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Anglo - Russian Leaders Confer

Churchill Visits Moscow; Second Front Probably Looms Large In Discussions

By Eddy Gilmore (Associated Press Staff Writer) MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and British, Soviet and United States field and staff commanders have met for four days in Moscow and reached secret decisions on a tremendous battle-ground, the United Nations announced today.

The bare facts of four days of Kremlin conferences, which began with Mr. Churchill's arrival in Moscow last Wednesday aboard a four-engine Liberator bomber with American pilots at the controls, and ended Saturday, were disclosed in communications issued in Moscow and London.

But a source close to the Prime Minister described this Churchill-Stalin meeting as marking an epoch and added that it might prove a turning point in the war.

Mr. Churchill left Moscow Sunday morning and the communiqué was issued after he was outside the Soviet Union.

(London viewed the disclosures)

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Japs Fight Fiercely To Stem Landings

Some Nipponese Prisoners Taken; Enemy Loses Large-Scale Naval Engagement.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (CP)—United States Marines are "well established" in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi area of the Solomon Islands, the navy department announced today, despite furious sea and air attacks by the Japanese designed to break up the landing operations.

In a communiqué, the navy announced that Japanese air and sea units were defeated in a running battle that started with the surprise landing on the early morning of Aug. 7 and continued through the night of Aug. 8-9.

At least 35 Japanese planes were shot down and there was damage to Japanese warships in the night naval battle but it was impossible to determine its extent.

It was the most informative communiqué yet issued by the navy department on the campaign, and brought it up to date with these words:

"The short positions taken by the United States forces have since (the original landing) been developed and are now well established."

The communiqué told of the original landing parties taking the Japanese by surprise in the early morning of Aug. 7, even destroying 18 seaplanes before they could get into action, while troop carriers and destroyers screened their operations, beating off Japanese land-based aircraft during the first few hours of the occupation.

During the first night, Japanese cruisers and destroyers attempted to cut through the protective ring of American naval ships to get at the landing parties but were driven off with losses on both sides.

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War Situation Last Night

(By Edward E. Bomar, Associated Press War Analyst) Cairo's disclosure that American air fighters are ready now to go into action in Egypt in their own squadrons is a hopeful turn in a situation which otherwise is puzzling and discouraging.

The development suggests the arrival of substantial reinforcements and promises further augmentation of Egypt's defenses, in keeping with the crucial importance of North Africa and the entire Middle East.

After months of intensive preparation, a fast and steady stream of short-range fighter planes as well as bombers can be kept flowing to Egypt under their own power. Definite information on this point naturally is lacking.

Troops, tanks and bulky supplies for the desert struggle still must move by ships on 14,000-mile, U-boat imperilled voyages from the United States or Britain.

The current Egyptian puzzle is that in the month since Marshal Rommel's army was brought to a halt, Gen. Auchinleck has not seen fit to launch a full-dress attempt to drive the invaders back to the Libyan border and relieve the threat to the Nile.

Discouragement arises from the suspicion that the British commander decided his 8th Army was unequal to the task, that now Rommel may be gaining time for reinforcements, and that when the desert front flares into a new crisis it again will be the invaders who take the offensive.

Hopes were high last month that reinforcements had given the British forces a temporary margin of superiority in men and tanks. They appeared to have retained an edge in the air all along.

In United Nations capitals there was a widespread expectation that Auchinleck would momentarily attack in force. But he did not. There was one formidable tank force of a day and a half, which was reported to have been more costly in tanks to the attackers than to the foe.

This setback, it may be, accounts for a decision to dig in and engage in a race for reinforcements.

Despite the continuous aerial lambasting of Nazi and Italian convoys and of Bengasi, Sirtah and other North African bases, it must be recognized that Rommel's strength is being built up. Convoys of merchantmen from Sicily and Greece have been badly battered by bombs, but fast motor boats and self-propelled barges are able to slip across the Mediterranean by night and in day-time periods of low visibility.

What Auchinleck is receiving, aside from the new American fighter squadrons, is a military secret which Cairo dispatches can only hint at. The defense line is primary advantage in that to a limited degree the Middle East fronts are mutually supporting. Some diversions can be risked from Palestine and Syria, and munitions originally destined for India and even Russia may be sidetracked to the front.

One permit expansion of American depots to repair and service fighting equipment of all kinds, Malta, replenished at the cost of a British aircraft carrier and cruiser, remains a sharp thorn to the Axis effort, and the British Navy's back in action smashing at the ports of origin of the enemy supply line.

In default of detailed information the Allied public can only strive to be as hopefully patient over the outlook in Egypt as over the prospects for a second front in Europe.

Espionage Case Opened By U.S.

NEWARK, N.J., Aug. 17 (AP)—The United States government opened its espionage case against Herbert Karl Friedrich Bahr today by asserting the scholarly defendant tried to smuggle into the country on his person an ingeniously hidden device for making invisible ink.

