In 3 Zones of

Soviets Advance

Stalingrad Front

Germans Gain Nowhere

as Reds Take Initiative

By HENRY SHAPIRO

United Press Staff Correspondent

army, taking the initiative from

the north side of the Don River

bend to the Caucasus, advanced

slightly above, below and inside

The Germans gained nowhere.

Southeast of Novorossisk, the Ger-

mans did penetrate behind a So-

viet unit. But it turned out to be

The Russians cut them off from

their main force, killed 400, and

captured 15 machine guns, five

anti-tank guns and other booty.

the noon communique reported in

its operational section: "Last

night there were no changes on

RETAKE TWO BUILDINGS

It said, however, that Soviet

forces inside Stalingrad had wrest-

ed two buildings from the Ger-

mans. One was understood to be

Front-line dispatches revealed

Fighting along the Terek River

preme effort to reach the nearby

RUMANIANS ROUTED

from cutters on the Black Sea

On the northwestern front, prob-

that the Red army, attacking be-

low Stalingrad, had taken an im-

For the second time in 24 hours,

Stalingrad today.

the fronts."

a big school.

MOSCOW, Oct. 14 .- The Red

in Southern Fighting

# The War Today

## Hitler Shifts To Defensive In Propaganda

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE

(Of the United Press War Deak) GERMAN PROPAGANDA. as President Roosevelt pointed out, has shifted to the defen-

Some puzzling statements are coming out of Berlin. One theme is that Germany is going from the offensive to the defensive. One is constant reiteration of the theme that "time is working for the

Putting the two together, it seems almost as though the Germans are losing the expectation of victory by force of arms and hope now to consolidate their gains in Europe and exploit their acquisitions in territory, material and manpower so that the Allies will not be able to overwhelm them and will have to accept a stalemate.

In harping on the idea that time favors them, the Germans are whistling in the dark. It is the psychology of fear. They see the prodigious and swift expansion of American and British production and the mighty mobilization of American manpower.

THEY MUST doubt, with sinking hearts, that they can reconstruct a plundered Europe and the scorched earth of occupied Russia before the Allies are ready to strike in full, avenging force.

Why Axis propaganda should try to convince the Allies that Germany is on the defensive is none too clear. Perhaps it is to prepare the German people for the realization that the promised victories are not forthcoming.

Military sources in London today interpreted it as an admission that Hitler has given up hope of smashing the Russian armies and is preparing to face war on two or three

He can derive little comfort from President Roosevelt's Into Mr. Roosevelt's statement Hitler may read the implication that the offensives will not be long in coming.

Recent declarations by Hitler and his subordinates about Germany's change of strategy do not necessarily mean that Germany will not make further military attacks, and heavy ones.

IN HIS recent speech Hitler said he intended to turn to the defensive and made no threat, stating in contrast to his usual swashbuckling outbursts that the German armies are prepared to attack "where attack is necessary."

It is not at all certain that the attack on Stalingrad will not be renewed. However, Hitler was perhaps referring to the Caucasus, where his armies are trying to get their offensive toward the oil fields rolling again.

For a long war, which Hitler apparently is hoping to be able to wage, possession of the Caucasus oil fields is almost essential. Oil is vitally needed. not only for the mechanized army, but to keep production and transport going in Germany and the occupied coun-ADVERTISEMENT

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## Six Detroiters Dead, 8 Injured, Missing in Navy

23 Other Michigan Men Among Casualties Listed for Sept. 22-30 Period

The navy department's latest list, released today, named six Detroiters as dead, four rounded and four missing. Casualties in the period from Septemper 22 to 30, inclusive.

The Detroiters reported dead

Pvt. Leonard T. Beer, U.S. M. C., 4538 Pacific avenue

Cpl. John I. Bielanski. U.S.M. 3375 Twenty-ninth street. Machinist's Mate Frank M. Idziak, U.S.C.G., 1484 West Grand

Pvt. Raymond A. Rosalik, U.S. M. C., 1650 Ferdinand avenue. Pvt. Edward A. Skarjune, U.S. M. C., 5848 Driggs street.

Cpl. Donald R. R. Williamson, .S. M. C., 6644 Sparta street. Corporal Williamson was reported wounded in an earlier list.

