

SEEK MANDATORY MOBILITY

Local Soldier Dies in Crash Allied Pacific Bomber

NAZI PRESSURE ON STALINGRAD BEGINS TO EBB

(By the Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler's latest week-old offensive against Stalingrad was reported declining today as cold rain again drenched the cemetery streets, and Russian headquarters announced that the red armies had held their lines unbroken for 48 hours.

It was the 58th day of siege.

German field headquarters acknowledged that the Russians were launching powerful diversion attacks against the Nazi north flank, above Stalingrad, but asserted they had been repulsed in heavy fighting.

Rains Hamper Operations

For the second successive day the Germans stressed bad weather conditions along the battle line, declaring that rains were hampering operations both in the Stalingrad zone and in the Caucasus.

As the din of battle subsided, with Nazi attacks growing successively weaker, the Soviet command reported that the city's reinforced defenders had beaten off a series of attacks and "hurled back the enemy to his original positions."

German losses were estimated as high as 70 per cent of their effectiveness in the new drive which began last Wednesday.

Reds Improve Positions

The Russians declared they had improved their positions through counter-attacks in the northwest and central Caucasus.

Dispatches to Red Star said Russian troops guarding Stalingrad's northern factory section had "liquidated" a German break-through and declared that the fight for a nearby workers' settlement was now confined to a struggle for two streets on the outskirts.

Red army gunners were credited with repulsing two furious assaults.

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Students Observe 50th Anniversary of Flag Pledge

Lincoln high school, in an assembly program this morning, observed the 50th anniversary of the pledge of allegiance to the flag, composed by Francis Bellamy, of Rome, N. Y., and used first in connection with a national school observance on October 21, 1892.

Wayne Smith and Dean Pizak, Boy Scouts, and Phyllis Peterson and Jackie Wilcox, Girl Scouts, gave talks on flag etiquette and demonstrated proper use of the flag, and the assembly participated in a 10-question visual quiz on flag etiquette.

A group of girls directed by Miss Dorothy Nommensen sang "Grand Old Flag," and the students united in singing the national anthem and

Serbia Under Martial Law as Tide of Unrest Sweeps Across Europe

Bern, Switzerland — (P) — All Serbia was reported under martial law today as a tide of unrest and uncertainty continued to sweep occupied Europe from Norway to France and the Balkans.

Private advices from France pictured that unhappy land as entering upon her most critical period since the 1940 armistice, with 11 days remaining to Chief of Government Pierre Laval before he is expected to try compulsion to meet Adolf Hitler's demands for French workers.

Arrest Serb Insurgents

Martial law was decreed by the puppet Serbian government at Belgrade, said a Budapest dispatch to the Basler Nachrichten, after the Nazi military commander in Serbia, Gen. Bader, announced numerous arrests had been made because insurgents had attempted to organize a revolt against occupation authorities.

The Basel Socialist newspaper, Arbeiter Zeitung, recently reported that the Gestapo had put to death 500 to 600 Serbs who plotted a revolt.

The period to Nov. 1, private advices from unoccupied France said, represents the extension of time set by Berlin for fulfillment of its labor demands for 150,000 volunteer workers.

Laval's Leadership Tested

It also is the period, informed French observers said they believed, which will demonstrate whether Laval would hope to cling to his position as chief of government in the face of persistent, although thus far scattered, opposition.

These observers, who would not permit use of their names, said popular resentment over work conscription, increasing agitation in axis quarters over the question of whether Dakar would be involved in an African offensive and revival of discussions of the dangers of new allied landings along the channel all combined to make Laval's position difficult.

Darlan Going to Dakar

Reports reaching Bern said Admiral Jean Darlan, commander in chief of France's land, sea and air forces, was expected to leave for Dakar tomorrow.

The Vichy radio reported that Laval arrived in Paris this morning and summoned the provincial prefects of the occupied zone who, it was announced earlier, would be charged with enforcing labor conscription.

In his radio speech last night, in which he renewed his appeal for Frenchmen to go to work for the Germans, he announced an agreement for a levy upon each factory "which will be obliged to furnish a certain number of workmen."



