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U.S. Plan To Join War In 1943, Report

Chicago Tribune Story Blg Axis Sensation Probe Is Sought

(Domei Agency)

Washington: Officials of the War and Navy Departments expressed surprise over the "Chicago Tribune's" sensational report to the effect that the joint Board of the Army and Navy has prepared a confidential report for President Roosevelt, embodying sweeping military preparations envisaging the United States' eventual participation in the European hostilities.

The officials of both departments, however, endeavored to minimize the importance of the disclosure, asserting the alleged war programme as out-of-date and that it would be inapplicable to the situation caused by the outbreak of the Soviet-German hostilities. Moreover it is understood that an official investigation has been ordered into the leakage of confidential matter.

The "Chicago Tribune's" report created a sensation in the United States, as it quoted confidential material prepared by the joint Army and Navy Board at the President's direction.

The confidential report, according to the "Tribune", claims that if the United States joins the war, she will have to send expeditionary forces aggregating five million for the purpose of launching an ultimate land offensive against Germany; however, the "United States would not be able to complete the preparations for such an offensive before July 1943, when armed forces of ten million would be needed."

Furthermore, the confidential report, as revealed by the "Tribune", recommends that the United States by July 1943 should assume an increasingly active participation in the war, including firstly, the establishment of military bases encircling Germany; secondly, an air offensive against Germany from air bases presently being constructed in the British Isles and the Near East for United States' use and thirdly, the dispatch of expeditionary forces to Africa and to the Near East.

Tokyo: The metropolitan evening papers publish on their front pages under bold headlines the sensational Chicago Tribune report from Washington claiming that the joint U.S. Army and Navy Board had reached the conclusion that U.S. military preparations against Germany would not be completed before July 1943.

The influential vernacular, Yomiuri, carries the story under the captions, "U. S. lack of preparedness exposed by American paper," and (Continued on page 4)

SEVERANCE OF U.S.-JAPAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS TO FOLLOW REPLY FROM TOKYO?

Pessimism Growing In Washington As Nippon Reply Held Unsatisfactory

London, December 5th.

Washington: It is wholly probable that, for all practical purposes, diplomatic relations between the United States and Japan may cease today (Friday).

Unless the document which the Japanese delegates are delivering to Mr. Hull today differs markedly from the beligerent press statements from Tokyo yesterday, the interview is likely to be very short and the Japanese-American talks will cease. A Japanese reply along these lines will not surprise Washington which officially and unofficially seems to have been expecting an unacceptable reply.

The Japanese news agency, stating that it is utterly impossible for Japan to accept the American proposals for peace in the Pacific is thought to be only the diplomatic version of the Japanese reply and if this is so then anything is possible.

It is believed and stated unofficially that Japan has undoubtedly rejected Hull's document of Wednesday last week and that her

reply to President Roosevelt's question about Indo-China will be unacceptable to the President. As one commentator said on the radio, if the reply says that the sending of troops to Indo-China has been stopped it will not be believed and if it says that their dispatch is necessitated by the British reinforcements at Singapore it will not be considered a valid reason, while the suggestion that the Japanese troops are required for police purposes has been rejected in advance.

The American position can be summed up in one phrase: Japan can have peace with honour but peace without an empire. That in fact seems to be Japan's only way out of the noose which the Anglo-American economic restrictions are steadily drawing tighter. If the Japanese reply turns out to be as expected the question of whether there will be war in the Pacific appears to hang on Japan's next action.

Fierce Battles Continue On All Fronts In Russia

(B.B.C. Radio)

London, December 5th.

Marshal Timoshenko's armies are still making good progress in the South and it is reported that the town of Kubyshev, which lies some 50 miles to the North West of Mariopol, has been captured from the Germans.

It seems likely that this success has been achieved by troops moving down from the North to join those pressing westwards from Taganrog, which is now in Russian hands.

The Germans are calling up more and more reserves in an attempt to restore their position.

On the Moscow front the situation has improved.

Several serious German attacks have been repulsed and the Russians have made numerous counter-attacks which have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy, and have prevented further German advances.

The two danger points at present are Volokolensk and Tula. At the latter point a German armored division broke through the first Russian line, but has since been held up. In air operations yesterday 85 German planes were destroyed for the loss of 18 Soviet machines.

(Br. Off. Wireless)

Berlin, December 5th.

The Soviet midday communiqué (Continued on page 4)

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 5th.

The Fuehrer's Headquarters: The High Command of the German Armed Forces announced at noon today:

In the southern sector of the eastern front renewed attacks of the enemy have failed. As a result of the bombardment of important objectives of Leningrad, strong explosions and extensive fires were started in an ammunition dump.

