

The War Day

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By George Abbott

RUSSIAN FRONT

The outlook on another of Hitler's warfronts has changed radically in the past 72 hours. Red military leaders, taking advantage of the African situation, successfully launched an attack three days ago to encircle axis armies battering at Stalingrad—and in those three days, the Reich winter scene Adolf had envisioned at Stalingrad was completely reversed. Hitler today is faced with choosing between isolation of his crack European troops thru a Russian double envelopment which would trap German forces between Stalingrad and the Don—or a withdrawal.

Withdrawal across the Don would mean the end of his 1942 winter campaign against the main Russian armies. This, with a look at the records, recalls the decision made under similar circumstances last year. At that time, red forces in besieged Rostov outflanked the enemy in a pincer movement. Hitler preferred withdrawal to an isolation of large numbers of his troops, thus ending his '41 winter campaign. With 375,000 well trained, hardened troops between the Don and Stalingrad, the decision is a hard one.

AFRICAN FRONT

Unless history repeats itself, the German armies in El Aghelia corridor will wage a losing battle with General Alexander's British Eighth army in the battle stage now approaching. Last year, British forces had backed axis forces into the El Aghelia defile after a running desert fight. Before a major assault could

be launched, they found that they had out-distanced their supplies and were forced to withdraw.

Two months ago, the British, 700 miles east of the present scene of action, started their real offensive. In the past three weeks, Rommel's forces have covered that distance—going west this time—in a wildly disorganized retreat.

It seems unlikely that the British will make the same mistake they made a year ago; if the supplies are there, at the right time, the end of the present East African campaign cannot be too far distant.

On the West African front, unconfirmed reports declared the collapse of defenses at Dakar, key West African Atlantic port, was near. Enemy forces defending the city, primarily French, are now ready to "co-operate."

PACIFIC FRONT

There was no significant news from the Pacific area. One report said marine forces on Guadalcanal were advancing "slowly in the face of stubborn enemy resistance." Big question mark in the Pacific now is "What will the Japanese do now?" With their fleet practically blown out of the water in the Solomons area, and at least three definite attempts made to establish bases in that region failing, it hardly seems logical that they will continue to concentrate most of their activity there.

Nip military leaders may turn their eyes to the west, and launch a major land, sea and air offensive against India. While most of the activity in the Burmese region in the past few months has been primarily establishing of bases, the possibility of a major offensive is a material one.

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We've Got A Job . . .

Many Nebraska students will be spending Thanksgiving holiday at home this week-end, but it should not be a complete holiday in one sense. Those students can perform a service to the university during those few days if they will only take the time and effort to do so.

People over the state must be told by students from their own community just what university students are doing during this war year. Too many individuals think that the university is merely turning out football teams, and that the students are kept busy turning out Kosmet Klub shows and attending parties. Those individuals believe this because these events are carried in the newspapers.

Students must impress upon their parents and the people of their community that the university has greatly curtailed activities of this type and that we are seriously operating on a war curriculum. Naturally, we have a few social events, mainly to keep up morale, which is proving a major factor in the success of our war effort.

People over the state must also develop a deeper loyalty to the university than has ever been shown before. It is imperative for the welfare of the state itself, that the university continue during the war. It must continue in order to turn out men and women who will take vital jobs in both industries and the actual combat.

Few people realize that the university repays the state many times what is appropriated for its maintenance by the legislature. The college of agriculture, in itself, has saved the state of Nebraska's farmers more money thru research and experimentation than the legislature has appropriated for the whole university. Every college in the university is turning out well trained men and women who will be the future leaders of this state. This in itself is an investment not to be sneezed at.

We know what the university is doing. Many citizens over the state do not. It remains our task to inform them of the work we are doing here this year and the work the university as a whole is doing, in order that the university program will be completely understood over the state.



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Dick Arnold Asks For Names of Ball Committeemen

All Military Ball committee chairmen must turn in a list of their committees to the committee advisor immediately, according to Cadet Col. Richard Arnold. Uniform for the military ball has been announced also and will include khaki shirts and Sam Browne belts. Senior officers are to draw sabers as soon as possible.

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