

RUSS CAPTURE GERMAN LINE

2000 Nazis Killed in Futile Counter-Attacks Near Orel.

MOSCOW, June 19 (U. P.)—Russian troops, hammering at an exposed German salient southwest of Moscow, broke through German defenses in an advance above Orel today and captured a new offensive line.

More than 100 Germans were killed in the thrust, launched from the new Soviet bridgehead northwest of Mtsensk, 30 miles northeast of Orel, the mid-day communiqué said.

Only 12 hours earlier the Soviets had announced the wiping out of 2000 Germans in several days of fruitless axis counter-attacks aimed at dislodging the Russians from four newly-captured towns in the area.

18 Tanks Disabled

In their latest advance Red army units captured three mortars, five machineguns and several score rifles and tommy guns. Eighteen German tanks were disabled in previous fighting in this sector.

Continued aerial operations which cost the enemy at least 53 planes in 24 hours were reported in the communiqué. Artillery duels were reported along various sections of the long front.

A large number of enemy planes was reported destroyed on the ground at key enemy airfields by the Soviet long-range bomber force, which includes a high percentage of American Boston and Mitchell medium bombers manned by Red army fliers.

Scouts Wiped Out

Rifle and machinegun fire accounted for a German scout detachment which attempted to cross the Donets in a reconnaissance effort that may have been in preparation for general offensive operations.

To the north in the Leningrad sector, the Russians dispersed Nazi soldiers constructing defense barriers. In the Litschansk sector of the Ukraine Red army patrols pierced the German lines, killing 140 Germans in a reconnaissance raid.

Twenty-four German planes were shot down during two attempts to raid Volhov, on the northern front.

BLAMES WAGE RULE FOR PEA CROP DROP

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Offer wages high enough to attract workers to the canneries. We are allowed now only to pay those wages we paid last year . . . and they aren't high enough.

None of the state's 165 canneries is idle, he explained, but operators are unable to contract for large acreage in advance because they know they cannot handle the crops unless they can boost the wages. As a result, production has been reduced.

The pea season opened about 10 days ago and will close at the end of the week. It was only 60 percent of last year's crop, and "now we've had to lose 10 percent of that small crop," Mr. Coddington added.

Because of the wet spring, the corn and tomato crops will be late. Since more hand work is needed with these crops than with peas, even larger losses are expected. The tomato crop, Indiana's biggest for canneries, probably will start Aug. 15 to 20, and corn will begin on Aug. 5 to 7.

Canners Can't Contract

Mr. Coddington also blamed the administration for failing to set definite prices in advance because "canners can't contract for acreage if they don't know how to estimate prices."

Between 35,000 and 40,000 workers, mostly transient help, is needed for the corn and tomato crops, and canneries will fall short of those figures by 20 to 25 percent, he said. "In Elwood recently they had a registration for cannery employees, and 400 signed up. Elwood needs 6400 workers, at least."

The canneries could get the help, he believes, if the government would allow them to advance their last year's prices. Even the experienced permanent help has been tempted away because of more attractive wages offered in other industries.

Smaller cities in the state, where the majority of canneries are located, are especially affected by a labor shortage anyway, and so it is doubly difficult for the canneries to get help, Mr. Coddington said.

WASHINGTON Calling

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overseas communication branch. (He was a radio attorney before joining OPA.)

FULBRIGHT RESOLUTION, calling for U. S. collaboration in post-war affairs, won't get out of the rules committee right away. Republicans want time to do missionary work among their own before it's brought to floor. It may never come out of a sizable vote against it is indicated. But chances are Republicans will go along except for a few bitter-enders.

Argument being used on the doubtful ones runs like this: We Republicans do stand for something, don't we? Well, if we don't stand for this, what do we stand for? Name your objections to making a try for a lasting peace.

Another talking point: Passage of the resolution would advance the long fight to give the house real importance in foreign relations. Senate now has exclusive authority to ratify treaties, by two-thirds vote. Most senators will resist any change; most house members would like to see treaties ratified by a majority of both bodies.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas, chairman of senate foreign relations, sneered at the Fulbright resolution; in reply house members point out that Texas got into the union by a house concurrent resolution after the senate had stalled on ratifying a treaty bringing Texas in.

