

# GERMANS ADMIT KHARKOV'S LOSS

## Russ Victory Opens Ukraine To New Drive on Dnieper.

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The Russians control of an important hub of communications that will facilitate the movement of troops and supplies along the whole length of the southern front.

The German withdrawal was forced by flanking drives that cut all but one of six railroads radiating from Kharkov and narrowed their escape corridor to the southwest to 13 miles.

The next Russian move may be to swing strength to the Soviet bridgehead south of Izum, 70 miles southeast of Kharkov, for a new drive to Lohovaya, 45 miles to the west, whose capture probably would compel the Germans to quit the remainder of the Donets basin because of the danger to their flank.

A Soviet success in this sector probably also would result in a German withdrawal from their bridgehead in the northwest Caucasus, the Crimea and rich farmlands east of the Dnieper line.

# POLICEMEN TOLD TO END GAMING HOUSES

After personally directing raids yesterday on nearly 25 alleged gaming establishments, Chief Becker today threatened to cancel days off for policemen unless they increased vigilance.

More than 20 persons were arrested by the chief and his men on charges of gaming, suspicion of gaming or liquor law violations.

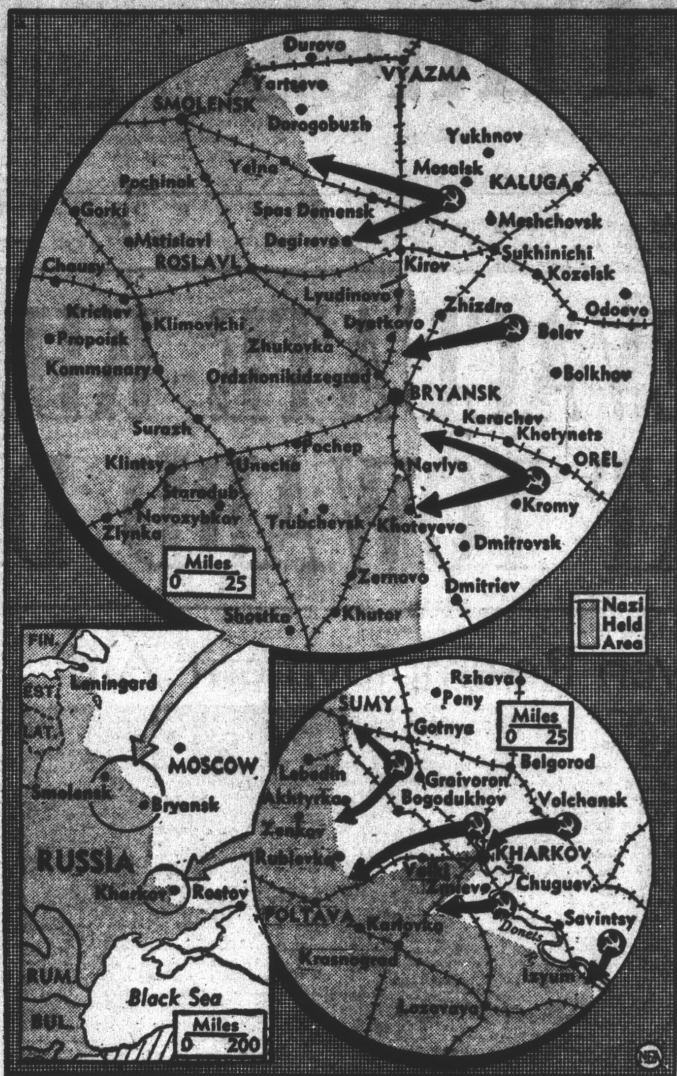
Admitting that a "small amount" of gambling still is going on, Chief Becker charged that it was due partly because all policemen are "not keeping busy on their beats."

Policemen now are off duty every eighth day and he threatened to cancel these holidays as a disciplinary measure.

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# Soviet Claws Tighten



Two key areas on the Russo-German front are in the spotlight as the Russian army's summer offensive rolls on toward the Nazi strong points of Smolensk, Bryansk, past Kharkov and Poltava. Encircling thrusts and drives to cut German supply lines feature the Soviet advance.

