

VATICAN - ~~FOLO TYPE~~

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As the Allies advance toward Rome -- what about the Vatican? Madrid has a report that foreign diplomats assigned to the Papal court have started to burn their confidential papers. Also -- secret documents of the Vatican Secretary of State are being destroyed. The reason, says Madrid, is that nobody knows whether or not the Germans will respect the neutrality of the Pope if the advance of the Allies forces them out of Rome.

Madrid has a still more dramatic rumor -- one which tells of an extremely secret document which the Pope has sent to his representatives in various countries. This document is to be presented to the governments of the countries in the event that the Germans, in their retreat from Rome, take the Pontiff with them. The

the Pope
Madrid story relates that ~~he~~ might be compelled to

go to North Italy or to Germany as a Nazi prisoner.

They say the secret document consists of a solemn protest against the violation of Vatican neutrality and the seizure of the Pope as a prisoner -- in case this happens.

And now - to the War Front: -

ITALY

There are not many of us who will remember our school-day Roman history well enough to recall the River Vult^uarnus. ~~That~~ stream ~~that~~ played an important part in the warfare of those remote times, when the power of Rome was being formed. Today the Italians have changed the name of the river slightly. ~~That~~ They call it the Valt^uarno -- and it 'is in the headlines today.

General Clark's Fifth Army has broken the line of the Valt^uarno, has stormed through the Nazi defenses along the stream -- ~~the~~ ^{smashing} front twenty miles north of Naples which the Nazis were holding as their first line of defense of Rome. The new Allied advance was accomplished ^{after} ~~in~~ heavy fighting _^ in the course of which the Fifth Army captured two important towns, Aversa and Maddaloni. Each is on one of the two main trunk lines leading to Rome, with the town of Aversa

being especially important. General Clark's artillery

is now within range of Capua, the ^{city} ~~town~~ mentioned so

much in the story of Hannibal. ^{So tonight American troops, and} ~~our troops are now~~

^{British, are}

within ninety-seven miles of Rome.

All along the hundred-mile front ^{across} the Italian

peninsula heavy fighting is on. ^{To the East on} ~~on the other side~~ the

Adriatic side, the British Eighth army has fierce fighting

on its hands. At Termoli, where they made a surprise

flanking landing, British and Canadian troops are driving

against the heaviest kind of resistance. At last reports

they were attacking a mountain town eight miles from

Termoli and had captured a strategic hill on the bank

of a river -- this in the face of ^{a violent} ~~the heaviest kind of~~

machine gun, mortar, and artillery barrage. There ^{German} ~~is~~

^{are} said to be a rear guard force covering ^{the} withdrawal,

but they are hard-fighting rear guards. ^{TR} Meanwhile air

action is on all over the place, with hedge-hopping

fighters and light bombers assailing Nazi communications.

The big bombers, the flying fortresses, went all the

way to the railroads leading to Brenner Pass. ^{And -} They

smashed the railroad yards at Bologna in one of their

most successful raids.

At Rome wholesale looting is reported. The

Nazis in the town are said to be stealing everything

they can lay their hands on -- and there is a lot to

steal in Rome. London pictures the Nazis as confiscating

pictures, ancient manuscripts, art treasures -- ~~they are~~

looting those incredible treasures of art and culture

in the Eternal City. — for which they'll have to pay dearly. They were Huns in the last war. Now we can call them Vandals.

RUSSIA

The news from Russia is summarized in three words, which describe today's events on the Eastern Front. A late communique from Moscow states: "No important changes".

WAKE ISLAND

The Navy has just announced another attack against the Japs on Wake Island. A Task force dashed to that island made famous by the heroism of the Marines, and shelled Japanese positions, while planes from carriers blasted them with bombs.

PHILIPPINES

President Roosevelt today asked Congress for authority to declare the independence of the Philippine Islands at an early date. As the law stands, the Filipinos are to have their legal freedom and sovereignty as a nation on July Fourth, Nineteen Forty-six, and the idea is to advance that date. The Japs, ~~xxxx~~ for propaganda purposes, have ^{already} announced Philippine independence, and the President wants to counter that ^{by} ~~by proclamation~~ ^{an American proclamation of} Philippine freedom right away.

Several weeks ago Senator Tydings of Maryland introduced a bill to ~~xxxxx~~ give the President the right to negotiate with President Manuel Quezon for immediate independence. And the President today supported the idea in his request to Congress.

