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Red Drive Treats Nazi Line

Winter Defense System Menaced By New Russian Offensive, Soviets Close on Orel

By ROBERT DOWSON
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LONDON, Jan. 31.—A big Red Army offensive was reported threatening the Germans' "winter line" at Orel, Khar'kov, Kursk and Mozhaisk today.

Reports indicated the Russians not only are pushing the Germans back but were breaking up the unity of their front, driving a wedge between the commands of Field Marshal Wilhelm List and Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, which are believed to have been joined at Bryansk.

Today In Britain

War events analyzed by West Coast writers, culled from The Vancouver Sun (Copyright, 1942)

LONDON, Jan. 31.—British experts have estimated that as a result of the Japanese penetration into Malaya so far, 60 to 70 per cent of the country's tin production is lost to both sides and the rest is available to the British and that half the rubber production is lost to the British and possibly may be used by the Japanese.

RED VICTORIES

Military reports indicate the Red Army is starting to close the jaws on the German offensive as other Russian forces ripped into the Germans in the Leningrad area and the Crimea, at Orel, between a 100 mile line.

Russian victories are reported in five key sectors of the 450 mile front between Leningrad and the Vyazma-Bryansk railroad.

Experts said here that, on the 40th day of the Russian counter-offensive, the Germans are faced with a situation before Leningrad and Moscow in the Crimea which would add to the enormity of the reverses they have already suffered.

FEAR THE BEYONET

Couriers from the Malaya front reported that the Japanese were suffering almost incredible casualties. At times the attack was being held for four hours at each succeeding Japanese attack force was repelled by the cool, stubborn defenders with concentrated machine gun fire.

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Torrents Hit Flat-Foe In Malaya

Australians Get Ready for Big Scale Action

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Rain which started at noon yesterday turned into a terrific deluge during the night in which sheet rain was combined with thunder and lightning.

RETIREMENT NEARS

The German position at Orel is reported precarious but it is not clear from Berlin statements whether evacuation of the town has already begun.

Reliable information in London is that the Russians already are east of Taganrog on the southern front.

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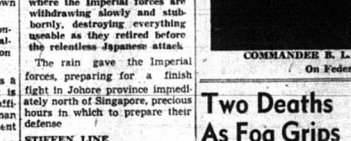
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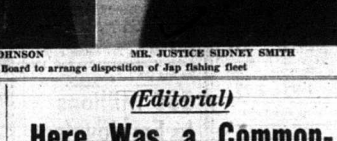
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