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INDIA

~~Mohandas~~ Gandhi today laid down an ~~xxx~~

That -
ultimatum to the British. [^] If they give India

independence immediately, all Gandhi's followers will

— that is join
join the United Nations whole-heartedly [^] against Japan

then
or any other aggressor. If not, [^] Gandhi will proclaim

a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience, a mass

struggle under Gandhi's own leadership. ~~So~~ said the

All-India radio today. ^{IF} Gandhi's *ultimatum* ~~call was endorsed in~~

~~the Resolution, and~~ was adopted by the working committee

— in the form of a ^{which}
of the All-India Congress, [^] ~~The same~~ Resolution [^] will be

placed before the body of the Congress at its meeting

^{on}
in Bombay [^] Friday

The Resolution adds that if the British withdraw
their power immediately from India, the Indians will
be able to join Britain and the United Nations as an
Ally to fight the aggressors.

ADD INDIA

The reaction to this in London ^{indicates} ~~amounts to a~~
~~reply of "Nothing Doing."~~ ^{that} There is little hope ~~in~~
~~England that~~ ^{of} the Churchill Government ~~will~~ either yield
or compromise ^{ing} with the Indian Nationalists. ^{TR} Last week
the Secretary of State for India told the Commons that
the Government of India will not permit Gandhi's
passive resistance campaign to get in the way of the
British defense of ^{Hindustan} ~~the sub-continent~~ ^{British} And the Government
stands ready to back that up.

RUSSIA

The Nazis in Russia have been repeating a tactic they used before. They have sent huge fleets of transports over the Russian lines in the Caucasus, dropping large numbers of parachute troops in the rear of the Red Army. In fact they have dropped not only parachutists but whippet tanks -- large numbers of those small tanks. A Moscow dispatch reports that in some places as many as a hundred and fifty of these whippet tanks were sent against a Soviet defense line which had only a few tanks and sometimes none. Thus the retreating Soviet forces found themselves with enemy divisions in their rear.

In this way the Nazis have compelled Timoshenko to retreat still further southwest of Salsk. And they are threatening to surround part of his forces. The Reds have also been forced to withdraw, on the Don, midway between Rostov and Stalingrad. That comes in one of the latest reports from Moscow. The Soviet High Command also reported^S_^ a withdrawal some seventy

miles northwest of Stalingrad, where heretofore the Red Army has been the strongest.

The German procedure is for the parachutists armed with machine guns and destruction equipment, to consolidate positions and hold on to strategic points long enough for the heavy mobile panzer columns to catch up.

Another dispatch from the front reports that there is violent fighting all along the front on the Sea of Azov as far as Voronezh on the Don, where the northern flank of the Germans is exposed. As an example of the ferocity of the battle, one battalion of Russian tank riflemen fought for twenty-four hours against a force of a hundred and fifty Nazi tanks, seventeen of which they put out of commission.

The Nazis are now claiming control of the Kuban River, in the Caucasus, for a stretch of some sixty miles; and also announces the capture of the city of Kropotkin, which is celebrated in revolutionary literature. The City of Kropot/kin is an important

railroad junction, a hundred and twenty-five miles
to the southeast of Rostov.

ADD RUSSIA

Later news from Moscow. The High Command admits that Nazi armored forces have smashed through to the region of Kotelnikovo. That puts them fifteen miles below the southeastern loop of the Don River, a hundred miles to the southwest of Stalingrad, and only two hundred and forty miles from Astrakhan on the Caspian.

Meaning that the Nazis are on the advance in all four key sectors of that vital Don River-Caucasus front.

LENINGRAD

Strange as it may seem, while the Nazi siege of Leningrad was at its height last winter, a number of German spies found their way into the heart of the beleaguered city. Not only Nazi spies but so-called White Russian fifth columnists. The story of this was made public today ^{by} the official newspaper, PRAVDA.

The Nazi spies contrived to get in touch with underground counter-revolutionary groups, of which there seem to have been a number in Leningrad.

But the Soviet Government caught up with them. Though PRAVDA does not say so specifically, it is evident they were promptly, executed. At any rate, PRAVDA describes it as a thorough going purge of enemy agents and spies, including former magistrates, who had been high ranking civil servants and officers under the Czar.

