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By Hugo S. Sims. The Russian Summer offensive has already scored gains sufficient to rank it as a great military success but it is difficult to determine whether the retirement of the Germans has been altogether compulsory or somewhat strategic.

Undoubtedly, the Nazis were anxious to deliver a heavy blow to the Red Army and the drive from Orel was intended to upset Russian plans for seizing the initiative. The Nazis were not prepared for the vigorous counter-thrust of the Soviet forces and suffered serious setbacks.

Since the Russian offensive began, however, there has been a steady deterioration of the German position. This has been especially noticeable in the south but it has been apparent elsewhere. Whether the Nazis are attempting to withdraw to prepared positions, along a shorter front, in anticipation of an Anglo-American drive, or the German army has been beaten is the problem.

Nazi Withdrawal to New Line As much as we would like to

We call attention to these facts because it is about time that motorists throughout the United States end their grumbling about gasoline restrictions. The nation has millions of men, engaged in a war against brutal enemies, and oil is the produce that makes possible modernized war.

The only question is whether we should give preference to men in battle or motorists at home, and there is only one answer. Of course, there are "loyal" citizens who will tell you that they are for the war, that they would not do anything to delay delivery of oil to men in battle and that if it became necessary they would willingly park their motor vehicles for the duration.

At the same time these pseudo-patriots will tell you that there is plenty of oil and gasoline, that the shortage is due to inefficient administration and, more likely than not, they will regale you with tales of soldiers who use gasoline carelessly, even to the driving of automobiles in North Africa.

This a sorry effort to cover up their determination to use gasoline and oil. Such assertions should not blind average Americans to the facts that modern warfare requires oil for transportation, that the absence of oil is the difference between life and death for thousands of our soldiers and might be the difference between victory and defeat.

believe that the Red Army has proven its mastery over the German invader. The evidence of recent weeks indicates that the Nazis are slowly retiring. They are retreating in the east the maneuver of the first world war, when they retired to the Hindenburg line. The chances are that they are doing it for the same reasons. This withdrawal, under pressure, is dangerous. It has not been successfully completed. The Red Army has proved its fighting heart and everywhere the Russians press their foes. However, it should be noted that there has been no disaster, comparable to Stalingrad, and Russian communications do not claim the capture of vast booty.

The purpose of the fighting in Russia, let us repeat, is not the recapture of territory but the destruction of armies. Just as the Russians utilized territory to avoid a decisive battle in the early years of the war it is possible for the Germans to accomplish the same end.

Nearly every war expert has predicted the eventual retirement of the Germans to the Dnieper line. This was certain whenever Anglo-American pressure on the west threatened disaster. Apparently, the situation has reached that stage and the Germans are taking steps now to postpone their strength between the two fronts.

Germany Covers Much Ground While no direct land invasion of western Europe has been attempted the Germans are already feeling the effects of the aerial bombardment. Throughout conquered Europe the population seethes. Everywhere there is the peril of a new front. The Nazis must guard the Balkans, Italy and the entire western coast of Europe and dispositions must be made now in order to avert disaster.

The suggestion that the German retreat in Russia is somewhat strategic does not detract from the glory of the Red Army. In essence, the soldiers of the Soviet have produced the present crisis for their enemies. Hard and courageous fighting has blunted the edge of German invincibility and heavy losses in Russia have drained Nazi manpower.

As the war enters its fifth year the possibility exists that the position of Germany is equally as bad as it was when the first World War entered its fifth year. This implies the possibility of a German collapse within a hundred days and while the odds are against it the debacle is not impossible.

War Against Japan Progresses The war against Japan continues to develop favorably, with American forces moving aggressively in the South Pacific. Our aircraft are ranging long distances to disturb Japanese possessions and the fleet moves in to bombard scattered islands that bulwark Japanese defenses.

Back of this changed picture, so vividly contrasting with the sweep of Japan through the area a year ago, is the steadily growing loss of Japanese planes, cargo vessels and warships. Nothing else can explain the dwindling power of the empire to reinforce some of its isolated garrisons.

There is solid comfort in the war-score of the past few months and the expectation of heavier blows is based upon solid preparation and the tough test of reality. Increasing pressure threatens the circle of Japanese power and whenever the rings breaks the deluge will pour through.

