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RUSSIANS SMASHING NAZIS' NORTH LINES

Newest Soviet Action Launched Over Ice on Lake Ladoga—Red Armies Enter Moshaisk and Orrel—Germans Admit "Strong Force" on The March in Ukraine

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP).—The Russian Army of the North was smashing tonight at the forward anchor of the German siege line before Leningrad in attacks of rising power, synchronized with the Soviet central offensive driving on the apparently crumbling Nazi positions of Moshaisk and Orrel on the Moscow front.

This new for northern action, which was reported in advance to Soviet sources here, was launched across the ice of southern Lake Ladoga against Schilonskoye, the German-held lake fortress twenty-five miles east of Leningrad, by elite and elite troops. One of the series of their running attacks was said already to have broken through between Schilonskoye itself and the main Leningrad-Moscow railway.

Fighting was rising in intensity, it was said, and it thus appeared that a major offensive to turn the German line at Schilonskoye was being developed against Field Marshal Ritter von Loh, one of Hitler's best-known experts in defensive warfare.

STALIN INTERESTED

Joseph Stalin is described here as specially interested personally in the operations, believing that to reach the German line before Leningrad would have not only its obvious military effect but a strong effect as well upon a German public already worried by the failure of Hitler's campaign at the centre.

The Russians it was a familiar manoeuvre, for it was over Ladoga that they had steamed and backed vital Finnish positions in the war of 1939-40.

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Churchill Given Tremendous Welcome



Beaming Happily, Winston Churchill (Above, Centre) Arrives in London From His Trip to America. He Was Greeted by a Wildly Enthusiastic Crowd. Pictured With Him Are Mrs. Churchill and Daughter.

Another Tanker Is Attacked Off U.S. East Coast

German Submarines Strike at Fourth Ship in Six Days—Damaged Vessel Nearing Port—Twenty-Two Lose Their Lives in Sinking of the Allan Jackson on Sunday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (AP).—An Axis submarine struck another tanker off the Atlantic coast of the United States today, while signs accumulated that widespread warfare is under way all along the coast between American sea and aircraft and lurking undersea raiders.

The first reported appearance of American air forces in the struggle for Singapore was a strafing raid two days earlier in Central Malaya on the Japanese-held island of Penang, and some 300 miles northwest of Singapore.

LARGE FIRMS STARTED

Describing the attack as successful, the War Department said three large firms were started among Japanese aircraft on the ground and in a hallway in the area. All American planes returned safely to their bases.

The announcement of the bombing blows overwhelmed earlier reports that General Douglas MacArthur's small American-Pilipino army is digging in for a further sixteen-day defense of Batan Peninsula after parrying the latest Japanese attack in the Philippines.

SCORE HITS ON TWO AXIS CRAFT

British Naval Aircraft Make Torpedo Hits on Large Tanker and Destroyer

CAIRO, Jan. 19 (AP).—British naval aircraft scored torpedo hits on a large Axis tanker and a destroyer in the Central Mediterranean on Saturday night, the R.A.F. announced tonight.

The attacks were made successfully despite a heavy rainstorm, and both vessels came to a standstill, the communiqué said.

British planes also damaged Tripoli, the same night, leaving fire at the railway station, and attacked Axis motor transport in the Tripoli-Cirraha-Cirraha road area.

Submarine Talisman Sinks Enemy U-Boat And Troop Transport

British Undersea Craft Also Damages Italian Destroyer in Prowl About Mediterranean—Amazing Incident Described

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Jan. 19 (AP).—The triumphant British submarine Talisman returned from the wars today with a story of sinking an enemy U-boat, a 15,000-ton Axis troop transport and damaging an Italian destroyer while playing a lone hand in the Mediterranean.

The saga of the Talisman was told by Capt. Sydney Row, director of British undersea operations in the Eastern Mediterranean.

He said the submarine had surfaced and was patrolling the Mediterranean at night when it suddenly sighted the huge black form of a U-boat 700 yards off. The U-boat saw the Talisman at almost the same instant.

