

Withdrawing Reds Fight Desperately To Hold New Gains

Germans Advance 100 Miles With Fresh Replacements And Take 8 Key Cities

(By Associated Press)

Swept back 100 miles with the loss of eight key cities, Russia's armies battled desperately to save the great prize of the winter offensive as the Germans threw approximately 375,000 reinforcements into a counter-drive against Kharkov and the upper Donets River valley.

Soviet dispatches claimed, however, the German rush was being held despite violent attacks, saying the Nazis were forced to retreat in at least one sector.

On the central front the Red army got within striking distance of the tip of the German salient at Vyazma and farther to the north the Germans were pushed close into the fortress of Staraya Russa. The Nazis admitted the loss of Bely of the Moscow front.

The Germans, after withdrawing westward across Southern Russia, launched a giant counter-offensive in the Donets basin and in a 100-mile march have recaptured eight key cities south and southeast of the big fortress of Kharkov, the Russians acknowledged early today.

The German offensive was launched late in February with 25 divisions, and approximately 375,000 men, including 13 divisions which had been replenished after previous action and 12 fresh ones rushed from the west to this vital sector of the long German-Russian battlefield.

The Russians acknowledged that a committee of eight key cities, including the important industrial city of Kharkov, had fallen to the German Donets River under the terms of the Nazi offensive, but they say the city was not destroyed and the German losses are mounting to 20,000 officers and men.

Russian losses were not mentioned in the announcement, but in the regular midnight communiqué broadcast from Moscow and recorded here by the Soviet Monitor.

The Russians acknowledged giving up the cities of Krasnograd, Lysva, Pavlograd, Krasnopol, Kramatorsk, Barvenkovo, Lisiansk and Lysva.

All of these had been taken in the great Soviet Winter offensive, Lysva, about 65 miles short of the Dnieper River, was the highest mark of the westward push.

"Further attempts of the enemy to develop his offensive and force a crossing of the Western Donets River and take Kharkov were met by firm resistance of our troops and the enemy did not meet any success," the communiqué added.

Red Friendship With U. S. To Be Brought To Test

Hubbard Says Stalin Should Not Renew Jap Fishing Treaty

MOSCOW, Mar. 10. (AP)—Representing the most inclusive light thrown here on United States aid to Russia, the government newspaper Izvestia printed on the back page today a Tass article based on a magazine story by Lead-Letter Administrator Edward Stettin.

CHICAGO, Mar. 10. (AP)—Joseph Stalin's friendship with the United States will be tested within a month when the fishing treaty with Japan is decided, said Rev. Bernard Hubbard today. Rev. Hubbard asserted: "If Stalin in a sign that treaty again it is a sure sign that he wants a strong Japan and weak United States and China in the Pacific."

The Administration, through Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles, disavowed Stettin's sensational remarks made at a Moscow press conference Monday. Welles, making no effort to conceal his displeasure, not only accused the sailor-diplomat of talking out of turn but said he did so without consulting Washington.

The rebuke, virtually without precedent in American diplomacy, was believed to foreshadow replacement of Stettin.

There was no comment from the White House where the ambassador conferred with President Roosevelt scarcely two months ago, before his return to Moscow. Mr. Stettin, however, spoke at a news conference after a press conference, without explanation.

Administration leaders in Congress deplored Stettin's statements. Chairman Tom Connally (D-Texas) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on the Senate floor that the statement was "most unfortunate."

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) said he was "amazed" at Stettin's remarks.

Senator Charles McNary (D-Mont.), a leader of the pre-war Harbor isolationist bloc, said he had no doubt Stettin spoke the truth.

Chairman Robert R. Reynolds (D-NC) of the Senate Military Affairs Committee said he believed "Stettin's statements were made because any man of his maturity and judgment must have known what terrific repercussions would follow."

Dies In Jacksonville Hospital Today



T. Bradford Byrd, former Atlanta Journal news editor and a friend of Gov. Hubbert's, died in a Jacksonville hospital today. He is shown in a moment of relaxation playing with his dog, 'Shiner', in the lawn of his residence on the shore of Golden Lake.

