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With confidence in our armed forces—with the unbounding determination of our people—we will gain the inevitable triumph—so help us God.
—Roosevelt's War Message

Star-News Program

- To aid in every way the prosecution of the war to complete victory.
- Public Port Terminals.
- Perfected Truck and Berry Preserving and Marketing Facilities.
- Seaside Highway from Wrightsville Beach to Bald Head Island.
- Extension of City Limits.
- 25-Foot Cape Fear River channel, wider turning basin, with ship lanes into industrial sites along Eastern bank south of Wilmington.
- Paved River Road to Southport, via Orton Plantation.
- Development of Pulp Wood Production through sustained-yield methods throughout Southeastern North Carolina.
- Unified Industrial and Resort Promotional Agency, supported by one county-wide tax.
- Shipyards and Drydocks.
- Negro health Center for Southeastern North Carolina, developed around the Community Hospital.
- Adequate hospital facilities for white.
- Junior High School.
- Tobacco Warehouses for Export Buyers.
- Development of native grape growing throughout Southeastern North Carolina.
- Modern Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

TOP OF THE MORNING

Arise and meet the daylight,
Be strong and do your best,
With an honest heart and a childlike trust,
And God will do the rest.
—MARGARET E. SANGSTER, JR.

Plea For Sales Tax

There is no more reason to suppose the people of the United States would not ultimately accept a national sales tax than the people of this state have failed to accept the same method of raising revenue for state needs. Probably its introduction would stir a quick storm of protest—just as happened in North Carolina—but it would subside as quickly. And it would distribute the tax load among all the people more equitably than any other system.

Different Kind of Sunday

The first Sunday under gasoline rationing produced expected and unexpected results. Among the latter may be mentioned a falling off in church attendance. As the automobile in its earlier life was widely blamed for decreasing congregations, this suggests either that the blame was misplaced or that the people generally have become so dependent upon their cars that they would rather stay abed when they can't use them for junketing than walk to church as they did in childhood.

High School Orchestra

An important event happened in Wilmington Sunday afternoon, but for the most part Wilmingtonians knew nothing about it. There was nothing spectacular about it, but the handful of people who were present realized that something new had been created and that its existence constitutes another cultural asset in the city.

tant as proving that Wilmington has musical talent among its young people. The high school orchestra has taken its first step. The road ahead is hard and the going difficult. Orchestras "arrive" only by traveling this road and enduring its strenuous passage.

Expert Evidence

With the arrival of American correspondents at Lisbon, following their concentration-camp experiences in Germany and Italy, something of the true situation in these enemy countries is coming to light. Edwin A. Shanke of the old Berlin bureau of the Associated Press, and Richard G. Massock, chief of the former AP bureau in Rome, have filed interesting dispatches from their Lisbon quarters.

Counting Spoils Of Battle

Russian accounts of the fighting in the Khar'kov area continue to claim increasing advantage for the Reds. They would be more credible if they did not specify German losses in such minute detail. They share this fault with the Germans.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON, May 18. — Oddly enough, Washington, as a city, doesn't pay much attention to house and senatorial elections until the votes are in.

30 Ships

The launching of 30 cargo-carrying ships as a part of the program arranged for Maritime day is significant on many counts. Perhaps the most important is that it will demonstrate the increasing speed with which American shipyards are turning out merchant craft, specifically Victory ships, to keep war materials moving to our own forces abroad and to the Allies who with us, are fighting the world threat of despotism as represented by the Axis nations.

Editorial Comment

DEFEAT AND THE WORKING MAN
Discontented European workers who believed Hitler's promises that establishment of his "new order" would represent merely a victory over their capitalist overlords now know better. Or if there are some who do not, they need only study the new Nazi decree increasing working hours in French factories.

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Heaven knows we want to believe the Russians are doing a marvelous job around Khar'kov. We want to believe that Timoshenko is mopping up on Hitler and his minions. And we certainly do believe that Hitler can be crushed in Russia this summer.