# Seventh District Endorses Capehart; Others to Follow

A draft-Capehart-for U.S. senator movement was under way in the Seventh district today while upstate G. O. P. leaders awaited a conference at Wabash tonight and the state committee prepared for a meeting here tomorrow.

The movement to support Homer Capehart, farmer, industrialist and Seventh district chairman, was launched at a rally of the chairmen and vice chairmen of the 11 counties in the district at Worthington yesterday.

Resolutions adopted pledged a united effort in his behalf if he goes into the 1944 state convention as a candidate. Mr. Capehart intimated his candidacy at a recent rally in Bedford.

The chief speaker was Rep. Gerald Landis of the Seventh. He called for a recall to power of

# RUSSIAN SHIFTS WORRY CAPITAL

## Transfer of Ambassadors Creates Speculation and Cause for Anxiety.

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into, Litvinov's removal there appeared to be more arguments than for those who discounted its significance.

It was pointed out that Litvinov had been in Moscow for two months, but that Stalin had waited until the climax of the Quebec conference to announce that he would not return to Washington.

The change in ambassadors here and in London was the last of a series of unexplained moves within a few months that continues to shroud Soviet-American relations in mystery. First was Litvinov's departure from Washington last May, at about the time that President Roosevelt sent Joseph E. Davies on his second mission to Moscow.

Since then there was set up in Moscow a "free German" committee among German refugees and prisoners. It issued a manifesto to Germans urging them to get out of the war which was widely interpreted—rightly or wrongly—as a bid for a separate peace with Russia inasmuch as the committee was sponsored by Moscow.

Another recent action which stirred speculation was the dissolution of the International Comintern, the agency whose purpose it was to spread the gospel of international communism.

As background for these events there are months of persistent demands for a second front that would force the Germans to withdraw 40 or 50 divisions from the Russian front; Stalin's refusal to attend the Casablanca conference even though Mr. Roosevelt and Churchill agreed to go anywhere to meet him; the Moscow announcement that the Russians had not been invited and had not expected to be asked to the Quebec conference.

# See Second Front As Only Answer

LONDON, Aug. 23 (U. P.)—Relations between Russia and the Anglo-American partnership were believed today to have reached a state of tension which could be improved only by the opening of a second continental front.

There was nothing to make observers feel the allies faced anything as drastic as an actual split. But there was plenty to indicate the Russians were prepared to bring the strongest pressure to bear to get the course of action they desire.

The situation followed the relieving of Maxim M. Litvinov and Ivan Maisky of their positions as ambassadors to the United States and Great Britain respectively.

May Visit Russia.

While full clarification was not forthcoming from Moscow, the action drew a bead on enduring Russian demands that some of the heavy fighting load be taken from their backs.

Experts believed a visit to Moscow by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden or Secretary of State Cordell Hull, if it follows the Roosevelt-Churchill Quebec conference, may relieve the situation.

Quarters best informed on Russia emphasized that one thing, and one only, is necessary to cement the allied front and that is a landing in force in western Europe.

Moscow dispatches pointed out that Litvinov and Maisky, two of the foremost Soviet foreign affairs experts, may have been recalled for advice and consultation on post-war settlements.

Rome, Berlin Shout

Rome and Berlin, of course, shouted in radio broadcasts that allied matters were in a sorry state. Rome even talked about a Russian ultimatum that without a second front, the Russians could go no further.

A calmer report by Berlin radio admitted that even the Nazis think nothing could make Russia, England or America look with any favor on Germany and that from a military standpoint, the current situation is only muddled and not any better for the Nazis armies.

# ALLIED TROOPS LOOK DOWN ON SALAMAU

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# Mrs. Miller Prays She'll Not Be Blind

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prison. At no time would she commit herself as to his guilt or innocence in the phony holdup which left her with an artificial arm.

During Miller's confinement, Mrs. Miller unsuccessfully sought employment to meet the budgeted needs of herself and her son, Buddy. Throughout the entire period, she lived with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hicks, at the family's modest frame bungalow at 1339 Wade st.

