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een Jap Ships Sunk Week of Sea Battles

Jestroyer and 22 **Sunk** in Pacific Action

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ton Chicago was lost I two air attacks, the ch was delivered by n the evening of Jan. ime the Chicago, op-rt of a force of cruisroyer; covering Am-port movements was naged by aerial tor-



PURPLE HEART AWARD-Mr. and Mrs. William S. Michels, route 3, Marshfield, will receive the decoration of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, which was awarded posthum-ously to their son, Pfc. Victor L. Michels, 29, killed in action in New Guinea Dec. 29, 1942. The notice of the award, dated Feb. 11, was signed by Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio.

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WPB Chief Names Charles E. Wilson to Succeed F. E. Eberstadt

FRICTION IS SERIOUS

Washington- (A) -WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson today asked Ferdinand E. Eberstadt, program vice chairman of the War Production Board, for his resignation, and named Charles E. Wilson as executive vice chairman "in charge of all WPB programs."

Nelson said he made the change to "end the jurisdictional ques-tion which, if permitted to continue, could only hamper the war effort."

It was the first time that Nelson ever has asked publicly for the resignation of an employe

The action came shortly after informed sources had reported that a new showdown was near in the long-continued struggle between WPB and the armed services over production control. Eberstadt, it was reported, has been supported by high Army and Navy officials.

In his new role as executive vice chairman, Wilson takes over all Eberstadt's former duties, including control of all industry divisions lieved here that furious i

Nazis Admit Russians **Entered Outer Subu** of Kharkov

20 TOWNS RECAPT

BULLETIN

London- (AP) -A s Russian communique corded by the Soviet tor announced tonight Kharkov had been cap

BY EDDY GILMOR

Moscow -(AP)_ The ad Red Army has cracked Ad ler's southern battle front 490-mile line from the re Orel Province to Bolshie S miles northeast of Taganr is closing the struggle abou kov and pushing three spearheads into the Donet the Russians said today.

(The German high co meanwhile admitted that t sian forces had entered th suburbs of Kharkov. The cast communique, record London, said there was figithe suburbs and that 20 tanks were destroyed.)

(The German communic the Russians were using tank and infantry in their and that they lost a total tanks yesterday.)
Front Details Scarce

Both the official Russian muniques and dispatches fr front line gave little infor about what was happening region of Kharkov, but it