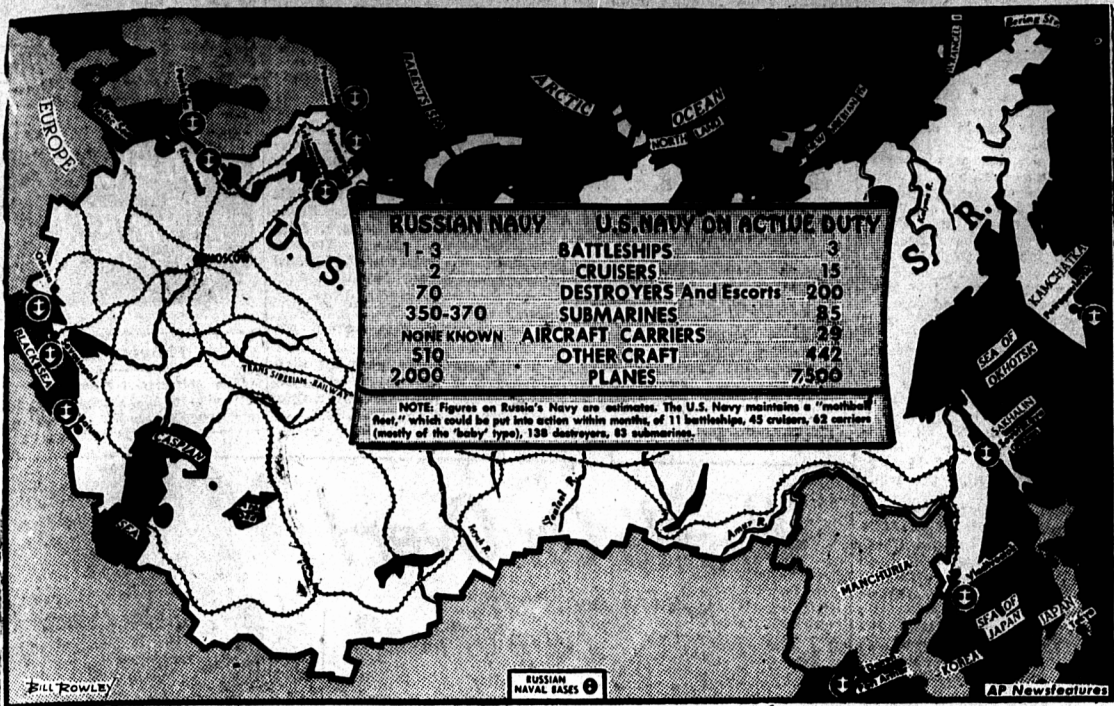


# Why Russia Builds Up Her Navy



By John L. Springer

Despite her many other strategic assets, Russia has one glaring shortcoming as a world power: Her navy. She never has had a first-rate navy, and does not have one now. But she is building furiously—aiming, her super-enthusiastic spokesmen say, to make herself the world's No. 1 naval power.

Observers often have noted how Stalin has profited from the experiences of Hitler. Stalin's plans to expand the Red Navy are another example. Hitler failed to conquer Europe because he could not subdue England; without England as a base the Allies never could have invaded France. And Hitler could not subdue England because he lacked the navy to protect transports and supply ships across the narrow English Channel. Nor could Hitler's weak navy hold the Mediterranean against superior Allied seapower; thus he could not thwart the cross-Mediterranean invasion of Italy.

The Russians are starting almost from scratch, and their present navy is numerically outmatched even by the U. S. fleet in active service; it is only a fraction of the size of the fleet America could assemble if all the present mothballed vessels were reactivated.

But the Red Navy could cause trouble in war—serious, even critical, trouble. Here again is a lesson taught by Hitler: Russia already has 350 to 400 submarines, many of them of the latest, hard-to-detect snorkel type, and is believed to be planning 600 to 650 more.

Presumably, in any World War III, the United States would fight across thousands of miles of ocean, and control of the seas would be vital to her. An effective enemy submarine campaign could be ruinous—as Hitler's U-boat campaign was almost ruinous in 1942. Destruction of U. S. shipping, and the cutting of U. S. shipping lines, doubtless would be a main objective of the Kremlin, and that, of course, explains why it is building so many subs.

Old-time Russia was almost a land-locked power. The acquisition of naval bases usable the year-round has been another objective of Stalin's Russia. The Soviets acquired Port Arthur, in Manchuria, from the Chinese; they took a base in Finland, built new bases on pre-war German soil along the Baltic, and are reported building a submarine base off Albania in the Adriatic.

