

# **NAZIS SEE VICTORY IN U-BOAT CAMPAIGN**

## **Germans Accept Their Own Figures on Allied Losses**

By Telephone to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

BERNE, Switzerland, April 15—German naval experts concede the Allies a total of 21,000,000 tons of available shipping and make that estimate the basis for predictions that the race between Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz's U-boat packs and American and British shipyard performance will leave the German, Italian and Japanese coalition victor on the seven seas.

German figures now being made the basis for discussion in the press claim the Allies entered the war with a total of 53,800,000 gross tons, including requisitions from neutral and Allied merchant fleets.

Up to the end of March Germany, Italy and Japan claim to have sunk

30,400,000 tons, with around 2,500,000 tons indefinitely laid up for repairs.

Accelerated U-boat warfare and newer and speedier types and enlightened operating methods, the Germans assert, will whittle down the available Allied tonnage to the crisis limit.

German optimism presented in current press discussions suggested that the Axis submarine campaign talked large in the recent discussions between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini and that a drastic speeding up of U-boat activity is being planned. Its effect, say German writers, will be a further shrinkage in remaining tonnage.

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