

# DARDANELLES PLAN DENIED BY SOVIET

Official Calls Nazi Charges  
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## RIBBENTROP DRAWS FIRE

Soviet Spokesman Declares  
Contradictions Exist in  
Statements on Finland

MOSCOW, June 28 (AP)—A new Soviet spokesman said at a special press conference today that "we have no claims on the Dardanelles."

S. A. Lozovsky, Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs, was the Soviet spokesman, acting as the newly named assistant director of the Soviet Information Bureau.

American, British, French and Japanese correspondents attended, along with representatives of Tass, official Soviet news agency.

Mr. Lozovsky said that the German assertion that Russia sought the Dardanelles, controlled by neutral Turkey, was "as much like the truth as Goebbels looks like Apollo."

Declaring there were other contradictions in the German statements, Mr. Lozovsky said that "on the one hand, Ribbentrop says Finland is a sphere of Russian interest; on the other hand, that Germany brought troops there."

"One Nazi even expressed the hope to get Vladivostok. All we can say is we wish him a happy trip; it is long."

### Charges Border Violations

The spokesman declared that German fliers had violated the Soviet frontier 324 times this year, and that Germany had considered Soviet guarantees of the neutrality of Turkey last March "inimical."

The aerial violations provoked Soviet protests, the spokesman said, adding that "in many cases the Germans flew 150 kilometers [about 93 miles] into Soviet territory, which cannot be explained otherwise than as a desire to make reconnaissance."

Mr. Lozovsky said that two war communiqués would be issued daily henceforth, about 1 P. M. and midnight [6 A. M. and 5 P. M., New York Time].

The organ of the Communist party, the newspaper Pravda, issued a new and violent manifesto:

"\* \* \* The war has only begun, but already it is clear that the time of counterfeit triumphs and cheap successes is ended for the German pigmy imitator of Napoleon.

"The hour of payment for crimes of wild cannibalism and most impudent violence against men and nations has come."

The Soviet press published prominently today reports of improved Russian-American relations. Russian dispatches from Washington told in detail of the State Department's statements supporting Russia in the war with Germany.

The United States Ambassador, Laurence A. Steinhardt, conferred today with the British Ambassador, Sir Stafford Cripps.