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has just passed a)

The Senate ~~today agreed to~~ substitute ~~something~~
~~else~~ ^{for} the bill to defer the draft of Pearl Harbor
fathers. The substitute is a measure to restrict ~~the~~
deferrment of Government employees. Senator Wheeler,
the sponsor of the bill to delay the drafting of
married men with children, has been charging all
along that there are a lot of men in Government service
who should be taken into the army, and the substitute
for ~~his~~ his measure is along that line -- a proposal
to do something about men who are kept out of the draft
because they work for the Government. ~~and the same~~
thing applies to employees of business concerns, who
have been deferred. The bill requires that their
employers shall furnish written statements telling
why they are indispensable. Moreover, an amendment to
the substitute bill calls for an ~~increasing~~ increase
of the medical commission to reexamine the deferrments

PUBLIC WORKS

President Roosevelt has just announced the ~~function~~ setting-up of an organization for post-war public works. By executive order the President arranges in advance for a public works program to combat post-war unemployment.

FOOD PROGRAM

Today the War Food Administrator presented to Congress the first official picture of American food prospects for Nineteen Forty-four. Marvin Jones reveals that the program calls for the American farmer to plant a record acreage of crops -- three hundred and eighty million acres in Nineteen forty-four.

~~that~~ Sixteen million more than last year, Nineteen Forty-two. He stated at the same time that civilians next year will receive about seventy-five percent of this year's total food production -- the other twenty-five percent to go to the armed forces and Lend Lease. ~~That seventy five percent for next year compares with eighty six percent the proportion of the food supply that xxxx civilians received last year.~~

All of ~~of xxx~~ this was disclosed by Food Administrator Marvin Jones who appeared before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Representatives.

He made an appeal to the Committee, and once again we hear that much debated word -- Subsidies. The Food Administrator told the committee that the paying of Subsidies to food producers is the best way to increase production.

All along there has been plenty of Congressional opposition to Subsidy, and there is no sign that this has diminished. Today Congressman Wolcott of Michigan denounced the Subsidy plan and charged that it was intended to be a prelude to the socialization of agriculture. (He declared that the Subsidy ~~was~~ socialization ^{was} ~~is~~ sponsored by what he called -- "the back office." He meant the presidential advisors, and he named Harry Hopkins, Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter, and the White House legal advisor, Judge Rosinman -- among others.)

ADD FOOD PROGRAM

The latest is a report ~~of~~ the meat situation for Nineteen Forty-four, a report that says to civilians -- don't expect more meat next year, you'll ~~probably~~ get less. The War Food Administration has just issued a forecast stating that there will be fewer livestock next year than this year, a sharp reduction. And -- there will be a twenty-five percent boost in the amount of meat the Government will require for military uses, Lend Lease and so on.

TAXES

Today Stabilization Director Vinson testified before the House Ways and Means Committee which is considering the ten and a half billion dollar tax program proposed by the Administration. The Stabilization Director declared that ^{the} ~~that~~ ten and a half billion dollars to be raised by taxation ~~is~~ a minimum necessity. Unless Congress imposes the taxes, he argued, it will be impossible to check inflation, ~~check inflation,~~ break the black markets, and sustain the war effort.

Meanwhile, there still seems little chance that Congress will agree to the huge tax program, with the great increase of income tax that it will entail. Republican Congressmen continue to echo a declaration by ~~Ex~~ Democratic Chairman Doughton of North Carolina that the Administration's plan demands far more than the individual taxpayer can pay.

Opponents of the measure reiterate their arguments

that the way to meet the financial demands of war
~~is~~ economy and a sales tax. ^{FF} Congressman Knudsen of
Minnesota stated today that forty percent of the ten
and a half billion dollars that the Administration
wants could be eliminated through rigid savings ~~ix~~ on
the part of the Government.

ROSE - INTRO TO MR. PYLE

A gentleman has just come into the studio with a bouquet of roses. He is Mr. Robert Pyle, of West Grove, Pennsylvania, for eight years Secretary and four years President of the American Rose Society. He has asked me for a moment to tell about a bouquet of glowing yellow roses that he has just brought into the studio. We are all puzzled about them. And Mr. Pyle wants to tell us.

ROBERT PYLE & ROSES

MR. PYLE:- This particular rose was bred in France, and seven cuttings of it I brought to America on the Normandie, in Nineteen Thirty-eight. After nationwide tests the rose has been awarded top ^{rating} ~~rating~~ by the Portland, Oregon, International Rose Test Garden, and has been acclaimed as one of the famous All-American rose selections.