Some experts find one joker in the Red Navy's expansion program, however. "Brassey's Annual," an authoritative British publica-

tion, says that "It seems to be based on a faulty conception of modern naval requirements." For example, the future of battleships is dubious. Big and slow-moving, battleships are extremely vulnerable to ever-speedier bombing planes and they have no answer to an A-bomb dropped anywhere near. American naval planners have put the aircraft carrier well ahead of the battleship in modern usefulness. But the Russians last year completed one or two 35,000-ton battleships, and they are believed to have many more planned or under construction. They have no known aircraft carriers.

## GRAIN

WINNIPEG, Feb. 19 — (CP) — General declines appeared in all grain prices today, on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange in response to losses on United States markets. Increased hedging sales and other offerings and thin support contributed to the easier tone here. Oats and barley received fair early support from shippers, American houses and processors, but the demand fell off as the session proceeded. There were a few rallies near the close. Rye went down under liberal offerings and lack of good demand. The July contract fell the maximum 10-cent limit. Flax was lower throughout. No export loadings were reported. Class two wheat and I.W.A. prices were unchanged from Saturday.

urday. Closing prices: Oats—May 1.07½B, July 98½B, Oct. 92¾B. Barley—May 1.53½, July 1.48½, Oct. 1.37½. Rye—May 2.09½B, July 2.07½, Oct. 2.01½. Flax—May 5.15, July 4.97A, Oct. 4.60.

## SHIPPING NEWS

AT SAINT JOHN— Arrived Monday Irish Pine, from Dublin Sailed Monday Manchester Trader, for Philadelphia. Enid, San Juan.

## Juvenile Hockey Playoff Schedule

HALIFAX, Feb. 19 — (CP) — Following is the juvenile hockey play-off schedule for the Maritimes as released by the M.A.H.A. Series "A" March 1, Sydney Minors at Glace Bay; March 6, Glace Bay at Sydney Minors. Series "B" March 1, C.N.R.A.C. at Pictou; March 6, Pictou at C.N.R.A.C. Series "C" March 9, Halifax at winner of Series B; March 13, winner series B at Halifax. Series "D" March 1, Moncton Minors at Cumberland-Westmoreland; March 6, Cum.-Westmoreland at Moncton Minors. Series "E" March 9, Winner Series D at Petitcodiac; March 12, Petitcodiac at winner Series D. Series "F" March 1, Fredericton at Saint John East End; March 6, Saint John East End at Fredericton. Series "G" March 16, winner Series E at winner Series F; March 19, winner series F at winner Series E. Series "H" March 15, winner series C at Cape Breton; March 20, Cape Breton at winner Series C. Series "I" March 1, Freetown at Victoria (East Prince); March 6, Victoria (East Prince) at Freetown. Series "K" March 13, Charlottetown at winner Series J; March 17, winner Series J at Charlottetown. Sudden Death March 20, New Brunswick winner at P.E.I. winner. Maritime Finals (Total Goals): March 23, New Brunswick or P.

## O'Leary Atomics Edge Out Mount Royal Ramblers

The O'Leary Atomics edged out the Mt. Royal Ramblers on Tuesday night in the O'Leary rink. Due to the heavy ice this game was not as fast and exciting as usual. The Ramblers kept it tied up until the third period when the Atomics stepped ahead.

The other two teams in this Community League are the Unionvale Hornets and the Knutsford Eagles.

The game was refereed by Mr. E. W. Turner, who is also the manager of the O'Leary Maroons.

The rising young goalie, William Bernard, who is playing his first season with the Atomics, is doing very well for himself and should keep it up.

L. Sillicker with a pair and G. Bernard with a single did the scoring for the Atomics while A. Sillicker and Alton Sillicker divided the scoring chore for Ramblers.

## O'Leary Whips Tignish Aces 6-4

The O'Leary Maroons whipped the Tignish Aces in the O'Leary rink on Wednesday night before about 500 hockey fans.

This was a very fast game and both teams were fighting to win. It was about one of the roughest games played in the O'Leary rink so far this winter.

The Maroons' coach, L. G. Sillicker, really has his boys on their toes. The Maroons are leading in points in the West Prince League.

The Maroons' goalie, Raymond MacNeill, did some more of his spectacular netminding in this game. F. Richard of the Aces team was awarded a penalty shot in the second period, but MacNeill was too much for him, and made a sensational save.