After the flight from Hangover, Soviet vessels ran into the German and Finnish mine barriers, apart from the troop transport ship "Stalin". One troop transporter of three thousand tons, a steamer of seven hundred tons and a Soviet speedboat sank thereby.

Strong squadrons of the Air Force carried out attacks in the southern sector of the front and in the fighting region of Moscow against troop concentrations and field fortifications of the enemy. The Soviets suffered great bloody losses and lost a considerable number of guns and vehicles. Successful night attacks of the Air Force were directed against Moscow and Leningrad.

Berlin: In the course of the evacuation of Hangover, three more Soviet ships have struck mine (Continued on page 4)

WAR MEASURES CONTINUED ALL OVER FAR EAST

More Japanese To Quit Malaya & Borneo: P.I. Air Defence Rushed

(B. B. C. Radio)

London, December 6th.

The Australian War Cabinet held two emergency meetings yesterday and urgent orders affecting the Air Force and Naval units have been issued.

War is not yet regarded as unavoidable, but there are reliable press reports that the Japanese Navy is moving South in some strength and that troop movements to the South are also taking place.

All leave at the naval and air base at Port Darwin has been stopped and Cabinet Ministers have been told to keep in close touch over the week-end. One million gas masks have been ordered for the civilian population.

(Domei Agency)

Domei, December 5th.

Tokyo: The Foreign Office and the Communications Ministry jointly announced their decision to dispatch the "Asama Maru" to Singapore and Sandakan for the purpose of evacuating Japanese nationals residing in Malaya and British Borneo. It is not revealed when the "Asama Maru" will sail.

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 5th.

Tokyo: Further preparations for war are being taken in the Philippines, according to a Manila report to the "Asahi Shimbun" this (Friday) morning, which states that the Government of the Philippines has decided on an appropriation of several million pesos for the construction of bomb proof cellars. The wealthier classes of the population are required to contribute to the building of air-raid cellars.

It is recalled that the last budget already provided for an appropriation of four million pesos for the improvement of anti-air-raid precautions in public edifices.

Britain Declares War On Finland Hungary Rumania

London, December 6th.

It was stated in London yesterday that at the end of last week the British Government addressed notes to Finland, Hungary and Rumania, the purpose of which was to avert further deterioration in the relations between Britain and these powers. These notes called for a reply not

Nomura & Kurusu Hand In Tokyo Reply To Hull On Indochina Preparations

Envoy Thinks Parleys Will Continue; Some Hope Of Success

(B. B. C. Radio)

London, December 6th.

Admiral Nomura and Mr. Kurusu called on Mr. Cordell Hull yesterday and handed in the Japanese reply to President Roosevelt's enquiry regarding Japanese troop concentrations in Indochina.

It has been noted with surprise that no reply has yet been given to Mr. Cordell Hull's note of last week which dealt with general principles for a peaceful settlement in the Pacific.

The Japanese reply to President Roosevelt states that the Japanese troops are in Indochina by agreement with the French Government, and because of Chinese troop concentrations just across the border which form a menace to Indochina.

The reply alleges that the Japanese troops do not exceed the numbers specified in the agreement with Vichy, and do not form a menace to Thailand.

Mr. Kurusu said afterwards that he hoped the Washington talks would continue, but President Roosevelt and Mr. Cordell Hull declined to make any comment.

One of the Japanese official spokesmen said yesterday that there was still some hope, and that Japan will continue to negotiate in a spirit of sincerity to secure peace in the Pacific. He maintained that "some" progress had been made with the talks.

However, the Tokyo press does not follow this view; one paper writes that it is impossible for Japan to tolerate American and British intrigues any longer without imperilling her existence, while another states that Mr. Cordell Hull has lost his head and that the negotiations are advancing steadily towards a collapse.

(Reuter Wireless)

London, December 5th.

New York: At Washington the (Continued on page 12)

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 5th.

Stockholm: The Japanese reply to President Roosevelt's questions concerning the purpose of the Japanese troop reinforcements in French Indo-China was handed to the Washington Government this afternoon.

The Japanese answer states that the Japanese troops are in French Indo-China in conformity with the arrangements made with the French Government. It points out that the presence of Japanese troops in French Indo-China is necessary in order to protect the French colony against threats from the Chinese side.

(Domei Agency)

Domei, December 5th.

Tokyo: Mr. Tomokazu Hori, spokesman of the Cabinet Information Board, at a foreign press conference asserted that Japan and the United States would continue to negotiate "in the spirit of sincerity for the purpose of finding a common formula whereby we may succeed in bringing about a peaceful Pacific."

Hori did not elaborate on the term "sincerity"; however, he added that there would be no need for prolonging the diplomatic talks unless the spirit of sincerity mutually existed.