Enemy's Power Grows Weaker

Generally, the war effort of the United Nations is growing stronger day by day. On land, on water and in the air their power increases. Gradually the vast potential of war contracts the enemy growing weaker, and the outcome is not in doubt. Only indifference and stupidity can now lose the war for the allies and there is little danger of either.

The end of the war rests upon two factors: (1) the will of the people of the United Nations to press hard for victory and (2) the willingness of the Axis aggressors to take punishment. Our fighting men are trained, they are rapidly taking position, they are getting the tools of war and they will more than match the best that the Axis has to offer on the fields of battle.

Fertilize Grain Crop At Planting

Tests by the N. C. Experiment Station show that small grains should be fertilized at the time of planting to obtain larger yields and extra profits.

Growers should use 300 pounds of a 3-9-6 or 4-10-6 per acre in the Coastal Plain and the same amount of 3-12-6 or 4-12-4 in the Piedmont and Mountains. On fertile soils, where less nitrogen is required, use 300 pounds of an 0-14-7.

MALARIA IN 7 DAYS take 666 Liquid for Malarial Symptoms.

Prison Stockade for Axis Troops

Captured Italian prisoners of war in Sicily rounded up preparatory to their transfer to prison ships, which will carry them to permanent prisoner-of-war camps. In Sicily alone about 75,000 Italian and German prisoners have now been captured. And 110,000 are presumed to be among missing, killed or wounded. Our fighters, backed by your War Bonds, will bring victory. Keep our men constantly supplied for the tough fight ahead.

Where small grains are to furnish fall grazing, the agronomist recommends the use of a complete fertilizer carrying about 5 to 6 % nitrogen for quick growth.

Small grains should receive a topdressing during late Feb. or early March. Applications of 100 to 200 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre or its equivalent in sulphate of ammonia or ammonium nitrate give good results.

On potash deficient soils, he recommends the use of 150 pounds of 10-0-10 per acre or in addition of 50 pounds of muriate of potash per acre to the nitrogen which is used.

Other important factors besides fertilizing in successfully growing small grains, are thorough preparation of the soil before planting, the use of treated seed of the proper varieties, and sowing the crop early enough to make good growth before the winter freezes strikes.

"It costs no more to combine a large crop than a small crop," was the comment on increased yields.

No Sale "I see your husband has a new stenographer," remarked Mrs. Busybody to the lady on whom she was calling. "Yes?" "Yes, and she is very pretty." "I know, she's our daughter."

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MY JIMMY NEEDS YOUR HELP! Jimmy's over there now, fighting our enemies to keep the Stars and Stripes flying. Before he left, he told me they are going to need more equipment, more ammunition and more food for INVASION of enemy lands. "The more bonds the folks at home buy—the more they'll be helping us fighters to win. That's what Jimmy said." The 3rd War Loan of 15 billion dollars must produce the money to pay for these essentials to victory. Buy at least one EXTRA \$100 Bond besides your regular bond purchases—many will have to invest thousands! Don't think that what you do isn't important. It will take all every individual in America can raise to put this 3rd War Loan over the top. So buy more bonds out of your pay—out of extra income—out of "rainy-day" funds! The quicker you do that the more you'll help Jimmy and our other boys smash through to Victory. What do you say? It's the safest, soundest investment you'll ever make! Let's go!

Starts Thursday SEPTEMBER 9TH 3RD WAR LOAN DRIVE FOR INVASION Put a circle around the date—Thursday, September 9th. For that's the day the 3rd War Loan Drive starts. On that day, you will be asked to go the limits to back our valiant fighting men. You will be asked to do your share in the greatest invasion the world has ever seen. Answer your country's roll call! Your part is to back this invasion by investing in at least one EXTRA \$100 War Bond in September. That's in addition to your regular War Bond purchases. Invest more than \$100—a lot more—if you possibly can. The job is big. Everyone must do his full share if we are to put this drive over the top. War Bonds are the safest investment in the world. For your own sake, for your Country's sake, put every spare dime and dollar in War Bonds during the 3rd War Loan Drive. BACK THE ATTACK—WITH WAR BONDS

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