Rose growers seek for new roses a popular name. And this one has been given your name. That's why I brought you this bouquet cut from among five thousand plants in our Conard-Pyle fields of roses at West Grove, Pennsylvania.

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L.T.:- I don't know how to express my thanks, but I think it would have been more appropriate to name the thorns after me -- not the roses.

BASEBALL

A deeply emotional human problem appeared suddenly today in the most unexpected of all places -- the World Series. A family tragedy unsettled the entire Series outlook of the St. Louis Cardinals. For several seasons the Cards have been noted for a family angle -- that star battery of theirs, Cooper and Cooper. It's not so unusual in baseball for two brothers to figure in the same game -- on rival teams most often. But here were Morton and Walker Cooper, star pitcher and star catcher respectively, on the St. Louis Cardinals. ^{S. P.} ~~They~~ They were scheduled to do their brother act today, ^{and that,} ~~Mort Cooper to pitch against the powerful Yankees and retrieve yesterday's defeat for the Cards. That~~ fraternal angle alone gave ^{the} ~~today's~~ game a ~~xxx~~ special flavor -- and then what should happen? The news flashed -- their father had died suddenly this morning in St. Louis.

So, ~~now what were they to do?~~ Should they hurry back to their home, ^{to their widowed mother -} in St. Louis, -- and never mind today's World Series game? They had been mighty close to their father, and the unexpected shock of his death was enough to unnerve them. Manager Billy Southworth of the Cards could hardly have stood on his authority, and ordered them to stay and play -- although St. Louis's hope in the World Series depended so much on the strong right arm of Mort Cooper. So Southworth left it up to the two brothers.

How did they figure out their problem, a problem so deeply human? ~~The~~ father, a rural mailman for forty years, had taught them baseball, had helped them to become Big Leaguers. His death, in fact, had come about because of his intense concern for the team in which his two boys were stars. ~~He had a heart ailment,~~ and yesterday he had been ~~intensely~~ ^{over-} excited by the

ballgame -- which the Cards ~~had~~ lost. Last evening he read ~~the~~ and re-read the newspapers telling about it -- and during the night ~~his heart gave way.~~ *he suddenly passed away.*

It was as Mort Cooper said to his brother Walker today just before game time: "I guess he was just rooting too hard for us."

They asked each other -- what would their father have wanted them to do today? The big pitcher, Mort Cooper, answered: "We'll play, and we'll win -- because that's what he would want us to do. We'll win this one for ~~pop,~~ *pop, he said.*

So that was the human drama, as Mort Cooper walked out to the pitcher's mound, and his brother, in mask and pads, took his place behind the plate.

Everybody in the stadium knew,
~~Most of the people in the huge crowd didn't know about,~~

~~the loss those two brothers had just sustained. But~~

~~some of us did~~ and it added a great and poignant

interest to the play of the game, the hitting, the fielding -- and especially the pitching and the catching *by the two brothers.*

You felt the Cards just had to win. Even the hottest Yankee fan couldn't escape that emotion -- that

the ^{Cooper} ~~two~~ brothers had to win that game for Pop, ^{who had} ~~when~~ *taught them to play and who was gone.*
P Inning after inning it seemed certain that they would --

the happy ending on its way. Mort Cooper pitched

superbly. His rival, Yankee Pitcher Jumbo ~~Bonham~~,
pitched a *fine* game too. But the Cards took a lead of

forty ~~six~~ to one, and everything was rosy until that

frantic ninth inning. ^P In the last half of the ninth

the Yanks cut loose. Billy Johnson, the first hitter,

~~xxxxxx~~ smacked Mort Cooper for a double. King Kong Kellen

slugged the ball for a triple, and later scored. The

stands were in a frenzy. Two runs ^{in. The} ~~were in.~~ score of

four to three. The Yanks needing one to tie were

smashing the ball savagely. It looked as if the wicked imps of baseball were contriving a lugubrious finish for the Cooper brothers on the day of the death of their father.

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Joe Gordon was up, "Flash" Gordon who hit a homerun yesterday. And then came the play that ended the game with the perfect touch. Gordon hit a high fly behind the plate, and Catcher Walker Cooper went after it. Two were out, and here was his chance to clinch his brother's victory. It took a long run. And the ball was spinning. Nearly bounced out of his glove, but he held it. And that ended the most dramatic baseball game ever played, so deep in human drama.

And now Hugh.