Referring to Mr. Hull's statements to the press on December 3rd, Hori said:

"Assuming that the newspaper reports are correct, we are amazed at the existence of apparently such a big misunderstanding on the part of the United States regarding our Far Eastern policies."

Hori added, "But after all the existence of such misunderstanding was the reason for originally undertaking the negotiations."

The spokesman went on to state that the China Affair was being pursued by Japan wholly in accordance with the well-known principles of the Konyo Statement, namely no territorial ambition; secondly, no claim for indemnities; and thirdly, peaceful economic co-operation between China and Japan.

He added:

"Presently the situation in China is abnormal because of the continuation of the hostilities. However, our fundamental policy, I believe, is well-known to you."

Referring to French Indo-China, Hori stressed that the Japanese troops were sent to the French colony in accordance with the international agreement whereof there have been many previous examples in history. Questioned regarding the size of the (Continued on page 12)

British Pilots Solve Problem Of War Flying In Upper Air

The battle has soared above the clouds. Higher they go and higher. Flight, demands the pilot. Height is the plane designer's daydream.

For the air armament race has reached so near perfection that the men who build the planes must seek new worlds.

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And so the warplane designer, urged on by the High Command, has turned his brain not to the clouds, but to the stars and the sun to the region of the stratosphere.

The stratosphere begins at a height of 35,000 feet. At that height no man can live in ordinary flesh and blood conditions.

At that height engines which on the earth develop 1,400 horse-power can produce horse-power of only 500, or even less. At that height structures which on the ground would stand great stress and strain disintegrate and fall to pieces.

Boeing, the great United States aircraft manufacturer who produces the Flying Fortress used by the R. A. F. on their first daylight stratosphere attack against the enemy, have sent me some illuminating facts about this stratosphere flying.

Their success is due in great part to the fitting of turbo-superchargers. This gives them maximum engine power at heights of 35,000 to 36,000 feet.

They say stratosphere flying is so new that techniques and equipment details may change almost overnight. These are some of their conclusions—

While oxygen is often used as low as 12,000 feet as an aid against firing, the average pilot can maintain consciousness indefinitely up to 18,000 feet. Here the atmospheric pressure is approximately one-half what it is at sea-level.

But the pilot's efficiency or that of the bomb-simer is tremendously reduced in these conditions.

Beyond 18,000 feet complications arise. If the bomber pilot's oxygen supply is cut off at 20,000 feet, he will pass out in 10 minutes.

At 25,000 feet unconsciousness comes in three minutes. At 29,000 feet and this is approximately the height the R. A. F. bombed from when they attacked the Scharnhorst

and Gneisenau at Brest—the fiercer passes a critical point.

At any greater height the loss of oxygen means a loss of consciousness in less than a minute, with complete coma soon after.

Above 35,000 feet an oxygen mask may furnish pure oxygen, but the rarefied air doesn't supply enough long pressure to keep the pilot breathing.

At 40,000 feet the man in the bomber is breathing with the same difficulty in spite of his oxygen mask that he would experience at 18,000 feet without a mask.

So it seems that with the most modern oxygen mask 40,000 feet is the absolute ceiling of human endurance, and then it is dangerous for sustained flight.

Next step will probably be pressure cabin equipped planes, or suits and helmets that will maintain an inside pressure.

The pilot's digestion is the most important worry in this high-altitude business. Foods that cause gas will give the flier extreme colic, wobble and much discomfort at steep heights.

Yet the pilot can't go without food. If he does he will need much more oxygen on the flight. Carbohydrates like sugar and plain chocolate bars call for the last oxygen in digestion.

Before the war, when aircraft

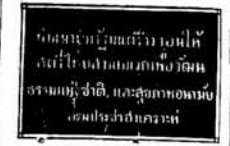
makers were toying with stratosphere flying, aero-embolism was the dread of high-altitude fliers. This is the setting up of clots of blood which clog the blood stream. Its effect is similar to a diver's "bends."

To beat this Britain's Fortress airman today "de-nitrogenates" themselves. Breathing pure oxygen they exercise mildly for half an hour before a flight to wash the atmospheric nitrogen out of their blood.

Otherwise this gas expands into small bubbles in the blood vessels at great heights, bringing on the discomfort of aero-embolism.

In the next few months you will hear very much more of the R. A. F.'s stratosphere activities in the systematic bombing of Germany and the slave territories. When you have read this you will know a little more of what it has meant to the men who have done the job.

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Left picture shows Italian prisoners with hands held aloft being escorted away during the recent battle of the Western Desert. Picture on right shows British light tanks going into action in the Western Desert.



Britain's big gun H.M.G. "Boche Buster" in action. It is said to be the largest calibre gun in the world and is one of the latest addition to Britain's ever increasing stock of armament.



