, while Lieut.-Gen. Briand Milch, undersecretary of state in the German Air Ministry, has been divested of all real authority, the correspondent said.

Gen.-Field Marshal Werner von Blomberg now is under close guard to prevent the "mutinous" military group from contacting him, the correspondent said.

FIGHTING IS HEAVY IN HONG KONG AREA

HONG KONG, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Heavy Japanese-Chinese fighting is raging near this British crown colony.

Chinese observers said Chinese troops had captured the border village of Shataukok. Five thousand Chinese soldiers were said to be besieging Shumchun, 30 miles north, in a battle against 1500 Japanese. Heavy artillery and large numbers of planes were in use. The town of Nantau was attacked by 3000 Chinese.

CHILE OUSTS 3 GERMANS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—The Government was reported today to have expelled three Germans for violating Chile's neutrality. Details of the charges were not divulged but they were understood to involve a former major in the German Army.

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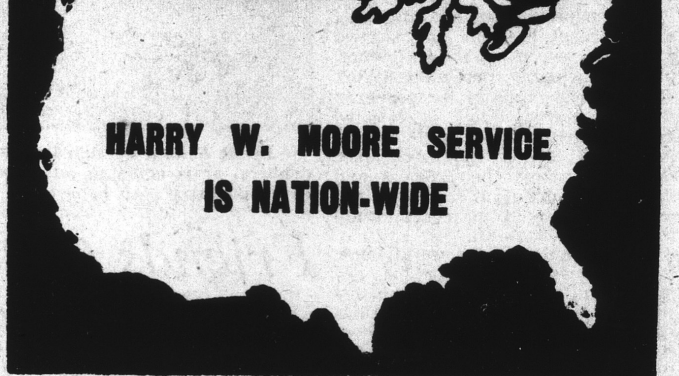
PARIS, Oct. 2 (U. P.).—Small-scale but strategic raids during which the French captured German troops for questioning by intelligence officers marked the activity on the Western front today. There were no large scale operations in progress, according to official advices from the front.

War Communiqué No. 57, reporting a "relatively calm" night, said: "There were sudden attacks and ambushes on various parts of the front."

No amplification of the ambush attacks was given.

An intense half-hour bombardment before dawn gave the French possession of the last corner of the Borg Woods and brought their advance units within striking distance of the village of Borg. The French also claimed to have dominated the villages of Basch, Wochem, Menais and Pettingen. None of those villages was occupied, it was said, because French fire would have endangered Luxembourg territory.

Aerial scouting activity continued over a wide area.



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CELAREK CONDITION REMAINS CRITICAL

Frank Celarek, 23-year-old Butler University football player, remained in a critical condition at a Bluffton, Ind., hospital today as a result of injuries received in an auto accident Saturday.

Butler Football Coach Paul D. Hinkle, visited young Celarek yesterday. The athlete lost his left eye and received severe head injuries.

Lyle Neat, Butler basketball player, with Mr. Celarek in the accident, was not hurt seriously.

The two were injured when their car collided with another north of Bluffton.

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