

AXIS RECAPTURES LIBYA KEY POINTS

Siege of Tobruk Is Renewed After British Imperials Are Driven Out of Sidi Rezegh; British Rushing Tank Reinforcements.

CAIRO, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—A powerful Axis tank attack broke through the British trap in the Libyan desert, an official spokesman said today, renewed the siege of Tobruk and drove British imperials from Sidi Rezegh and Bir El Hamid.

"The Germans nipped off the very end of the appendix that barred their way westward and made a junction in the Sidi Rezegh-Bir El Hamid-Zaaran triangle," the spokesman said in describing the setback.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Seventeen men and one woman faced maximum prison terms of 10 years today for allegedly advocating armed overthrow of the United States Government.

Albert Goldman, defense attorney and one of the convicted defendants, asserted the case would be carried to the Supreme Court if necessary in an effort to invalidate the Smith Act of 1940, under which the defendants were found guilty.

The defendants were charged with membership in the Socialist Workers Party and with following the doctrines of the late Leon Trotsky, exiled Russian revolutionary who was assassinated in Mexico.

All defendants were acquitted of a count accusing them of violating the Seditious Conspiracy Act of 1861, which outlawed plotting to overthrow the government by force.

Guilty verdicts were returned under the second count charging the defendants with violating the Smith Act by advocating armed overthrow of the Government.

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THE INDIANAPOLIS executive committee of Earlham College met with other alumni and Quakers here yesterday to make plans for a national campaign to raise \$225,000 for the school.

Dr. Dennis, president of Earlham, outlined the campaign which will begin in Indiana during January. Mr. Woodard of Indianapolis is alumni national campaign chairman and Mr. Barrett is chairman of the Indianapolis executive committee. Mr. Stout, the Rev. Mr. Elliott and Mrs. Glass are the other committee members.

The fund is being sought to build a new women's dormitory at Earlham.

GERMANS CLAIM MOSCOW GAINS

Drive Deep Into Defenses Of Capital, Berlin Reports Say.

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—The High Command said today that the Germans had driven deep into Moscow's defense system at more points.

(Radio reports from Moscow, heard in London, said Russian troops in bitter and bloody fighting, held their own on the Moscow front, and drove the enemy from six positions on the Leningrad front.)

Fighting continues on the Rostov front, the High Command said. It added that strong attempts by the Russians to break through German lines on the Leningrad front had been repulsed.

"On the Eastern front fighting in the Rostov area continues," the High Command's communique said. "In the battle zone before Moscow, German troops thrust deep into the enemy's defense system in further sectors."

"Before Leningrad, several breakthrough attempts of Soviet forces after a 'strong artillery preparation was repulsed. Our air force scored bomb hits on an aircraft factory near Rybinsk on the Volga, attacked enemy transport movements on the ice of Lake Ladoga and continued destruction of rail communications east of Tikhvin. Our bombers last night bombed Leningrad as well as Soviet air fields in the northern sector front."

DOWNSTATE NAVAL DEPOT DEDICATED

BEDFORD, Ind., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Capt. Edgar G. Oberlin today began his tenure as officer in charge of ordnance at the Burns City Naval Ammunition Depot following installation ceremonies yesterday. Officials said formal dedication probably will take place April 1 when the entire project is completed.

Triumphs on Three Fronts Claimed by Russian Army

LONDON, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—The Red Army officially claimed smashing triumphs today in bitter fighting on the Moscow, Leningrad and Rostov fronts.

Official Soviet dispatches broadcast by the Moscow radio said that the Germans were fleeing after abandoning equipment on the Tula sector, south of Moscow, and were threatened with disaster by Red Army gains in the Taganrog sector of the Ukraine as they fell back from Rostov.

The Russians claimed these triumphs: MOSCOW FRONT—Russian troops overwhelmed the Germans and recaptured the village of Barabanov, driving back the enemy after heavy Axis attempts failed to break through the Tula sector. German losses were described as "heavy" and the Russians still were attacking the retreating Axis forces, threatening their flank.

UKRAINE—The Nazi panzer forces retreating from Rostov have been split up in the Taganrog sector, cut off from all roads except the "path to doom" in the sea of Azov and are threatened with complete disaster.

LENNINGRAD—The Russians recaptured six strategic positions in counter-attacks.