Britain's Air Secretary Sir Aitchfield Sinclair unveiling a Memorial Plaque to American airman who died in action with the British air force.



A sketch showing German tanks attacking a Soviet position.



A dramatic photograph of a bomb exploding among Axis troops in the Libyan Desert. Most of the soldiers have thrown themselves flat on the ground, but the brave machine-gunner on the left continued to fire at the attacking plane.



Australia is playing an important role in the British Empire's war effort. Above picture shows one of the tanks made in an Australian armament plant.



Picture above shows an armored car made in British India.



Another contestant for the beauty crown is Nangsoo Vachirapong Purig, a model, who will represent the Old in Theatre.

Good Taste Is Needed To Dress Well, Not Money

By Penelope Williams

The worst enemy of feminine chic is the woman who has all the money she wants to spend on clothes. This startling opinion is Rosalind Russell's. It is the verdict of the film star who, in the judgment of the American Fashion Academy, is the best-dressed woman on the screen today. The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star received a gold medal commending her on her elegance as such by the panel of foremost stylists in the United States.

"Dressing well is not a gift," said Miss Russell, in acknowledging the award. "It is evidence of good taste. All of us are allowed to good taste, or can be. Every good shop has expert help and advice. We can do no better than to be guided by it."

Having too much money to spend leads too frequently to carelessness in selection and buying, Miss Russell simplified. She says, "This carelessness is unconsciously transmitted to what a woman wears in public. Perhaps she wears too much jewelry, simply because she has loads of it. She puts on too many furs, or perhaps they are too heavy for her figure, indicating that the buyer has chosen richly but unwisely.

"On the other hand," she continues, "the woman on a budget is apt to be the smartest shopper, and also the best-dressed. Her simplicity and practicality go hand in hand as the basis of her style."

Miss Russell confesses she is a budget buyer because her wardrobe is an integral part of her plan of living. She believes it should be because of its importance in every woman's life.

"The woman who will be well-dressed is the woman who creates an individual style for herself," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer star in-



Nangsoo Vachirapong Purig who will represent the Ministry of Interior in this year's beauty contest.

ists. "The best way of achieving this is to be simple. Simplicity lends quality and distinction to a wardrobe. But don't get me wrong on the matter of simplicity. If I were given a living allowance, I should say 'Buy flattering clothes, flattering colours and flattering hats.'"

"But," Miss Russell warned, "don't infer that this means friskish things. On the contrary, if you must wear red, do so advisedly by wearing the shade of red which doesn't clash with your skin texture and if you must wear jewellery, do so sparingly and advisedly."

Miss Russell confesses that

nothing flatters her so deeply as a compliment on a dress which she has had as long as three seasons ago. Such things she says, vindicate a woman in believing that she is on the right track toward being well-dressed. Miss Russell hesitates to predict the future trend in modish women's wear. "Almost anything can happen to influence styles greatly in unanticipated times like these," she explains. Her wardrobe in her current advertising picture with Clark Gable, ENHOLY PARTNERS, influenced she said, by the military motif. This she feels is sound, since it adheres to the square shoulder effect which is flattering to many women.

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- 1/2 cup chopped kernel pineapples
- 1/2 cup broken nuts
- 4 tablespoons white cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1/2 teaspoon lemon rind
- 1 cup whipped cream
- 1 pie shell, baked

Soak gelatin five minutes in water. Dissolve over boiling water, add to juices and sugar. Chill until barely thick, then fold in pineapples, nuts, cheese, salt, rind and cream. Pour into shell and chill several hours.

Spaghetti Mousse

- 1 cup hot milk
 - 1 cup bread cubes (leftovers)
 - 1 tablespoon chopped onion
 - 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
 - 2 cups cooked spaghetti
 - 1 cup sliced cheese
 - 1 cup cooked peas or green beans
 - 3 egg yolks
 - 8 tablespoons butter, melted
 - 8 egg whites, beaten
- Soak milk and crumbs five minutes. Add rest of ingredients and pour into buttered baking dish. Bake an hour in moderate oven. Carefully turn out and surround with buttered green beans.



Nangsoo Nual-chandir Coivarsad, who will represent Amphur Dhonburi in the beauty contest.

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Russo-Reich War Rages Moscow & Berlin News

(B.B.C. Radio)
London, December 5th.

In Southern Russia the Germans are rushing up reinforcements from all directions, particularly from the Crimea, in order to try and stem Marshal Timoshenko's drive Westwards from Rostov.

The Russians are trying to cut off and encircle the Germans, and have captured enormous quantities of booty. The withdrawal of German troops from the Crimea has led to a slackening of the pressure on Sebastopol.

On the Moscow front the Russians are still putting up a stubborn resistance to heavy German attacks. At Mozhaisk the Germans have attacked strongly with tanks and infantry and have made slight progress, but at Kalinin and Tula they have been repelled with loss.

