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Soviet Russia, embattled nation of 180-millions, marshals her entire defence-resources to stem the panzer-thrusts of the German armies. Alone, she now grapples with the Hitler legions. Alone, by land and air, she faces the tidal waves of invading Nazis, which against all other foes but Britain conquered and overwhelmed at the first onslaught.

Women are mobilised 100%. Sometimes even before it is ripe the harvest is reaped under the very shadow of the advancing enemy. To Hitler the wheat of the boundless Ukraine beckons and invites. Famine-threat bade him turn east to snatch the golden harvest of the rich Black Earth.

Oil, the Nazis must filch from the USSR and that quickly. Baku, on the shores of the Caspian, yields 30-million tons a year, four times the Rumanian output, essential to keep the Luftwaffe and panzer divisions in the war.

In the coal-mines and throughout industry the Soviet puts itself on the footing of total war. Every man, every woman, takes a part. Women have long been trained in the heavy industries - men's jobs in every other country. Women can do the work, thanks to the modern machinery installed in the long years when Soviet Russia was almost a closed book to the outer world.

Hot from the printing presses the famous newspaper Pravda brings war news to eager, lunchtime queues in Moscow. How is it going? How far have they got now? What are the guerrilla bands doing behind the German lines? Moscow's millions, intensely war-minded, remain calm.

Foreign Commissar Molotov launched the war propaganda by radio, hooked up from Leningrad and the Ukraine to Siberia and Vladivostok. 180-millions hang on the words of the Moscow Government. These people are now our allies. All who shirk that fact strike a blow for Hitler.

ARP was rapidly pushed ahead throughout the country. Every householder took the precautions so long familiar in Britain. The realistic people of Soviet Russia expect no quarter from the German bombers. They know they must devise their own protection.

In the work of preparing shelters, women again are to the fore. An indication of the full citizenship accorded to them in the scheme of

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things evolved by the Soviet.

Women sit at the desk in ARP control of whole city-sections. Everything women can do is left to them. Even the old ones take on light duties and show the way to the new underground shelters, improvised or specially constructed for city-millions since invasion first threatened.

Responding to the broadcast appeal for nurses, women flocked to the recruiting centres, set up in many parts of the big towns.

Enrolled under the Red Cross they marched off to receive an intensive war nursing course.

Soviet warships in the Gulf of Finland keep watch against a possible sea attack on Leningrad, the most strategically exposed city in the Union. The U.S.S.R. believes it needs a great navy. Its expansion programme is being accelerated.

In the air the Soviet so far holds its own.

Mechanised artillery thunders to the front.

(ONE SCENE WITHOUT VOICE: HALFWAY THROUGH NEXT) For five weeks the Soviet has held the Nazi onslaught in check - critical weeks which may well have decided the war. We salute a stout-hearted, well armed ally resolutely led by Joseph Stalin.