The Germans have "left Rostov far behind" as hard-charging Russian troops supported by Cossack cavalry and the air force drove them westward, Moscow said.

The Soviet forces are attacking Gen. Edward Von Kleist's entire southern army from east, north and west and breaking it into fragments, special dispatches claimed.

The enemy concentrated large forces on the Moscow front in the direction of Klin and Volokolamsk and attempted a pincer there, effecting a sudden breakthrough in some places, Pravda said. Consequently the situation on the Volokolamsk sectors remains especially acute, the newspaper said.

In the Stalingrad sector, east of Tula, a Russian advance continues, Pravda reported.

The Germans are now more than 80 miles from Rostov, the official Russian news agency Tass said, and the pursuit continues.

In some places the Germans have fled so precipitously they have been forced to leave small arms—rifles and machine guns—behind, indicating they have not had time to marshal their forces for an orderly retreat, the Russians claimed.

Military experts said the great Russian victory probably had saved the Caucasus from any serious threat for some months, and almost certainly for the winter.

It was suggested that the safety of Moscow might be assured for a similar period unless the Germans made a stand soon.

A continued Russian advance, and consolidation of gains, would also permit the British to fight out the Libyan campaign without having to provide for the possibility of diverting men to check a German Caucasus drive, it was said.

CIVIL SERVICE JOBS GAIN WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Employment of civil workers by the executive branch of the Federal Government reached 1,487,925 in September, an increase of 40.37 per cent over the corresponding 1940 month, a Civil Service Commission report showed today. These workers drew \$224,140,668 in salaries, contrasted with the \$159,798,624 paid 1,059,984 persons on the payrolls in September 1940.

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BELIEVE VICHY MAY JOIN AXIS

Waiting Is Thought at End After Petain Confers With Goering.

VICHY, France, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—(Censored)—Informal quarters, interpreting official announcements concerning the meeting of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain and Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, believed today that the Vichy government had agreed to end its policy of waiting.

Petai, French chief of state, conferred for an hour yesterday at Saint Florentin, 100 miles southeast of Paris in the occupied zone, with Goering, who represented Adolf Hitler. Accompanied by Vice Premier Jean Francois Dorian, he lunched and conferred with Goering in a car of Goering's train.

The French party returned late last night and went immediately to government offices. Jacques Benoit-Mechin, Secretary of State, told a press conference that the principle of German-Franco collaboration would be expanded.

He said however, that no immediate consequences of the meeting could be expected.

"Let the people beware, however, of intemperate haste or sterile resignation," he said "the work of French reconstruction and reintegration into Europe are, as the Marshal himself explained, a long affair requiring much patience and tenacity."

Authoritative sources said France made no concrete concession or agreement at the conference. The official announcements made no mention of French possessions in Africa or of the French fleet. Germany is said to have demanded the fleet and French Africa for use against Britain.

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Authorized quarters said today that Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering and Marshal Henri Philippe Petain of France discussed "firstly, the Bolshevik danger; secondly, the British blockade, and thirdly, American attempts at intervention" during their meeting in occupied France yesterday.

"France suffers no less, and perhaps even more from these three factors than any other country on the continent," these quarters said.

NINE FREIGHT CARS ON PENNSY DERAILED

Nine freight cars of an 85-car long Pennsylvania train were derailed early this morning at Fayette, Ind., 15 miles northwest of Indianapolis.

Railroad officials here said that no one was injured and that none of the freight cars overturned. The wreck was caused, they said, when a "defective car" jumped the track, pulling eight other cars with it.

The train was inbound to Indianapolis from Logansport, Ind.

Tuberculosis Rises in Reich; Lack of Proper Food Blamed

BY DAVID M. NICHOL

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BERN, Dec. 2.—The German people are suffering from a "sharp increase" in tuberculosis and a noticeable gain in dental difficulties as a result of war conditions, says the Neue Zuercher Zeitung today, reporting an interview with Reich Minister of Health, Dr. Leonardo Conti.

Dr. Conti ascribed the tuberculosis increase principally to insufficient fats and fresh fruits and vegetables in the Nazi diet. As other factors he cited the wartime nervous strain, the longer hours of labor, the housing shortage as a result of the absence of new building, and the decreased number of doctors available for civil practice, making early diagnosis difficult.

He said that the causes of teeth problems are not precisely known but that he was inclined to attribute them also to diet and nerves.

