

## Russians Dig In To Retain Gains

Battle Grows Even Fiercer, As Nazis Claim to Have Taken Offensive.

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garian and Rumanian troops had been on the offensive for the past two days.

### 150 Tanks in One Battle

Dispatches from Moscow said that Soviet riflemen, riding on tanks and presumably using the new two-man anti-tank rifles, had aided mobile artillery and airplanes in crushing repeated and stronger Nazi tank counter-attacks, especially on the southern front, where 15,000 axis troops were officially reported killed in three days.

In one typical engagement 150 axis tanks dug a wedge between Soviet positions. Russian riflemen on tanks swiftly swung behind the attacking forces and artillery units shifted in half a circle to catch the enemy between devastating cross fire and knock out 75 vehicles before the others retreated, according to the Russian accounts.

### Week-end May Be Decisive

Other Russian dispatches said that Red army troops had broken into another fortified place before Kharkov in a heavy battle at close quarters.

On the German side, a Nazi communiqué said that the Russian attacks on the Kharkov front had failed completely, that the axis had taken the offensive and that the outcome of the battle might be decided over the week-end. The Nazis were using all types of assault units, including air-borne troops and parachutists.

It appeared that the axis was not attempting to overcome its heavy losses (including around 500 tanks) by shooting the works in an effort to get a big-scale offensive moving.

### Tanks Shifted Quickly

Moscow dispatches acknowledged that fighting was growing heavier and that the Nazis were rapidly maneuvering groups of 40 to 60 tanks from one sector to another, warding off Red army blows and repeatedly counter-attacking.

Berlin's communiqué said 20 Russian infantry divisions, three cavalry divisions and 15 armored brigades had failed in the onslaught against Kharkov and that the Soviet supply lines had now been cut. Twenty-three divisions would be probably 300,000 men.

### PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL 10 PROMISED

School 10 at 13th st. and Ashland ave. will have a complete set of playground apparatus installed this summer for the first time, J. P. Rooney, assistant director of the city recreation department, said today.

Final details are scheduled to be worked out at a meeting at 2 p. m. Monday between Mr. Rooney, the recreation committee of the parent-teacher association and Miss Frieda Popp, principal.

The recreation department operated a playground across the street from the school last year, but, with school board approval, the change has been made in order to reduce the safety hazard and to take advantage of the larger grounds, greater shade and superior accommodations. The ground is entirely fenced.

### HAVANA IS WARNED IN SUB BROADCAST

HAVANA, May 23 (U. P.)—The newspaper *El Crisol* said today that a German submarine which reported it was only a half mile off the Havana coast broadcast messages to the Cuban government and people promising a "shocking surprise very soon."

A banner headline over the story proclaimed, "Nazis U-Boats Threaten to Shell Havana."

Messages were broadcast in perfect Spanish, the story said, and one described landmarks in Havana and said that the city and its suburbs were clearly visible from the submarine.

### WILLKIE RETURNS TO NEW YORK CITY

RUSHVILLE, Ind., May 23 (U. P.)—Wendell L. Willkie, who opposed President Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential race, ended his week's vacation here yesterday, returning to New York by train.

Mrs. Willkie remained with her mother, Mrs. Phil Wilk, for a further visit.

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## City Schools Keying All Maps to Flying Age; Old 'Flat' Idea Discarded for Global Picture

By EARL RICHERT

WHEN YOU WENT to school, didn't you feel sort of sorry for those folks who learned from their geographies centuries ago that the world was flat?

Well, we 1942 adults today find ourselves in the same boat.

Our children will be laughing at the geographies we studied. For our geographies taught us a concept of the world that has been changed just as drastically by the development of aviation as the concept of the world was changed by the discovery that the world was round.

We were taught to think of the world as composed of continents separated by bodies of water. That concept today is all wrong.

OUR CHILDREN ARE being and will be taught to regard the land we live on as the bottom of an "ocean of air."

It is an ocean, they will be taught, the potential pathways of which connect all points on the earth's surface. They will be taught to forget, for the most part, that continents are separated by bodies of water. Instruction of this sort is being put into effect now in the Indianapolis public schools and by this time next year this new concept, called "aerography," will be common to all school children.

Instead of studying flat maps like we studied showing the sea distance, for example, between New York and Moscow they will be using maps which "look down" on the world from the North Pole.

These polar projection maps will give a true picture of air distances—the only kind of distances that count today. They will show the pupil, for example, that by air Moscow is 600 miles closer to New York than Seattle.

are being or will be molded to conform to the new "air age."

In his English class, Johnny will be asked to write an essay on gliding. In biology, the teacher will ask him why humans being are limited physically in high altitude flying.

In his history class, he'll have to discuss the effects of aviation on the Monroe Doctrine and in his physics class he'll be asked how plane gravity is counteracted by plane lift.

A typical mathematics problem will be: If a P-40 has a flying speed of 370 m. p. h., how long will it take it to go 1000 miles with a head wind of 30 m. p. h.?

In sociology class, the pupils will discuss the effect of aviation on population and in geography they will discuss the time distances between cities rather than between most countries is above the Arctic ocean.

The stratosphere above the Arctic is only four miles high and the temperature is only 11 degrees below zero while the stratosphere above the equator is 11 miles high and the temperature is 107 degrees below zero, he says.

So, practically all long distance stratospheric travel of the future will be above the Arctic.

Other Studies Conform

GEOGRAPHY IS not the only subject that will be changed as the result of the new world that embodies the various sciences which have a bearing on aeronautics.

This course will deal with such subjects as meteorology, navigation and aerodynamics.

Practically all other subjects

### SAYS STILWELL REACHES INDIA

Writer Reports U. S. General and 400 Others Travelled From Burma.

LONDON, May 23 (U. P.)—An Exchange Telegraph agency correspondent reported today from Dinapur, northeastern India, that American Lieut. Gen. Stilwell had arrived there with 400 other persons after a strenuous trek over the mountains from Burma.

The correspondent said he met Gen. Stilwell, who had commanded the Chinese fifth and sixth armies in Burma, while he was eating breakfast with his liaison officer.

Maj. Gen. Frank Sibley, yesterday, and that Gen. Stilwell talked between mouthfuls of biscuit and canned cheese and gulps of tea from a thermos jug.

Gen. Stilwell referred lightly to his trip over the mountains.

"We brought 400 with us, including an American physician, Dr. Seagrave, from the American Baptist mission, Burmese nurses, Americans, British, Chinese, Burmese and Anglo-Indians," he said. "Many joined in when they found out we had some chow."

Many Refugees Remain

It was a mixed gathering but when we got a little discipline into them they were all right. There still are a lot of refugees in Burma but I think they'd do a damned sight better by staying there than by facing the toll and privations of the mountain paths."

Gen. Stilwell said that one of his hardest tasks in Burma had been to break the ideas of Chinese generals that their armies belonged to them, to command alone, as their whims, and not a preconceived plan, dictated. But there finally was unity, he said.

"I didn't know there was a lot of anxiety about us," he said. "When I arrived farther down the road, I found an American army colonel and a lieutenant colonel had been searching for us. It's nice to look forward to the prospect of getting food regularly and cleaning up."

It was learned the plan, which envisions a trip to London by a bi-partisan group of American congressmen, probably next fall, was suggested by a British government representative at a secret meeting with congressional leaders.

Although no final decision will be made until house and senate sentiment is sampled, the proposal was understood to be receiving interested consideration.

YEGGS, SUNNY SIDE UP

ASHLAND, Ore. (U. P.)—When burglars were unable to open the safe of the Ashland high school, they finished up in the home economics room where they breakfest-ed leisurely on ham and eggs.

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