

Admiral Nimitz has launched his heaviest blow yet at the Japanese defense system. That is, if we may believe an official broadcast from Tokyo which all too frequently we cannot. But this one is fairly circumstantial, and seems not too improbable. It reports that <sup>a</sup>~~two~~ thousand American planes, based on carriers, attacked the great island of Formosa, ~~which~~ ~~lies~~ off the China coast, just southwest of Japan proper, and north of the Philippines.

The report is plausible; <sup>we've</sup> ~~because we have~~ been expecting it for some time. Nimitz was bound to begin ~~the end result~~ this attack sooner or later, and ~~it so happens~~ that last week he reported attacks by Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet on Marcus Island, and later on the Ryukyu Islands between Japan and Formosa.

The Japanese declare that the attack continued all day, and has been going on for fifteen hours, and is,

in fact, still going on. Most of the bombing was concentrated on the three biggest cities of Formosa - Takao, Tainan and Taichu. Tokyo claims that the Japanese have shot down about a hundred of our planes.

Formosa is the most formidable military defense of the Japanese homeland. It is a large island with a population of nearly seven million people, fairly bristling with defenses, naval and air bases. The Japanese consider that it is impregnable. That's what the Nazis thought about their defenses on the west coast of Europe!

Besides that, # here is news from MacArthur.

He reports another raid on Balikpapan the big oil center in Borneo. A strong force of Liberators did the job, escorted by fighters. In addition to causing big fires and explosions all through the refineries the B-24s and their escorts destroyed thirty six Japanese planes and put ten more out of action after *a series of air battles,* ~~a hotly contested series of dog fights.~~

## WESTERN FRONT

The assault on Aix-la-Chappelle continues to be the big story of the day on the West Front.

Tonight, <sup>the</sup> Americans ~~do~~ <sup>occupy nearly a</sup> ~~boys~~ are in occupation of almost ~~one~~ third of the old capital of the German Emperors.

They <sup>have</sup> fought their way through two of the industrial

districts in the city, <sup>and</sup> just before nightfall they

were storming a hill only <sup>that covers the defense</sup> ~~eleven hundred yards from the~~

<sup>of Bachen.</sup> center. What is left of the garrison is evidently

~~nothing but a skeleton~~ fighting a delaying action, for

Dispatches talk of a ~~remnant~~ remnant of only between

fifteen hundred <sup>soldiers</sup> and two thousand Nazi <sup>and</sup> left in the city.

But even they are ~~severely depleted~~ without water, <sup>and</sup> their

food and ammunition <sup>are</sup> ~~supplies~~ dwindling. The main body

of the garrison escaped yesterday. <sup>our men</sup> ~~The Yanks~~ captured

five hundred of them. ~~just as they were trying to~~

~~withdraw~~

The Nazis sent two columns of some ten



thousand men with armor to reinforce the garrison, but American tanks and artillery drove them back in disorder.

According to the stories told by German prisoners, there are <sup>about</sup> still fifteen thousand civilians left inside of Aix-la-Chapelle, and ~~they are~~ in a sorry plight.

Tremendous fires are burning all over the city, and all services are shut off. *A camera man reports that it is a dead city.*

Meanwhile, to the east of Aix-la-Chappelle, the Yanks and Nazis are lining up for an all-out tank battle on the plains in front of Cologne.

~~North of Aix-la-Chappelle, the British Second Army advanced on a two thousand yard front in eastern Holland. After a heavy battle in the streets, they recaptured Overloon, nineteen miles to the southeast of Nijmegen. <sup>which</sup> The First American Army took ~~that place~~ two weeks ago. ~~And this is the first time we learn, after taking it, the Yanks were thrown out again.~~~~

STIMSON Insert West. Front.

Secretary of War Stimson today warned the Germans that if they do not surrender their cities to the Allies, they will be destroyed. German civilians, he added, will have to bear the penalty of the decision imposed upon them by their military leaders. In this he backed up the declaration of ~~Lieutenant~~ General Hodges, who pointed out that there can be no middle line. So long as German cities are a part of the battleline, they can expect no immunity.