The former Buffalo, N.Y., citizen went on trial before a jury of six men and six women and a male and a female alternate.

He was charged with conspiring with eight men in six foreign nations to forward to Germany information vital to the American war effort.

The assistant U.S. Attorney, John Morrissey, in opening his case said the government intended to prove "every charge in the indictment."

Conviction would leave to the presiding judge, William F. Smith, the question of imposing penalties ranging from 30 years to death.

Morrissey said that customs agents at Jersey City, where Bahr was arrested aboard the Diplomat Exchange Liner Drottningham July 9, discovered the middle button had been removed from his coat and the thread used to re-attach it contained material for the manufacture of invisible ink.

In addition, Morrissey said, a clasp had been removed from his traveling bag and other material for making the ink had been imbedded beneath the replaced clasp.

Bahr also hid \$7,000 in large bills beneath paper in a cigar box, Morrissey continued. The money was to be used "loosening tongues."

The 29-year-old former exchange student, an American citizen by virtue of his father's naturalization, seemed nervous but reserved. He conferred with court-appointed counsel during selection of jurors.

London Guesses On Moscow Talks

By Robert Bunnelle (Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The war decisions which Britain, the United States and Russia have reached in the Moscow conference of Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin were regarded by observers tonight as answers to the Soviet cry for "deeds, not words" from their allies.

It was believed that the conference, heavily weighted on the military side, was aimed at knitting the major United Nations into an integrated fighting force and that a formula upon how, when and where to open a second front had been agreed upon.

Significantly, the official announcement of the conference that was issued in Moscow and London specifically excluded Japan from the Axis powers against which the strategy was devised.

Nevertheless, it is not believed that the Allies excluded the possibility of a Japanese attack upon Siberia when they got down to mapping their plans.

Three Possible Plans

Speculation here centered upon three means with which Britain and

135 Acres of Mainz Blasted

LONDON, Aug. 17 (CP)—Daylight photographs show areas of "complete destruction" totalling 135 acres in Mainz, German city blasted by R.A.F. R.C.A.F. raids the night of Aug. 11 and 12, the air ministry announced today.

"Great patches of devastation by fire and high explosive bombs" attested to the accuracy and effectiveness of the bombing which hit all parts of Mainz and its suburbs. The ministry said the pictures were not sufficiently clear for newspaper reproduction.

Mainz, besides having important industries, is a garrison town with permanent barracks and military depots, many of which were destroyed or damaged extensively.

British Guns Go Into Action

DOVER, Aug. 18 (Tuesday)—(CP)—Britain's biggest guns threw shells across the channel early today with reverberations which shook the countryside for miles.

Bombardment flashes from the guns lit the sky. At one time white flares dropped over the French coast.

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News Briefs

LONDON, Aug. 17 (CP)—A man was killed and several persons were trapped under debris when Nazi bombers blasted workmen's houses in a south coast town late tonight.

High explosives were dropped on two other nearby towns.

BOMBAY, Aug. 17 (AP)—Bands of demonstrators pulled down telephone and telegraph wires and burned a street car in Calcutta today, but quiet prevailed for the fourth successive day in populous Bombay as the issue of Indian independence appeared no nearer solution than it did a week ago.

AUCKLAND, Aug. 18 (CP)—Now that American forces have established satisfactory footholds in the Solomon Islands, victory must go to the side controlling the sea, a New Zealand Press Association correspondent at a south Pacific port wrote today.

VALETTA, Malta, Aug. 17 (AP)—Three German Messerschmitt-109 planes were shot down in a brief morning alert, it was announced tonight. The 2,910th alert was sounded.

LAKE COUCHICHING, Ont., Aug. 17 (CP)—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board does not intend to extend rationing beyond gasoline, sugar, tea and coffee for the next three months at least, Kenneth Taylor, secretary of the Board, said here today at a meeting of the Canadian institute of public affairs.

CARPENTERS RESUME WORK LUNENBURG, N. S., Aug. 17 (CP)—Carpenters at Smith and Highland shipyards returned to work today after walking out Saturday in a demand for higher pay.

The men claimed the advanced cost of living necessitated increased pay. They went back to work when they received assurance their claims would be referred to the regional war labor board.