#### REPORTED MISSING

Reported missing were:

Fireman Bernard D. Cook, U.S. ., 8541 Linwood avenue; Waterender Tadeusz Kowalski, U.S.C. G., 5515 Caniff avenue; Torpedo-man Richard G. McCutcheon, 3303 Hogarth avenue, and Seaman Byron A. Traviss, 4344 Tireman

Those reported wounded were: Fireman Weldon T. Ellingson, 2305 Steel street; Pvt. Edsel W. Grogan, U.S.M.C., 3206 Cabot street; Sgt. Norman J. Lenz, U.S. M. C., 11821 Wade avenue, and Pvt. Ignatz J. Tencza, U.S. M. C. Reserve, 8220 Michigan avenue.

#### OUTSTATE DEAD

Reported dead from outstate Pvt. Noble McCulloch, U.S.M. Lincoln, and Chief Machinist's today.

Three officers with outstate addresses were among those reported

Second Lt. Elwood R. Bailey, his record-breaking trip. Cuthbertson Jr., Frankenmuth; Com. Charles E. Toft, U.S.C. Muskegon.

Arnold C. Post, Midland; Seaman Loval Ryan Jr., Lansing: Seaman Robert Shipman, Muskegon, and

## REPORTED WOUNDED

Pvt. Robert H. Chapin, U.S.M. C., Pontiac; Seaman Lavern B. promise of new offensives. C., Pontiac; Seaman Lavern B. Mussolini in Athens A. De Smet, Rochester: Seaman Roy Gilbert, Onaway; Sgt. Theodore L. Kornowski, U.S.M.C., To Put Down Mutiny Waltz: Seaman Carlyle J. Leonard, Lansing; Seaman John F. Lewis, South Lyon; Seaman Albert W. Benito Mussolini has just visited Miller, Colon: Seaman Paul A. Athens, the Daily Telegraph re-

## 7,500,000 Willkie Speeds In Army To Roosevelt

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 14 (INS) -Wendell L. Willkie, President Roosevelt's special emissary on a history-making 'round - the - world ing the draft of 18 and 19-year-old It was while attempting fur-

Mate Thomas E. Rendall, Grand Before his departure from Minneapolis, he declined to discuss eliminate the confusion which has the enemy was forced to abanthe observations he had made in been created by "unapproved esti- don his landing attempt and warring and neutral countries on mates not from the army itself,"

S. M. C., Parma; Ensign William | Willkie, weary but cheerful, landed at the Wold-Chamberlin airport in Minneapolis yesterday Seaman Theodore E. Faber Jr., afternoon in the big B-24 bomber Sebawaing; Seaman Roy Hart-which had carried him all the way man, U.S. C.G., Saginaw; Seaman on his 30,917-mile globe-girdling tour.

Accompanying Willkie on his Seaman David N. Swartwood, trip were Gardner Cowles and Joseph Barnes of the Office of War Information, Capt. Paul Pihi, can be transported overseas, and Outstate men reported wounded U. S. N., and Maj. Grant Mason,

LONDON, Oct. 14 (INS) Moore, Litchfield; Seaman Law- ported today, in an effort to stem rence Pelletier. Wyandotte, and a rising tide of mutiny and deser-Seaman Frederick C. Povlich, tions among Italian occupation troops in Greece.

## Dieppe a Success

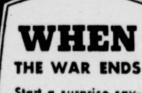
Quentin Reynolds Contends That Commando Raid mittee to support legislation ex- an enemy cruiser-believed to Was Only Way to Solve 2d Front Problems

sands of lives.

to address a group of Ford employes at the Ford Rotunda. Rey-

that could not have been solved

nolds said he had heard remarks that the Dieppe raid was a failure. "In that raid problems were solved for a second front attack in any other way. It took casualties now to save thousands of casualties later," he said.



