

RUSS-JAPANESE PACT IS HINTED

Pledge of Non-Aggression Would Clear Tokyo's Way Into South Pacific.

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base of Bizerte, in Tunisia across the narrow Sicily Channel, persisted.

Vichy revealed that its delegate Fernand de Brinon has returned to Paris from Berlin and is expected shortly in Vichy. He may bear proposals from Adolf Hitler casting light on repeated rumors of German interest in Bizerte.

The British were pushing the Italians hard on every front in Africa. Derna was surrounded and reports persisted that some British advance units actually had entered the town. The Italians admitted that the British had fought almost halfway across the Libyan plateau on the direct cross-country route to Benghaz, Libya, capital.

Ethiopians Rise in Revolt

To the east British attack columns knifed into Italian East Africa and Ethiopian natives rose in revolt at many points.

The northernmost British column approached Agordat in Eritrea and threatened to drive on to Asmara, the capital, and Massawa, Red Sea port.

Another column was pushing south into Ethiopia in the Lake Tana region and east of Lake Tana Ethiopian rebels were reported to have slain 200 Italians.

Other British forces pushed north into Ethiopia from Kenya Colony and northeast into Italian Somaliland.

Other developments included: On the Continent the air war was renewed as the R.A.F. took of attacks on Hanover, Germany, during which the British Air Ministry claimed, two large fires and several smaller explosions were started. It was the first British air action over Germany since Wednesday, apparently because of bad weather.

Germany Admits Four Dead

Germany admitted four civilians were killed and six wounded by British bombs and claimed that its own bombers assaulted convoys and individual merchantmen on Britain's southeast coast.

The Moscow newspaper Red Star, organ of the Soviet Army, doubted that the Italians could save the day in Africa and praised Britain's offensive tactics there. It also emphasized the massive task facing any German force attempting to invade the British Isles.

At home Italy had trouble, too. Rumors that German troops had been posted to the country and that rioting had occurred at Turin and Milan were denied flatly and American correspondents in Italy could find no basis for the rumors of the northern Italy outbreaks. Swiss correspondents checked the Italian border and found all quiet.

Food Supply Causes Worry

However, the Italian food supply was causing difficulty. Rationing was extended to spaghetti and rice served in restaurants and food hoarding was denounced. Eight Milan textile and clothing factories were denounced for alleged profiteering.

In Albania the Greeks reported that Gen. Ugo Cavallero was making desperate efforts to score some military success to improve Italian military prestige. However, they said despite attacks by masses of Fascist troops Greek lines are holding firm and the Italians have gained little but heavy losses of men.

Antonescu Forms Cabinet

In Rumania, Gen. Ion Antonescu formed a new Cabinet as his loyal Army troops strengthened their hold on this strife-torn country.

Troops were on duty on all borders to prevent Guards from fleeing Rumania.

All persons who bore firearms in the revolt, it was understood, will face the death penalty and other participants will be given prison sentences.

The Iron Guard was given no representation in the new Cabinet. It was made up of military and naval officers with the exception of the Minister of Justice and Propaganda.

Captured Nazi



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CIVIL SERVICE THEFT PROBED

G-Men Seek to Learn If List of Names Went to Foreign Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (U.P.)—The Federal Bureau of Investigation sought to determine today whether foreign agents were involved in the theft of confidential personnel files from the Civil Service Commission.

G-men already have in custody here Harlan G. Gardnall, 29, senior Civil Service Commission clerk, and Lawrence Haynes, whom they identified as an official of an establishment which furnishes mailing lists, presumably to private firms seeking prospective customers.

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"We are currently looking into possible ramifications involving persons who have been alleged to be sympathetic with foreign powers," an FBI official said.

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IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total

1940 2 1 3

1941 5 4 9

—Jan. 25, 26—

Injured 17 Accidents 54

Dead 2 Arrests 14

SATURDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic- Fines

Violations tried paid

Speeding 10 \$85

Reckless driving 2 0 0

Failure to stop at through street 6 6 22

Disobeying traffic signals 5 5 33

Drunkards driving 4 2 45

All others 16 10 9

Totals 43 33 \$192

MEETINGS TODAY

Scientific Club, luncheon, Board of

Service Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel,

noon. North Side Realtors luncheon, Canary Club, noon.

Notre Dame Club, luncheon, Board of

Central Labor Union, meeting, Plumbers,

8 p.m. University Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Indiana State Council, meeting, Amalg.

Indiana Grain Dealers Assn., annual meeting, Hotel Weller, noon.

El Lilly & Co., University of Chicago, Rush Medical College, meeting, Hotel Sevier.

Federated Hardware Mutuals, meeting, Hotel Washington, 12:15 p.m.

American Club, luncheon, Hotel Wash-

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Committee, Hotel Washington, 7 p.m.

Alpha Delta Pi meeting, Hotel Wash-

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Marion County Alcoholic Beverage Asso-

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Indiana Commissioner of Automatic Coal Mine Co., luncheon, Hotel Washington, 12:15 p.m.

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Chemical Society, luncheon, meeting, Hotel Sevier, noon.

Purchasing Agents, dinner, Hotel Se-

vier, 8:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

Sam Asales, 23, of 2321 S. Meridian; LaVerne Weber, 21, of 1226 E. Kelly; Michael C. Doran, 59, of 1015 N. Tre-

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Christian J. Branaman, 86, at 340 Lester Street, hypostatic pneumonia, chronic nephritis, 56. Methodist.

Wilma Martin, 31, of 705 N. Holmes Street, coronary heart disease, 36. Methodist.

Verne Sargeant, 28, of 3811 W. Michigan Avenue, coronary heart disease, 35. Methodist.

Carl C. McConnell, 28, of 6300 E. 21st Street, coronary heart disease, 35. Methodist.

Glen Reiley, 35, of 230 E. New York Street, coronary heart disease, 35. Methodist.

Doris A. Graham, 20, of 287 N. Randolph Street, coronary heart disease, 20. Methodist.

Monica G. Padgett, 23, of 110 S. Highland Street, coronary heart disease, 23. Methodist.

Pauline Bush, 22, of 326 S. Alabama Street, coronary heart disease, 22. Methodist.

Frank F. Sluse, 21, of 1917 N. Talbot Street, coronary heart disease, 21. Methodist.

Wilma Goedert, 20, of 2225 N. Oberlin Street, coronary heart disease, 20. Methodist.

Verne Sargeant, 28, of 3814 LaSalle Street, coronary heart disease, 28. Methodist.

John Addison Richardson, 30, at 261 N. Dearborn Street, coronary heart disease, 30. Methodist.

John D. Bryan, 20, of 1809 Broadway, coronary heart disease, 20. Methodist.

Lucille L. Keller, 20, of R. R. 1, Box 295C, Marion, coronary heart disease, 20. Methodist.

Ethel M. Dooley, 22, of 1475 Roosevelt Street, coronary heart disease, 22. Methodist.