Brad Byrd, 58 Eighth Army Begins Patrol Forays All Succumbs To Long Illness

Former News Editor Of Atlanta Dies In Jacksonville

T. Bradford Byrd, 58, died in a Jacksonville hospital today after a long illness. He was a former news editor of the Atlanta Journal and a friend of Gov. Hubbert's. Byrd spent most of his life in Tallahassee, where he was a member of the University of Florida faculty. He was married and had two children. He had been ill for several months before his death.

Farmers Facing Severe Celery Crate Shortage

Growers And Shippers Meet To Discuss Ceiling Prices

Meeting of growers and shippers of celery in the Jacksonville area today discussed the severe shortage of crates for the crop. The meeting was held at the home of Mr. J. W. Smith, a prominent grower. The growers and shippers discussed the problem of finding enough crates to handle the crop, which is expected to be a bumper year. They also discussed the possibility of government intervention to control prices.

Domestics Forces Draw Back Into Hills

Allied Headquarters Report British 5th Army Had Gained 50 Mile Front Along Southern Tunisia

Allied headquarters reported today that the British 5th Army had gained a 50-mile front along the southern Tunisia after pushing the Axis counter-attacks.

Chennault Leads Income Tax Compromise Plan

New U. S. Flying Force In China

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10. (AP)—The House Ways and Means Committee today approved a compromise income tax collection plan imposing a 20 percent withholding levy on the taxable portions of all wages and salaries and a 10 percent levy on the taxable portions of all interest, dividends, and other income.

Four Tons Scrap Metal Gathered By Local Legionnaires

More than four tons of scrap metal were gathered Sunday by American Legion members at a drive in Jacksonville. The drive was held to raise funds for the purchase of scrap metal for the war effort. The Legionnaires collected a variety of scrap metal, including tin cans, old tools, and other household items.

J.P. Morgan Gravely Ill At Boca Grande

NEW YORK, March 10. (AP)—John Pierpont Morgan, head of one of the most famous banking houses in history, had night by night a heart attack which struck him while vacationing at Boca Grande, Fla.

Miss Ruby Newhall, District Governor Of Pilot Club, Visits Local Chapter

Strouting the Pilot Club's motto, "Service Above All," Miss Ruby Newhall, district governor of the Pilot Club, visited the local chapter today. She was accompanied by several other members of the club. They spent the day at the local chapter, discussing club activities and plans for the future.

Young Doctors Used In Specialized Work

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10. (AP)—Young doctors with specialized training are being used in a variety of specialized work, according to a report from the War Relocation Authority. The report states that these young doctors are being trained in various fields, including surgery, medicine, and dentistry, and are being used in a variety of ways, including in the treatment of prisoners of war and in the care of the elderly.

Clay Williams Gets Promotion In Army

SAN JUAN, P.R., Mar. 10. (Special)—James Clay Williams, of Sanford, Fla., has been promoted to the rank of captain in the United States Army. Williams is currently serving in the 88th Central Postal Directory, and has been in the Army since 1941. He is a member of the Sanford Rotary Club and the Sanford Chamber of Commerce.

City Briefs

Vegetable farmers of Seminole County are to attend a meeting at 8:00 o'clock tonight in the Chamber of Commerce room in the City Hall, to discuss their problems and to plan for the future. The meeting is being held at the request of the Chamber of Commerce.

Melvin R. Dekle Is At Marine Boot Camp

ORLANDO, (Special)—Melvin R. Dekle, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Dekle, West First Street, Sanford, Fla., is at boot camp in the U. S. Marine Corps. Dekle is a member of the Sanford Chamber of Commerce and the Sanford Rotary Club. He is currently serving in the 2nd Marine Division.

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RA F Raiders Keep Up Assaults On German Lands

The R. A. F. night raiders continued their assault on German lands today, according to a report from the War Relocation Authority. The raiders targeted various industrial and military installations in Germany, and caused significant damage. The report states that the raiders were highly effective in their operations.