NATIONAL GOVERNORS' conference at Columbus next week will be a sort of preliminary Republican presidential sweepstakes. For the first time, Washington political correspondents will go out to cover it and check presidential possibilities, particularly Dewey of New York, Bricker of Ohio, Warren of California, Saltonstall of Massachusetts. Missing from the sweepstakes: Willkie and Gen. MacArthur.

Note. Gov. Bricker was responsible for cancellation of plans to have a side conference of Republican governors who are members of the G. O. P. post-war advisory council. He told National Chairman Spangler it would violate non-partisan spirit of the general conference. (Washington politicians suspect he didn't want to be put in a corner himself on post-war policies.)

MEANWHILE, BRICKER loses ground, politicos here say. Reasons: Party leaders in the south, who gave Taft much of his 1940 convention strength, are lukewarm about this other Ohioan; and Bricker apparently failed to sell himself to party moneybags in New York, on his recent visit east.

INDUSTRIALISTS FIGHTING war "contract renegotiation act" will be satisfied if law is amended to provide for readjusting contracts after taxes. Some still demand exemption for standard commercial products—Items sold in peacetime as well as for war. Ways and means subcommittee headed by Rep. Disney (D. Okla.) will begin study of amendments soon.

LOOK FOR reduced meat rations before years is over, for the average civilian. Those doing manual labor in war jobs may get more than the rest.

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC leaders earlier this week gave their whips another stern talking to, warned them that Republicans "have the cutting knife" out for war-money appropriations. But whips failed to keep Democrats on the floor yesterday to vote, and Republican knives slashed.

INDUSTRY RETREATS from pay-as-you-go, as government advances. Some large utilities now bill their customers every two months, to save manpower, cut operating costs.

IN WHAT MAY be a last-ditch move to boost voluntary savings as an inflation curb, administration soon will advertise the benefits individuals may attain by putting money into postal savings, life insurance, building and loan associations. And, of course, it will continue pushing voluntary purchase of war bonds.

WARNINGS TO KEEP board of economic warfare secrets out of debate over its appropriations reached house members. Milo Perkins talked frankly in closed committee sessions about various stratagems to hurt the axis; got a war department caution himself, which he passed on to the men who heard him.

Look for announcement next week from Senator George on plans for his senate post-war committee. He'll name an expert to head his staff, make it clear that committee will concentrate on economic and financial, rather than political, phases of post-war policy. Committee is weighted heavily on conservative side.

White Denies He Admitted Shooting Wife in Quarrel

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floor begging for mercy he shot her because she had told him she was in love with another man," Detective Auls said.

The jury previously had heard the story of White's own extra-marital love affair with Mrs. Dorothy Beanblossom.

She testified about their affair for two days, telling of how White had invited her to his home and held her captive at the point of the gun in the same room where his wife lay dead.

She denied defense inferences that she had an arrangement for a fake love affair with White in order to make Mrs. White jealous.

"He told me he loved me," she testified.

T. Ernest Maholm, defense attorney, said that he will prove that White was suffering from a form of insanity at the time of the murder.

The detective said White seemed to be "perfectly sober and normal" when he was questioned at the police station.

"He told me he had shot his wife

NEW U. S. HOUSES TO BE FOR WOMEN

WASHINGTON, June 19 (U. P.)—The 70,000 war housing units tentatively scheduled to be built during the next 12 months will house mostly women war workers, the national housing agency said today.

Half of the total number of dormitories built during the last six months were projects for women, and in view of a recruitment plan calling for 220,000 women to go into war work between July, 1943, and July, 1944, the NHA is planning accordingly.

OBTAI HISTORIC PAPERS

The famous Sweet collection of letters, documents, prints, broadsides and books bearing on the war of 1812 has been obtained by Indiana university, it was announced today, 131st anniversary of the declaration of war against England.

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59,000 MINERS JOIN WALKOUT

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7000 in Indiana Idle as Operators and Union Open Parley.

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survey showed. Approximately 13,950 of the state's 205,000 hard and soft coal miners were idle. Other states reporting gave these figures for miners on strike—Alabama, 3000; Ohio, 2000; Kentucky, 10,000, and West Virginia, 500.

