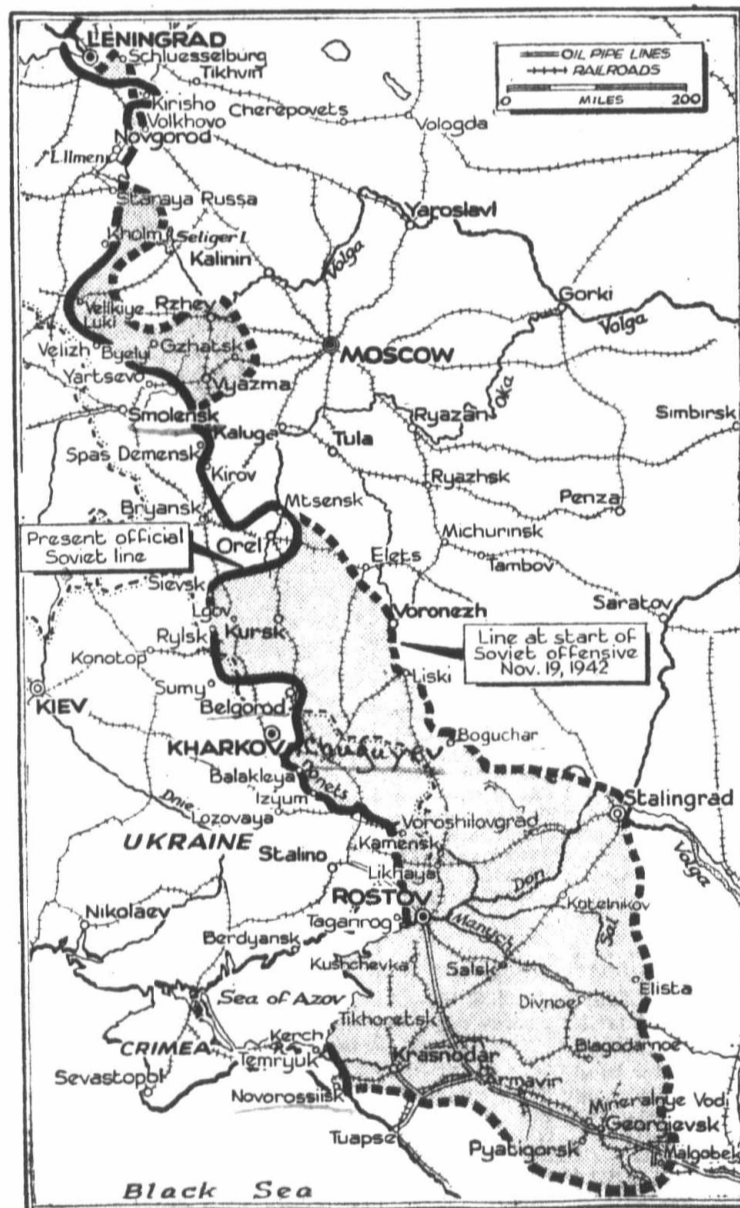


2. Russia

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On April 3 the Soviet authorities published an official map showing that territory regained from the enemy during the Russian winter offensive totalled 185,328 square miles - an area a little larger than that of Germany itself. Included in the war material captured from Axis forces or destroyed during the winter campaign were said to be 5,090 enemy aircraft, 9,190 tanks and over 20,000 guns. Colonel Denisoff, writing in Red Star about the same time, observed that enemy air activity was now considerably limited, except on the most active fronts, and even there objectives were restricted. Though still resourceful in the air, the Germans were handicapped by the destruction of the chain of airfields which they had formerly used to swing their air strength rapidly from sector to sector along the whole front.

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April 3, 1943

The shaded area shows the territory recaptured by the Red Army since it launched its great Winter offensive last November. For the first time Moscow has published an official map of the entire 1,500-mile battle line.