Meeting To Be Held On Nursery Schools

Mr. Vernon H. Dodge of Jacksonville, former WPA field director, will preside at a meeting to be held in the office of the WPA field director, Mr. W. L. Austin, on Thursday, March 12, at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting is being held to discuss the establishment of nursery schools in the area.

Tax Commission Is Proposed By State

TALLAHASSEE, March 10. (AP)—Creation of a state tax commission with broad powers to study and recommend changes in the state tax system is being considered by the Florida Legislature. The commission would be responsible for studying the current tax system and making recommendations for improvements.

Celery Market

Florida	95
Calif. Central	85
Calif. Southern	80
TOTAL	108

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Clarence Noble Is Fined In Court

Clarence Noble, a negro, proved himself not so noble in City Court Monday evening when arraigned before F. L. Miller who found him guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and fined him \$15 and costs of 30 days and for assault, \$25 and costs or 45 days. Clayton Taylor charged with vagrancy, drew a straight 30 days. Roy Spikes, negro charged with being a gambling house operator, sentenced a 30 day bond.

Inflicted were: Marley Pringle, drunkenness, \$11 bond estreated; Frank Moore, disorderly conduct, \$11 bond estreated; Amos Hardy, drunkenness, \$11 bond estreated; Eugene Miller, drunk and disorderly, \$15 bond estreated; Lloyd Alvin, disorderly conduct, \$11 bond estreated; Calvin Hagan, disorderly conduct, \$11 bond estreated; P. Williams, drunkenness, \$11 bond estreated; Garfield Johnson disorderly conduct, \$10 bond estreated; Ellis Baker, drunkenness, \$10 and costs or 30 days; James Lodge, drunkenness, \$11 bond estreated; and John A. Doyle, drunkenness, \$11 bond estreated.

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Jubilee Singers To Appear At Academy

Lovers of good music will have the opportunity of hearing the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute famous chorus of Jubilee Singers at Crooms Academy West Thirteenth Street Thursday Night at 8:00 o'clock. There will be no admission but a silver offering will be taken. Seats will be available for white people who wish to attend. This group of singers has entertained many people of national prominence, both white and colored. J. N. Crooms, Principal and Sponsor, stated today. It has sung over many Broadcasting Stations, at many of the Nation's leading hotels and resorts and at many of the leading white churches of the state. They will appear in matinee at Crooms Academy Thursday afternoon at 3:30 P. M. and in concert at night at 8:00 P. M. President Gray will accompany the group and present the work of the college.

LEGAL NOTICES

SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 9226, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1937, known as the MORTGAGE ACT, the following described land in Seminole County, Florida, will be offered for sale at public outcry for the highest and best cash bid, subject to the right of the trustee of the interest in proceeds of the sale to reject any and all bids at the courthouse, beginning at 10:30 A. M. on the 15th day of April, 1944. Assessment for road right of way 200 feet wide will be received from any parcel through which there is an existing State Road.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN RE: ESTATE OF FRANK L. CLARK, Deceased. PLANNED IMPROVEMENT AND PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST SAID ESTATE. You and each of you are hereby notified and required to present any claims and demands which you, or either of you, may have against the estate of Frances L. Clark, deceased, to the County Judge of Seminole County, Florida, at his office in the court house of said County at Sanford, Florida, within eight calendar months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand shall be in writing and shall state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, and shall be sworn to by the claimant, agent, or attorney, and each such claim or demand not so filed shall be void.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN RE: ESTATE OF W. F. BROOKS, Deceased. PLANNED IMPROVEMENT AND PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST SAID ESTATE. You and each of you are hereby notified and required to present any claims and demands which you, or either of you, may have against the estate of W. F. Brooks, deceased, late of said County, to the County Judge of Seminole County, Florida, at his office in the court house of said County at Sanford, Florida, within eight calendar months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand shall be in writing and shall state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, and shall be sworn to by the claimant, agent, or attorney, and each such claim or demand not so filed shall be void.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA. IN CHANCERY NO. 100. CLEBERT WARREN, Plaintiff, vs. KUNICE WARREN, Defendant. DIVORCE. DEEDS OF FIDELITY. TO: KUNICE WARREN, 35 HIGHLAND STREET, New Gosport, Portsmouth, Virginia. IT IS ORDERED that you appear to the bill of complaint in relation to or before the Judge in April, to-wit: April 5, 1944. The nature of the cause is an action for divorce. Upon failure to appear, default judgment will be entered against you.

