

'We Were Tricked' -- Large German Unit Deserts to Red Army

MOSCOW, July 7 (UP).—A Soviet communique reported today that German troops were surrendering in "daily increasing" numbers in "protest" against the attack on Russia and quoted war prisoners as stating "unanimously" that Adolf Hitler "wants to drown the whole world in blood."

The communique, distributed by the Tass News Agency, reported that a large German unit had come over to the Soviet side in an unidentified sector "lately" and quoted them: "Hitler wants to drown the whole world in blood. We did not and do not want to fight against the Soviet

Union. By our voluntary surrender to the Red Army, we express our protest against the attack upon the Soviet Union and our hatred toward the murderers of the German people. "The day is not distant when our example will be

followed by scores of thousands of German soldiers duped by Hitler." The prisoners said, according to the communique, that many thousands of German soldiers were beginning to understand that they were tricked and led to certain death and were awaiting only an opportune moment to surrender.

Weather

Local—Thundershowers and cooler, fresh west winds.
 Eastern New York—Mostly cloudy with local showers and cooler.
 New Jersey—Occasional showers and somewhat warmer Tuesday, cooler Wednesday.

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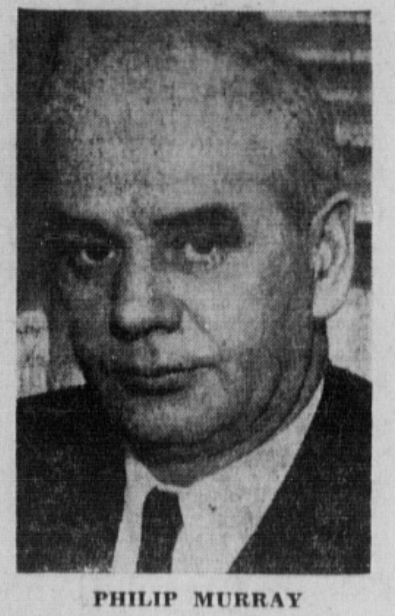
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U.S. OCCUPIES ICELAND TO HEAD OFF NAZIS, FDR SAYS

FIERCE FIGHTING ON 1,800-MILE FRONT



PHILIP MURRAY

CIO Legislative Parley Raps No-Strike, Anti-Labor Laws

Congressmen Warned Labor Will Watch How They Vote

By Adam Lapin (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., July 7.—More than 300 delegates of CIO International Unions and State Industrial Union Councils today "severely condemned" and took immediate steps to defeat pending anti-labor bills at a special legislative conference here.

Other actions taken at the all-day meeting of CIO leaders included:

1. Adoption of a resolution calling for "increased industrial and corporate taxes upon the higher brackets" and rejecting "hidden wage cuts" whether through "forced savings or through increased taxation on the working people."
2. Endorsement of the defense industry council plan proposed by CIO President Philip Murray calling for Joint Councils representing labor and industry to plan and coordinate defense production.
3. Approval of a report by CIO Unemployment Director Ralph Hetzel urging immediate steps by President Roosevelt to provide additional funds for WPA.
4. Approval of a report by John T. Jones, Director of Labor's Non-Partisan League and CIO Legislative Director criticizing the administration leaders in Congress for supporting anti-labor legislation and calling on them to "choose between labor support on the one hand, and their own support of these anti-labor bills on the other."

UNANIMITY REIGNS
 CIO President Murray said all resolutions and reports were unanimously adopted and showed the "unity of the CIO on all essential problems."

Resolutions adopted by the delegates made it plain that the CIO intends to press for higher wages and better working conditions as part of a genuine defense program.

The resolution on taxes and inflation pointed out "that the wage increases sought by organized labor will not cease inflation, but will rather rebound to the benefit of the nation by improving the health, welfare, and livelihood of millions of American men, women and children."

Hetzel's report charged that the "growing oppression of the unemployed is a serious threat to the national security."

Assailing the inadequate \$886,000-

Curran Tells NMU Parley Labor Must Fight Hitlerism

By George Morris (Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)
 CLEVELAND, July 7.—The third annual convention of the National Maritime Union, CIO, was today keyed with a declaration by President Joseph Curran that the foremost task before labor today is the struggle to defeat fascism and a warning that those "interested in ideologies" of those fighting Hitler only "confuse the issue."

The 350 delegates, Negro, white, Filipino, Latin American and of almost every nationality among seafaring men from hundreds of ships and almost every United States port, applauded vigorously as Curran, formally opening the convention, outlined the principal issues confronting them.

Curran reaffirmed the stand the NMU took last week when a telegram was sent to the unions' affiliates asking that all possible support be rallied for the Soviet Union and Britain.

In stressing that differences regarding the Soviet Union should not be allowed to interfere with the struggle against Hitler, Curran said:

"We are interested in one thing that they, as workers, are fighting the one foe that democracy has and that is fascism."

