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ITALY DECLARES WAR AGAINST GERMANY

Russian Army Is Within 1.8 Miles Of Kiev

Izvestia Announces Reds Are Clutching at Dnieper Stronghold

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Red Army has driven within 1.8 miles of Kiev, great German bastion on the Dnieper River, the newspaper Izvestia announced today.

"Kiev is ahead," a front-line dispatch said. "We can see the steeps of Kiev's Lopatina Lava [biggest and oldest of the fortifications] and the big buildings of the Council of the Peoples Commissars of the Ukraine."

It declared that the Germans, as on many other occasions, had laid the torch to the city's suburbs, and damaged Kiev itself.

"Numerous disasters were caused by the Germans in the city," Izvestia said.

Nazi Air Force On Defensive In Russia

LONDON.—(AP)—With the German Air Force reported definitely on the defensive over the vast Russian front, Soviet arms were steadily developing their ever-widening bridgeheads on the west banks of the Dnieper River today, and have, according to Berlin, launched a new power drive north of the key city of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine.

The Russian Army newspaper Red Star asserted that the standstill of aerial offensives favors the Nazis. The newspaper's military editor, Lt. Col. Nikolai Preobrazhensky, held the initiative had shifted to Soviet arms and described the situation as a radical change from the earlier days of the campaign, when the Germans had been blocking Russian advance offensives at will, bombing air bases and keeping the skies over the front in a dense fog formation of fighter planes.

BUTTERFLY LOST

Terrific bomber losses suffered by the Germans in air battles over Ostro, Belgorod, and Kharkov and Hitler's frantic retrenchment of enemy fighter strength continued to rise.

Krupp Works Made Shambles

LONDON.—The Krupp Works at Essen "created enormous combine in Europe" and many parts of Germany's heavy armament were captured intact in recent attacks. Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air, said in the speech at the Constitution of the Royal Society:

This was accomplished, he asserted, "in a tremendous series of attacks two in March, two in April, and one in May—in that fifth attack Dornier bombers dropped four times the weight of bombs dropped in the heaviest raid on London—and a sixth in July."

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BY HARRY TAYLOR

AN AMERICAN AIR BASE IN ITALY, OCT. 3—(Delayed)—At least 100 men were killed when a British plane crashed into a hill at 10,000 feet. Our chariot is a light four-seated sports car with a six-cylinder engine that seats a human bee . . . Our pilot is Capt. John J. Boyle, Jr., of Houston, Texas, who was flown some 30 types of aircraft since he left Rice Institute in 1939 to join the Army. "Definitely," said he, "but they were a question of safety." He was equipped as we adjusted parachutes.

He is making the flight to

Italy to inspect the results of

Allied bombings from the air.

The little ship goes up like a bullet.

Fall rains have settled the foot-deep dust on the country roads, which are given a new woman's miniskirt in a dress of her youth . . . The red-roofed Italian villas look quiet and old and comfortable, like . . . We have no time to sit, but steer wide of any ships.

"There're under orders to take a

bullet train," said the pilot.

"They're taking the passengers

down to Sicily," explained John.

The Mediterranean is a silver mirror, silent in the afternoon heat, and behind it is a vast bowl of blue sky.

That blue to believe it . . . It is sealed and streaked by minute ripples, which are discharged by passing ships.

We pass Salerno and Amalfi.

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