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WANTED TO RENT or lease, by reliable Navy family, modern home at least 6 rooms, furnished or partly furnished, close in with space for garden and small chicken pen. Write during hours to Box Holder No. 94, 24 E. I. Sanford or phone 432-R.

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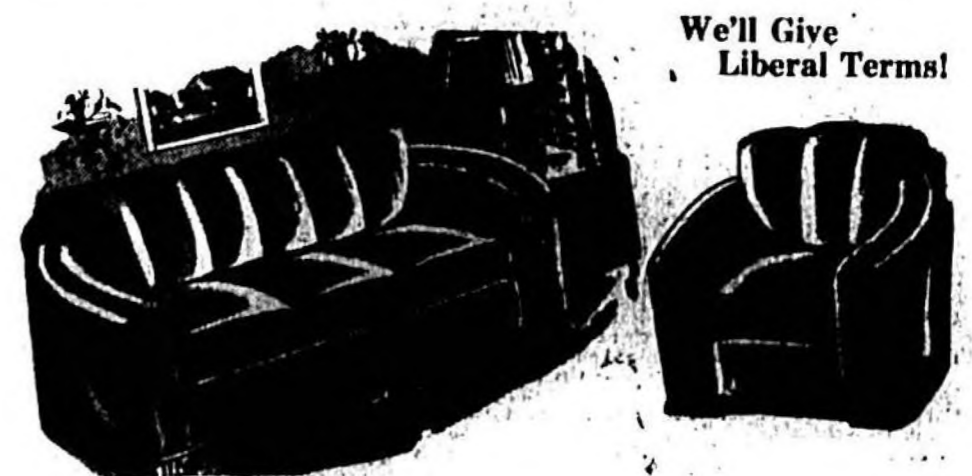
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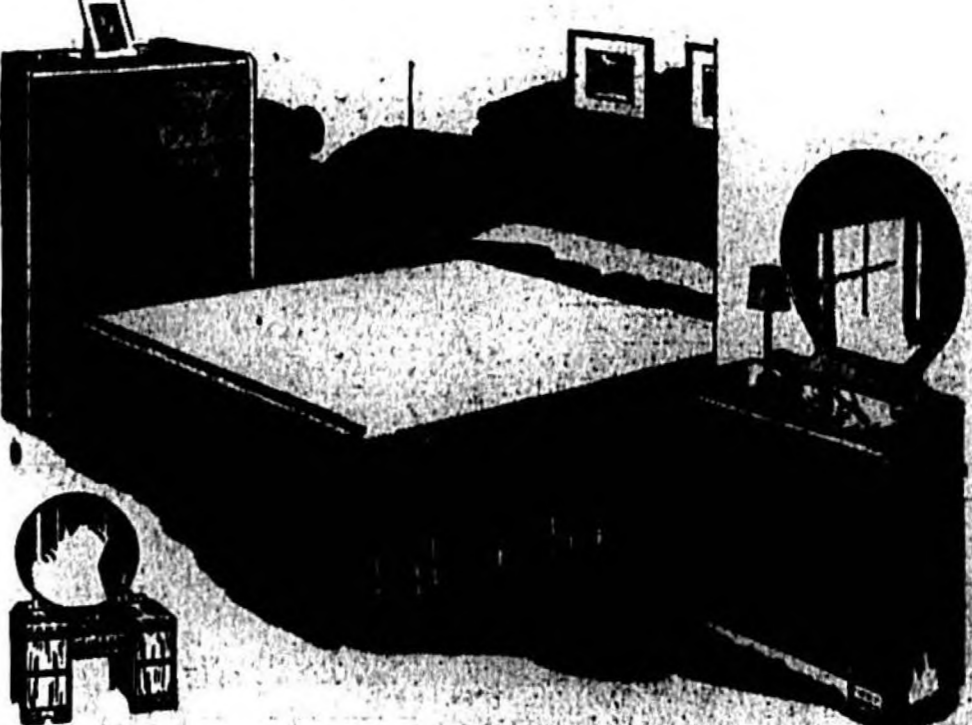
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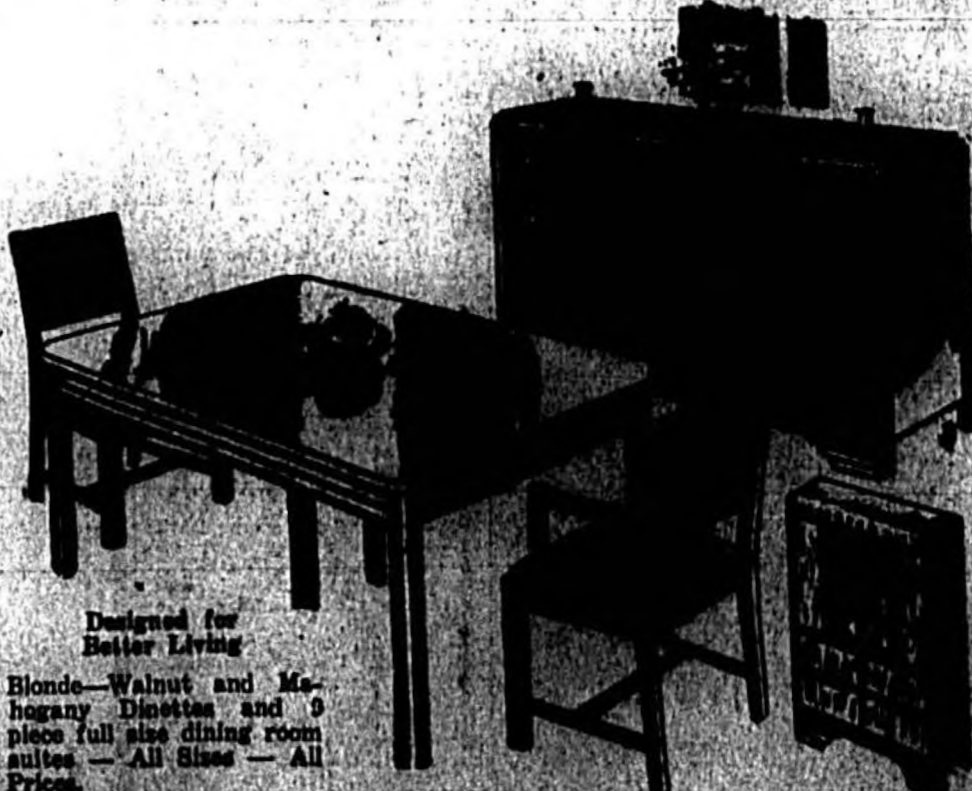
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Fighting French Seal Trap Around Rommel's Troops

Montgomery's Guns Shower Havoc On Nazis, Despite Rain, Sandstorms

(By Associated Press)
Secretary of War Stimson said today fighting French troops had made contact with other French legions in a flanking movement around the southern end of the Mareth line in Tunisia, thereby sealing the trap on 250,000 Axis troops under Marshal Rommel.

A bitter struggle appeared in the offing as the British eighth army made exploratory attacks at Rommel's Mareth line in Tunisia.

Rain and sandstorms prevented large scale operations but General Montgomery's big guns were reported raining havoc on Mareth defenses.

The fighting French captured Mezaouel, 25 miles southeast of Gafsa, apparently clearing the way to the Gulf of Gabes behind the Mareth line.