BRADLEY - FOLLOW RUSSIA

It was announced today that MajorGeneral

Follette Bradley, of Uncle Sam's Army, has arrived at

^{Gen.}
Moscow. Bradley, former Commander of the First Air

Force in the Eastern Defense Command of the United States,

carried a letter from President Roosevelt ~~himself~~ to

Premier Stalin. He ~~is~~ there on a special mission ~~and~~

^{purpose of which is}
~~said the purpose of it was~~ to discuss all possible ways

^{of our} ~~to make~~ ^{ing} help ~~for~~ Russia. ^{Flying Gen. Bradley} ~~more effective.~~ He travelled in

one of Uncle Sam's army bombers and handled the controls

himself..

~~He certainly reached the Kremlin at a critical~~

^{Presumably}
~~time. Evidently he went~~ by way of Siberia; for he

stopped briefly at Kuybeshev on the Volga, where he had

a conference with our Ambassador, Admiral Standly.

^{news of course is causing}
This ~~xxx news led to~~ speculation in Washington

^{as to}
whether it means ~~that~~ we are going to send more air

reinforcements to the hard-pressed Russians. ~~The choice~~

POPE

A vigorous protest against the treatment of Jewish refugees in Europe comes from ~~none other than~~ Pope Pius. ~~the Twelfth~~. The Pontiff made his protest to the Petain Government at Vichy, ~~and spoke through~~ ~~the mouth of the Papal Nuncio.~~

And
~~The protest was made~~ under peculiar and dramatic circumstances. *H* The Papal Nuncio at Vichy, Monsignor Valerio Valeri, was at luncheon with the French Chief of State, seated beside him. The conversation turned to the déportation of foreign Jews who had fled to France. The aged Marshal said how exceedingly unpleasant the problem was. "However," he added, "I have one consolation, the Pope understands and approves my attitude." Everybody had stopped talking and the room was 'in dead silence. So everybody heard when Monsignor Valeri said: "Marshal Petain, the Holy Father neither understands nor approves."

The Nuncio on the following day had a private audience with Marshal Petain, and the report is that he told the Marshal: "The Holy Father entreats you to put a stop to these inhuman arrests of a defenseless people."

PERSHING

There was a short ~~but~~ impressive ceremony ^{at}
~~at~~ the Engineer Corps School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia ^{today.}

A thirty-two year old young man was being graduated and
commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. His name, Warren
Pershing. ~~Yes,~~ The only son of the General of the
Armies of the United States. The eighty-one year old
General was to have attended the ceremonies and given
the young man his diploma. But the physicians at
~~Walter~~ Walter Reed Hospital decided he had better not.

^{TP} So, pinch-hitting for his Chief was General George
Marshall, Chief of Staff of Uncle Sam's army. It was
he who handed young Pershing ^{the parchment} ~~a diploma~~ and said: "It
is a great pleasure to me to welcome the son of John J.
Pershing into the fraternity of Army officers." ~~to~~
~~which the young man replied simply: "Thank you, Sir."~~

So, once again, we have a Pershing on active
duty as an officer in Uncle Sam's military establishment.

CARGO PLANES

A committee of Senators today heard ~~some~~ more news about cargo planes. The clamor that we ought to be building them comes a little bit late, because as a matter of fact, we are already turning out quite a number. And that comes from none other than the Chief of the Army Air Forces himself, Lieutenant General Arnold. He told the committee that of all the many-engined planes being turned out, twenty-one percent are transport ~~xx~~ craft. The General produced figures to show that we are getting more transports all the time. So our High Command ^{apparently} has not been asleep on the job. ~~but on the contrary has been fully aware~~ We also hear that ~~of the need for aerial transports.~~ But the Army Air Force has another goal, ^{air -} transports made ^{the use of} without critical materials. ^{Gen. Arnold} ~~He~~ did not go into details, but one guess is he meant planes made out of ^{plastics - and} plywood, which ~~xx~~ is just now beginning to come into its own.

Late tonight Donald Nelson announces he has ordered the cargo

plane prog. doubled!

BLACK MARKET

There were reverberations today from the Black Market bombshell precipitated by Frank Higgins of New Orleans yesterday. Production Chief Nelson announced that an investigator of the W.P.B. is flying to New Orleans to investigate and Nelson added that the Production Board had started a survey of eight hundred steel warehouses two weeks ago. The Board ^{having} ~~has~~ already disciplined some twenty-two operators who have obtained more steel than they were allowed by the W.P.B. quota.