# Back Together Again

WHEN MILLER left prison, he and his wife returned to house-keeping and Mrs. Miller remarked to friends that she "hoped to make up in domestic happiness for all that I have lost" in the dreadful period following the loss of her arm.

Several months ago she took a position in the personnel department of the Lukas-Harold Corp., with her husband working at the J. D. Adams Co.

Friends believed that things were going along "swimmingly" with the Millers.

But Mrs. Miller, according to the family, had filed for a divorce several months ago and had expected action upon the decree early in September. Her husband planned to go to China on a construction job and the couple had quarreled over his refusal to pay alimony during his absence.

# Acid in Her Face

LAST FRIDAY night, Mrs. Miller and her mother stepped out of a drug store at Laurel and Prospects sts. A youth stepped out of the darkness, shouted "Hey, you!" at Mrs. Miller and, as the young wife spun on her heel, threw a container of acid in her face.

Mrs. Hicks was burned by splashes of the acid, but sought to rush Mrs. Miller to the hospital. In frantic fright and believing herself to be dying, Mrs. Miller insisted on going to see the family minister before going to the hospital. The minister took her at once to the hospital where she lies today with her face swollen, her eyes bandaged and cold-packed and her shoulders seared.

Physicians had not been able to determine today whether it would be possible to save the injured wife's sight, but she placed complete faith in prayer and Mrs. Hicks summed up the family's viewpoint when she said:

"Rose has had her troubles. Jesus will bring her through this time."

# Drilling Ghosts —Hungry Geese!

HILLCREST, N. Y., Aug. 23 (U. P.)—For several days the women of Hillcrest have observed white-clad figures—possibly subversive elements at drill—maneuvering on a lawn across the valley.

Police Chief Abe Stern was summoned, and trained his binoculars on the lawn.

"Those," he reported, "are geese eating up the crumbs after a daily lunch served patients at the Mary Louise convalescent home."

# RUSS ABSENCE 'CONSPICUOUS'

## Australia Delegate Due; Litvinov Ouster Is a 'Worry.'

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nouncement raised a multitude of questions as to the impression the Soviet was trying to convey to the world.

Virtually every important war figure in the higher echelons of the British, American and Canadian governments was on hand. Mr. Roosevelt scheduled a series of continuous conferences during the day and it was definitely known that the meetings are at a point of final approval of a master plan for destructive operations against the axis the remainder of this year.

As the arrivals of new officials here continued so did the air of mystery over the conference of the past seven days. Last night some officials tacitly advised some of their contacts that today would bring a big announcement. A morning press conference produced the news that Churchill and Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King were to make an automobile tour of the city.

# Prepares Ottawa Speech

Chinese Foreign Minister T. V. Soong lunched with the president and was expected to remain for additional talks in the afternoon. Mr. Roosevelt was devoting some time in preparing his Ottawa speech.

While official sources cautioned against excluding any war theater from speculation, there were increasing indications that an intensification of the aerial offensive against Italy was near. The plans it was believed, called for such cities as Naples, Brindisi and Taranto to be "bamburged" from the air, and then, if the Italian government still refused to capitulate, an invasion.

Soong's arrival was followed by a statement from White House Press Secretary Stephen T. Early:

"The president expects to confer as soon as possible with Dr. Soong. Mr. Churchill will participate in these discussions which have to do with the plans for the war on Japan, the emphasis being given to that and all points pertaining to the war on Japan."

# Lunched With Churchill

The gatherings at the citadel today had all the earmarks of a climax to the work that has been carried on by the staff chiefs and their subordinate experts for two weeks. Yesterday the conference at the citadel began right after breakfast. Mr. Roosevelt welcomed Stimson upon his arrival, then lunched with the prime minister and the war secretary and a number of others.

After lunch the president drove to the Isle d'Orleans with Mrs. Churchill and inspected several old churches. Lewis O. Douglas, American deputy war shipping administrator who once was principal of McGill university and who has an intimate knowledge of Quebec province, acted as "guide."

After the drive Mr. Roosevelt joined Churchill, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, Sir Alexander Cadogan, the permanent under secretary for external affairs in the British government, and James C. Dunn, state department political adviser.

The conference began about 5:30 p. m. and lasted far into the night.

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