

AXIS INCLUDES U.S. AS 'COMMON ENEMY'

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Far East

There was evidence that the efforts of the Germans to hurl new offensives against Britain were not proceeding with complete smoothness.

Dispatches from the Far East told of reports that the Germans hoped to intensify their sea raiding activity in the Pacific and persuade the Japanese to push into French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam), thus flanking the great English naval base of Singapore.

To encourage the Japanese, it was said, the Germans assured Tokyo that Russia would be occupied in the west sufficiently so she could not intervene and that United States efforts would be neutralized by sea dangers which might compel her to withdraw shipping from the Far Pacific trade routes.

At the same time the Moscow press has taken a sudden and critical interest in internal conditions in Japan—an interest, Moscow correspondents were allowed to cable, that "alarmed" Japanese representatives in the Soviet.

Balkan Troubles

Behind the cloud of mystery and rumors coming from the Balkans it seemed likely that some Nazi move was developing—possibly a feint to distract attention from more important schemes.

What part Russia might be playing in the Balkan situation was far from clear. But there was mounting evidence that the Soviet is holding its cards close to the table in that region and that it has interests which are independent of and even possibly conflicting with those of Germany.

London reported today that Hitler's "new order" had run into substantial difficulties in Rumania, largely because of the intransigence of the fanatical nationalistic iron guard. This might explain some reports of German troop movements in that country—movements which witnesses reported involve return of garrison troops on leave to Germany as well as arrival of unknown numbers of new units.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total
1939 40 54 94
1940 52 90 142
Dec. 30
Injured 7 Accidents 23
Dead 6 Arrests 23

MONDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic. Fines
Violations tried and paid
Speeding 6 5 \$45
Reckless driving 3 3 15
Failure to stop at 2 2 7
through street 3 3 7
Disobeying traffic signals 6 5 6
Drunken driving 2 2 7
All others 37 21 74
Totals 57 39 \$142

MEETINGS TODAY

Rotary Club, Clarendon Hotel, noon.
Y.M.C.A. Club, noon.
Alpha Tau Omega, Board of Directors, noon.
Gyro Club, Spin-Arms Hotel, noon.
Meredith Club, Elks Lodge, noon.
University Club, Columbia Club, noon.
Trotter Club, noon.
Knights of Columbus, K. of C. Clubhouse, noon.
Veterans Service Club, Canary Cottage, noon.
Fine Paper Credit Group, Wm. H. Black Co., noon.
Indiana Motor Truck Association, Antlers Hotel, noon.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.

Allen Bryant, 20, of 1318 W. Washington, Frankfort, 2514 N. Bloomington, Box 28, of 420 N. Keyston, Glenda Rhinehart, 19, of 3028 Meredith.

First Photos of British in Sidi Barrani



Post a stone monument erected by Italians in celebration of their capture of Sidi Barrani (top photo). British armored units roll triumphantly from the recaptured town toward Bardia, Fascist stronghold in northeastern Libya. Below, an almost endless line of Italian prisoners march from the town to prison camps far behind the British lines. These first spot pictures of the African desert war cabled from London.

2300 STRIKE AT FT. WAYNE

Army Orders Involved in Walkout at Harvester Truck Plant.

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 31 (U.P.)—The United Automobile Workers Union (C.I.O.), on strike at the International Harvester Co.'s truck plant here, announced today that it would demand a general wage increase when negotiations are resumed for a contract with the company.

A. J. Atwood, of Indianapolis, regional director of the U.A.W.A., said a committee would meet today to draft the demand.

Previously the union had said no major wage questions were involved.

Disputed points in the proposed contract, it was learned, included pay of union stewards; seniority rights; an apprenticeship program; protection under military service; night shift bonus; overtime and lunch periods with pay.

C. H. Harrison, plant manager, said the management "stood ready, and still stands ready, to continue the negotiations." He said he was "sorry" the union decided to strike, and that he was convinced most of the workers wanted to stay on their jobs.

Earlier today, a company spokesman estimated 800 workers remained at their jobs—which he said was sufficient only for nominal operations.

The spokesman said the company was producing parts for Army trucks as well as trucks used in defense construction projects.

The walk-out began at 5 a.m. after Charles Shrock, union local president, said negotiations over contract provisions had failed despite intervention of a Federal mediator.

A picket line was formed at the company's gates. The plant employs 3,200 men and Mr. Shrock said he expected most of them to join the walk-out.

"The only way to bargain with Harvester is through a picket line," Mr. Shrock said.

Ft. Wayne police sent squads of officers to the plant for "observa-

tion."

HOPSON CONVICTED ON 17 FRAUD COUNTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (U.P.)—Howard C. Hopson, former head of the Associated Gas & Electric System, was found guilty today on 17 counts of mail fraud in the manipulation of securities of the vast utility company.

Even aside from the city's losses, it was estimated that an area equaling 10 blocks had been burned outside the one-mile-square district.

A United Press survey indicated that buildings burned inside the vast utility company.

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