

# Yanks Retire to Tebessa As Nazis Seize Ferial

## Reds Menacing Stalino, Kiev May Be Next Goal

### Germans Admit Loss of Kharkov to Own People, Continue Retreat

BY EDDY GILMORE

Moscow —(AP)— The Red Army is smashing westward and widening its wedges in the Kharkov and Kursk regions at the northern end of the active Russian-German battlefront, and its columns have pierced deeper into Donets Basin territory in drives threatening the Germans retreating from Rostov, the Russians announced today.

Some of the actions were described as cleaning out the remnants of German strongholds left in the rear of Soviet troops which had swept around them for spectacular gains.

(The Germans admitted today the fall of Kharkov, which the Russians announced two days ago.

"The city of Kharkov was evacuated by our troops after systematic destruction of its important installations," the high command's communique said. "German panzers dispersed an enemy regiment to the south of the city in the course of a counter-attack. The Luftwaffe attacked enemy assault groups and marching columns in the Kharkov area."

#### Bodies Litter Path

(The communique claimed that Red Army thrusts north of Kursk and south of Lake Ladoga were repelled).

"West of Kharkov our troops continued their successful offensive, inflicting heavy blows on the remnants of routed German units," the Russians said. "The Hitlerite path of retreat is covered with the bodies of dead enemy offi-

## HERSHEY FOR LARGER ARMY

### Tells Senators 11,000,000- Man Army Would Not Hurt Farms

#### BLOC DRAFTS TWO BILLS

Washington —(AP)— Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, told a Senate agriculture subcommittee today he believed it would be possible to maintain 11,000,000 men in the armed services without disturbing 1,500,000 physically qualified men of draft age on the farms.

He estimated that by next Dec. 31, there will be 435,000 single farmers classified in the deferred 2C listing and 2,627,000 married farmers in the 3C classification. Already, he said, 256,826 have been classified as 2C and 107,176 as 3C.

#### Cautions Senators

Hershey cautioned against interfering with the military effort.

Hershey reiterated that his job was to obtain men for the services and not to determine the size of the armed force.

A Senate agriculture subcommittee, meanwhile, voted to demand an explanation from military authorities of the needs for



**GETS PURPLE HEART**— Sgt. Lloyd J. Mueller, 22, Marshfield National Guardsman killed in New Guinea Dec. 29, has been posthumously awarded the Order of the Purple Heart, according to a letter received by his father, Henry C. Mueller, 503 W. Arnold street, today. The announcement came from Major Gen. J. A. Ullo, Adjutant General's Office, at Washington, D. C. An engraved certificate relating to the award will be forwarded later, the communication stated.

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