



CHERKASSE IN RUSSIAN HANDS

Stalin's latest order of the day announces the fall of CHERKASSE.

The Russians have evacuated another town 90 kilometers west of KIEV.

CHERKASSE A VALUABLE GAIN. 100 miles below KIEV and on the Dnieper River acquisition of KIEV is a valuable gain to Soviet troops.

Some weeks ago a crossing was effected near this point and the city was surrounded. For some days Berlin has reported fighting in the streets, but Moscow was characteristically silent on the topic, until Stalin announced the fall of the city yesterday.

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VATUTIN GIVES GROUND IN KIEV BULGE. Russian difficulties in the Kiev bulge are apparently not over and Reds here have been forced to abandon another town 60 to 70 miles west of Kiev. Germans also claim that new Soviet landing attempts south of KERCH in the Crimea have been repulsed. There is no fresh news of the KIROVOGRAD drive but the B.S.C. reports a penetration of Russian tanks into the enemy positions in the NEVAL sector.

WAR ON MANY FRONTS

8th ARMY REPELS COUNTER ATTACK. Canadians are still in the vanguard of the 8th Army as it advances north of the Moro river. The spearhead now dominates high ground on the approaches to ORTONA, and has repelled five counter attacks in one ravine in 24 hours. When three enemy tanks were knocked out, the Germans retired. Indian troops penetrated Axis positions and returned with 50 prisoners. At intervals between consolidating their positions the 5th Army are inter changing mortar and artillery fire with the Germans.

RUSSIA TO ASSIST TITO. So convinced are the Russians of the value of the Yugo Slav Army of Liberation that they are sending a military mission to Tito. Similar to the British Mission which has been with Tito since last Spring. 6 German divisions are pinned down in East Bosnia by these patriots.

BULGARIA IN A QUANDARY. Turkey reports that both the Army and Parliamentary Opposition are demanding that the Government either take Bulgaria out of the war or make way for a Government that will. Another despatch says that Bulgarian guerrillas are openly fighting against the Germans for control of large areas of the mountain district and acts of sabotage are becoming frequent. Meanwhile both Berlin and Moscow are warning the country of the consequences if they persist in a policy hostile to either country! Over Sofia during the week-end roared Allied planes. The bombs dropped gave people a foretaste of the results of ignoring Allied interests.

SLIGHT ADVANCES IN NEW GUINEA. Australian Infantry supported by Matilda tanks advanced 2 miles crossing the Sord river and are closing on IADRA 4 miles north of TONOA. Small gains in other areas are reported.

MORE BOMBS FOR THE NAZIS. Daylight raid by U.S. bombers over targets in N.W. Germany yesterday cost the Americans 7 bombers and 2 fighters. 15 German fighters were shot down.

ENORMOUS AMERICAN TRANSPORT PLANE SHATTERS ALL RECORDS. Huge U.S. plane MATS has achieved some remarkable results. With its 2 deck hull and 15 room house capacity it has broken all previous records by carrying 35,000 tons of cargo and lifting 148,500 lbs gross. Another outstanding performance was a 4375 mile non stop from Maryland to Natal.

CHURCHILL STILL OUT OF ENGLAND. In Churchill's absence from England still on matters of State, Anthony Eden addressed the House of Commons on the implications of recent conferences. He is convinced that the Allies can and will establish a new order.

NORFORCE COMPETITIONS: Swimming and Basketball teams leave 19 Dec.

CANCER

"You ruddy medicos" said the red-nosed Major, sipping his Scotch in his best argumentative style, "are always talking about your wonderful discoveries; but what about cancer? You don't seem to have done much about that!"

"No" sighed the Doc, with exaggerated humility, "quite the reverse. Our best efforts have only made it more common."

"The soft answer . . ." chuckled the Padre, from his game of Checkers with the C.O. "Dut look out, I feel a lecture coming on."

"You see" went on the Doc, warming to his theme, and ignoring all interruptions, "thanks to advances in medical science, people nowadays live so much longer that a lot of them ultimately get cancer who, in earlier times, would have died ten or fifteen years younger of something else. And we really are learning a lot. We've discovered a whole lot of things that cause cancer. There's a big and ever-growing list of complex chemicals that will kill if you keep on applying them and it's also been found that many of the growths that afflict chickens and rabbits are caused by viruses - ultra-microscopic germs and, as laboratory technique improves we're finding that viruses lie behind more and more cancers. But the most exciting news from the cancer front concerns mice. It has been known for many years that by careful in-breeding you can produce a strain of mice of which all the females will develop cancer when they grow older; but recently it has been shown that this is due to something that comes in the mothers' milk. Take any of the young of such a strain of mice and let them be suckled by a female who comes from healthy stock, and they won't develop cancer. Certain aspects of this make us suspect that there may be a virus at the bottom of this too. That's for the future to decide. At the moment it's becoming more and more apparent that there is a cause or causes for all human cancers; they don't just spring up like Topsy. Science is progressing slowly but surely to the stage of nailing down the actual causes. When that's done we're just one step off solving the whole problem."

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEARGLADYS MONCRIEFF IN NEW GUINEA

Gladys Moncrieff although obviously feeling the heat gave one of the strangest and most successful concerts of her career recently when in an open air theatre attached to a New Guinea hospital she sang to an audience of nurses, hospital patients and staff.

Under a brilliant moon the pyjama clad troops sat on rough benches and demanded song after song such as Love will Find A Way, Chocolate Soldier, Rackety Coo, The Merry Widow. Assisted by Bebe Scott, Kitty Bluet and Flo Paton, Gladys met almost every request. Among the audience was a group of natives who chuckled and chattered in appreciation.

Perhaps the best tribute came from a raw boned private who at the end of the concert stood and yelled in a stentorian voice "Good on yer Glad. You beaut".

TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES. The worst tragedy in the history of the North Coast occurred on Saturday evening, when 13 of 31 cubs of the first Grafton Boy Scouts, lost their lives in the Clarence River, after a heavily laden flatbottomed 12ft punt had over-balanced in the water about 300 yds from the shore. Of the 18 boys rescued, several were in a state of exhaustion from their struggle in the water while others were suffering from the effects of immersion.

FINED FOR GIVING MONEY TO WIFE. For having passed 7 £1 notes to his wife who was standing in the tote queue at Remington on Melbourne Cup Day, Thomas Ownes of Elsternwick was fined 5/- in the Essendon Court yesterday. Ownes said he did not think it was an offence to pass his wife money. He thought the public generally didn't know of the regulation under which he was charged. Mr. Mohr the Magistrate said that these regulations were not printed in the race books, but there had been previous prosecutions and fines for this type of offence.

MR. TOOHEY OBJECTED. John Anable and Stanley Jackson pleaded guilty in the Redfern Court (Sydney) yesterday on a charge of having stolen 140 bottles of beer the property of Tooheys. Anable told the police that he was a driver for Tooheys and took the beer and sold it for £1 a dozen. A three month's sentence was suspended on a bond of £40 Jackson was released on a £20 bond.

BUTTER NEWS. Cheques totalling £178314 will be distributed this week to Queensland Butter and Cheese Factories but Commonwealth Equalisation Committee, in interim payment of Federal Subsidy for November production. Butter produced last month was 211345 boxes the highest November yield since 279993 in the record production year of 1938.

AROUND THE AREA

PICTURES: Camp Theatre "Dr Rhythm" and "Give me a Sailor"

DESERT VICTORY This picture will be screen for the last time in the area tomorrow night

RED CROSS CONCERT. Don't forget Friday's concert in the Catholic Hall to Aid P.O.W.

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