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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The forces of Soviet Russia tonight are within thirty-~~seven~~ miles of Warsaw. But in the course of the past twenty-four hours, Stalin had occasion to issue no fewer than five special orders-of-the-day, five bulletins, announcing the capture of <sup>seven</sup>~~six~~ important cities which up to yesterday had been strong Nazi fortresses.

At some points there is the usual discrepancy between the Nazi and the Russian accounts. For instance, Berlin beat Stalin to the punch by announcing this morning ~~morning~~ that the Nazi generals had evacuated Bialystok, which is in Poland, about midway between Grodno and Brest-Litovsk. Later on. Stalin reported that the

Red armies had overwhelmed Bialystok, taking it by storm.

Thereupon followed in rapid succession the news that one Baltic army ~~had~~ had captured <sup>Daugavpils</sup> ~~Daugavpils~~, a center of railway lines in Latvia. Meanwhile, the ~~second~~ second Baltic army took possession of another place in Latvia, called Rezekne. Still another Red contingent finally captured Lvov in Poland; while the First Army of the Ukraine took the strategic town of Stanislavov in southern Poland.

Later the Germans admitted that their garrison at Brest-Litovsk was giving ground, "under the massed pressure of the enemy," as they put it. In fact, they said their troops were leaving the city, and it becomes obvious that its complete occupation by the Russians is only a mere matter of hours. The Germans acknowledged that the Russians had spanned the Vistula. They declared <sup>that</sup> a great battle between tank forces, on both sides, was beginning on the huge level plains around the Vistula bridgeheads.

The Reds are now only three-hundred-and-fifty miles from Berlin.

A late bulletin tells us that the Russians have cut the railroad from Riga to Loenigsberg in East Prussia.

As for the southern armies of the Soviets, these are pushing through the foothills of the Carpathians, near the old border of Czechoslovakia, and threatening both Hungary and Rumania.

The official newspaper of the Soviet government today published a thinly veiled hint that it's about time the Allies on the western front began ~~to~~ making some real headway. ISVESTIA used these words:

"In order to expedite the collapse of Hitlerite Germany, new strong blows are ~~and~~ needed on all fronts such as the Red Army is inflicting in the east." ISVESTIA printed the word "ALL" in italics.

The Polish government in exile is now ~~not~~ making a determined effort to impress its ideas for the future of Poland on Stalin. The Polish Premier

left London for Moscow, and with him went his Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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Major General of the United Press tells us that the German line is too weak to hold their present position since the 1st of September. An entire army corps, the 11th, is being sent to meet the British troops. The battered and reeling General Guderian had to have captured the East Prussians on the west flank without a fight, and his artillery is throwing shells into the air.

General Guderian believes that this attack is the signal of a general retreat that has not been seen in France since the British attack the other day to the west of Paris.

Thunderbolt, which is returning from the front, reports that the German line is still holding in the west, but that the British are pushing forward in the east.

## INVASION

American tanks have pushed back the Nazis west of St. Lo, on a twenty-five-mile front. At some points, the doughboys have punched a hole fifteen miles deep in the German line, and tonight they have a fair chance of trapping some seventy thousand of the enemy.

Henry Gorrell of the United Press tells us that the Germans in Normandy are now facing their greatest setback since the fall of Cherbourg. An entire army corps, the Eighty-fourth, consisting of crack Nazi troops, is battered and reeling. General Omar Bradley's lads have captured two Nazi strongholds on the west flank without a fight, and his artillery is throwing shells into St. Lo:

Gorrell declares that this attack is the biggest tank offensive that has yet been seen in France, bigger than the British affair the other day to the east of Caen.

Thunderbolt pilots returning from missions over the German lines, report that French civilians are clogging the roads by the thousands. Fleeing ahead of

## MCNAIR

The armed forces of the United States today sustained a serious loss, in the death of one of our top-ranking military leaders, in Normandy, by enemy fire --- Lieutenant-General Leslie McNair. General McNair was in the foremost lines of the great assault just launched on the American front. He was the second American Lieutenant-General to be killed, the sixth general officer of the armies of the United States.

Leslie McNair was considered one of the tops of our army, along with Marshall, Hap Arnold, Eisenhower and Somervelle. All authorities agree that he did a magnificent job by taking over an army of raw civilians who at first had only wooden sticks for guns, and molding them into a great combat force of nearly eight million.

He was of the type who speak softly but are plenty tough underneath. *A great soldier!* ~~The motto he instilled into American soldiers was to hate, fight and kill.~~

## GERMANY

The Nazi government today named the three generals who, they say, led the conspiracy to kill Hitler. One of them, Colonel-General Beck, was former chief of the General Staff. Himmler claims that von Beck shot himself at headquarters, while he was being arrested. He, they say, was to have been civil chief of the Reich if the revolt had not failed.

