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BRITISH NAVY DESTROYS BIG ENEMY CONVOYS

ENEMY LOSE MANY SUPPLY SHIPS AND THREE DESTROYERS IN MEDITERRANEAN SEA

TUESDAY: "FURTHER SUCCESSFUL ACTION BY HIS MAJESTY'S SUBMARINE HAS UNDER HIS COMMAND HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, MEDITERRANEAN. FOUR ENEMY TROOP SHIPS OR SUPPLY SHIPS, AND TWO SAILING VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK, WHILE TWO ARMED MERCHANT CRUISERS AND TWO SUPPLY SHIPS HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY DAMAGED THREE DESTROYERS SUNK.

ONE OF THE TWO SAILING SHIPS SUNK WAS FLYING THE NAZI FLAG. THE ITALIAN ARMED MERCHANT CRUISERS WERE ESCORTING THE CONVOY WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED. ONE WAS A VESSEL OF ABOUT 8,000 TONS AND THE OTHER WAS A SHIP OF THE CITTA DI PALERMO CLASS, OF ABOUT 5,400 TONS. ONE OF THE DAMAGED ENEMY SUPPLY SHIPS WAS OF MEDIUM SIZE. THIS VESSEL WAS ATTACKED BY GUNFIRE AND LEFT IN FLAMES. THE OTHER A TANKER, WAS HIT BY A TORPEDO.

SUNDAY'S ACTION

THREE ITALIAN DESTROYERS WERE SUNK AND TWO WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IN THE ACTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN ON SUNDAY IN WHICH 10 ITALIAN MERCHANT SHIPS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR.

AN ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "FURTHER REPORTS HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT TWO DESTROYERS WERE SUNK AND ONE DAMAGED BY THE FORCE COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN AGNEW DURING THE NIGHT ACTION WHICH ENDED WITH THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF TWO ITALIAN CONVOYS.

"LATER, THE REMNANT OF THE ITALIAN NAVAL ESCORT WAS INTERCEPTED AND SUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED ONE OF HIS MAJESTY'S SUBMARINES. TWO ENEMY DESTROYERS WERE HIT WITH TORPEDOES AND ONE WAS SEEN TO SINK.

NAZIS STOUTLY HELD BY CRIMEAN BASE DEFENCES

Bakchi-Sarai, the mountain capital of the ancient Crimean khans, which is 24 miles north of Sevastopol and immediately outside the outer ring of the Naval base's defences, has been evacuated by the Russians, who have retired to new and stronger positions.

In spite of furious infantry onslaughts and incessant air bombardment on Sevastopol and Kerch, the Nazis have nowhere broken the first line of fortifications covering these two vital Crimean harbours.

In the Ukraine where intense cold has followed the recent weeks of heavy rain, Marshal Timoshenko has launched a number of local counter-attacks, and at one point has flung back the Germans and Italians six miles across the Donets River.

MOSCOW FRONT

On the Moscow front a big battle rages south of the capital, around Serpukhov, for the crossings of the Oka River. The Nazis, in attempts to force a passage at the junction of the Rivers Nara and Oka, were practically annihilated by concentrated Soviet artillery and machine-gun fire.

Further south, hand-to-hand fighting is going on in the southern suburbs of Tula, where two attacks by Guderian's Panzer divisions have been hurled back.

The Russians admit, however, Tula, with its important coalfield nearby, is still seriously threatened.

While the Soviet commanders wait expectantly for a renewal of Hitler's gigantic drive on Moscow, the Russians have been counter-attacking successfully in the Kalinin, Volokolamsk and Mozhaisk sectors, and at Mozhaisk the Soviet Air Force won a signal success in wiping out the headquarters of the

second German Army near the town, destroying 60 tanks and lorries.

Two villages were captured by the Russian troops co-operating the Stormovik dive-bombers.

Snowstorms have begun again in the Moscow district and the cold is intense.

LENINGRAD SECTOR

In the Leningrad sector the Nazis continue to attack to the north-east of the town in two directions—Zvanka and Tikhvin—in an attempt to link up with the Finnish armies holding the line on the Svir River, thus attempting to encircle the city. Neither of the towns mentioned have yet been admitted as lost by the Russians.

Snow-covered minefields are said to be causing the Nazis great difficulties and heavy losses, and in many areas Russian prisoners are being used to detect and dig up the mines from their places of concealment.

Bombs Thrown At Italian Soldiers In Yugoslavia

To-day a message from Vichy says that 23 soldiers were killed and one soldier and 25 civilians were injured when three bombs were thrown yesterday at a detachment of Italian Alpine troops who were marching to participate in a ceremony at Spalato, in Yugoslavia.