AUSTRALIANS HOLDING GROUND IN MALAYA: FRONT STABILIZED

From Europe Day by Day—

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Bennett's Forces Beat Off Repeated Japanese Attacks—Singapore Free From Air Raids During Day—British Give Up Air Base in Burma—Air Forces Are Active

Troops Not Disheartened By Series of Withdrawals

SINGAPORE, Jan. 19 (AP).—British battle lines drawn across a confused tangle of Malayan rubber groves, jungle and rice paddies stayed backward today to meet new Japanese infiltrations, but fighting Australians thrown into the battle for Singapore three days ago declared they had stabilized the front anew. The Australians reported they had beaten off attack after attack and everywhere were holding their lines.

ENEMY PUSH INTO BURMA

Superior Japanese Army Forces British to Withdraw From Coastal City

RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 19 (AP).—The Japanese have crossed the Burma Peninsula in a westward drive in the area which forced a British withdrawal from Tavy, the senior and one of the two most important coastal towns on the 400-mile neck of Burmese territory stretching down the Malay Peninsula.

A British communiqué today said Imperial defenders beat off superior numbers of invaders last night from Tavy to more favorable positions. The retreaters presently was to the north toward Meiktila, chief town of the peninsula and site of a R.A.F. base, some 170 miles away by mountain road.

USED AN R.A.F. BASE

Tavy, a town of 25,000 on the eastern side of the narrow neck, had been used by the R.A.F. as a base.

The announcement said Japanese fighter planes were believed to have been based at Tavy, Meiktila, target of repeated Japanese attacks, again was raided today, and Rangoon and another town were planes were seen north of the city, but it was not disclosed where they came from.

No casualties were reported in the latest Meiktila attack, British sources were said to have been killed in a previous raid.

The fall of Tavy followed a four-day Japanese drive some thirty-five miles across the narrow Burmese Peninsula from the Thai border.

CABINET MEETS FOR MANY HOURS

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 (Tuesday) (AP).—A session of the Cabinet under Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the longest meeting in recent months—more than four hours, 45 minutes, ended today.

The ministers met during yesterday afternoon, resumed the dinner and then sat for almost five hours at night.

The length of the session was taken as an indication that matters of great importance were under discussion, but there was no official indication what problems were discussed.

First Minister Sir John G.D. King, Minister Churchill's military representative in the United States, has been in Ottawa, but it was not known whether he attended any part of the afternoon or evening sessions of the ministers.

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PREPARING FOR HOUSE OPENING

Prime Minister Expected to Outline 1942 War Plans Early Next Week

OTTAWA, Jan. 19 (AP).—Prime Minister Mackenzie King is expected to give a detailed outline of Canada's 1942 war plans when he re-enters the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the Throne in Parliament at week from today.

Under a dispute is precipitated three years after quarters ally the Throne speech in 1939 at Tuesday afternoon's parliamentary opening, but general discussion is planned by the Government before Monday.

Members were arriving in Ottawa today in preparation for the formalities which on Wednesday evening will end the present session and on Thursday afternoon launch the third session of the Nineteenth Parliament.

COMPULSORY SERVICE

It is generally believed the speech from the Throne will give a forecast of the Government's proposals with respect to selective compulsory service on a larger scale than that now operating.

There is a persistent rumor that exemptions will be provided, even under the present selective service system, to lure farm workers on the land, because of a serious shortage in farm labor.

In some quarters it is believed the speech will announce a referendum in which the people will be asked if they are in favor of compulsory service outside Canada.

St. Ben, Arthur Meighen, new leader of the Conservative party, will not be in the House. He is participating for a Congress held in York Centre where a by-election will be held February 9.

Announces Sinking of Destroyer

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP).—The Admiralty announced today that the 850-ton British destroyer Vidua had been sunk.

The announcement came on indication it had been sent to the bottom.

The Vidua was of 1937 design, reserved for escort duty but before the outbreak of war in 1939.

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