
DOENITZ SAYS ALLIES HOLD SUBMARINE EDGE

German Admiral Claims Condi- tion Temporary

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 21 (AP) — German propagandists admitted today that the Reich's war production had shrunk to a point at which fighting on the Eastern Front and submarine warfare has been affected, although they claimed such setbacks were temporary.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Supreme Commander of the German Navy, told a meeting of navy and merchant marine representatives in Stettin that "for the moment" Allied submarines and submarine weapons "are better than ours," the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau said.

"But our enemies soon will find out that ours are going to be better than theirs," Admiral Doenitz said. He asserted the German U-boat power "has not been broken in 1943. It's stronger than ever."

Lieut. Gen. Kurt Dietmar, Nazi military commentator, declared to foreign correspondents in Berlin that the strategy of Germany's defensive warfare against Russia was designed to conserve time so that the Reich's war industry might produce badly needed armaments.

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