

STRICT SECRECY

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believes Russia might cave in and that they want to move in somewhere if she does. Then we may have to move.

To many persons here, the most likely Japanese move appeared to be an attack on Siberia. Executive officials in Washington were keeping their own counsel on what the United States would do in event of such an attack on a nation to which the administration has pledged all possible material aid in the struggle against Hitler.

One who refused to see any possibility of a clash between the United States and Japan was Senator Burton Wheeler (Dem.-Mont.), the isolationist leader, who told reporters:

"I cannot believe that the military group in Japan would be crazy enough to try to make war on us."

Before news of the Japanese cabinet's resignation reached here, Senator Claude Pepper (Dem.-Fla.) told newsmen that in his opinion the United States should sweep the Japanese, German, Italian and (Vichy) French fleets off the seas.

REPORT GOVT

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the capital it would only emphasize their determination to continue the fight.

They declared that even if Moscow were enveloped by the Germans the defenders would fight on for a long time.

Dispatches from Teheran, Iran, said that Kazan has been prepared as a temporary capital for months.

Since early June, both the United States and British embassies have had skeleton staffs there, ready to take over whenever Moscow might be evacuated.

Representatives of other foreign powers also were said to have established themselves there in recent weeks.

Each foreign diplomatic mission was reported to have named one or more diplomatic officers to travel with the Soviet foreign commissariat at whatever time the move was designated. The journey crosses boggy steppes swept by icy winds.

Kazan's municipal hospitals and schools have been jammed for three months with wounded soldiers. Foreign sources have reported food shortages, with long lines waiting hours to buy bread and potatoes. Vodka was said to be the only rationed article. Hotels were crowded as many as 10 persons into one room.

On the outskirts, peasant conscripts have drilled continually. There have been no air raids on Kazan, but raids are expected by the population. The government is established there.

Half-way from Moscow to the Urals, Kazan is the chief town of the tartar autonomous Socialist republic. It has a normal population of 258,000.

PETAINE PLACES

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Former Premier Edouard Daladier, who until the defeat of France was hailed universally in his country as "the bulleheaded strong man of France".

Gen. Marie-Gustave Gamelin, who before the battle of France was considered "the greatest military expert since Napoleon".

Former Premier Leon Blum, who rose to power with a popular front of leftist parties as "one of the greatest socialists since Marx".

Fere Jacques, former Administrator of National Defence Industries, considered by his colleagues to be one of the most advanced technicians in France.

Guy La Chambre, who gave up a life of ease as one of France's wealthiest men to become Air Minister when the nation's aviation was in a hole.

Pierre Cot, another former Air Minister, accused of weakening France's air preparations.

Cot, who fled to the United States, was not mentioned by the Marshal in his broadcast. Paul Reynaud, the last Premier of the French Republic, and Georges Mandel, his Minister of Interior, were held in fortress somewhere.

Petaine declared there were "grave presumptions" against them, but said nothing of a trial.

The charges against each of the accused included, each being accused in effect of faults for which the others are to be tried.

The most universal of these was the effort to nationalize defence industries. For Daladier, the accusation charged that "the supreme war council was not consulted as it should have been, obligatorily, on questions relative to preparation for war."

Blum, who was Premier from June 4, 1938, to June 22, 1937, was accused of having known of "deficiencies of national defence" and of "neglecting to give the armament factories the impetus which the situation urgently commanded."

Jacomot was accused of having hidden "by silences and inaccuracies even in December, 1939, that France was not ready morally and materially in the military, political and economic domains."

La Chambre was charged with being unable to correct the situation he found upon becoming Daladier's Air Minister.

Cot was accused of having weakened France's air preparations by "limiting credits, nationalizing factories, discouraging the high command and furnishing planes to the Spanish popular front."