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~~All this gives a picture of the fierceness of the German defense, which was only to be expected.~~

Southeast of Aachen, General Hodges's First Army captured two towns at the eastern end of the forest which lies eight miles inside the German border.

From Bordeaux we learn that the big port at the mouth of the *Gironde* is now in full service, port installations virtually intact, *and* the French armed forces in complete control for the first time in four years.

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Today he informed General DeGaulle that he resigned,

and he added that he was glad to do so, in order that there could be no impediment to DeGaulle in using and enjoying the title. He said further that in DeGaulle, "the ship of state will have a good pilot."

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with one hundred correspondents present, and spoke in

clear, direct, and simple language to state the

facts as he saw them and to set the record. He said

clearly that he is all set for a winter

campaign in Western Europe, and that he expects

to win the war.

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EISENHOWER

For some time we have been warned <sup>that</sup> it was a mistake to expect the Allies to ~~be able to~~ conquer Germany before the end of the year. This was indicated today by none other than the Allied Commander-in-Chief, General ~~Dwight~~ Eisenhower, <sup>who</sup> held a press conference with one hundred correspondents present, and spoke to them ~~very~~ frankly. They were unable to quote <sup>all</sup> ~~most of~~ <sup>much of</sup> what he said, because it was off the record. But ~~Eisen-~~ <sup>hower made it</sup> ~~made it quite~~ clear that he is all set for a winter campaign in western Europe, ~~and that means no ultimate~~

~~victory until the Spring~~

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Then he added: "In Germany there will be no

fraternization because we go in as conquerors." And he

said further: "We shall treat them justly, in conformity

with the civilized standards as exemplified by our

government, but we will have nothing else to do with them except in the necessary official relationships."

The Commander-in-Chief said that undoubtedly a large number of the German people would like to surrender, <sup>but</sup> ~~but they~~ cannot, because in the first place they are inarticulate, and in the second place the Gestapo and the S.S. have pistols ~~at~~ their backs. But <sup>he said,</sup> for that, there would ~~be~~ not be enough Germans in the field to prolong the war. <sup>TP</sup> The Nazis are fighting with desperation, nevertheless the Allied spearheads are advancing steadily and aggressively in spite of bad weather and muddy terrain.

GERMANY FOLLOW EISENHOWER

The German civilian population is in *dire*  
*straits* ~~exceedingly bad shape~~, if we ~~may~~ believe ~~a number~~ *some* of

letters to Nazi soldiers who are trapped at Dunkirk.

~~These letters were dropped from an enemy plane, and  
the British ~~found~~ them, five thousand of them.~~

~~They are all so full of black despair that the Allied  
authorities are wondering whether they are not part of  
a plant, a Nazi device to fool the Allies.~~ One German

woman writes to her husband at the front, asking him  
why doesn't he get taken prisoner. Another from Vienna,

says they had three alerts in one day and ninety

per cent of the people in Vienna are sick with fever

and intestinal cramps. Another reports that the people

in Cologne are in the cellars again, and talks about the

fear and anguish.

Only about one letter in twenty prays for

*can drop*  
Hitler's health and expresses the confidence that

## RUSSIA

~~The~~ Russian troops in the north <sup>now</sup> are inside the suburbs of Riga, ~~the great~~ Baltic seaport and capital of Latvia. ~~The~~ Nazis admit that they <sup>Russians</sup> have not merely isolated Memel in East Prussia but that they have broken into the streets. Moscow said nothing about this except to report that huge battles are raging along two-hundred-and-twenty miles of the ~~borders of~~ East Prussia <sup>border</sup>. Evidently the Soviet high command is preparing for a drive in tremendous force across the frontier.

In the south, the Russians are twenty-two miles closer to Belgrade, and have cut the communications between the German garrison in Belgrade and Budapest. This they did when they captured Subotica, ninety-three miles to the south of Budapest.



