

## CAN RUSSIA FOIL NAZIS

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Russia and the Red Armies are in the war. The strength ~~so often displayed~~ in Moscow's Red Square is at last in the field. All Stalin and Molotov's diplomatic scheming has failed to keep the Soviet out of the Second World War. This time not against a defenceless nation but a reputedly armed ~~to the teeth~~, totalitarian country Hitler flings his forces. Russia has long boasted that she is a match not only for any single power but any combination of powers. In women auxiliaries, in big scale mechanization, the Red Army was a pioneer. Unless Soviet propaganda has bluffed everyone but Hitler; unless this display only hides the basic inefficiency of Tzarist days, it would seem that upon the biggest clash of arms in the present war the curtain has risen in Eastern Europe.

Aviation experts estimate Russia's air fleet at ten thousand, five thousand of them front line planes. Germany says twenty thousand is nearer the mark. As to quality, the war will soon show.

Soviet delegates from every corner of the vast country have always supported Stalin's nationalistic, intensely Russian policy. Stalin, now that he has no alternative but to fight, sends the Red armies to his Western frontier. On manoeuvres they have shown skill in the tactics which Germany herself copied and perfected. Into practice Russia must now translate her theories of mechanised war. In the first days of campaigning tanks have fought tanks along a thousand-mile front.

Amphibious tanks have been reported in action, able to cross the Bug and other great waterways of Russia, over which war's tidal waves may soon sweep.

In night fighting the Red army is well trained. Night-manoevres have taken place every year.

The military contribution by which Russia revolutionised war was parachuting. Russian soldiers were the first to drop in mass from giant troop-carriers. In these tactics the brilliant pupil, Germany, will show whether she has surpassed the master, Russia. We hope that in Russia Germany has challenged a formidable foe. But modern Russia at war is an unknown quantity. Therefore, as we value our very life, we must not relax our efforts, for if the Soviet were defeated a still stronger Germany would try to parachute an invincible horde on to British soil.

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