The No. 1 question, said Curran, "is the preservation of our unions and the democratic process. All the other problems depend on this."

"I don't think there is any problem in the international situation for us," continued Curran, "in fact, I know there isn't."

CLEAR-CUT STAND
 The NMU leader then explained the union's stand as follows:

"We work for a living. Upon our ability to work depends the living that our families will get, and the possibility of our continuing as a democracy in this country. Therefore, there is no question of our position on the international situation as it exists today."

"We stated before and we state it again, that we are opposed to and we have been opposed to fascism abroad and in this great country of ours. There can be no confusion in a position of that type. There can be no opposition among workers on the demand that the right to strike be continued; that we demand that the right to organize be continued;



JOSEPH CURRAN

Pack Garden 'Smash Hitler' Rally, CP Urges

Soviet People Fighting for Free Humanity, Party Leaders Say

The "Smash Hitler" rally to be held in Madison Square Garden Thursday, at 8 P. M. must be of a size never before witnessed, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party informed its sections last night through a letter signed by I. Amter and Charles Krumbin.

Declaring that the Soviet peoples are fighting with their lives for the cause of a free humanity, the letter places upon American Communists the historic responsibility of mobilizing the American people for aid to the Red Army and of building an anti-fascist front that will assure the annihilation of fascism.

"We in America, can do a great deal to help defeat the fascist onslaught," the letter asserts. "Our job is to arouse every anti-fascist in this country, to work twice and three times as hard, to make certain that not a stone is left unturned to fulfill the obligations history has thrust upon us."

Declaring that this is "the hour of test" for every Communist, Amter and Krumbin called upon every Party member, every member of the Young Communist League to bring shop mates, fellow workers and friends to the Madison Square Garden demonstration. "This meeting," they wrote, "can, must and shall be a mass demonstration of a size New York has never before witnessed."

Keystone of the rally is "Smash Hitler!" The central slogan of action is "Full aid to the Soviet Union, Great Britain and all nations who fight against Hitler!"

As an expression of popular support for these slogans and the ac-

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U.S. May Act to Halt Hostilities in S. America

Deplores Ecuador-Peru Dispute; Hints at Outside Sources

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP).—Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today said that hostilities between Peru and Ecuador are a matter of profound regret to all the Americas and indicated suspicion exists that the trouble was fomented by outside sources.

Officials indicated that the United States may begin consultations at once with Argentina and Brazil in an effort to seek some truce between Ecuador and Peru.

Argentina and Brazil, together with this country, have been attempting to mediate the century-old dispute for the past two months.

Efforts of Argentina, Brazil and the United States to mediate the case were renewed on May 8, when Secretary of State Cordell Hull addressed notes to both governments saying that "the controversy contains serious possibilities of dangerous developments."

Ecuador accepted the offer and said it hoped Peru would do likewise. Peru accepted with the reservation that it could admit no question of the ownership of the provinces of Tuzes, Jean and Mains which, it claimed, had belonged to Peru for 120 years.

Hull subsequently denied reports that the United States was participating in the negotiations in order to obtain bases on Ecuador's Galapagos Islands.

When Welles was asked at a press conference whether he believed some outside influence might be behind the outbreak, he recalled an old Spanish proverb:

"Very often in muddy waters

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EXTRA American Naval Forces Occupy Iceland

FDR Blocks Threat of Axis in Agreement With Island

WASHINGTON, July 7 (UP).—President Roosevelt announced today that United States naval forces have occupied Iceland, strategically located island in the North Atlantic approaches to Great Britain.

The announcement was made in a special Presidential message to Congress.

Mr. Roosevelt said the naval forces would replace British troops which occupied the island on May 10, 1940, a month before Germany invaded Denmark.

The American action, the President said, was dictated by the necessity of guaranteeing the Western Hemisphere from attack. He declared that German occupation of Atlantic bases as the spearhead of assault on the Americas could not be permitted.

The exact relation of Iceland to the Western Hemisphere never has been defined by the President. He included Greenland in this hemisphere shortly before it was occupied by U. S. troops. Iceland is outside the European combat zone as defined by President Roosevelt under the Neutrality Act, but it is within the counter-blockade zone proclaimed by Germany.

The German zone—which the President has refused to recognize—extends to within three miles of Greenland.

ASSIGNMENT TEMPORARY
 The assignment of naval forces at Iceland will be temporary, the message said.

The United States has no aspirations for permanent acquisition of Atlantic outposts of other powers, and is moving now solely in self defense, the President said.

He said occupation of Iceland would constitute this three-dimensional threat:

1. "The threat against Greenland and the north portion of the North American continent, including the islands which lie off of it."
2. "The threat against all shipping in the North Atlantic."
3. "The threat against the steady flow of munitions to Britain—which is a matter of broad policy clearly approved by Congress."