Allied communications said Allied troops repelled an attack yesterday west of Sedjenane in the northern sector and repelling continued in the central sector.

In Washington, Secretary of War Stimson said the Allied Tunisian forces "had struck the tip of the fighting last week" although losses on both sides "have been substantial."

He said more than 1,000 Axis prisoners have been taken.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British Eighth Army began testing Marshal Rommel's crippled land forces yesterday.

The British Eighth Army was reported to have been probing an area harrasing for a blow expected to roll back the Axis into a tighter pocket in Central Tunisia.

French troops were manuevering between Gafsa and Mezaouel, and Allied pressure also was reported on the Axis lines of Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim in the north.

Allied patrols also were "extremely active" in Northern Tunisia where the British First Army is stationed, particularly in the Sedjenane area, a high command communique said.

Thomas Best Enters Basic Air Training
COCHRAN ARMY AIR FIELD, MAGON, Ga., Mar. 10 (Special)—Thomas A. Best son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Best of Box 26 Sanford, has just arrived at this air force basic training school.

Standley States Aid Opinion Was Personal View

U.S. Lend-Lease To Other Nations Is Over Nine Billion

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11, (AP)—Sumner Welles, acting Secretary of State, today said Ambassador William Standley had made clear in a report to the State Department he was speaking in a personal capacity when he told correspondents the Soviet people were being kept in ignorance of American aid.

Admiral Standley, conferred with Foreign Secretary, Molotov yesterday afternoon at the Kremlin, who days after his complaint at a press conference that American aid to Russia had not been sufficiently acknowledged.

There was no immediate indication whether Standley had sought to explain his complaint, made at a press conference at the embassy.

Newly arrived from a visit to Kulybster, Standley had awaited a conference with Molotov, and it was understood, with Marshal Stalin, premier, even before his press conference statement.

Funeral Rites For T. Bradford Byrd To Be Held Friday

Funeral rites for Thomas Bradford Byrd, who died at noon yesterday in Jacksonville, will be conducted by the Rev. Joe A. Tolle Friday at 4:15 P.M. at the Methodist Church.

Byrd resided in Tallahassee, Mr. Byrd resided in Atlanta for 30 years where he was news editor of the Atlanta Journal.

"One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the State university," Byrd was remembered for his nickname of "Old Gator Scribbler" while on the Atlanta Journal, where he continually extolled the powers of Florida football players and recounted his own experiences in striving unsuccessfully to win a place on the university's first string team during his school days there.

Several years ago the 25-year-old records of the University of Florida's early football teams were uncovered, and when Byrd's name was discovered on a roster, he was invited to Gainesville and presented with a service letter in recognition of the work he did in college and afterwards in behalf of his teams. At the same time, his nickname made his official title.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blake Byrd, prominent Tallahassee family, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Onie E. Byrd, of Sanford, and two step-children, Lieut. Kinchen Powers of Camp Shelby, Miss. and Mrs. H.E. Odham, Jr. of Wilmington, N.C.

Other survivors include a brother, Bernard Byrd, of Tallahassee, and five sisters, Mrs. Leo McGowan, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. W. E. Van Brunt, Mrs. C. L. Harwick and Mrs. James Plant, all of Tallahassee.

Particularly active in Masonry and other fraternal affiliations while living in Atlanta and Sanford, he had membership in the Scottish Rite Masons, the A. O. U. M. S. Shrine, the Royal Order of Eastern Court No. 33, and the F. O. Elks, and an honorary membership in the Rotary Club.

J.G. Prickett Named Table Supply Manager

J. G. Prickett has been made manager of the Table Supply Company, replacing William F. Prickett, who has joined the army.

WPB Considers Tackling Labor Problems On Regional Basis

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11, (AP)—"Concentration" of civilian industries is at a virtual standstill and WPB officials are seeking other answers to manpower, transportation and material shortages, it was revealed today.

Authorities are considering tackling the problem now on a regional basis by halting less essential industries where manpower is urgently needed for war work. While letting the same kind of civilian plants operate in areas of less severe labor shortages.

