

U. S.-FINNISH TIES STRAINED

Washington Suspends All Consular Activities

WASHINGTON (UP)—The United States, in addition to cancelling consular representation with Finland, has restricted further the movements of Finnish Minister Hjalmar Procope and his staff, it was learned today.

Procope and his staff were advised they must obtain permission from the State Department to do any traveling in the United States. It was indicated that such permission would be difficult for them to obtain.

That action emphasized the formal announcement last night by the State Department that all American consular activities in Finland would be suspended and the order to Finland to close its 14 consulates in this country by Aug. 1.

After months of cautious handling of relations with Finland, because of the traditional friendly feeling here for that small Baltic state which was the only nation to pay its World War debt installments on time and in full, the United States took its strongest step thus far in expressing disapproval of Finland's subservience to Axis pressure.

Some restrictions were imposed upon Procope and his staff last Christmas when the Finns, under German influence, curtailed the movement of American diplomats in Finland. The new restrictions will be more severe, however, and leave no doubt that the United States will deal firmly with Finland from now on.

Great Britain has declared war upon Finland. But the United States, even though it declared war upon the Axis satellites in Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary, has refrained from breaking with Finland.

The cancellation of the consular representation, reminiscent as it is of the expulsion of Italian and German consular officials months before the United States went to war with those countries, holds serious implications for the future of relations with Finland.

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QUEENS CIVILIAN DEFENSE (Continued from Page One)

Stretchers Units Forming In Each Police Precinct

Donated Furniture Equips Totten Room

5 More Stations Open For Fingerprinting

Police Seize Two In Slugging Match

Few of 993,000 Aliens Reported as Disloyal

Cameras Bought - Sold - Exchanged

Queens Scouts Learn First Aid at Camp



With emphasis on skills useful in war and civilian defense, Queens scouts at Camp Man join others of the chain of scout camps along Ten Mile River in Sullivan County to watch a demonstration of the use of the inhalator. The training in emergency skills supplements the regular camping activities.

Chemist Claims to Make Rubber From Sawdust

An Italian nobleman who left his native land 33 years ago because he despised the oppression of the people by the ruling class stepped forward today with a claim that he can produce synthetic rubber.

He is Dr. Riccardo Riccamboni, who served as a captain in the American Army in the last World War. He said he can produce artificial rubber from the common sawdust strewn on the floors of butcher shops.

The method is simple, and the finished product is a good as and much cheaper than the natural rubber, he said. He explained it thus:

The sawdust—or any wood pulp—is simply fermented with a microbe, forming an acid. With the aid of other chemicals, the acid is compounded into a liquid which is cooled for several months—and synthetic rubber emerges, as tough, pliable and usable as the natural substance.

Dr. Riccamboni estimates that the synthetic rubber could be available in unlimited quantities in about eight months if manufacturing began now.

Another method, too Dr. Riccamboni said he has also devised another method of using reclaimed rubber as little as possible and still turn out tires, mats or garden hoses.

He simply mixes reclaimed rubber with vegetable oil. The strength of this product, he explained, depends on the amount of reclaimed rubber used, but, he went on, it will tide over the country until the synthetic rubber is produced in huge amounts.

Chemists throughout the nation and Congressional committees have been experimenting with rubber formulas, but have developed no sure-fire processes yet.

Synthetic rubber from petroleum has been holding the attention of the government experts for months, but it is costly and takes a long time to manufacture, Dr. Riccamboni said.

Rubber produced from petroleum spirits costs more than 10 times the normal market price of natural rubber—gins costs less than half of the normal price, he pointed out.

Petroleum Base Too Costly As a result, he asserted, the plants manufacturing synthetic rubber from petroleum bases will be shut down when the natural field is open again for the war.

Synthetic rubber made from sawdust, on the other hand, will be able to more than compete with natural rubber because of its low cost.

Dr. Riccamboni holds a patent in Germany for the production of artificial rubber from petroleum. The Germans, he reported, are now using the costly petroleum bases, but they can't do any better.

SERB PATRIOTS RAID TRIESTE

Two Big Battles Against Italians Under Way

LONDON (UP)—Reliable sources said today that Gen. Draja Mihailovitch's guerrillas were engaged in two battles with the Italians along the border, six miles from Fiume, Italy, and that his men had carried out three night raids against garrisons at Trieste, Italy.