Now has been failing at many places and German tanks and motor vehicles have been frozen up, which makes them an easy prey for the Russian guerrillas. The Germans persist in trying to raid Moscow, but lost 81 aircraft yesterday near the city.

At Leningrad the Russians have taken the offensive and at a point about 100 miles South East of the city they have pushed the Germans back for a considerable distance.

(Br. Off. Wireless)

Rugby, December 4th.

Although further information is still needed in estimating the situation on the whole Russian front, it is agreed that Marshal Timoshenko's success at Rostov is of the highest importance and the press today is firm in congratulating on the able planning and admirable execution. The fact that reports state that the Germans had created sign-posts pointing the way back to Mariupol, seventy miles off, is a measure of success.

The "Times" says:—

"That the drain on German manpower through the Eastern campaign as a whole is being felt is suggested by the news that still greater requisitions are being made on the purveyors of second-grade cannon fodder in Rome and Bucharest. While the screw is being applied there, the fate of the frontline troops remains precarious. No one can yet say where the flight from Rostov can be stayed.

"The German High Command cannot be without anxiety even for the position in the Crimea where Sebastopol might yet play the part of a greater Tobruk. But the valour of Marshal Timoshenko's victories does not depend upon speculations about the future gains. The enemy is covering their embarrassment by reasserting that the Moscow front alone is of supreme importance—which is only true on the assumption that an expected fall of Moscow would lead to the submission of all Russia. The

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 4th.

The Fuehrer's Headquarters: The High Command of the German Armed Forces announced at noon today:—

In the Donets Basin strong enemy attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses to the Soviets. Outside Leningrad renewed attempts of the enemy to break out were frustrated.

The German Air Force destroyed and attacked part of the Mermansk railway and bombed Leningrad by day and by night. The Finnish troops have occupied Hangö.

On flight from there the Soviet twelve thousand-ton troop transport ship *Stalin* encountered a German-Finnish mine barrier and was damaged by mines. Two German outpost boats with a crew of altogether eighty men took the transport ship in tow and brought her to a German base together with six thousand soldiers of all ranks on board as well as much war material.

Berlin: In the Southern sector of the Eastern front, the German chasers were again very successful in the aerial combats with Soviet planes, it was announced here on Wednesday night.

On November 28th thirteen

assumption is certainly false and the expectation is still far from achievement.

"The greatest prize that a complete victory could give Hitler is the command of the oil-bearing Caucasus, and the victory of Rostov should have barred the way to the Caucasus for a considerable time to come."

Messerschmitts shot down eleven Soviet aircraft while on the following day the same group of the German *Luftwaffe* brought down nine Soviet machines without suffering from losses of their own.

a lucky escape but remained calm. "Napoleon could not frighten my mother and this young fellow is not going to frighten me."

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Oldest Woman Dies in Britain

London, December 3rd.

Mrs. Ellen Fletcher, the oldest woman in the British Isles, died tonight at Croydon, London, aged one hundred and eight. She would have been one hundred and nine in next April.

Mrs. Fletcher remembered the coronation of Queen Victoria. When her home was struck by a large bomb last winter Mrs. Fletcher had

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Uboat Campaign Misfires Noted Naval Writer Says

By H. C. FERRARY
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London, December 2nd. The Axis has made it clear that the month of November brought us more measure of success to their campaign of commerce destruction at sea than the preceding four months. Evidence for this is to be found in the Berlin bulletins. There have been few claims of U-boat or aircraft successes in the Atlantic during the month.

No British statements of the tonnage lost have been made public, but the Prime Minister discloses occasional monthly average and it will be recalled that his latest figure was approximately one hundred and eighty thousand tons monthly for July, August, September and October. Berlin's claims were of course a good deal larger. Their figure for September was eight hundred and eighty thousand tons or nearly five times as large as the British figure.

But there is a startling drop in the October claim by Berlin. The total supposed to have been sunk that month was no more than four hundred and forty three thousand tons and the German public must have been moved to ask what had gone wrong with the U-boat campaign. They are accustomed every month to totals that touched a million tons and frequently exceeded that figure.

The sudden fall to less than half a million must have startled any German student of the war. Some of them may have recalled (though not in conversation) that after the last war it was discovered that the claims of the U-boat command-

ers about the damage they had done to the allied shipping were always exaggerated. The factor of multiplication varied. When things were going well for them the exaggeration of the total loss of mercantile tonnage was about forty-two percent. As the campaign lost its first sting in the second half of 1917 the exaggeration became 77.6 percent. In the first half of 1918 when the failure of the unrestricted U-boat campaign was apparent to the rest of the world the German exaggeration became 111.8 percent. Even in the last two months of that war when the U-boat campaign was obviously collapsing Berlin was still claiming eighty-four percent more sinkings than actually occurred.