Later the Vichy news agency amended the story to read that one soldier was killed and 23 were injured by the bombs.

A Rome dispatch to the Vichy agency says that 150 arrests were made from among "Communist elements" from other areas in the Balkans, and they will be regarded as hostages until the discovery of the perpetrators of the attack.



Here you see one of the ships of the very great Mediterranean Fleet, which this week dealt such smashing blows to the Italian Fleet and its convoys.

AFRICANS' PLIGHT STIRS COMMISSION

"Every member of the committee has been stirred with pity, if not shame, at the conditions of life which we have witnessed in the shadow of our largest and most beautiful cities, and at the poverty, the disease, and the dreadful infantile mortality that exists at our very gates."

This statement was made by the Secretary for Native Affairs, Mr D. L. Smit, when he commented in an address to Rotarians on Tuesday on the conditions in which urban Natives live.

He is chairman of the Government committee which is in Durban to consider ways and means of improving the economic and health conditions of urban Natives.

These conditions, said Mr. Smit were having a disintegrating influence upon Native life, and were undermining the health of generations upon which the country depended for its future. This state of affairs had become one of the most serious problems with which the Native Administration was faced.

America And War

"At any moment war may be forced upon us by that criminal paranoiac, Hitler, or by Japan," said Mr. Symner Wells, the Assistant Secretary of State, in an address at a memorial service to Woodrow Wilson at the Cathedral here on Tuesday.

He said that the United States should not again stand aloof "from practical forms of international concert in which our participation can ensure the maintenance of peace."

"We have no doubt of ultimate victory, but we cannot know—we cannot yet foresee—how long and hard the road may be."

German Plane Output Exceeded

United States and British aeroplane manufacturers are now producing more than Germany and all her controlled nations, and in a year the Anglo-American output will be three times that of the Germans.

Mr. Wendell Willkie made his statement in a broadcast speech directed specially to Poland, in which he urged the Polish people to be brave in the face of "poverty and degradation."

"The American and British navies are rapidly taking possession of the Atlantic, and they are destroying the remnants of the German and Italian navies. We may rest assured that within a relatively short period the democracies of the world will command both oceans and air. Freedom is coming, and coming quickly."

"The great heart and resolve of America are rapidly becoming unified in determination that the menace of Nazism shall be driven from this world, and when America becomes resolved and all the strength of American production goes into action all the boasted strength of the Nazi gangsters cannot stand up against it. To-day you bear the cross—to-morrow you will live in the glory of liberty."

Germans Uneasy About Winter

The correspondent of The Times in Stockholm says that the latest available information about the fighting in the Crimea indicates that the Germans have been checked along or near the River Alma and are nowhere yet within convenient gun-range of Sevastopol. Whether they have reached the Alma's mouth or any part of the Crimea's western coast is still doubtful. It is also uncertain how far they have progressed towards Kerch.

No Axis progress in the Donets region has been recorded in the last few days—indeed the latest news suggests that Marshal Timoshenko has managed to organise serious resistance, achieving a few minor successes, though the absence of placenames makes an estimation of their importance difficult. The position in the Kursk region remains obscure.

Similarly German progress on the whole front opposite Moscow appears to have been suspended, and Hitler's remark that the Germans around Leningrad are now on the defensive seems applicable in a large measure to the Moscow sector as well.

Nazi Desperation In Serbia

In a desperate effort to put down Serbian resistance, the Germans are now using paratroops over the mountainous parts of central and western Serbia. Shelling and Stuka bombing have proved utterly ineffective, says the correspondent of the Evening Standard at Ankara, although howitzers and aeroplanes have reduced 20 Serbian towns and villages to ashes.

The Germans are reported to have lost heavily in men and material during October. The Cetniks—patriots—now hold more territory than they did in September including entire provinces in Serbia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Montenegro. Widespread disorders and sabotage are increasing and the Gestapo has been augmented by hundreds of former members of the Iron Guard.

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THE READERS' FORUM

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT THE B.M.S.C.

Sir,
I have all along regarded with nothing more than sympathy and understanding all the many expressions of opinion about what the B.M.S.C. "has become of late" and all such trash. Whilst I still think of these things as but the honest attempts of people who have merely taken a fancy to having their humble efforts at reporting appearing in the newspapers, I have found it—in the interest of our budding journalists—necessary to intervene, lest they should forever direct their energy along wrong and misguided channels.

Yes, it is true there have been some unpleasant occurrences at the Centre perpetrated by a few "roughs"; but for reasons that I cannot understand these scenes have been portrayed as though they were unprecedented, as though not even inseparable from the general behaviour of a people lacking greatly in the essentials of behaviour. Guilty of misconduct at the Centre, on various occasions have been some of our "Intellectuals" referred to in your paper of September 13. The sickness is one of general maladjustment embracing us all. There are no doubt exceptions. Among our intellectual members are some with exceptionally good characters whilst others are not better than the worst, intellectual or man-in-the-street. But they are all Africans and that is what interest me most.

