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Secretary of State Hull tonight made the most important announcement on post-war peace plans that ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> yet come out of Washington. ~~He is~~ <sup>He says he is</sup> ready to discuss ideas with representatives of Great Britain, Russia, and China to bring about a new organization for international peace and security.

He is not however ignoring the Senate, as the late President Woodrow Wilson did, with such fatal results. He has been discussing his plans with eight Senators, presumably the most important Senators of both parties. <sup>And,</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> is definitely encouraged, says the Secretary, and ready to proceed, with the approval of the President. To allay all fears that this may be purely a Democratic party arrangement, the Secretary promised that the door of non-partisanship would be open at the State Department, wide open. His discussions with the Senators, he ~~xx~~ added, were frank and fruitful.

What is more, the House of Representatives will ~~not be included~~ <sup>be included.</sup> He ~~is~~ used these words: I shall have further discussions with these and ~~others~~ other leaders of both parties in the two Houses of Congress.

*Sec.* Hull did not go so far as to describe his plans for an international organization in detail. But, through other officials in Washington, we hear that it is ~~very~~ much like the setup *that* British Prime Minister Winston Churchill foreshadowed last week, a ~~League~~ League of Nations armed to the teeth to keep the peace.

PACIFIC

General MacArthur's men are gradually but surely overcoming the Japanese garrison at Biak Island eight hundred miles away from the southernmost point of the Philippines. American and Australian infantry are forcing the enemy off the big air strip on the island. It was evidently a powerful expedition because the infantry are spear-headed by tanks which burst through strong resistance by the Mikado's troops. The Australians and Americans have already forced their way through the ~~jungle~~ jungle and are effectively surrounding the Japs.

At the same time, on the coast of New Guinea itself, Australian fighters occupied the harbor of Bunabun, fifty miles northwest of Madang. They have sixty thousand Japanese trapped along that coast. MacArthur's headquarters reports that the ~~remnants~~ remnants of the Japanese Eighteenth Army, the Army that once threatened the safety of Australia are being slowly wiped out.

BURMA

More news from Burma: The Chinese and Americans under General Stilwell have hammered their way into the Southern part of the town of Myitkyina, the Number one base in Northern Burma. And this cuts off the principal route by which the Mikado's garrison might have escaped. This is the most important success the Allies have achieved out there in a week or so.

The Chinese and Americans had the benefit of fair weather, which enabled Allied planes to help the ground troops; ground troops composed of Chinese infantry and American Marauders under the redoubtable General Frank Merrill. These broke into the town from both the Southwest and West, and after two days' fighting now occupy the Southern part of it. Meanwhile strong reinforcements were trying to relieve the Jap garrison from the West. But, they were thrown back with heavy losses.

The Japs in Myitkyina are now cut off on the South, on the North, and on the Northwest. Their only

chance to escape now being wiped out, is a retreat over the difficult ground to the East, across the the Irrawaddy River, In spite of that, they are still fighting back for all they are worth.

In Maniphur, the rains have been so incessant that all action on that Northern sector in Eastern India has been slowed down. But, **A**round the Imphal plain, the British and the Japs are fighting more desperately than ever.

# PRISONERS

A message from Chungking reports that more than twenty thousand war prisoners taken by the Japs have died in the last eighteen months. ~~They were~~ British, Americans and Filipinos, <sup>They</sup> ~~they~~ were forced to do ~~the~~ hard labor on the railroad leading from Siam to Burma, <sup>and they</sup> died from ill treatment, lack of medicines, <sup>and</sup> lack of food. The dispatch ~~says~~ further that there are now no fewer than two hundred and fifty thousand war prisoners forced to work on that railway against all provisions of the Geneva Convention.

KIMMEL

For the first time since Pearl Harbor, we have Rear Admiral Kimmel's attitude toward the postponing of his trial. So far from agreeing with what has been done by command of President Roosevelt, Admiral Kimmel protests. He wants now and always has wanted a free, open and public court-martial at the earliest possible date. He complains also about the report of the Commission headed by Supreme Court Justice Owen Roberts. What is more, he stated his complaint to the late Secretary Knox, also repeatedly

*Sec.*  
told Knox that he wanted to be tried ~~then and there~~ *(immediately, and*  
*that he thought the American people ought to*  
*know.* All this comes to light because Senator Ferguson  
of Michigan wrote to Admiral Kimmel and asked him about it.  
The Michigan Senator had introduced a bill extending for  
ninety days the legal period for the trial of *Adm.* Kimmel,  
Major General Short, or any other persons *responsible for* ~~the~~  
the Pearl Harbor catastrophe.