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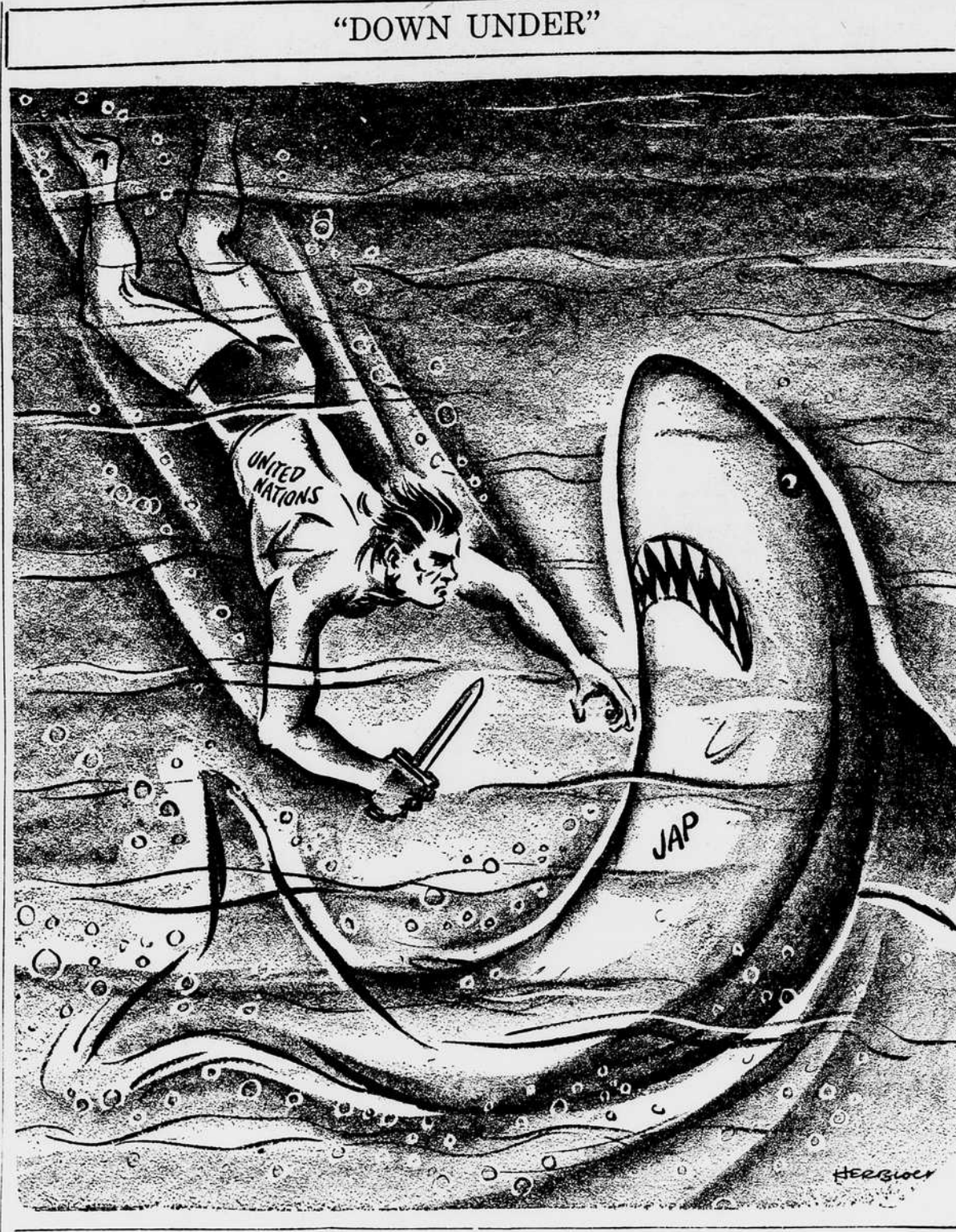
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Interpreting The War

Russians Appear To Have Turned Tables On Germans

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Wide World War Analyst
A grim possibility that his promised "annihilation" offensive in Russia will turn into a Nazi rout on a wide front south of Khar'kov confronts Herr Hitler. For seven days he has been outguessed and outfought by Russian armies he once told his people he had destroyed.

The exact contour of the 100-mile wide Russian front around the Khar'kov bastion of German communications is not clear. Russian seizure of Krasnodar Junction, 60 miles west-southwest of Khar'kov, is imminent, according to reports from Moscow and London. Its fall would put Red forces within three score miles of Dnepropetrovsk, site of the rail bridge upon which main supply lines of German forces in a rapidly developing Stalino-Taganrog pocket depend.

With Krasnodar under Russian gunfire, (London observers go farther and intimate it is already in Russian hands), the vital German communication link east of the Dnieper river at the north elbow of the stream's great eastern bend would be broken. Even Kremen-chug, the next major river crossing northward and 80 miles farther west, would be threatened.

South of Krasnodar, the Russians are already reported astride one rail line to Stalino at Lozovaya Junction and threatening the direct Stalino-Dnepropetrovsk route and its Taganrog and Mariupol connections on both sides of Stalino. If that is true the whole southern mainland flank of the German line to the sea of Azov coast, from which the main attack on the Caucasus was to be launched, is in deadly peril.

So far as the breach in the Nazi lines south of Khar'kov is traced on the maps, it seems to represent a huge bulge with a front of 50-mile width or more from Krasnodar to Lozovaya bearing down on Dnepropetrovsk from the east and northeast. It is far from clear yet, however, whether Marshal Timoshenko's objective is confined to reaching the Dnieper at the Dnepropetrovsk crossing or aimed at sweeping its eastern banks clear to Kremen-chug. At Krasnodar he would be in a position to strike on westward toward Poltava, then southwest to Kremen-chug, or turn his whole strength southward on Dnepropetrovsk and the closure of the Stalino-Taganrog pocket to prevent a Nazi escape.

Whatever his purpose or the forces he has available to exploit fully the startling Red success, the Russian commander has already gone far to nullify German victories on Kerch peninsula. His sorties to capture would be all but meaningless to Hitler unless he promptly halts the forward surge of Timoshenko in the Krasnodar-Lozovaya breakthrough.

The Russian leader, not Hitler, seems to have been the one to achieve the incalculable advantage of surprise. There is every evidence that he managed to mass tremendous power for the Khar'kov operation without Nazi intelligence officers discovering the fact. Timoshenko also appears to have fooled his rivals completely as to his real purpose in the first phase of his attack. The Chuguev-Volchansk line east of Khar'kov from which he jumped off on a 40-mile front seemed aimed at regaining the city by frontal attack. The real thrust fell to the south of that line, however, once Nazi reserves had been sucked in to bolster Khar'kov defenses.

Even more important than ground won or lost is the evidence of brilliant Russian generalship and adroit staff work. Timoshenko has so far beaten Hitler and his generals at their own game.

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