Petaine said the trial of the Ministers at Blum, would be without appeal and would "mark the final point of one of the most sorrowful points of the life of France."

to avoid war with the United States, or, possibly, another move in Konoye's attempt to deal with the extremists. Japan's leadership is fully cognizant of the danger of war with the United States and Britain if they attack Siberia—as military militarists want to do—while Anglo-American policy is fully committed to aid to the last for the Russians against Germany.

London informants said that either a Japanese attack against Siberia or vigorous action southward from Indo-China would now

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Dame May Team Up With Quilty And Benoit In Place Of Veteran Blake

ST. HYACINTHE, Que., Oct. 16 (CP)—Coach Dick Irvin just about made it official today that young Bummy Dame of Trois-Rivières will be a Canadiens regular this season.

During a scrimmage session, with Dame replacing the veteran Red, a 5-5 draw with the Whites. The line accounted for three goals, with Dame doing the shooting on all of them.

Meanwhile, Demers, who appears headed for a better season than last year, is showing greater strength for the Lach-Adams-Demers line, accounted for two of the White goals and Lach bagged one.

Connie Tudin and Butch Bouchard got the others. Herman Gruhn, another likely rookie, accounted for the fourth Red goal, but it was Blake, who has found it difficult to get the puck into the net, who scored the one that tied up the game with 30 seconds to go and caused defence-man Tony Graboski to break his stick over the net in disgust.

It was Blake's first goal of the training season. He announced that Leo Lamoureux, who played in Hamilton last season, and Erwin McGibbon of Antigonish, N.S., had been signed to pro contracts and would report to Washington Ulines at Lake Placid, N.Y., Saturday with Tudin and Stu Smith.

Goalie Bert Gardiner was given a day off today, with Legs Fraser and Paul Bibeault taking over the net-minding chores.

Calder Sees No Reason For Change In Ruling Of Board Re Hockey Passports

WINNIPEG, Oct. 16 (CP)—Frank Calder, Montreal National Hockey League president, and Col. J. B. Kesteven, president of the National Hockey Board, New York, left by plane today for the East after Calder conferred here with members of the Manitoba Division of the War Services Board concerning passports for hockey players.

(Manitoba and Saskatchewan Boards have refused to grant passports to hockey players seeking to play in United States on grounds they are good material for the Canadian armed forces.)

In answer to a reporter's question today Mr. Calder said he had no reason to believe there would be a change in the Manitoba board's attitude. He also said there would be no further conversations with members of the Manitoba board.

Lt.-Col. C. D. McPherson, Manitoba board registrar said in reply to a question that hockey players refused passport authority by the Manitoba board, transfer to jurisdiction of another divisional board which might grant them passport authority.

(Divisional boards in Eastern Canada have granted passport authority to hockey players.)

The Winnipeg Free Press says efforts by N.H.L. representatives to obtain revision of the Manitoba board's refusal to grant passport authority to hockey players have failed.

The Free Press states: "Following an informal conference Wednesday afternoon between Mr. Justice J. E. Adamson, chairman of the board; Lt.-Col. C. D. McPherson, divisional registrar; Frank Calder, president of the N.H.L. and J. B. Coyne, K. C., who appeared on behalf of Mr. Calder, it was authoritatively announced

fit in with German plans. Over night Konoye, on request of the Japanese, carried on pending the formation of a new cabinet. It was expected that negotiations toward this end would begin early Friday afternoon. The new premier would be Konoye himself, or he may be replaced by an admiral or a general.

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NAZIS HINT AT

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defended to the last in terrible fighting in which by Rumanian accounts, even women and half-grown children stood with rifles as soldiers, was reported aflame to-night.

As to the Moscow front, the Nazi high command claimed that Kailin, 95 miles northwest of the capital, and Kaluga, 90 miles southwest of the metropolis, had for days been in German hands, and added:

"We are already fighting at several points on Moscow's outer defence line, which is approximately 100 kilometres (62 miles) from the Soviet capital.

Still, a military spokesman observed tonight that Moscow was far from encircled as a fixed, chain similar to the Maginot line system in France he responded that this was not necessary in the case. Rather, he said, the Russians were strong on such field fortifications as dugouts and other non-permanent defences.