A bill pending in the House would extend the

period for a whole year, till June Seventh, Nineteen  
Forty-five. Democratic Representative Cox of Georgia

told the House that there are people who think that

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Kimmel and Short have been made the goats for other

people's mistakes. <sup>Congressman</sup> Cox declared he had heard that they

~~Kimmel and Short~~  
were not to blame, that they did exactly what they <sup>were</sup> ~~had~~

~~was~~ ordered to do.

Senator Ferguson wrote to Admiral Kimmel and

wanted to know just where <sup>the Admiral</sup> ~~he~~ stood; he and General Short.

<sup>Adm.</sup> Kimmel said the reports of the Roberts Commission did not

tell the whole story. And he added that for more than

two years he was kept in the dark as to what went on

in the hearings held before the Roberts Commission.

Secretary Knox <sup>had</sup> asked Admiral Kimmel to sign

a waiver, agreeing to the postponement of his trial. ~~He~~

<sup>But he explained that he</sup>  
did not sign the form which the Secretary sent him, a

form which did not provide for trial in open court.



He drew up his own form of waiver to make sure that his court-martial would be held and that it would be public.

And he used these words: "The report of the Roberts Commission does not tell the whole story of Pearl Harbor."

Volunteers.

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## ITALY

More progress in Italy! Units of the ~~good old~~ British Eighth Army <sup>have</sup> pushed ahead five miles in the valley of the Liri River, ~~They~~ outflanked <sup>ing</sup> the Germans and <sup>driving</sup> ~~drove~~ the remnants of their units into a death trap at Valmontone.

Meanwhile, the advance guards of the Fifth Army <sup>have</sup> rolled <sup>on</sup> ~~ahead~~ to within sixteen ~~and a half~~ miles of Rome.

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In fact, one radio dispatch reported that units of the Allied armies are within fifteen miles of the Eternal City. Indeed, the British Broadcasting Company has it that General Sir Harold Alexander is trying to outflank Rome, hoping to avoid fighting in the streets and to spare it from the destruction of capture by assault.

The Allied high command reports that three of Kesselring's <sup>German</sup> ~~six~~ <sup>totaling</sup> divisions, from thirty to forty-five thousand men, <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ virtually destroyed. Nevertheless, the Nazi Commander has brought up still more reserves in

a desperate attempt to stem the onward rush of the British, French and Americans.

Between Anzio and Rome

~~In the west,~~ the Nazis are using not only <sup>their</sup>

<sup>biggest</sup> tanks but <sup>also</sup> flame throwers, throwing everything they have

into the fight to stop the Allied advance. The Allied command communique reports that, in spite of all this, the British and Americans of the Fifth Army are advancing against opposition that grows more desperate every hour.

# INVASION

Another convoy has arrived in Britain from America, bringing a large force of additional troops and also the latest and most secret weapons for the invasion. The Nazis <sup>say they</sup> have been expecting "D" Day for twenty-four hours. Last night and early this morning they sent large fleets of reconnaissance planes all up and down the British coast, trying to get some idea of what the Allies have planned and when. <sup>And -</sup> They did ~~not stick only~~ <sup>more than</sup> reconnoiter, <sup>They</sup> ~~but~~ attacked one famous resort down on the southwest coast of England.

## AIR WAR

In the air over Europe, ~~the Allies have been~~  
~~carrying on the mightiest daylight operation of the~~  
~~whole war.~~ Three great air-madas took off from Britain  
and Italy <sup>today, and</sup> ~~They~~ bombed eight aircraft plants in Austria,  
Poland and Germany. <sup>Also</sup> they destroyed four railway bridges  
essential to Nazi operations in northern France and  
Belgium. In those three aerial task forces, there were  
more than two-thousand-two hundred American heavy bombers.

<sup>This</sup> was a follow-up to the attack sent out from  
Britain on Sunday in which <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ thousand heavy bombers  
and <sup>a</sup> ~~two~~ thousand, two-hundred-and-fifty escort fighters  
went as far east as Poland, and as far north as the  
Baltic. During the night, heavy bombers of the Royal  
Air Force sowed a crop of high explosives all along the  
French invasion coast. The Sunday air battles cost  
Hitler's air arm ninety-three planes. The consequence was  
that the interceptor defense by the Germans was not

nearly so strong as previously. <sup>TF</sup> The heaviest interception was thrown at our men over Leipzig. This, ~~happened~~ at a moment when the American fighter escort was changing relays. But a ~~large~~ <sup>strong</sup> force of Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings went ~~out to~~ <sup>after</sup> the Germans and chased them off. The Nazis had tried to hide the vital spots at Leipzig under a smoke-screen. But a strong wind came up and blew it away, leaving all the targets clearly exposed.