The President compared the occupation of Iceland to U. S. action in taking over Atlantic bases acquired from Great Britain.

The move, he said, was intended to "forestall any pincers movement undertaken by Germany against the Western Hemisphere."

"It is essential that Germany should not be able to successfully employ such tactics through the sudden seizure of strategic points in the South Atlantic and in the North Atlantic," he said.

Last Thursday Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, D., Mont., created a furore in Congress when he said he had been informed reliably that the move was imminent.

Sources close to officials concerned with the Iceland maneuver vigorously condemned Wheeler for revealing that the island was to be occupied. One official said the

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The War In the East (The 15th day of the War)

By a Veteran Commander

The beginning of the third week of the German-Soviet war is marked by a fierce battle, raging, figuratively speaking, on the glacis [a defense slope in front of a fortification] of the so-called Stalin Line from Lake Peipus to the Pripet Marshes (a distance of roughly 300 miles).

Here the Red Army is beginning to wrest the offensive initiative from the Germans and its counter attacks are assuming the form not only of a hammer-blow, but of a hammer-blow with a follow-through. (One of those things that are not permitted in croquet.)

The strongest blows are being struck at enemy tank formations south of the lakes and southwest of Ostrov (on the Pskov-Dvinsk rail line) as well as due west of Polotsk, near the station Disna, on the Dvina River (on the Polotsk-Dvinsk rail line).

Further South, near Lepel, and from there down to Bobruisk a huge tank battle continues to rage, with the Red Army troops on the offensive in the center of that

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Red Army Wipes Out Entire Tank Battalion

BULLETIN

MOSCOW, Tuesday, July 8 (UP).—The German Army has suffered a series of costly defeats all along the 1,800-mile front, from Kandalaksha above the Arctic Circle to the Dniester River facing Rumania where an entrapped Nazi tank battalion was "completely wiped out," today's Soviet communique said.

The communique told of the wiping out of 8,500 German soldiers—killed, wounded and prisoners—and the destruction of 50 tanks in one sector alone of the vast fighting front.

The communique, covering Monday's vastly extended fighting, admitted that the Germans had reached the Dniester, which stands as a formidable barrier before the USSR's Stalin Line and the rich Ukraine, but said that the Red Army forces had stood stubbornly and wiped out the tank battalion.

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USSR to Arm Millions More in Red Army

MOSCOW, July 7 (UP).—Mobilization of a gigantic Soviet People's army "numbering millions" and placing all men between 17 and 55 under arms was announced tonight as Soviet forces, in a lashing "counter-blitz," were reported turning the tide of the "Battle of Russia."

Germany's mechanized war machine, throwing away lives by the thousands, was said to be struggling to hold its advance positions along an 800-mile front under the smashing Russian blows.

The official Soviet spokesman described staggering German losses in two weeks of fighting—virtually as large as Adolf Hitler's losses in two whole years of war—and asserted: "Germany's initial advantage of an aggressor over the Soviet Union is gone now, and hereafter (the Germans') average losses will mount daily."

In the first ten days of his invasion of the Soviet Union, Hitler was said to have lost 700,000 men, 1,500 planes, and 2,500 tanks, compared with the loss of 4,500 planes and 2,800 tanks in two years of war against Britain.

Lozovsky declined to discuss the

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S. A. LOZOVSKY

To 'Raid' German Lines With Stalin's Message

10 Million Leaflets of Speech in German, Finnish, Rumanian, Hungarian Languages to Be Sent to Front; Also German Soldier's Appeal

(Wireless to Intercontinent News)
 MOSCOW, July 7.—Nearly ten million leaflets containing Joseph Stalin's recent radio speech have been sent to the front.

The leaflets have been published in the German, Rumanian, Finnish and Hungarian languages. Leaflets in German have been printed in 5,000,000 copies. They will be distributed by airplane and other means.

Dispatch continues also of posters, caricatures and appeals of captured German soldiers and men who crossed to Soviet lines.

Published in 500,000 copies is an appeal of an old German soldier, a participant in the first World Imperialist War, Otto Muller, in which he calls for an end to be made of Hitler and his gang.

A large number of copies have also been published of the letter of Corporal Paul Hefbauer, to German airmen and soldiers.

A tremendous impression is being

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Every Day He Is Behind Bars Is a Loss to America

On March 25 of this year the prison gates closed behind Earl Browder.

For three and a half months, the leader of the Communist Party has been behind bars on the kind of technical charge which was pressed only in order to deprive the American people of his leadership.

Today America needs Earl Browder more than ever. It needs his unflinching spirit and his wisdom in the great struggle to defeat Hitlerism.

The three and a half months which Browder has already served, are a crime against him and the entire labor and progressive movement. Let the cry ring out:

"FREE EARL BROWDER!"



EARL BROWDER

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