However, labor turnover, not absenteeism, is the most serious problem of the moment, Dr. William Haber, director of the Bureau of Program Planning and Review of the War Manpower Commission, said in New York before the American Public Welfare Association at the Hotel New Yorker.

The association is one of 29 welfare agencies represented at the New York regional meeting of the National Conference of Social Work, which opened here Sunday and continues through Friday.

"The labor turnover in war industries varies from 8 to 10 percent monthly," Dr. Haber said. "Labor pitting is the principal cause and we are attempting to stop this practice by setting up employment stabilization agreements between employers and labor."

Under stabilization agreements employers agree to cease pitting workers from other war industries and workers agree to stay with their jobs.

"Absenteeism is an important problem, of course," he said, but not nearly as dangerous as the high turnover rate. Normal absenteeism was from 2 to 4 percent, but now it has jumped to as high as 15 percent.

"We must add approximately 4,000,000 persons to the war industry and defense effort by the end of the year. This means that 2,400,000 men and women now in the so-called 'civilian' industry must change their status. Another 1,600,000 men will be inducted into the armed services."

"However, the man-power problem is not going to be solved by adding up totals and citing figures. It will no longer exist only when every essential industry has the right man in the right place and at the right time to do the necessary job."

Dr. Haber said this problem will be met "by various devices and processes" in December, 1942, only 38 percent of the persons asked by the United States Employment Service to switch to "labor work" did so, he said. He said many office and industrial workers may be asked to work on farms during their vacations.

Agriculture, he said, should be classified as a munitions industry.

Daytime Nursery For Children Is Subject Of Meet

Stressing the necessity of continuing services for pre-school children whose mothers are employed in general occupations, Mrs. Marion C. Dodge, nursery school specialist of the State Department, addressed a meeting of city and civic leaders and members of the Seminole County Defense Council, and a representative of the Sanford Air Station, Lieut. Morris H. Gross, welfare officer.

Mrs. Dodge outlined a plan whereby funds may be secured by the County for this purpose, embodied in an amendment to the Latham Act, whereby \$300,000,000 has been appropriated by the government to meet needs for children's services, especially in war areas.

An application will be made by the County School Board in order to secure funds for these services, she added.

Prior to making this application a survey will be made of the county to determine the number of mothers gainfully employed, and the number of children in need of pre-school services, Mrs. Dodge stated.

This survey, according to Supt. W. F. Lawton, will be made by the Sanford Air Station, and the local post of the American Legion in 1938 and 1937 and at present is service officer of the legion.

Boyle Elected Leader Of War Veterans Post

Lloyd F. Boyle was elected commander of Seminole County Post No. 2282, Veterans of Foreign Wars at a regular meeting of the post held Monday night in the city.

Other officers elected were: Robert A. Cobb, senior vice-commander; Herbert B. Pope, junior vice-commander; James O. Huff, quartermaster; A. Bart Erason, post advocate; John L. Talbot, chaplain; A. C. McElroy, noble, post surgeon; and J. H. Colough, Karl Soderblom and E. A. Monforton, trustees.

Commander Boyle served with the First Illinois Field Artillery in the Meuse-Argonne battle during World War I. He participated in 11 battles and was wounded in March, 1918. He received his regiment in June 1918 and served at the front until the Armistice was signed and then with the Army of Occupation in Germany until April, 1919.

For military merit Commander Boyle was awarded the Purple Heart medal by the United States Government and the Croix de Guerre by the French Government.

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Cobb And Pope Also Named Officers Of Organization

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Elizabeth Harkey, USO Director Of Tennessee Club Talks To Kiwanians

A program, outlining Boy Scout activities, accompanied by a sound movie, and a brief talk by Miss Elizabeth Harkey, director, United States Office of War Relocation, of British Boy Scouts, speaking the valuable services they render during bombing raids, breaking down spies, and other war work, and general salvage work. The picture was shown with the assistance of Hermina A. Harris.