Trieste is 25 miles from the Yugoslav border at the nearest point. Both Fiume and Trieste are in northeastern Italy. The Italians, according to reports reaching London, have increased their army of occupation in Croatia, along the Italian frontier, to well over 300,000 men.

General Mikhailovitch, it was said, is concentrating the larger part of his Yugoslav army in Croatia, which reportedly developed an intense hatred for the Italians for stealing everything eatable or movable.

As a result a food shortage was becoming critical in Croatia and some sources said the natives of Dalmatia were dying by the hundreds.

General Mikhailovitch was said to have spread out Italian occupation in the situation in Montenegro so well in hand that the Italians were afraid to venture from their fortresses.

In efforts to meet the nightly threat of guerrilla raids, Italian garrisons were reported ringed the towns of Ljubljana, Celje, Klovac, Delnice and Vrhniku with barbed wire and machine gun posts and establishing heavy guards of sentries.

Private advices said the Guerrilla movement was developing on a large scale, particularly in the Lublin district.

Polish guerrillas were said to have killed Franz Wald, the local Gestapo chief of the district in a pitched battle on the outskirts of Lublin. Guerrillas stopped his automobile with a barricade, and shot him and the Gestapo agents with him.

Jugoslav government-in-exile headquarters in London have usually fast communications with General Mikhailovitch, perhaps even direct wireless.

The British Broadcasting Company quoted Radio Vichy as saying that 18 Frenchmen had been tried by a German military court for sabotage at Nancy, near the German border.

BAYSIDE HIGH ISSUES MOST GAS BOOKS (Continued from Page One)

HOME LOANS FOR HOME FOLKS

BIG FREDDY HELD IN BAIL OF \$2,500

Bertolotti has a police record which includes a two and a half to five-year sentence in Sing Sing on a grand larceny charge. He also said Bertolotti was a "close friend" of John J. (Archie) Stewart, who was sentenced 30 to 60 years in Dannemora for a Pine Bush, N. Y., bank robbery and later confessed he was one of the principals in the \$427,950 holdup of an armored truck in 1934 at the plant of Rubel Coat and Ice Company in Brooklyn.

NEW ROMMEL TANK ATTACK BEATEN BACK

front and against the enemy flank and rear. Numerous enemy divisions, greatly diminished and in confusion, are attempting to break through to the east.

The communique indicated that the main weight of the German offensive had moved southward 50 miles from Millerovo (or had pushed eastward past Voroshilovgrad) to a point east of Kamensk, on the Donets, and was then driving along the east side of the Donets toward the lower Don at a point west of Rostov.

This would form a semi-circle around Rostov if the Germans reach the lower Don, presumably about where the Donets empties into the longer river 65 miles east of Rostov. The enemy also would cut the main railroad leading 190 miles eastward from Kamensk to Stalingrad.

The purpose of this German offensive, as emphasized by Moscow newspapers this week, is to isolate the Caucasus and cut off Allied war supplies via Iran as well as to press closer to the oil fields of the south. The German High Command apparently has put Hungarian and Rumanian troops into the Voronezh battle on the north flank and is building defensive positions there to release the Nazi assault troops for the thrusts at Rostov and Stalingrad.

In that way, the Axis strategy would be designed to attain certain geographic objectives—the Volga River and the Caucasus oil fields—for the time being rather than to renew last year's attempts to encircle and destroy the Red Army as a fighting force.

The Germans at present have left strong Russian forces in their rear or on their northern flank and fighting was reported more intense than ever in the Voronezh sector, where Berlin still was unable to make good on its long repeated claim of having captured the city 10 days ago.

Stiff fighting also occurred in the Briansk area, 220 miles southwest of Moscow, where Russians made a series of successful attacks, recapturing a number of towns and finding 1930 German corpses.

The great cost of the German advances in the south and the urgent haste of the Nazi High Command to achieve their geographic goals was illustrated by official Soviet reports that 900,000 Axis troops had been killed, wounded or captured, including 350,000 dead since May 22. This communique said that the enemy also had lost 2,900 tanks and 3,000 airplanes. Russian casualties were put at 399,000 in addition to 946 tanks and 1,254 planes.

There were reports of doubtful authenticity, that Josef V. Stalin had gone to the Stalingrad front to take personal charge of the defense of the lower Don River and, if necessary, of the Volga barrier, but these reports lacked any Allied confirmation.