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Paying his respects to "the Rus-This was the statement today sian who is dying for the cause Scraps Rolls Royce of Quentin Reynolds, noted war and the RAF, which has done a BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 14 correspondent, who was in Detroit magnificent job," he told of sceing (UP).-Mrs. Eugene Flatto added an American unit training in Ire- her \$20,000 Rolls-Royce roadster land return from a 33-mile hike. a 1934 model driven 55,000 miles

## tending the draft law. Far from being a failure, the Reynolds added that after visit- House leaders predicted that when A direct bomb hit severely dam-Commando raid on Dieppe, which ing Russian troops and RAF fliers the measure is brought to a final aged the cruiser and when last cost so many casualties, was a success because it saved thousely saved thouse the control of the cost so many casualties, was a success because it saved thouse the cost so many casualties, was a success because it saved thouse the control of the cost so many casualties, was a success because it saved thouse the control of the cost of the co success because it saved thou- est fighting man in the world, member opposing it.

"They were singing as they into the national scrap drive to-marched," said Reynolds. "When day. She gave the tires, which they do that they're ready, phys- are almost new, to the volunteer army canteen service.

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# Navy Sinks 11 Jap Ships; Subs Account for 5

By E. Simms Campbell

By 1944

force of 2,200,000.

"We are planning to build up

"The largest air force, with

sustaining units, which produc-

tion and transportation will per-

mit, and our estimate is that it

will be composed of 2,200,000

men. If there are any changes

HUGE GROUND FORCE

ARMY CHIEFS HEARD

Stimson said:

during 1943:

it will be revised.

the service of supply.

service of supply.

U. S. Takes Offensive in Solomons: Kiska Raided by Bombers

(Continued from Page One)

cruisers, one of which was last utes of 2 a. m. seen "down by the bow."

At the other end of the Pacific battle arc, army bombers and fighters continued their one-a-day combardment of Kiska.

The new raids were made October 8, 9 and 10 and a rain of demolition and incendiary bombs set fires ashore and damaged ships in the harbor. Significantly, the navy said there was only moderate anti-aircraft gunfire and no aircraft opposition whatever.

But the big naval victory and the renewal of offensive operations by United States Marines on Guadalcanal riveted attention on the Solomons, After weeks of defensive action-in which the All I can say is-actin' like that don't help our MORALE!" burden rested on airmen-the United States, by virtue of the sea triumph and reinforced ground elements, is now able to take the offensive,

#### MOVE NORTHWEST

Last word on land action was that the marines were slashing their way westward on the northern side of Guadalcanal. They apparently were moving toward the northwest area where the Japa-WASHINGTON, Oct. 14 (INS), nese made sizable troop landings -Secretary of War Stimson, urg- last week.

aerial tour, hastened to make a re-tary affairs committee that there Japanese force of cruisers, deport to the President on his are now 4,250,000 men in the army stroyers and transports was intermissions at the end of a non-stop and that United States' plans call cepted by the American paval for an army of 7,500,000 men by task group at about midnight the end of 1943 including an air October 11-12. "After a 30-minute battle

Asserting that he wanted to fought with guns and torpedoes, withdraw," the navy's official announcement said. "Several of our ships received minor to moderate damage, and one United States destroyer was sunk. During the engagement our forces sank one heavy cruiser (Nati or Atago class), four destroyers and an enemy transport of about 5,000 tons."

NEAR OLD BATTLE SIGHT That action occurred to the westward of Savo Island, near the

"We are planning to train and equip large ground units that northwest point of Guadalcanal and in the vicinity of the previous we expect them to be composed naval battle in which one Austral-3.300,000 men. This figure ian and three American cruisers went to the bottom.

includes units now already over-With the approach of daylight "We estimate that there also Monday, navy and marine corps torpedo and dive-bomber planes will be 1,000,000 men in training or engaged in training others in set out in pursuit of the battered enemy fleet. At about 10 a. m., "There will be an additional two enemy cruisers were spotted end of this week for San Fransouth of New Georgia islands, cisco where orders for future 1,000,000 men actually in the and the American fliers waded in duties await him. "So, adding together those we

## CRUISER STRUCK

now have plus those we intend to have, we will have a force A torpedo hit was scored on one by the end of 1943 of 7,500,000 of the cruisers and it was further damaged by several nearby bomb

explosions. "The cruiser was left dead in the water and burning," the Stimson preceded Gen. George navy said.