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Red Armies Capture 44 Towns On Central Front In Russia

Mme. Chiang Ends Slacks Taboo At Wellesley



STUDENTS OF WELLESLEY, MASS., COLLEGE grin broadly as Mme. Chiang Kuo-shuk, wearing navy blue slacks, strolls past them on the college campus. She is flanked by M. M. Adams, of the WAVES, and president of Wellesley. The school distinguished graduates, appearing in slacks, helped to end the faculty ruling that made them taboo for the students at the exclusive girls' school. (International)

Quiet Send-Off Given Selectees Enroute To Camp

Three volunteers, and 19 selectees left quietly this morning for Camp Hending, and as the bus pulled away and headed north on Park Avenue, a group of relatives and friends waved goodbye to them.

Prior to leaving, City Certificate holders and selectees were distributed to the men by Ned Smith, commander, and Fred Field, post commander, of Camp Hending, Post 53 of the American Legion, and chairman of the sub-committee of the post, which had charge of the send-off program.

Due to restrictions in driving according to Mr. Field, no regular program with music and talks, was given the boys, as during the past few days.

The Office of Price Administration that will first hand the public's suggestions and complaints on the various rationing programs.

The senator said Louis Lancaster, formerly of Sarasota and one-time member of the State Legislature, would begin next week a tour of the State.

Assignment of Lancaster to make such a check, Pepper said, was setting "a noble precedent" and one for which the OPA should be highly commended.

Lancaster, he said, would work in conjunction with the State Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Economic Advancement Council and other organizations.

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Narrow Corridor Remains Only Nazi Means Of Escape Toward Smolensk

Soviet headquarters today declared the Red armies on the central front had captured at least 44 towns and villages, crushed stiffening German resistance and advanced to within 80 miles of Smolensk.

Dispatches said the Russians had all but completed the encirclement of Vyasma, leaving the Germans only a narrow corridor for retreat toward Smolensk. Red columns were reported driving forward with utmost speed along the broad front with the Germans resisting bitterly.

The Germans claimed their forces had driven closer to Khar'kov, destroying two Soviet regiments, and Rostov, said a "ferocious engagement" was developing south of the city.

The Russians earlier today had also punched new holes in Nazi positions below Lake Iznia on the front north-west of Moscow, capturing several more localities on the approaches to Sluzka Russia. Nazi 10th Army headquarters, a midnight bulletin disclosed.

German recovery of approximately 100 miles of strategic territory in the Ukraine around Khar'kov, admitted by Moscow Tuesday night, had threatened to over-shadow the continuing Red Army successes on the central front, but the latest bulletin indicated the Russians now were holding firm there.

South and southwest of Khar'kov, said the communique, recorded by the Soviet Monitor, "our troops repulsed fierce attacks of enemy tanks and infantry."

The capture of Ilyan on the central front put the Russians 70 miles northwest of Vyasma in a further flanking of that most exposed Nazi position. Vyasma itself was impelled by Russian columns driving close to the town from the east and north.

The midnight bulletin said these latter columns had "overwhelmed the enemy's defenses" and captured scores of families on the approaches to Vyasma.

Russian advances in this area made it likely that the Germans soon would abandon Vyasma. Reports the Russians announced the capture of Rely yesterday in a special communique. Berlin already had acknowledged its loss, saying it was evacuated "according to plan."

Only 180 miles west of Moscow, and the Soviet's ultimate goal on this front is Smolensk. The central front yesterday advanced 230 miles west of the Soviet capital.

Marshal Timoshenko's continuing drive to the northwest, toward the city of Moscow, was said to have resulted in the capture of 18 more guns, 12 mortars, 66 machine-guns, 1,900 rifles, 12,000 grenades, 1000 sub-machine-guns and other material during the last two days.

Doctors Say Madame Chiang Needs Rest

R. A. F. Takes Big Toll In Germany

LONDON, Mar. 11, (AP)—The R. A. F.'s ceaseless bombing offensive has already resulted more than 200 German cities, towns and villages, and 200,000 Germans, according to Air Marshal Sinclair, head of the Command today.