The fall of Odessa was thus claimed by Gen. Ion Antonescu, the Rumanian commander, as quoted by DNB:

"In compliance with orders the troops of the fourth army today stormed Odessa and broke through the last defence lines.

"In the afternoon hours we marched into Odessa."

Former hockey Star prisoner In Germany

AMHERST, N.S., Oct. 16 (CP)—PO. Creighton Lowther of the Royal Canadian Air Force, former amateur hockey star in Canada and the United States, is a prisoner of war in Germany, his parents were advised today.

A letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lowther from research for "radioactivity" said he had bailed out over Hamburg when his plane was brought down. He was not wounded and now was in a concentration camp near Enfurt, Germany.

Previously, the Air Ministry had advised the parents he was missing after aerial operations over enemy territory Sept. 27.

The young airman had starred with junior teams in the Maritimes and later played in Ottawa, London, Ont., and Baltimore, Md.

May be forced To cancel some Opening games

LAKE PLACID, N.Y., Oct. 16 (CP)—Coach Ching Johnson of Washington Ulines said today his team may be forced to cancel some of its opening games in the American Hockey League unless he can obtain additional players to bolster his small squad in training here. The new season opens Oct. 31.

Johnson has been beset with difficulties since he brought what he termed the nucleus of a good team to this resort, little more than a week ago. Chief of these has been the inability of a number of players purchased from various National Hockey League clubs to obtain permission to leave Canada.

He suffered another setback today when it was learned his newly

West Kent Rifle Shoot

The West Kent Miniature Rifle Shoot was held Thursday and the results of the target scores were as follows:

Gordon MacLeod 100
Walter LePage 90
Grant Compton 86
Allison Jewell 84
Bill Jenkins 82

GUN-BOATS ON LAKE

Only flat-bottomed Soviet gun-boats are able to patrol the giant Lake Aral owing to the violent storms.

purchased goalie, M. Biebau of Montreal, has joined the Canadian Army.

Loss of Biebau forced Johnson to cancel a series of exhibition games here this weekend with Montreal Canadiens.

Americans Have break In training

PORT ARTHUR, Oct. 16 (CP)—New York Americans of the National Hockey League today enjoyed the first break in eight days of pre-season training when coach Art Chapman called off the usual afternoon practice and ordered some outdoor exercise instead.

"We don't want them to reach their peak too soon," explained Chapman. "Once they show signs of dogginess, it's time to break off for a spell."

Chapman announced that two of last season's Americans rookies, centre Billy Bower of Winnipeg and defenceman Pete Slobodian of Regina, have returned to their homes. They will seek passport authority from the Divisional War Services Boards of Manitoba and



Saskatchewan in order to play hockey this winter in the United States

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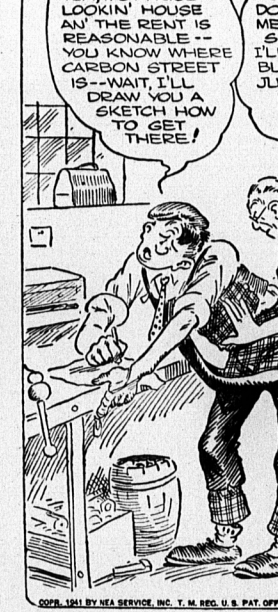
(By The Canadian Press)

Bucky Walters, 27-game winner for Cincinnati Reds in 1939, was named the National League's most valuable player for the season by the Baseball Writer's Association two years ago today.

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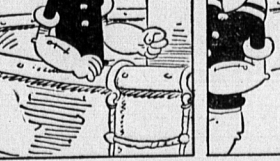
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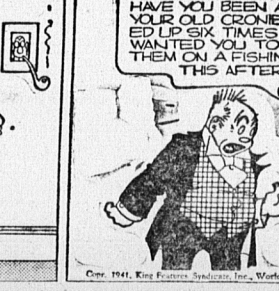
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