If there are any serious students of historical facts in Germany these facts must affect their belief in the totals announced by the Berlin bulletins in this war. The Nazis are down below their 1918 failure point. We know from Mr. Churchill's statements that the amount of Allied tonnage sunk in the four months from July to October this year was about seven hundred and twenty thousand tons. It is interesting to compare that figure with the total for the corresponding months of 1918 when, as history shows us, the U-boat campaign was broken. The figure was eight hundred and thirty-one thousand tons. That is to say, the Kaiser's U-boats were able to do more damage when Germany was at her last gasp in 1918 than Hitler's U-boats and aircraft combined have been able to do at a time when nobody imagines that the Axis strength has been decisively sapped. What then is the explanation? In

a great measure it must be the vast advances made in the anti-submarine measures since 1918. There are technicalities about these that obviously cannot be discussed publicly, but anyone in touch with sea-faring knows how effective today are the means of location and destruction of underwater craft Britain is employing. One effect of this improvement in counter-attacks has been seen in the changed tactics of commerce destroyers. We have all learned to know the meaning of the term "wolf-pack"; today German submarines work in large groups when attacking convoys instead of singly or in pairs.

There has been public reference to groups of thirteen and even fifteen submarines engaged in attacking one convoy and the Berlin bulletins have more than once notified us that fighting has gone on "for several days." This too may be a slight exaggeration. An engagement lasting for forty-eight hours with fresh U-boats coming into action at intervals to allow the previous "waves" to recover its breath would seem to be the limit, of which we have any accurate knowledge. Even that, however, is a revolutionary change in the U-boat tactics. And it is satisfactory to note that in the five months during which new tactics have been vigorously employed, the loss of shipping has been lower than it was in the days of the "lone wolf" tactics.

Contrast this with the reports from the Mediterranean which show that our submarines have been remarkably successful in that sea. The last four months there have seen one hundred and twenty-six transports, supply ships, tankers as well as thirteen warships destroyed or damaged on the Libyan convoy routes. The British submarines accounted for forty of these ships. It will be noticed that no attempts were made to estimate the tonnage of all these ships. The reason is that the conditions of underwater attack are such that only rarely can the commanding officer of a submarine identify the ship he is attacking; so any estimate of her tonnage must be sheer guesswork. No one man in

a hundred could say whether any particular ship sighted at a distance, a mile or more, in the dawn or dusk was two thousand five hundred tons or four thousand five hundred tons with any certainty.

The German attacking officers know that quite well, but they are content to guess—and give them—leaves the benefit of doubt and report the ship bigger than she really is. That is one reason for the exaggeration of the totals claimed in the bulletins. Then again the submarine commander who is attacking an escorted convoy has to dive deep to avoid counter-action and cannot always see the result of his torpedo. He may mistake the explosion of a hostile depth charge for his own shot several seconds after he has dived, but that doesn't prevent the U-boat commander from claiming his success whether he has really hit the target or not.

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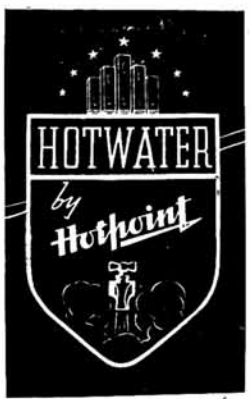
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Under normal conditions, Archangel is icebound for the six months from November to May, while blizzards rage along its approaches. For the last decade, however, Soviet authorities have been working on the problem of keeping this northern port open the year round. As part of its war preparations, the Soviet realized the importance of Archangel as virtually the only Russian port whose approaches could not be cut off by a hostile power.

Careful studies have been made of ice conditions and current directions in the Barents and White Seas and a chain of weather stations was established along the neighboring shores to provide shipping with constant information.

Curving around the North Cape at the tip of Scandinavia, the Gulf Stream, before dissipating in the vast coldness of the Arctic Ocean, still retains sufficient warmth to keep the northern shores of the Kola Peninsula ice-free. Here blinding blizzards and heavy gales are the navigators' worst enemies.

The tussle with the ice begins as the ship leaves the Barents Sea and enters the Gulf of Mozen and the narrow approaches to the White Sea, on the last lap of its voyage. Paradoxically, the farther south the vessel penetrates into this continental ice pocket, the harder the going becomes.

While under normal conditions it would be economic folly to keep a channel open through this heavy ice for shipping, in the present desperate emergency, the Russians may succeed, provided the com-

ing winter does not repeat the record cold of 1940.

For the task of keeping open a 200-mile lane through the ice fields, the Soviets have an impressive fleet of powerful ice-breakers, headed by the "Joseph Stalin" and the "Vycheslav Molotov."