The names of the two other generals mean nothing to us, though they were fairly important top figures in the Prussian army. One was courtmartialled late at night, and shot at headquarters. ~~The~~ The other is under arrest, awaiting sentence.

London believes the conspiracy, though it failed, had a lot to do with the German collapse on the eastern front. It is noticeable that resistance both in Italy and Normandy still is exceedingly strong. For one thing, in France, Hitler is using the ~~the~~ cream of <sup>the</sup> Nazi shock troops.

(more)

Secretary of War Stimson, ...  
Newspapers in neutral countries report  
discontent widespread all over Germany. According to  
one dispatch, Vienna is in a state of near-revolt,  
and another has it that public demonstrations have taken  
place throughout upper Silesia. But these stories  
have yet to be confirmed.

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STIMSON

Secretary of War Stimson, <sup>just back</sup> ~~who only recently~~  
~~returned~~ from Europe, told reporters today that the  
Allied push in Italy has compelled the Nazis to withdraw  
six ~~British~~ divisions from other theatres of war, to the  
Italian front. This, he said, has been particularly  
useful to the Russians. And he pointed out that one of  
the units now in Italy was formed in Bavaria and  
equipped with special clothing for Russia. But, with  
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ADD STIMSON

The Secretary added a timely word to warn us against being over optimistic about <sup>the effects</sup> that conspiracy. "It is all very well", he intimated "and grist for our mill". "But," he concluded, "The German General Staff and the ~~V~~unker mind hate us just as much as they do Hitler".

SABANG

As far <sup>with</sup>  
~~And here is interesting news from the war against~~  
Japan, <sup>more news about that</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>latest</sup>  
~~As Allied task force has delivered a powerful~~  
attack on the Jap naval base ~~at~~ Sabang, just off the  
northwestern coast of Sumatra. In that <sup>Task Force</sup> ~~fleet~~ were  
battleships, cruisers and destroyers. <sup>They</sup> ~~It~~ took the Nips  
entirely by surprise; ~~appearing suddenly~~ at dawn.

<sup>And</sup> For thirty-five minutes the warships delivered  
a terrific bombardment on all the Japanese harbor  
installations. <sup>And</sup> Those heavy guns can do ~~an awful~~ lot  
of damage in thirty-five minutes.

Admiral Sir John Somerville, ~~who is~~ in command  
of ~~the~~ fleet, reports that his cannon ~~destroyed~~ the  
harbor installations at Sabang almost completely.  
An American correspondent says the fleet left the  
place a flaming, smoking ~~ruin~~.

Now H - your stand of Calif  
mess - and then I have a lot  
of American-home news.

## SURPLUS

When the war is over, Uncle Sam will own surplus goods to the value of more than a hundred and three billion dollars. It is difficult to visualize a stockpile of that size. But of this huge supply, there will be only some twelve billion dollars' worth that civilians will want to use. For instance, four billion dollars' worth of trucks and other motor vehicles; four billion, five hundred and eighty-eight million dollars' worth of raw materials, largely petroleum products. Also, one billion, eight hundred and seventy-five dollars' worth of food products.

*Yes, the figures*

*are staggering; but wait!*

The rest of that huge surplus will consist of things that civilians will not want to buy, such as twenty-six billion dollars' worth of aircraft, almost twenty-four billion dollars' worth of airfields, barracks, storage houses for war materials. There will be ten billion dollars' worth of merchant vessels,

nine and a half billion dollars' worth of combat vehicles, radio equipment, and radar.

All this was made public today by the Surplus Property Sub-Committee of the Senate. Of course, this gigantic surplus could be quite a menace if great care were not used in disposing of it. ~~For instance, if it were thrown on the market suddenly, it might cause a serious period of unemployment after the war.~~ Naturally, there will be a huge demand for all sorts of materials the moment hostilities cease. <sup>But</sup> The government will have to get rid of that stockpile in such fashion as to avoid interfering with full production and full employment in private industry.

In a preliminary report, the Committee suggests that Congress create a new government agency, the Surplus War Property Administration. But ~~that~~ that is only a suggestion, intended to attract comment and ideas.

## DEWEY

The Republican nominees for President and Vice-President finished their conference at Albany today. Governor Dewey and Governor Bricker put in several serious hours, outlining a program ~~which~~ they will submit to the conference of Republican governors at St. Louis next week. Governors Dewey and Bricker said they had canvassed the entire field of conflict that has been going on in the past eleven years between the federal government and the state and local governments. This conflict, said they, has been a constant source of friction.