It was indicated in dispatches from Moscow, however, that considerable Allied war material was now being thrown into the battles against the Germans in the south, where American-built Airacobas fighters and Boeing and Boston fighter-bomber units were in action.

On the Egyptian front west of El Alamein, heavy British armor and armored units were dominant were reported on the northern and central sectors—a sandy stretch of possibly 15 miles from the Tel El Eisa railroad station southward to Ruqelst Ridge, a 10-mile long elevation held by the British.

The British had been jabbing hard at the forces of Nazi Field Marshal Erwin Rommel for a week on both sectors and today a bigger battle—possibly Rommel's main attempt to move again toward Alexandria—was in progress without definite results.

The British communique said that many Axis tanks had been destroyed in the fighting and front line reports said that the Allies had given Rommel his "worst knocking" around, but there was no indication as to British losses.

The Axis forces were attempting to seize Ruqelst Ridge in the center, where South African troops led the defense, and to edge up the Hill of Jesus on the north, where the Australians were doing much of the fighting. In the extreme south, the Germans were forced back slightly in armored fighting.

She's in the Army Now



Nurse Alice M. Smyth of 96-20 34th avenue, Corona, is now Lieutenant Smyth of Kessler Field, Biloxi, Miss. The daughter of Thomas Smyth, deputy clerk in the County Court, the nurse was administered her Army oath by County Judge Thomas Downs in Long Island City. Before signing up with the 79th General Hospital Unit, Miss Smyth, who is 23, was head nurse of the obstetrical ward at Brooklyn Hospital. She hopes—and expects to see service overseas.

'DROWNED' CAPTAIN RETURNS

ing—'He'll turn up.' And that he did!

The Navy communique told how the sub came to the surface and played searchlights on the lifeboats but disappeared without attempting to molest the crew and 13 naval gunners who were aboard.

The captain told how he was taken for a ghost yesterday when he walked into the Manhattan office of the Master Mates Association, of which he is a member.

"They all looked astounded when I walked in," he explained.

"You're supposed to be dead!" exclaimed one officer. "It's in the records and we have made out a check for your widow."

"Well tear it up. I'm a long way from dead," replied the "ghost."

"I'm looking for a new ticket." And nobody was more glad to see the captain than his wife, Geneva.

"I had a premonition something was wrong, and when I heard his voice over the telephone I got the greatest thrill in my life," she said as she embraced him over and over again.

"I had a strange dream the night his ship was sunk and I knew something was amiss. Even two days later, on our 20th wedding anniversary I felt my husband was still in danger and I canceled an appointment with friends and remained at home to pray for him."

Equally anxious over the captain's rescue is his nephew and godchild, 8-year-old Robert Cronin of 215-19 49th avenue, a next-door neighbor of Coast Guardsman John C. Cullen, the latest war hero, who aided in the capture of the U-boat saboteurs who landed at Amagansett.

"My Uncle Peter is a hero too. When I grow up I'm going to be a sea captain like him."

KNIGHTS TO DINE

A spaghetti supper will be held by Forest Hills Council, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday night, at the clubhouse, 207-15 Metropolitan avenue, Forest Hills.

MAIN STREET STATION CHECK BEGUN

to get out of the station. The staircases are jammed so tightly it is almost impossible for others to get into the station, to board Manhattan-bound trains.

The report of the board's engineering bureau recommending construction of the new exits admitted that the crowding at the Main street station was terrific. Independent observers have called it the worst in the city.

Last year the board built two additional exits entrances for the 160th street station of the Independent Subway, where six already existed.

Statistics show that an average of more than 200,000 persons use each exit at the Flushing station monthly as compared with approximately 180,000 persons who use each exit monthly at the Jamaica station.

Meanwhile the Board of Transportation today issued figures showing that an average of 3,000 passengers daily are taking advantage of the free transfers from the I. R. T. subway to the 3rd avenue line at Grand Central Station, Manhattan. Of the 20,000 passengers who formerly used the 2nd avenue line to get to downtown Manhattan from Corona, Astoria and other North Queens communities, the majority are believed to be using other means of transportation.

In many cases, commuters are walking an extra block or two to get to their destination rather than lose time transferring to the 3rd avenue line.

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