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The harbor of Archangel is immense, with dock accommodations for hundreds of ocean vessels. It is linked with the interior by a double-tracked railway which strikes the trunk-line to Siberia at Kostroma and is linked with Leningrad by a branch line at vologda.

In summer, there is also an inland water route via the North Dvina River which joins the sea at Archangel, to the railroad of another railway to Kiroff (Vyatska), another point on the trunk line.

Archangel's present wartime importance opens a new phase in the checked career of Moscow's oldest seaport. Before Peter the Great founded St. Petersburg—now Leningrad—at the beginning of the eighteenth century, Archangel was the only port of the Russian Czars. The town was founded in 1533, although the monastery of the Archangel Michael—hence the name—had already been in existence for several centuries.

It was in 1553 that an English Embassy arrived in Archangel—according to legend, they came to offer the hand of Princess Elizabeth, the future queen, to Czar Ivan the Terrible. The match fell through, it is said, because Ivan received negative reports on the



Map of the White Sea area, thick dotted line indicating shipping route, with railroad linking Archangel with Moscow.

lady's looks, but some of the Embassy remained behind to found a factory at Archangel and from then on British ships called fairly regularly at the bleak little port.

At the close of the 16th century Czar Boris Godunoff declared Archangel a port open to all nations and it developed rapidly. A century later, however, Peter the Great's thrust to the Baltic, the founding of St. Petersburg, and subsequent Russian expansion to the Black Sea caused Archangel to decline.

Sensing Archangel's undiminished strategic importance, Catherine the Great stimulated its revival by granting the port special trading privileges and tax exemptions. All Russia's later rulers have adhered to this policy of developing Archangel.

During the Russian civil war of 1910, Archangel served as the base for Allied intervention in behalf of

the White Russian armies of General Miller, which collapsed in 1918 when foreign support was withdrawn.

Under the Soviets, Archangel has chiefly figured as an outlet for the country's vast lumber export trade, rather than for imports. The North Dvina River, together with tributaries, taps thousands of square miles of rich forest lands whence the logs were floated down to the very docks.

Besides the port and shipyards, there are several large sawmills in the city as well as railway repair shops. The population now totals about 140,000.

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Japan Urges Sincerity In U.S. Parleys

(Continued from page 1) Japanese reinforcements sent to Indo-China, Hori declined to reveal the number of men but stressed that they were not beyond the limit fixed by the international agreement; he added that this had already been confirmed by the Vichy Government.

When his attention was drawn to Mr. Hull's intimation at his press conference on December 3rd that the negotiations had no registered any progress, Hori said: "This is not necessarily so, although it is true that some points of difference still exist," and added: "There has been progress, it must be admitted, in as much as that various points have been clarified to both sides participating in the talks."

Hori confirmed that no Japanese reply to Hull's memorandum of November 26th had been sent yet, and asserted: "I think there will be a reply." Questioned when the reply would be sent, Hori declared that he was not in a position to answer.

Hori's attention was drawn to Togo's recent declaration that the outcome of the Japanese-American conversations would be clarified soon, and he was asked also whether he subscribed to the Japanese press statements that Washington was endeavouring to "gain time" by prolonging the talks. Hori replied: "Prolonging, what for? No, I do not think so," and pointed out that it would be difficult to define the term "soon" in any diplomatic undertaking of the present kind.

Tokyo Reply Sent To Hull

(Continued from page 1) Japanese envoys have arranged to see Mr. Cordell Hull tomorrow, presumably to present Tokyo's reply to the U.S. note. The appointment which will take place at 16.00 (G.M.T.) was made at the Japanese request.

It is known that the "Domsei" agency circulated a statement in Japan tonight, declaring that in the Japanese view the declaration of the U. S. position could not serve as the basis for the negotiations henceforth.

It is also considered possible that the Japanese envoys might carry Tokyo's reply to President Roosevelt's request for an explanation of the Japanese reinforcements in Indo China near the Thai border.

The Japanese Embassy officially told the press that the Japanese envoys would give Mr. Hull tomorrow Tokyo's reply to President Roosevelt's request for an explanation of the troop movements in Indo-China and added that the envoys might also bring a statement of policy dealing with the U.S. note which was received from Mr. Hull last week.

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Berlin, December 4th. Stockholm: "I hope that from the war will emerge a United States of the world without frontiers, customs barrier and other obstacles", declared Henry Ford in a press interview at Detroit, Trans-Ocean leased from New York.

"Common currency, common economic system, common markets and the elimination of all political strife must stand at the end of this war if this was not attained, then the present war would only be the beginning of a new war. The United States should use its influence and demand, in return for the help given to England and Russia, that peace and welfare be guaranteed"—"Trans-Ocean".