Dewey and Bricker indicated clearly that this will be one of the ~~big~~ <sup>big</sup> issues in the coming campaign. They used these words: "We conceive it to be one of our first obligations to bring agreement out of this chaos and unity where there is only disunity now."

They added that it is for this reason that the

Republican Governors are going to meet next week. They said it is time to bring an end to people in government jobs spending their full time fighting each other over questions of jurisdiction and power.

STASSEN FOLLOW DEWEY

A visitor in

x In Washington today was Commander Harold Stassen of the <sup>U. S.</sup> ~~United States~~ Naval Reserve, former Governor Minnesota and ~~at~~ one time ~~a~~ potential Republican nominee for the presidency. Stassen is Flag Secretary to Admiral ~~Bell~~ Halsey, Commander of the Third Fleet. Reporters asked him how he would feel if Governor Dewey were elected President and appointed him Secretary of the Navy. Stassen replied: "I have a job right now that I want to keep until the war is over."



## TRUMAN

The Democratic nomination of Senator Harry Truman of Missouri for the vice-presidency has created a serious vacancy in public affairs. I mean, of course, the Chairmanship of the Senate Committee investigating the conduct of the war, the body we all know as the Truman Committee. Senator Mead of New York, also a member of that Committee, said today that it will be soon be reorganized, probably by next Wednesday. ~~It will be~~ *And* of course, ~~to select~~ *with* a new Chairman. ~~necessary~~

## DEMOCRATS FOLLOW TRUMAN

And tonight we have a ~~reek~~ repercussion from the Democration National Convention last week. The supporters of Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia are up in arms. The Chairman of the "Draft Byrd for President Club" described the Convention as a "rigged meeting" rigged by the Chicago Kelly Machine and the C I O. He said the supporters of Byrd would offer what he called a general party ticket at the proper time.

BRIDGES

*Once more, it's the* West Coast labor leader,  
~~The spotlight shines again on Australian~~

Harry Bridges. ~~You may recall that~~ Just a month ago the Circuit Court of appeals handed down a three to two decision that the Australian should be sent back to Sydney. His lawyers today filed a petition asking for a rehearing. They complained that he had been deprived of his civil rights, and denied due process of law. They announced that if the petition is denied they will take it all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary.

# TRAVEL

It looks as though the Government were about to cut down the travelling of civilians. The reason -- shortage of tires. The Director of Defense Transportation says there is not enough rubber to meet even the basic requirements for busses and other automobiles.

## CLOTHES

Here is news that will be a relief to the ladies. Low-priced cotton dresses will be on the market again this fall and winter. At least, an order of the War Production Board today indicates as much. The Board today ordered fifty million yards of cotton fabrics to be released every three months for the manufacture of low and moderate-priced clothing.

And to make sure, women do not have to pay too much, the Board ties a string to that order. ~~Manufacturers~~ Manufacturers will receive the cotton fabrics only on condition that they make them into articles <sup>to</sup> ~~which~~ sell within certain specified price levels, such as women's dresses for two ninety-eight. ~~The fabrics will also be available for infants' and children's garments and men's shirts.~~ How does that sound, Hugh?

# KING

Princess Elizabeth, ~~heir presumptive to the throne~~  
~~of England~~, today did her first job of pinch-hitting  
for her father, King George, who <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ in Italy. With  
her mother, Queen Elizabeth, <sup>the heirs to the throne</sup> ~~she~~ signed documents giving  
the royal assent to several laws passed by the British  
Parliament.

As for the King, he passed the day watching  
British artillery shell German positions north of  
Arezzo. A few shells from Nazi guns landed not far  
from where the King <sup>stood,</sup> ~~was~~ in the valley of the River Arno.

The British sovereign endeared himself to his troops  
by ~~several gestures of friendship to the Tommies.~~  
<sup>showing the Tommies that their king is what</sup>  
<sup>we over here call regular.</sup>

One of them stepped out of line to snap the royal  
picture. The Tommy's camera jammed just as the royal  
convoy was about to start. King George made his aides  
wait while the soldier repaired his camera and got his  
snapshot.

O\_P\_A

From Washington we learn <sup>about a recent</sup> ~~that~~ ~~the~~ ~~duel~~ ~~is~~  
now <sup>being fought</sup> ~~going on~~ between two major government agencies.

■ On one side is the Office of Price Administration; on the other the War Food Administration. Last week the War Food Administration ordered the O. P. A. to remove point values on certain grades of beef and restore point values to pork loins and hams. The O.P.A. officials immediately retorted that this order was an infringement on their authority. A report from Washington tonight indicates that Mobilization Director Jim Burns will have to referee the fight.