I would like to point out to all
(Continued column 4 and 5)

RETARDATION OF THE AFRICAN PROGRESS

Sir,
While the African is busily looking forward to obtaining in full force the benefits of Western Civilisation, while he is trying by all means to emerge from that stage of darkness and while he is trying hard to have all the confidence in his European friend, he still finds on his way of progress many obstacles that cause a great spirit of enmity between him and his European friend.

While great men like Ministers of the State, Professors and Ministers of Religion hold that co-operation between these two races is the only key-note that will bring them to mutual understanding; yet the big problem—colour prejudice—is a great obstacle to the African's progressive life.

To-day we hear many complaints of bad treatment meted to them by the Civic Guards. These complaints have very much touched our feelings fundamentally in that we never dreamed that at this time of the European Crisis, when the forces of evil want to dominate Civilisation and Christianity there would be such a spirit of enmity between these two races. Instead, we hoped, when the services of the Africans were demanded for the Military Force that we Africans would co-operate in prayer and action and fight Hitlerism tooth and nail.

Is it justice that we should be treated in this manner by the Civic Guards? Can we have a hope of enjoying Peace and Happiness after this war? Can we

hope for something better than that we are facing in these dark and gloomy days?

Would this be a wrong expression "Charity begins at home"? We thought that these Civic Guards were appointed to see that order and tranquility were observed by the civilians. But to our surprise we see them ill-treat our people by demanding Passes, Specials, and Tax in a very ruthless manner. They don't only demand these documents in their capacity as Police Guards, but they also go to such an extent as to show them that they are prepared to hit or kick them. This practice is done from 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at 1st Gate, W.N.T.

In conclusion we appeal to all the leaders of the African National Congress to see that this bad treatment is eliminated so that the African too may enjoy Milk and Honey in the land of his forefathers.

J. J. BARNETT & BENSON,
Sophiatown.

BANTU LEADERSHIP Criticisms And Comments

Sir,
Meetings! election! candidates! votes! These words have filled the air. Each and everyone clamour for leadership. All want to be leaders. It is leadership here, leadership there and leadership everywhere. All want to be leaders and not followers.

The great struggle for independence is inclined to turn us into outlaws. We are at liberty to accomplish this desire even though we be loyal. It is a

thousand pities that some of us regard leadership as only recognisable in the scope of politics and not in social, educational and religious spheres. All men are important in their particular professional spheres if they become prominent in them. I would urge my African fellowmen against the impending danger of discarding their professional occupations which afford them certain restrictions for the seemingly liberal political profession where you have freedom of expression and freedom of thought. However, there is no entire freedom of expression. You have not only to respect the feelings of other people, but to weigh your expression.

The gravest error with us is that we all want to be leaders. If that could be possible there would be no followers. Imagine a nation of such leaders! We forget that our leaders need some educated, experienced and cultured men to back them up, to criticise them, brush and polish them. Otherwise they would never realise their object; they would never feel that they are being observed and followed.

HUD. H. T. MARWEDE,
Johannesburg.

these friends who seem to have a great aversion to throwing mud at others, that the Centre is not losing anything by the acts of these delinquents whom I am prepared to sympathise with because they do not know any better and who have not had a real chance in life.

It is very strange that the light our intellectuals possess does not seem to shine very far beyond the darkness surrounding them. It is equally amazing that these intellectuals have not

thought of the tremendous amount of good they could do the man-in-the-streets by learning to associate with him and above all, to set him a good example.

I want to assure these friends of mine that no amount of good will ever come from all this back talk. If they are wishing to right things at the B.M.S.C. the best thing for them is to come along and help us do it. I will accept any suggestions given for the purpose of constructive assistance, whether such suggestions are made through the press or by a personal letter to me.

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SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL EVENTS

REVIEWS AND COMMENTS ON CITY'S ACTIVITIES

BY WALTER M. B. NHLAPO

TO-DAY'S THOUGHT

And some there be, which have no memorial;
Who are perished, as though they never had been.
But these were merciful men,
Whose righteousness hath not been forgotten.
Their seed shall remain for ever,
And their glory shall not be blotted out.
Their bodies are buried in peace;
But their name liveth for evermore.

—Ecclesiastians.

Valley of a Thousand Hills.
By H. I. E. Dhlomo. (The Knox Printing and Publishing Co., 2/1 post free.)