Union leaders predicted that the stoppages would increase hourly through the region.

Rejection Expected

There appeared little doubt that Lewis and the U. M. W. would reject the WLB decision, just as they have rejected every previous order of the board. Lewis said last winter that the board had prejudged the case and he repeatedly has attempted to sidestep it.

The WLB order denied the union demand for portal-to-port pay—and left the miners with only small wage gains totaling about 20 cents a day.

Some observers believed that the ultimate solution of the coal crisis would result in the government retaining control of the mines and the miners working under a contract between the U. M. W. and the government.

Several operators have expressed fear of that solution. Operator sources said Lewis told the bargaining conference early this month that the miners would work for the government for whatever wage the government decrees, but would not work for private operators unless their wage demands are met.

Now Maj. Wood is in charge

of the Indiana office of army officer procurement here and Pfc. Wood is with an automatic weapon battalion or anti-aircraft artillery at Camp Haan, Cal.

In the first world conflict Maj. Wood received his naval radio operating course at Harvard university and served the rest of the war on detached duty at Arlington, Va., primarily in connection with trans-Atlantic communications.

When the armistice was signed, he returned to Indianapolis, received his diploma from law school, and started practicing law.

Subsequently, he became dean of

the Indiana law school, a well-known Indianapolis attorney, and at one time president of the city council.

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His son was graduated from

Cathedral high school and had

one year at Notre Dame.

Maj. and Mrs. Wood, with two

younger sons, Billy and Jackie,

live at 618 E. 49th st.

W. 40th st.

Father's Day to Be Observed Though Many Are Apart

They'll be Together

CAPT. FRED M. SELLERS of the army recruiting service in Indianapolis and his son, T. Sgt. T. M. Sellers will spend Father's day together at Ft. Ethan Allen, Vt., where Sgt. Sellers is a paratrooper instructor.

This September Capt. Sellers will mark his 27th year of service in the army and navy. After doing a "hitch" in the navy from 1908 to

Indianapolis since Dec. 18, 1941.

His 23-year-old son already has four years of army service to his credit and plans to make the army his career.

Capt. and Mrs. Sellers live at 3539 College ave.

Father and Daughter

INDIANAPOLIS' father and daughter combination in the armed forces is Capt. Arthur I. Kunze, with the infantry at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and his daughter, Phyllis, who has been sworn into the WAVES.

A world war I veteran, Capt. Kunze re-entered the army in April, 1942. Prior to that, he was attached to the war department here. Miss Kunze expects to leave about the first of July for her

boot training at Hunter college, N. Y. She was a stenographer at the navy signal school at Butler until it was moved out. She signed up for the WAVES on June 10. With her mother, Mrs. Arthur Kunze, she lives at 5142 College ave.

JOHN FEHSENFELD JR. IN BASIC TRAINING

John E. Fehsenfeld Jr., former

superintendent for the Crayton

Flash Petroleum Corp., and student

at the University of Michigan, re-

ceived primary flight training at

Stamford, Tex., and will take basic

flight training at Arledge field,

Enid, Okla., his present station.

His wife, Mrs. Adel V. Fehsen-

feld, lives at 333 N. Meridian st.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John

E. Fehsenfeld Sr., 3074 N. Pennsyl-

ania st.

Seven Indianapolis men have

been selected for training in the

armored force replacement training

center, Ft. Knox, Ky. The men are:

Pvt. Robert Martin, 445 S. Key-

stone; Morris Simon, 504 E. 21st

st.; Carl H. Happersberger, 1150

Churchman; Paul E. Dolzall, 3109

Broadway; Daniel Sellers, 1444

Fruitdale; Howard D. Perkins, 1138

Broadway; Charles J. Salisbury, 630

W. 40th st.

"We are the only state in the union over which enemy planes have flown and on which enemy bombs have been dropped," he said upon arrival. "And we don't like it."

OREGON GOVERNOR TELLS OF JAP RAIDS

COLUMBUS, O., June 19 (U. P.)

Gov. Earl D. Snell of Oregon first

of the chief executives of 40 states

to arrive for the 35th annual governors' conference beginning to-

morrow, said today he hoped to re-

ceive from the