The health minister, who is at the same time party health leader and head of the Reich Medical Association, expressed special concern over the huge increase in smoking and feared that lasting damage was being done to young men and women.

Army consumption of cigarettes has increased enormously and 17-year-old boys and girls are also smoking in labor camps, armament factories and offices, he said.

For the rest, Dr. Conti continued, the Reich so far has produced no epidemics and the civil death rate, excluding war casualties, has returned to prewar levels after a slight increase during the difficult first winter of war.

He hoped that the planned production of fruit and vegetables in the new eastern territories would improve the situation.

Referring to war wounds Dr. Conti said that mechanized armament produced a greater number of bone fractures, burns and facial injuries than had been the case in previous wars.

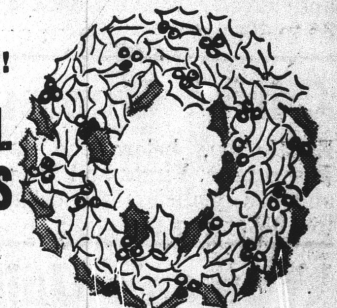
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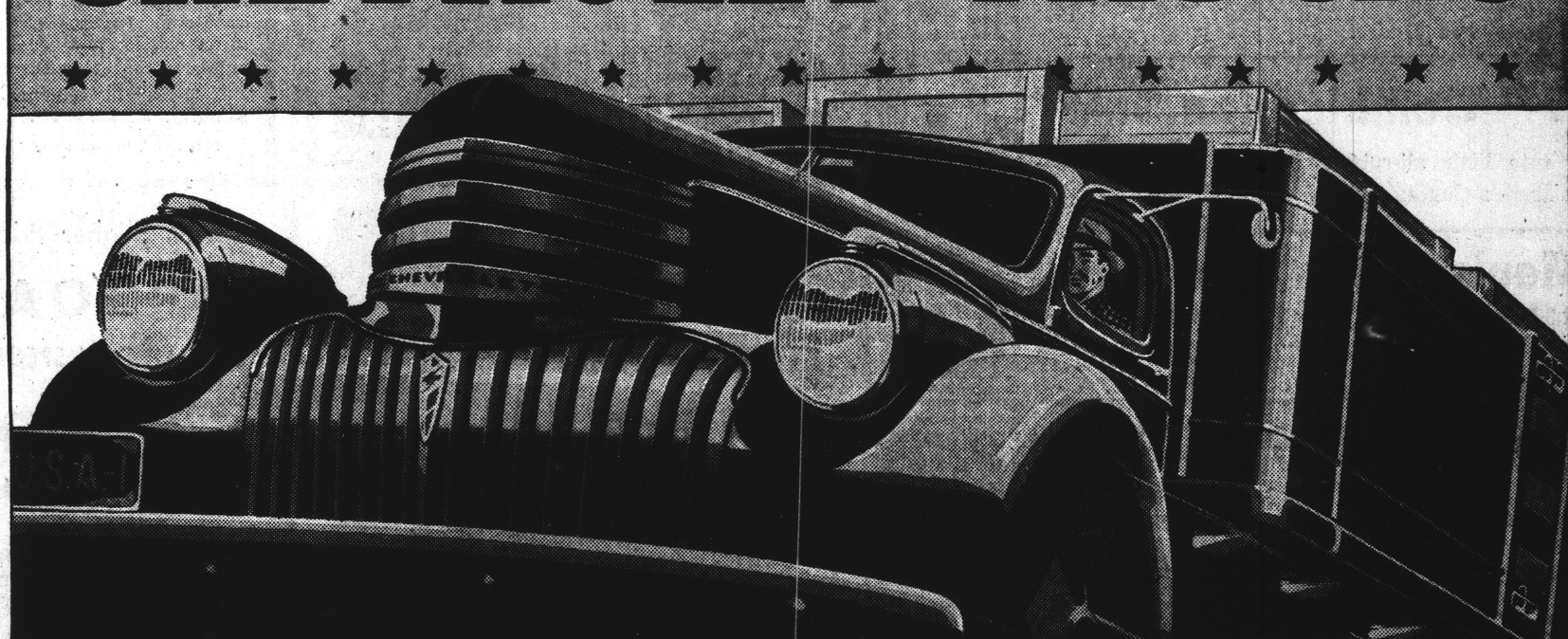


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