ADD RUSSIA

On top of all these victories <sup>A</sup> later  
dispatch from Moscow reports that one of the Red  
Baltic Armies is now only twelve miles away from  
Tilsit, the big railroad junction on the frontier  
between East Prussia <sup>and</sup> Lithuania.  
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ADD HUNGARY

The reports of the imminent collapse of Hungary come from all over the continent. A story from Turkey describes the people of Budapest as panic stricken, with bread lines in the streets. A story from Sweden reports that the Hungarian Government has asked the Allies for an Armistice but that is entirely unconfirmed. A still wilder tale has it that Adolf Hitler has begged Admiral Horthy the regent of Hungary not to desert him. Dispatches from all over the place report that the Cabinet has resigned and that the unrest is spreading from the capital all over the country.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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An army of Czechoslovaks has driven the Nazis out of Vyssi Kormarnik, the first town in Czechslovakia to be freed from Hitler's rule. <sup>This by a</sup> ~~The First Army, called~~ ~~The Czechoslovaks, did this, a~~ corps organized, <sup>trained</sup> ~~trained~~ and equipped in Russia. It had fought its way across the Carpathian Mountains through Poland to the Dukla Pass, and fought a <sup>stiff</sup> ~~hard~~ battle before the Nazi garrison ~~in that town~~ gave way.

Although we are just hearing of it today, this happened on October Sixth, which thus becomes an historic day in the Czechoslovak calendar. ( ~~For the Czechoslovaks of this fighting force are again in their own country, as a properly constituted army. The only blot on the victory is that the general in the First Brigade was among those killed.~~ )

now let's hear from Stan.  
A Calif., and then I have news  
from Calif.

BAUERDORF

A pretty young girl died in her bath tub in Hollywood and tonight the Sheriff has a case on his hands. There are facts concerned which may make it the ~~xxx~~ most spectacular of the year.

A couple of attendants this morning started to clean the luxurious duplex apartment in West Hollywood owned by George F. Bauerdorf, a rich and independent oil operator who has offices in several cities of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Bauerdorf were on a visit to New York. The couple who came to clean found the front door of the apartment open. One of the bedrooms was in unusual disorder. Looking further they came upon the body of pretty twenty year old Georgette Bauerdorf face ~~xxx~~ down in an overflowing bath tub.

They called the Sheriff's office and the chief investigator decided she had been ~~xxxx~~ dead about twelve hours. At first he thought the girl had slipped, ~~xxx~~ been stunned and so drowned. Then he found other facts which called for an investigation.



For one thing, he found a wash cloth or a piece of towel stuffed in the dead girl's mouth. He also found blood stains on the bed and on the floor of the apartment. Apparently a hasty attempt had been made to wipe them away. Furthermore, the girl's bedroom was in complete disarray, her clothing scattered all over the place, her purse opened and its contents strewn all over the ~~floor~~ floor. No money was found but her jewelry was on the ~~in~~ dresser of her bedroom, apparently in tact. Further Georgette Bauerdorf had an expensive green sports coupe which is missing as well as the ignition keys.

The authorities have ordered an autopsy from which we shall know more tomorrow.

Her father's secretary saw her late yesterday afternoon when she was in the ~~best~~ best of spirits and health. She was a graduate of two of the most expensive girl's schools in Hollywood. In her purse was an airplane ticket to El Paso where she had planned to fly tomorrow night to visit a soldier friend at Fort Bliss.

## WITCH

The beautiful county of Essex in England is all agog over <sup>that</sup> a witch, the witch of Scrapfaggot Green. *you've been reading about.*

*ugh* She ~~was~~ burned at the stake and buried two hundred years

ago, under a huge rock measuring four feet by three by

*she got loose x* two, There she was, all safe and sound, until the other

day when an American Army bulldozer came along. They

were widening a road in Essex, and the Bulldozer pushed

the stone aside, and then there was the deuce to pay

all over that part of Essex County, for it freed the

ghost of the wtich from her two hundred years of

imprisonment.

According to all accounts, the witch had a high time getting even with the neighbors. She got into bed

with one of them, and gave him a chill, scared the

stuffing out of him and as he woke up and saw her in

the moonlight, she vanished, slamming the door behind

her.

One farmer's geese disappeared. Where do you ~~thin~~ think they were found? Clustered around the stone that had held the witch down for two hundred years. Then the witch opened the door of another neighbor's rabbit hutches, shoved all the rabbits into the chicken coop, where one of them was seen to hatch an egg.

