Rostov Again Under Serious Threat

Account of Navy Air Attack On Japanese at Kiska June 16th

By Keith Wheeler

At Sea with the U. S. Pacific Fleet, June 16th, Daybreak, while the U. S. carrier task force was steaming through the Bering Sea, 120 miles north of Kiska, a three-man Japanese cruiser attack was expected.

The attack did not materialize, but the Japanese cruiser was heavily damaged.

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Rostov Gateway to Caucasus

Which Drove Nazis Away Eight Months Ago, Is Menaced Anew

NAZIS CHECKED AT VORONEZH, VERK SOUTH IN SERIOUS THREAT TO ROSTOV

UNDATED. July 30 (P) — Rostov, whose armed citizenry helped the Russian army drive out the Germans eight months ago, was menaced anew as Hitler's offensive, repulsed at Voronezh and checked momentarily toward the east, veered south and a tremendous onslaught forced the Russians back toward the gateway to the Caucasus.

On the Other Fronts of World War

On other fronts of the World War, the British are holding new-won gains in the Egyptian desert, and announced they captured 4,000 Germans and Italians in last week's fight west of El Alamein. RAF forces, bombarded batteries battered the Vegesack sub-building yards, 10 miles from Bremen, and the U. S. air force in China smashed the Japanese airfield at Canton, and the invader's base at Landchuan in Kiangsi Province.

Driving through Yosowehgrad, a hundred miles north of Rostov and Millerovo, on the Rostov-Moscow rail line, the Germans are converging on the junction of the rail line with the Donets river at Krasnoyarsk. Rostov lies 80 miles to the south.

Paris Radio Expects German Claims of Gains

Exceeding even Berlin's accounts of German gains, the Paris radio said advance forces reached Shkoltak, coastal mining railroad town, 40 miles north of Rostov.

Tomoshenko Making Orderly Withdrawal

Russian dispatches and Tomoshenko is drawing back his troops in an orderly withdrawal to a new defense stand somewhere north of the Rostov confluence of the Don and Donets rivers. Although the Russians wrestled back the initiative at Voronezh, on the northern flank of the 300-mile battle line through the grain-covered steppe of the Don's big bend, they declared that a Nazi thrust south is a serious threat.

U. S. and British Tanks and Planes Thrown Into Fight

A third U. S. and British armed forces and planes were thrown into the fight in an attempt to stem the Axis armist. A Russians communiqué reported "To the south of Millerovo, our troops are engaged in a fierce defensive battle against the advancing German troops."

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The statement was made by the official Washington Bureau of War correspondents, the location of which is maintained by the U. S. Navy.