LABOR

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Rumblings in the Labor world. The rise of wages allowed by the War Labor Board to the steel workers is having repercussions in other Unions. Telephone workers in Cleveland are on strike, and the strike has been certified to the War Labor Board. Westinghouse employees in Pittsburgh have made complaints to President Roosevelt and other officials in Washington that Leon Henderson is interfering with their efforts to obtain larger pay envelopes. ^{TP} Reports of other strikes or strike threats come from several parts of the country. In Chicago the C.I.O. Automobile Workers Union took an ominous vote. Some time ago they agreed not to demand extra pay for work on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Today they voted ~~go back or~~ cancel that ~~agreement~~ unanimously to ~~resume that action~~ unless all other Unions also give up heavy overtime pay within thirty days.

In Washington the War Labor Board ~~xxx~~ opened public hearings on the requests of sixty-one thousand textile workers for higher wages.

Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O., said he hoped the peace negotiations with the A.F. of L. would succeed, but, ^{that it would} ~~it depended~~ [^] largely on a changed attitude on the part of the ^{American} ~~Federation~~ [^]. Then he added that in any peace negotiations that may develop he will represent what he believes to be the thoughts of the C.I.O.

GANGS

The City of Los Angeles has been plagued by gang warfare. That doesn't sound altogether novel, but in the City of the Angels the gangs are composed entirely of youngsters. Criminals in their teens, one hundred and fifty of them, both boys and girls are under arrest. Deputies of the Sheriff's office went before a Grand Jury today and asked for no fewer than thirty indictments. They hope this will end that peculiar eruption of youthful mobs.

Here ^{has} is an example of what ~~is~~ been going on:

Five girls were arrested, aged from fourteen to nineteen. These damsels admitted to being members of the Bowlegs Division of the Thirty-eighth Street Gang. A fourteen-year-old miss told the Sheriff that one of the wildest of the mobs was known as the Black Legion, and it has a girl auxiliary known as the Black Widows. The boys wear black peg-top trousers, black shirts and black

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sombreros. The girls wear green blouses, black skirts and green, high-heeled shoes.

The Los Angeles Sheriffs told the newspapers that bloodshed broke out any time the Black Legion was able to ~~mx~~ get hold of Marihuana cigarettes. The crimes they committed were anything from murder to assault and robbery. On a Sunday afternoon one of these mobs raided a ranch where a birthday party was going on. They injured half a dozen of those who were celebrating, including two women, wrecked all the cars they found, cut the tires, destroyed the fences, and finally beat one young man to death.

~~Nice children~~
In Los Angeles — the
city of the angels!

KNIGHT

— although I doubt it —
You may remember the name of Richard

Aldridge Knight, formerly lawyer, and shining light

of the Social Register. *Remember him you*
~~He is memorable chiefly for~~
may in connection with his escapade
~~having~~ entertained the crowd in the lobby of the

Metropolitan Opera House one night by standing on

his head. *At any rate he*
~~for their edification~~ He appeared in a law
court today, on his feet, in a trial during which great
literary names and quotations resounded freely.

Knight startled legal circles recently by
circulating a number of fluently written but most
abusive letters to judges and lawyers, most eminent
judges and lawyers at that. The letters never could
have been published in the public prints, *although*
~~because they were scandalously libelous~~ Nevertheless,
it has been quite a diversion among some of the most
respectable members of the New York Bar to read
copies of those letters to groups of friends. *they*
sparkled with caustically literal illusions, and

showed a talent for invective that would have delighted the late Alexander Pope and other masters of the art. In fact, some critics believe that Knight would ~~undoubtedly~~ have won a Pulitzer Prize if the will of the late Joseph Pulitzer had provided a reward for *sulphurous invective such as* ~~such kind of writing~~ The names and epithets ~~that~~ Knight applied to luminaries of the New York Bench and Bar, ~~were enough to make your hair curl.~~

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The office of District Attorney Hogan finally brought him to Book, and a couple of weeks ago Knight pleaded guilty to writing abusive letters. He came up for sentence today before three Justices of special sessions. Knight's attorney pleaded for leniency. He said that his client had only written those letters because he thought his children had been deprived of their rights in a two-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollar estate. Then his lawyer used these words: "When he was