And now comes the pay-off. The witch of Scrapfaggot Green went into the home of a local widow, a bookish lady addicted to reading. In the dead of night she shifted the jackets on all the books, put the Shakespeare jackets on novels of Galsworthy, and all the Somerset Maughms on books by Sinclair Lewis. The name of that widow is Mrs. Warren, no relation, we presume, to the hero of the play by Bernard Shaw, called "Mrs. Warren's Profession."

So the London Council of Psychological Research sent an expert, Professor Harry Price. He investigated

the phenomena and said that some of them appeared to be exaggerated. For instance, it was not true that the witch had killed a flock of thirty sheep. The sheep had eaten grass which had been treated with arsenic.

However, Professor Price recommended that the witch be reinterned, and that, before Friday the Thirteenth. For if she were let loose on Friday the Thirteenth, there is no knowing what dire deeds she might accomplish. At present, said Professor Price, she is only galivanting around nights. Comes the dawn, and back goes the witch into the ground.

So today nine husky Essex men put their shoulders to the stone and heaved and hauled and grunted, and got the stone back. Judge of their fury when one of the neighbors, who had ~~been~~ done no pushing and no grunting, told them they had the stone in all wrong. For on one side of that big rock is a hole



resembling an eye, on another face <sup>of it</sup> there is a mark resembling a human ear. And, said the troublesome neighbor: "You've got the bloomin' eye pointing sideways." And he explained: "I've been past this stone every day for forty-four years, and the eye always pointed up."

So they all had to adjourn to Ye Olde Queen Anne's Castle Inn to talk the matter over. Then they went back to the job again, taking with them a little blond girl to coax the witch to keep still while they shifted the stone again. But the little blond girl began to bawl, and that so upset the committee that they had to go back to Ye Olde ~~Queen~~ Queen Anne's Castle Inn again. Finally, they got the stone back into place, with the eye pointing up, and returned once more to ~~the~~ Ye Olde Queen Anne's Castle Inn, relieved by the knowledge that the witch of Scrapfaggot Green is back where she belongs once more, with half a ton of rock holding her down. *And now something about the weather!*

~~MEMORANDUM~~

Roosevelt

From all over the Americas men gathered in Washington today to hear President Roosevelt urge the founding of a world peace organization without further delay and without waiting for the end of the war. The envoys from all Latin-American countries were present, except from Argentina, with whom we are not at present on speaking terms. This plea by Mr. Roosevelt is a follow-up to the story released on Monday of the tentative plan to establish a permanent United Nations organization after the war.

~~Mr. Roosevelt declared there was no time to lose. And he used these words: "There must of course be time for discussion by all the peace-loving nations, large and small." But he wants the plan pushed through as rapidly as possible.~~

~~In reply to a Columbus Day greeting from Prime Minister Bonomi of Italy, Mr. Roosevelt paid~~

## HUNGARY

~~People who are in the know believe that it~~  
~~will not be long before~~ Hungary ~~is~~ out of the war,  
~~in fact, London thinks it quite probable this may happen~~  
*that's the word from London.*  
by the end of the week. ~~That will leave~~ Hitler with  
Slovakia and Croatia as his only allies, <sup>now that</sup> ~~since~~ Bulgaria  
has just accepted the conditions offered by the Russians.

The Second Army of the Ukraine has captured  
*Oradea*  
Oradea, a big railroad junction town in Transylvania,  
which Hitler had given to Hungary. Oradea had been  
built into a powerful defense base. Six railways and  
six highways meet there. Its capture means that the  
Russians will soon have *Debrecen*  
Debrecen, thirty-two miles  
northwest of Oradea. ~~xxxx~~ Debrecen is the third  
largest city in Hungary, and violent street battles are  
already going on there. In short, the capture of  
Oradea is the prelude to the rapid conquest of  
Transylvania.

POLAND

The Polish government-in-exile is making another *try for* ~~stab~~ an understanding with Soviet Russia. The Prime Minister and other officials arrived in Moscow today, where ~~where~~ *They* traveled in Prime Minister ~~Winston~~ Churchill's private plane. Before they talk to Soviet officials, they will try to iron out their differences with the Polish Lublin National Committee. There is a faint hope that these two rival Polish groups may come to terms, even though at the eleventh hour.