Marshall, chief of staff, and The same afternoon American Maj. Gen. Lewis Hershey, selective fliers returned to the area near service director, before the com- New Georgia Island and attacked have been the one knocked out of The appearance of the high mili-action earlier in the day-and an tary officials was scheduled as accompanying destroyer.

stroyer, which was left in a sinking condition.

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## Tells Astoria's End

Crew Member, on Visit Here, Describes Escape From Sinking Cruiser, Chase by Sharks

Vincent Kitts, naval fireman aboard the Jap-destroyed heavy cruiser Astoria, who is visiting in Detroit, today told how his ship went down fighting-and how he battled up through three levels in the sinking ship to leap into the relative security of the sharkinfested Pacific, Kitts, native of an Alabama

hamlet, who is visiting a girl friend. Marie Bressar of 13988 Appoline avenue, has seen most of fore marine fliers attacked an-other enemy naval force in the big naval battles in the Pa-cific. He had not slept for a day and a half when the Japs attacked Solomons and scored hits on two the Astoria, August 9, at six min-

> "Suddenly flares began to drop from the clouds, making the Astoria a perfect target," he related. "I was running to my battle station below when the first shell hit a front turret and knocked it out of commission. "I could see gun and bomb

flashes everywhere, but I didn't have time to look around." At 15 minutes of 3, the men vere given orders to abandon ship.

### TRAPPED BELOW DECK

"I had to come up three levels. You can imagine what we felt when we found the top hatch wedged tight," he said. Kitts recalled how men keeled

over with exhaustion as they worked against death to open the passage to the deck. "When she popped open," he said, "all we could see was fire.

## SWIMS FOR 6 HOURS

"I jumped over the side without a life preserver and started swimming. It must have been six hours before I found an abandoned life raft. "As I climbed aboard, I looked

back. There was the fin of a shark cutting through the water. the water. In fact I guess I was the Owen Stanley Mountain range had thrown big forces in a suming to see them when I was in too busy to think much of any-

flash before me." aboard a destroyer.

thing, except to watch my life

Kitts was in the Coral Sea battle Flying Fortresses. and the battle of Midway. He saw Thousand-pound, high explosive coast, wiped out the Rumanian

sels sunk at Pearl Harbor.

prisoner on one of his convoy as-ONE JAP STARVES

"Once we picked up three," he reported. "One of them refused to eat and starved to

"I want to say one thing. Tell every one that those men on the Astoria had guts. They stuck it out at their battle stations until ordered to leave. They were willing to stick longer." Kitts will leave Detroit at the



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Photo by Times Staff Photographer a small defeat. VINCENT KITTS

Fireman Kitts, Alabama sailor visiting in Detroit on furlough after his recuperation following his escape from the sinking U.S.S. Astoria,

**Allies Gain** There were groaning men all over the deck. Some of them were still. Dead, I guess.

GEN. DOUGLAS MacARTHUR'S portant German base, and that HEADQUARTERS IN AUS-Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's TRALIA, Oct. 14 (INS).—Aus- counter-offensive above Stalingrad tralian ground forces, pounding was slowly gaining. "I guess I was too busy swim- and hand grenades, advanced still banks, in the Mozdok area of the further today through the gap in eastern Caucasus, where Hitler

in southeast New Guinea.

The continued advance was Grozny oil fields, seemed to han announced in a communique is-dwindled. After 20 minutes aboard the sued by General MacArthur, which raft, Kitts and a couple of other disclosed that the Japanese base men he had picked up were hauled at Rabaul, New Britain Island, had been subjected to a new ported that Red fleet marines, in Although not even scratched, staggering assault by United States a commando-like raid, had landed

both the Yorktown and the Lex-bombs were hurled down upon garrison in an inhabited locality Rabaul along with incendiaries in blown up an ammunition dump and Only last minute orders, trans- the fourth large-scale aerial as- a radio station, and returned ferring him to another ship, kept sault against that enemy base safely to their bases.

him from being aboard the U. S. S. within a week.

On the northwestern front probOklahoma—one of the first yes—
The Fortresses apparently ig-ably around Leningrad, Soviet nored shipping in the harbor area troops repulsed the enemy and Among his favorite recollections to concentrate on Rabaul's air-wiped out up to 400 enemy officers are those of Jap fliers being taken dromes and town installations.



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