At other places, there were three aircraft plants ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> American bombers had never visited before. These ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> comparatively new plants, a part of the Nazi attempt to remove aircraft factories beyond the reach of American daylight raiders.

Bombardier Lieutenant McKowan of Leland,

Mississippi, reported that his formation was attacked <sup>over Leipzig</sup> by a group of some two hundred single-engined German fighters. They broke into units of twenty to fifty each,

and started pitching in on different American groups.

But our escorts formed a tight formation which rendered the German interception ~~useless~~. They tried to bluff our pilots, putting on sham dogfights, so as to decoy the American fighters. But that ~~device~~ did not work.

As the Americans came away, they saw ~~great~~ clouds of smoke ~~pouring up~~ <sup>rising up to</sup> twenty-five thousand feet ~~high~~. <sup>So,</sup> ~~higher even than the clouds. Evidently,~~ the destruction ~~was~~ <sup>must have been</sup> devastating.

And here is a score ~~which~~ indicates how ~~good~~  
*successful*  
~~our~~ escort fighters were. Our own losses in those  
record-breaking raids on Germany and Poland are only  
thirty-five bombers and ten fighters. And our planes  
destroyed one hundred German craft in air combats. The  
Mustangs and Thunderbolts accounted for thirty-eight of  
them, while bomber-gunners shot down sixty-two.

The Nazis were also bombed from the east.  
Large formations of heavy bombers of the Soviet armies  
visited northeastern Rumania, and destroyed or damaged  
at least sixty Axis planes.



# BOMBER

~~One of our~~ <sup>2</sup> Flying Fortresses ~~was~~ on a mission just over Berlin, ~~and~~ ran into heavy flak. Her engine was damaged so badly ~~that~~ it froze, <sup>making</sup> ~~and made~~ the big bomber an easy mark for ~~the~~ Nazi interceptors, ~~that were swooping down on them.~~ Suddenly, a voice came over the Flying Fortress's radio, saying: "Hello big friend, this is your little friend. Are you happy?"

<sup>Fortress</sup>  
The pilot, First Lieutenant Russel Chamberlain of Des Moines, Iowa, replied: "No little friend, we are very unhappy indeed." And he explained: "We see bandits at nine o'clock." As a matter of fact, Chamberlain and his crew were just reaching for their parachutes, ready to bail out.

Out from the clouds overhead came three Mustang fighters. They gave battle to the Nazis ~~immediately,~~ chased ~~them~~ away, and escorted the wounded <sup>Fortress</sup> ~~big bomber~~ back to the Channel.

~~Yes, that is what they call each other in the European air theatre. The Flying Forts and the Liberators are big friends. The fighters, their very good little friends.~~

All the way back to the Channel, the leader of the Mustangs kept asking if the men <sup>B-17 if</sup> on the ~~Fort~~ were still happy. Sometimes the answer was yes; but, when three

Messerschmitts appeared, <sup>then again</sup> the answer was no. <sup>When you</sup>

<sup>the</sup> fighters quit watching the Fort and chased off the <sup>Flying</sup> ~~Heines~~.

~~Sometimes~~ Once in a while, one of the fighters came down to look the Fort over and see how she was making out.

Then it would flip <sup>its</sup> ~~his~~ wings and scoot along.

When the big bomber reached the Zuyder Zee, Lieutenant Chamberlain saw that he could get back home, even though his Flying Fort was slipping. So he radioed to the fighters: "Thank you very kindly, little friends. We will be all right from here on."

GOVERNORS

Governor Earle Warren of California pointed out ~~it~~ to the Conference of State Governors at Hershey, Pennsylvania, today, one grim danger of the absorption of state and local powers by the Federal Government. The Republican Keynoter said that no post war plans can be made now. Neither the State Governments nor local governments nor private industry can make any preparations until they know the extent to which the Federal Government is going to stay in business after the war. Several other Governors talked along similar lines.

At the banquet tonight in Hershey, Governor ~~Thomas~~ Dewey of New York was the principal speaker. He said the people of the United States must never again permit that concentration of national power which would wipe out our free system and substitute a disguised totalitarianism.

Tom Dewey <sup>expressed</sup> ~~expressed~~ himself also on world affairs. He said the United States in the future would have to pay more attention than heretofore to the

troubles of the rest of the world. He used these words:- We must not again sit on the side lines as mere observers, while future Kaisers and Fuehrers grow strong and perfect their plans for aggression.

About the war he said that trained military and naval leaders have won and deserve the continued confidence of all our people. But he pointed out that ~~we~~ are worried about the wasting of their home efforts and sacrifices. They are worried about inefficiencies and bungling on the home front.

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And now, to finish this efficiently - Hugh will you add a few words.