Coming Events

- Talkies Malpeque, Wednesday, 8-17-21.
- Dance, Iona Hall, Wednesday, August 19th, 8-18-21.
- Dance, Lake Verde School, Thursday, August 20th, 8-18-20.
- Talkies Crapaud, Thursday, 8-17-21.
- Talkies and dance Breadalbane 8-17-21.
- Bingo, dance, Lot 65 hall, Tuesday, Aug. 18, Refreshments, 8-17-21.
- Philo Wednesday, August 19th, at New Zealand Church, 8-15-21.
- Collecting hogs every Friday, Peace with Leslie McDowney, Fredericton, 8-19-20-W.F.
- Dance Georgetown Hall Thursday, August 20th, Webster's Orchestra, 8-18-21.
- I have discontinued custom binding, Walter A. Mullen, 8-18-21
- Owing circumstances beyond control an unable to do any more custom saving until further notice. Edgar Munn, Belle River, 8-18-21.
- Come to the firemen's ball, Cardigan Town Hall, Thursday, Aug. 20, under auspices A. R. P. Stop-dancing contest, Peters Orchestra, 8-18-21.

Bandit Slain In Gun Battle

DETROIT, Aug. 17 (AP)—A bandit with a long police record was slain in a gun fight with patrolman Harry Irvine here today, and Irvine, wounded in the abdomen, was in a critical condition after an emergency operation. A second bandit escaped.

The man killed was Warren Heysler, 42, who was free on bond pending trial on charges of participating in a \$35,000 American railway express robbery at Youngstown, O. His companion was not identified.

Irvine was watching a private garage on a tip that a stolen automobile was stored there. The garage owner identified Heysler as the man who rented it representing himself as a federal employee who had to go to Washington and wanted his automobile off the streets.

At 10:40 a. m. today Heysler and his companion, a younger man, entered the garage. When Irvine approached, he was met by gunfire and was hit in the abdomen. He shot Heysler, collapsed the other man and marched him into a nearby house. There the bandit broke away and fled. Irvine, giving chase, collapsed.

Halifax Water Shortage Ends

HALIFAX, Aug. 17 (CP)—A water shortage in sections of Halifax was ended late tonight by the repairing of a broken pipe after two days of inconvenience to householders, industries, business places and institutions.

The break, in a pipe joint at a new suburb in booster pump station had reduced the flow of water to a trickle in some of the city's most densely populated areas.

The downtown section was among the hardest hit.

Hundreds of workers at the Halifax shipyards, where two destroyers are being built for the Royal Canadian Navy and repair work on damaged vessels, were handicapped for a time by the shortage. But salt water was substituted for fresh and the work went on.

Ice was rushed into the breach at Moir's Limited, engaged in melting bread for the army. The melting log enabled the bakery to continue operations, but the company's candy plant was forced to shut down.

The Cogswell street military hospital was without faucet water, but water was carried in with buckets and other containers.

U.S. Airmen Almost Ready For Offensive

By WES GALLAGHER (Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—Major Gen. Carl Spaatz declared tonight that United States bomber crews "are almost ready for offensive."

Both said the R.A.F. staff officers of whom are being seasoned on daylight raids with the R.A.F. and R.A.F. were preparing to "bomb Germany as fast and as often as possible until we win the war."

In a joint press conference, the commander of the United States Air forces in European theatre and Air Vice Marshal Richard H. Peck agreed that "the main enemy of the Allied Nations is in this theatre for the moment is through the air."

During the day, it was announced that Brig-Gen. James H. Doolittle, who led the United States squadron which bombed Tokyo April 18 had been here 10 days on a special mission. He will return soon to the United States.

Gen. Spaatz and Air Marshal Peck spoke shortly after R.A.F. R.C.A.F. fighters and bombers flew at high altitude over the Channel on another foray against the French coast and after a lone German raider had caused damage and killed five at a south coast English town. Marshal Peck is assistant chief of the British Air staff.

Gen. Spaatz explained that American planes and crews will carry out both separate and joint missions to bomb Germany than the Americans," Marshal Peck said, "and they are making amazing progress in a short space of time."

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SELL STAMPS, NOT GOODS

CALGARY, Aug. 17 (CP)—Every retail merchant began to suspend sale of his own merchandise for 15 minutes Sept. 3 and sell only War Savings Stamps under a plan of the National War Finance Committee. The plan is to make the sales simultaneous throughout the province, from 3 to 3:15 p. m. 25

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press) AUG. 18, 1917—Canadians repulsed three determined counter-attacks, and inflicted great losses northwest of Lens. French began advance between Oise and Aisne rivers capturing Morlan. Austrians drove Russo-Rumanians from entrenched positions south of Grozesti.

Steel Workers Vote On Strike Question

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., Aug. 17 (CP)—Officials of the Algoma steel workers union announced late tonight that more than 2,000 of the 4,000 employees of the Algoma steel corporation here have cast their ballot in a strike vote.

The voting started here tonight after workers—now on 24-hour holiday—were told at a mass meeting today that the Ontario Regional War Labor Board had refused to set a minimum basic labor rate of 55 cents per hour for steel workers at the plant.

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High tide this afternoon at 4:05 and tomorrow morning at 4:00. Sun sets this evening at 8:03 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:05.

First quarter moon Aug. 19, 7:30 a. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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