Any book written by Mr. H. I. E. Dhlomo is pleasant to look at and to digest. Ergo: this poem book has its value, surprising magnificence and I can say that it is worthy of Mr. Dhlomo. Being 42 pages, it has a careful and poised selection of material.

As Mr. Norman Herd says in the preface, the poem is of quite surprising magnificence and even when the poet's undisputable genius is reckoned, stands on its own merits. It is melodious and lends itself so beautifully to sonorous recitation and music.

The poem thunders with music reverberating through a heart of agony for heroes gone but unforgotten; for the glory that was Africa; for the suppression and oppression of the Natives, and last but not least, the beauty of nature—Valley of a Thousand Hills. The agony profoundly caused him to sing with burning and ever-aspiring spirit. His feeling is immortal in his verses, which is immortalised by his technique of transferring mind and heart into effusions.

He complains that honest men cannot get bread; none but flatterers and precious nobodies. Here his discourse is as the opening lines of Umbritius in Dryden's version. He sings that though the poet may beg for bread through opulent cities as the godlike Homer is affirmed to have done or wields a powerful sceptre like King David, the ultimate end is—lasting glory.

His impulses, gigantic and irresistible pour forth the purity of ancestral glory and pride; love, beauty and truth ever operative and unextinguishable and eternal. All this he expresses with a burning earnestness or enthusiasm. At the end, as at the beginning, the poem flame shines brightly—a living voice, eloquent with passion.

The poem delights with lyricism in abundance:

Sweet are these dales,
These lucient vales!
Beauteous these flowers
Like lingering hours
Of dreadful thought
With visions caught!
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Doth Beauty make you gaze into your soul,
To see not what you see...to brood and dream?
Encased in self, you see not what eyes paint.
Awake! Arise! and see the beauty of
The Valley of the Thousand Hills —and live!"

In mingled shame and doubt I blinked... "Who calls?"
There was no sound but purity and peace!
Activity as silent, smooth, as song!

FOR "OUR CHILDREN'S DAY"

Purses from Bantu children for Our Children's Day were presented recently at the Darragh Hall. About 300 representatives of Bantu children in each area of Johannesburg were entertained by members of Our Children's Day Committee.

MONEY COLLECTED

Purses were given to Mrs. J. M. Brink, wife of the Native

Commissioner in Johannesburg. Mrs. Brink thanked the children for their contributions, which she said would be appreciated by the crippled and poor children. The amount collected was £60.

ENTERTAINMENT

An excellent musical and dancing programme was given by the Pitch Black Follies. Mr. Ezekiel Mogalje rendered a few solos. And for the first time, school children rendered items. After tea, children were entertained by Punch and Judy.

AFRICAN MUSICIAN UNION

We learn from a reliable source, that Mr. Wilfred Sentso, composer and director of the Synco Schools; creator of the Synco Fans and Synco Down Beats Band, is organising an African Musician Union which will meet on December 10 at the Ritz Hall.

NEED FOR A UNION

When I interviewed Mr. Sentso, he said such a move is unthinkable to many. He said all things would never happen unless they are thought about and made to happen.

PLIGHT OF MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS

Mr. Sentso pitied the plight of Bantu musicians and artists. He pointed out that he had seen associations start without funds and use the Bantu talent as a

tool in raising necessary funds. He had seen business men in financial difficulties using the musician or artist to solve their difficulties, but of these none had assisted the artist to fame and prosperity.

A MERE TOOL

He said he had seen European musical firms grow into large concerns using the Bantu; seen aspirant European playwrights and songwriters use the Bantu. To many a man in financial difficulties, the artist is used as a tool to make ends meet. But the unthinkable thing is; where does the artist land and what happens to him after he has lost his "profitable" popularity?

DRAW CARDS OR BAIT

"Crowds," he said, "are being brought together with the artist as a draw card or bait. All the honour and success which these socials achieve is attributed to promoters, whereas in reality it is the ARTIST."

PUBLICITY NOTHING

He remarked that popularity is not what artists crave or rave for, but they want to live and this cannot be achieved without money—money which everybody craves for.

ARTISTS BLAMED

Mr. Sentso accused the artist for the plight in which he is drowning. (1) The artist is popularity crazy and is all the time looking for anything that will give him a big name even at his own expense. (2) He is hungry and looking for a living with his talent and will take anything that will give him a meal or "fare" (3) The artists have unnecessary prejudice against each other and thus fail to unite and protect their rights. They keep forming little troupes which are born to die.

PURPOSE OF A UNION

The Union will protect artists against exploitation, and will see that he receives a living wage for his services. Will rectify his mind on publicity and adulation which swells artists' brains and makes him lose sight of the realities. To teach the average uneducated and untrained artist the value of the profession.

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