

U.S. APPEAL TO RUSSIA TO LET FINNS BE FREE

Takes Unilateral Action to Keep Peace in North Europe.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—It was learned authoritatively today that the United States is expressing to the Russian Government its "earnest hope" that nothing may occur that would be calculated "to affect injuriously the peaceful relations between Soviet Russia and Finland."

The action of the United States is unilateral, entirely independent and without similar representations by other powers, it was learned.

The authoritative confirmation that U. S. representations are being made to the Soviets followed reports last night that other Scandinavian nations—Norway, Sweden and Finland herself—had suggested a joint demarche to the Russians.

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—United States Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt conferred with Foreign Minister Vlacheslav Molotov today as the Soviet Union opened important political and economic negotiations with Finland.

It was believed both United States and Swedish diplomatic representatives were interested in the Soviet-Finnish talks.

Then Commissar Molotov received J. K. Paasikivi, the special Finnish envoy, for another hour. A second meeting was set for tomorrow after noon.

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NAZIS' LOSSES HEAVY IN WEST, FRENCH CLAIM

Report 'Front Line Action' With British Soldiers Taking Part.

The German High Command today reported "light patrol and artillery action" on the Western Front. The communiqué added that one French plane had been shot down in an air battle south of Lauterberg.

PARIS, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—Fighting on the Western Front has emerged from the advance guard phase into "front line action" in which British troops are participating, an official announcement said today.

Official sources said larger German patrol attacks in the Moselle sector had been hurried back by "withering" fire that inflicted large losses on the Nazis.

An official report said that after three days of intensive patrol fighting "the enemy action assumed a more generalized character."

Expect Allied Offensive

The Germans either tried to recover positions lost to the French or made strong counter-thrusts in an effort to prevent what they believed to be an imminent Allied offensive, the announcement said.

Artillery of all caliber is in position to bombard German positions and some large German cities if necessary, the report added.

The Germans carried automatic arms, and their artillery blasted the way for the advance which, authoritative French sources said, "achieved no appreciable result." The French described it as "a bitter engagement."

Other French advance guards were said to have beaten back German patrols which had been raiding continually along the entire Rhineland front for 24 hours.

BLAME IRISH IN FIRES

LONDON, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—Irish Republican Army" terrorists were blamed today for fires discovered in seven mail boxes in the Victoria and Edgware Road districts of London during the night.

Claims No Prisoners Taken

"Enemy patrols shower greater persistence than heretofore, especially pressuring the French in the Moselle, Saarbruecken, Ohrnenthal and South Pirmasens sectors," a French spokesman said. "Patrols also appeared in the Wiessembourg sector."

The Germans still had failed to take a French prisoner, it was said, although that seemed to be the object of most of the patrol raids.

Heavy artillery fire continued on both sides. Raids were said to have kept German reconnaissance planes grounded, although French planes returned with "most important photographs of concentration points," it was announced. One German reconnaissance plane was reported to have been shot down Tuesday.

Found Saar Valley Roads

French and British guns were pounding Saar Valley roads, cutting communications lines and trying to batter down the block houses of the Westwall on the hills beyond the Saar, it was reported.

The French command was pleased with the performance of both its air force and tank units. Guy La Chambre, French Air Minister, told the Senate Aviation Committee that French pursuit planes had proved superior in every encounter with German reconnaissance planes.

Tank fighting, confined so far to the Warndt Forest sector and near the Moselle River, had proved that German tanks are vulnerable, that was said, because their armor-plating was sacrificed for speed.

British Tanks in Reserve

French tanks, on the other hand, were reported invulnerable to German 77-millimeter shells. Monster French 70-ton tanks, each carrying two 75-millimeter guns, were reported held in reserve. British tanks also were said to be grouped behind the lines but they had not yet gone into action.

Gen. Albert Nieszel, one of the best known French military writers, said in a Paris Midis article yesterday that France was well protected against any direct smashing attack or flank attacks by Germans through either neutral Holland or Switzerland. He estimated that 500,000 Germans would be slain in any frontal attack on the Maginot Line.

He said that should the Germans invade Switzerland, they could be stopped in France by Belfort Fortress and the heights of Jura which are covered with snow and difficult to cross, and that if they got through Holland, they could be halted in Belgium before reaching France.

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Finnish Troops Ready but Hope Rises With News of Diplomatic Aid From U.S.

HELSINKI, Finland, Oct. 12 (U. P.)—Finnish mobilization was practically completed on an unofficial basis today as hope rose that possible diplomatic action by the United States and Scandinavian countries might save the country from Russian domination.

Mixed with her hope of peace, however, was Finland's determination to resist any act of aggression. Her compact, well-trained and well-equipped army, now numbering about 300,000 men, was placed at strategic positions facing the Russian frontier where Soviet tanks, troops and artillery were reported.

Evacuation of civilians from vulnerable cities was continued at a rapid rate, and it was estimated more than 100,000 persons already

had left Helsingfors, Viborg and soldier, Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustave Emile Mannerheim, publicly thanked Sweden, Norway and Denmark for what he called their strong moral support of Finland.

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