PLANE CRASH VICTIM — Elmer Putzier, above, a private in the army airforce, was one of three fliers who died Sunday in a plane crash in Nebraska. He was 25, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Putzier, Wisconsin Rapids.

PRIVATE ELMER PUTZIER KILLED IN NEBRASKA

A Wisconsin Rapids airman, member of the U. S. army air corps, was one of three who died in the flaming crash of a bombing plane near Chadron, Neb., Sunday night.

Third Tri-City Casualty

The victim was Pvt. Elmer Putzier, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Putzier, 641 Thirteenth avenue north. His was the third death among Tri-City members of the armed forces since the war began. His parents were notified by the war department.

Announcement of the plane crash was made by the public relations office of the Rapid City, S. D., army airbase, according to the Associated Press. Private Putzier's family said the plane carrying their son was en route to Rapid City from Geiger Field, Spokane.

The body will be returned to Wisconsin Rapids for burial, with funeral arrangements in charge of Krohn and Berard to be announced later.

Enlisted Last March

Private Putzier enlisted in the airforce last March 26, going from Camp Grant to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for a short training period before reporting at Keesler Field, Miss. He remained at Keesler until September 1 when he was transferred for special training to the Vultee aircraft school at Santa Monica, Calif.

Recently he had been assigned to the Rapid City airbase, but, according to his father, he was mistakenly routed to the Spokane flying field, and was sent on to Rapid City from there.

Private Putzier and the other victims, Lt. Woodrow W. Syverson, Pelican Rapids, Minn., the pilot, and Pvt. Chester F. Ohal, Chicago, were in one of three planes that circled Chadron late Sunday, apparently low on fuel, the Associated Press report said.

Private Putzier was born here August 12, 1917. He was a graduate of Lincoln high school and before enlisting was employed in the shipping department of Consolidated Water Power & Paper company. He worked for Consolidated beginning in 1939, and was employed at Griffith state forestry nursery two years previously.

Surviving are his parents; his grandmother, Mrs. Louise Frank, Wisconsin Rapids; a brother, Robert, member of the merchant marine who is at home on furlough; and a sister, Mrs. Donald (Lucille) Keger, Wisconsin Rapids.

Companion of Dead Hunter Pleads Guilty

Medford, Wis. — (P) — Arthur

500th Ves Is Torpedoed in Atlantic

(By the Associated Press)

The battle of the Atlantic its 500th announced victim as the navy announced the loss of a medium-sized States merchantman in Atlantic.

The Associated Press showed that in the 500 sinkings of united and nations' merchant ships in Harbor, 3,400 lives have and more than 1,954 crew and passengers are missing of whom may now be dead.

More than 15,462 per rescued from the ships landed at western Atlantic least 60 ship captains war casualties, including 1,000 prisoners aboard axis vessels between June and August year. One of the 12 was announced today: The down in July.

On the basis of announcements June was the cost of the war for the unit with 111 merchant vessels as lost.

At least 101 American men have been lost since Britain lost at least 86 way 48.

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BUNDISTS GET PRISON TERM

New York — (P) — I former German American leaders, including Gerhard Kunze, national leader, fended today to five year each for conspiring to co-members to evade the

No Fines Imposed

Federal Judge Alfred dale said that in his opinion the defendants were guilty worse than any technician of the selective service said that he would not if because that might have of causing their family their homes.

Under the conviction, defendant could have been a \$10,000 fine.

The court directed that and Dr. Otto Willmueller, f cago Bund leader, f Hartford, Conn., in terms of 15 years and

TAX FRAMERS TO LAY OFF AWHILE

Washington — (P) — Congressional leaders turned an unofficial but emphatic thumbs down today on any further major tax legislation until after the first of the year.

With the biggest of all revenue bills on President Roosevelt's desk for his signature today, after its final approval by both houses yesterday, the chairmen of the two tax-framing committees let it be known that they and their aides felt they had done enough for a while.

Morgenthau Wants More

Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee told reporters that while Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau might carry out his announced intention of requesting \$6,000,000,000 more in direct revenue, he, George, thought nothing concrete would be done about it by congress until after Jan. 1.

Moreover, George made it plain that he believed the tax load contained in the new bill already approached the maximum.

FDR to Sign Bill Today

President Roosevelt told his press