Indochina Economic Relations With Japan

(Domei Agency)

Domei, December 4th. Tokyo: French Indochina is becoming increasingly conscious of the fact that her economy must be closely linked with that of Japan as her trade with the United States, Britain and other third countries is completely suspended, reported the "Yomiuri" correspondent from Hanoi.

French Indochina is expected to accept the Japanese proposal for the production of rubber and other natural resources in French Indochina in view of the smooth progress of the economic negotiations which were under way between Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the Japanese Ambassador, and Jean Deaux, the Governor of the French Colony, the correspondent stated, adding that Deaux's policy to co-operate with Japan is expected to receive the whole-hearted support of the provincial governments who will attend the Federal Conference of Indochina, opening at Hanoi on December 5th.

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Market Report

RICE

Table with columns for 'per picul or 80 Kg.' and 'Tos.' listing various rice grades like Extra Super 5%, White Rice Super 5%, Super Ordinary 5%, White Rice 15%, White Rice 25%, Broken Rice A1 Special, Broken Rice A1 Ordinary, O1 Broken Rice, OS Broken Rice, White Meal, Cargo Meal.

PADDY

Per Standard Kwaip: (By Boat)

Table listing paddy grades: Bang Boa Thong Paddy, Klong Rangsit Paddy, Nakorn Chaisri Paddy, Phra Kanong Paddy, Hamrong Paddy, Supae Paddy, Klong Koot Mai Paddy, Kao Bao No. 1, Kao Bao No. 2.

(By Rail)

Table listing rice grades by rail: Naenan No. 1, Naenan No. 2, Kao Bao No. 1, Kao Bao No. 2, Glutinous Paddy No. 1, Glutinous Paddy No. 2, Ohiengmai Early Crop.

ANIMALS

Table listing animal products: Pigs (large size), Pigs (small size), Bullock (large size), Bullock (medium size).

GUNNY BAGS

Table listing gunny bag types: Heavy C 48 x 29, E. Bags 45 x 29, Heavy C 48 x 28, E. Bags 41 x 28, Heavy C 36 x 24, Twine.

LEATHER & HORNS

Table listing leather and horn products: Moose Deer Skin, Cow Hide, Dried Brown Cow Hide, Preserved Brown Cow Hide, Dried Buffalo Hide, Preserved Buffalo Hide, Deer Horn.

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Trials Of France's Pre-War Chiefs To Start January 15th

(Trans-Ocean News)

Berlin, December 4th. Vichy: The trial of those men responsible for France's defeat which will begin on January 15th, 1942, will last for approximately three months with four to five days of proceedings per week; it is officially announced here today (Thursday).

Between six hundred and seven hundred witnesses will be heard during the trial. The indictments cover one hundred thousand pages. The indictments are at present in the hands of two councillors and several court secretaries. The State Attorney General has summoned two hundred witnesses, while the counsels for the defence will summon double that number at least.

For weeks a large number of workers have been busy in the outfit of the big court chamber of the Riom courts in order to provide sufficient room for all the persons connected with the trial.

The jury will consist of the presiding judge, Lagarde, the Vice-President, Mailleaud; five judges, Tacon, Admiral Herr, General Vassan, Daveney and Olivier Martin; three jurymen, Baravaud, Lemaire and Lescurier; the State Attorney General, Cassagnac; and his two advisers, Bruzin and Lunin. The largest part of the courtroom will be reserved for the press. One hundred and fifty newspaper men have filed their petition for admission.

It is intended to construct a tunnel between the prison and the court house so that the defendants may be brought to the court room without being exposed to the eyes of the curious on their way.

As Marshal Petain and Minister

Freezing Action Brings Big Effort In East Asia, View

(Domei Agency)

Domei, December 4th. Tokyo: The Anglo-American imposition of the freezing order against Japan, China and Manchukuo, instead of discouraging the powers concerned, has served to spur them on to establish a solid economic front in East Asia, Okinori Kaya, the Finance Minister, declared in an address to the opening session of the East Asia Economic Conference.

Expressing satisfaction over the economic achievements in East Asia, Kaya said that close collaboration among the three Asiatic states constitutes an important factor in the creation of an East Asia prosperity sphere.

Kaya then went on to say that during the past four years and a half, Japan, has been an instrumental factor to enable the industrial productivity of Japan, Manchukuo, China and Mongolia to make huge strides.

He cited that Japan had already invested roughly a milliard yen in China for the development of natural resources since the establishment of the North China Development and the Central China Development Companies.

Justice Joseph Barthelmy stated, the trial will be in public. Only when the matters discussed are pertaining to French diplomacy and national defence will the public be excluded by the presiding judge with the consent of the State Attorney-General.

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