MacDonald, Ellis and Baglolo did the scoring for the Maroons, each getting a pair, while A. Richard with three did the hat trick for Aces. Arsenal got a single.

## Sell-out For Louis Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 — (AP)—The box-office appeal of the former heavyweight boxing champion, Joe Louis, was attested to today with announcement that the 16,000-plus seating Cow Palace was sold out for his 10-round fight Friday night with Andy Walker of San Francisco. Promoters said gate receipts would gross approximately \$90,000, with a top ticket price of \$7.50.

## "Y" Defeats North Wiltshire In Final Game

The Charlottetown Y.M.C.A. hockeyists ended the regular schedule of the North Wiltshire Hockey League Friday night with an impressive 3-1 victory over North Wiltshire Miracles, to end up in second spot in the 3-team loop.

Miracles traded bumps, spills and even equalled goals for 42 minutes but faded badly in the last half of the third.

The "Y" boys took a 1-0 lead in the first period, but Miracles tied the score. A scoreless second followed. And the "Y" ended the game in a blaze of glory with 2 quick goals.

The "Y" and the Miracles now start a best of 3 series for the right to meet the league leading Hampshire Bulldogs for the silverware.

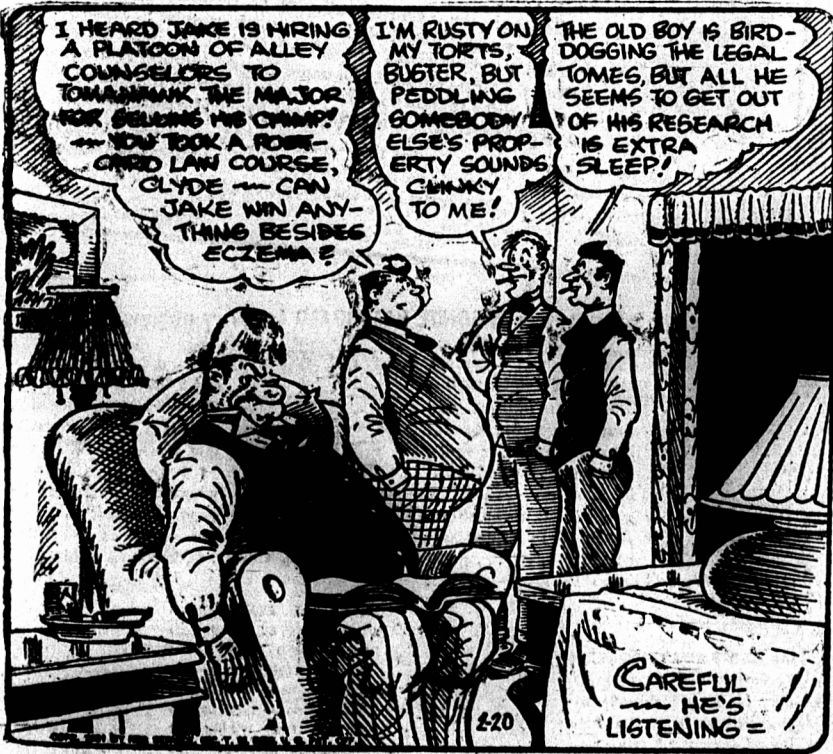
## NORTH WILTSHIRE HOCKEY LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

	GP	W	L	D	GF	GA	Pts.
Hampshire Bulldogs	4	3	1	0	19	15	6
Ch'town Y.M.C.A.	4	2	2	0	18	19	4
Wiltshire Miracles	4	1	3	0	7	11	2

E. I. winner at Nova Scotia winner; March 30, Nova Scotia at New Brunswick-P.E.I. winner. (All dates in finals are tentative.)

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February 17th. — March 17th.

The City of Charlottetown notes the mounting incidence of unemployment within its limits.

The City views this trend with concern, recalling the unemployment problem in the years preceding the last war.

Let us hope that this present period may be called "Short Term Unemployment" and that the Spring and Summer will see every available man absorbed into industry.

May I urge all citizens to help our unemployed by having repairs, decorating or overhauling jobs done now. Do not wait till Spring. Provide work now when it is needed. Qualified men are available and need your support. Men out of work are not an asset to our community. This situation can be avoided by your co-operation.

Then let us unite. Let us look to the interests of those less fortunate than others. By helping them we can help ourselves.

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