

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

What's the latest from Salerno? Well, until this afternoon, the news was confusing. Newspapermen declared it was better, but Secretary Stimson was gloomy. "Still in the balance," said the Secretary of War. So let's see what General Mark W. Clark has to say. He's the General in command. So let's ~~take his word~~ <sup>take his word</sup> for it. General Clark says positively that his men of our Fifth Army now have taken the initiative in the Battle of Salerno, and are holding it.

General Mark Clark gave out an interesting story today. And by the way, he himself commands the men from the front lines, dashing about in cars from one part of the front to the other. Today he explained the desperate hours of the last few days. It seems that the Fifth Army landed at a place where the enemy

had been entrenched on the beaches for two weeks, waiting for them. Even so, says the Commander of the Fifth Army, our troops smashed through to take the initiative.

Today <sup>General Clark</sup> ~~he~~ issued a general order in which he congratulated every officer and enlisted man of his army on the accomplishment of their mission. <sup>at Salerno.</sup> Then he used these words: "All the more splendid is your achievement when it is realized that it was accomplished against determined German resistance and that every foot of our advance had been contested." To which he added the reassuring phrase: "Our beachhead is secure!"

"Additional troops are landing every day," he said further, "and we are here to stay."

Gen. Clark's order then gave the information that the British Eighth Army is advancing rapidly from the south and it will be only a matter of hours before the enemy will feel its presence. In this connection, <sup>he also</sup> ~~Clark~~ said: "Side by side with the Eighth Army, the Fifth Army will advance to occupy Naples, Rome and other cities to the north and to free Italy from German domination."

Mark Clark <sup>then went on to say</sup> ~~said~~ that he was most gratified by the efficiency with which the British and American troops had worked side by side in supporting each other. He <sup>also</sup> reported that he had had magnificent cooperation from the Allied navies and ~~from the~~ air forces. British battle-wagons stood off the coast and landed shells from their powerful heavy cannon, while British and American destroyers dashed in shore and raked the German lines.

A newspaper dispatch reported that the first contact between the Americans and the British had been

established by a correspondent, Dan deLuce of the Associated Press, and eight British writers. They drove in a car across a hundred miles of No-Man's-Land, from the British sector into the lines of the Fifth Army. For <sup>this</sup> they took two days and nights on the drive, and <sup>they</sup> were far ahead of the British patrols. It might have been a risky <sup>adventure; but</sup> ~~but as a matter of fact~~ they met no Germans. <sup>They did</sup> ~~although they~~ heard of some being in the neighborhood.

In their advance, the Allied force went ahead between two rivers, the Sele and the Colore, wiping out a salient that the Germans had established there.

The British Broadcasting Company <sup>says</sup> ~~declared~~ that the Allied invasion <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ now ten miles inland.

## ITALY

The latest move of the Nazi authorities is to declare martial law throughout northern Italy. So we learn from the Swiss radio. And Vatican City is virtually incommunicado. The Germans have the Holy See entirely encircled with armed soldiers and guns. It is reported that even Pope Pius himself is prevented from making any contact with the outside world.

Vatican radio reports have been curtailed to a minimum and a story from Madrid says that the Germans even have put machine guns and anti-aircraft artillery in the dome of St. Peters. And, they have planted guards around the great square in order "to protect the beautiful old Church," say the Nazis. Anti-tank guns are stationed all around the square at the foot of the grand stairway of the Basilica, and machine guns have been set up in those famous Colonnades.

The National Broadcasting Company has a report

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that two-thirds of Italy is under a reign of terror.

Fascist leaders have been returned to office and are

taking vengeance right and left.

## BALKANS

The Nazi armies are having more and more trouble with uprisings in the Balkans, according to a story from London. The patriot armies of Jugoslavia are hitting them all along the eastern flank of the Adriatic. This has been encouraged by a rumor that the Allies are about ready to strike in southeastern Europe. In fact, it is declared specifically that a British army, under the command of Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, is all ready to cross the mid-Mediterranean and land somewhere in the Balkans. The speed with which the Germans replaced Italian garrisons with their own is interpreted as a sign that they take this rumor seriously.

DOOLITTLE

General Dwight Eisenhower took time out for a pleasant ceremony at his headquarters in North Africa today. He sent for two of his top-ranking air generals, Lieutenant General Carl A. <sup>"Tooley"</sup> Spaatz and Major General <sup>"Jimmy"</sup> James H. Doolittle. Eisenhower thereupon pinned on their ~~chest~~, already ~~pretty~~ <sup>chest, two</sup> well covered, new awards.

To General Spaatz he gave the Legion of Merit, for being unusually successful in the solution of difficult problems in the European theatre and because his outstanding qualities of leadership are reflected in the increasing efficiency of the American Air Forces.

~~In Great Britain~~

Jimmy Doolittle received the Distinguished Service Medal for his energy, good judgment, and exceptional qualities of leadership, which were ~~the~~ primary factors of ~~the~~ success in the Tunisian campaign.

After which they all three returned to their jobs.



## AIR WAR

The raid by Royal Air Force bombers last night was aimed at a rubber factory near Vichy. The British Air Ministry reports that they dropped a thousand tons of bombs there. They also paid another visit to Berlin, the seventy-ninth raid on Hitler's capital.

*And,* R.A.F. bombers ~~also~~ raided a couple of the ~~biggest~~ tire factories ~~of~~ France. Altogether, they lost only eight bombers and two fighters.

During the day, the ~~R.A.F. raids~~ <sup>raids just mentioned</sup> were followed by visits from several formations of ~~our~~ <sup>American</sup> Flying Fortresses. They ~~se~~ smashed at aircraft replacement plants, engine factories, and airfields in northern France.

The Germans retaliated last night with a raid on the suburbs of London, one of the heaviest in several months ~~at a cost to Hitler of~~ <sup>at a cost to Hitler of</sup> ~~They lost~~ three out of fifteen planes.

An interesting story comes from Major General Ralph Royce, <sup>now</sup> commanding United States forces in the

Middle East. Our air arm will be four times as strong next Spring as it is today, said <sup>Gen.</sup> Royce. Then he pointed out that when the Germans are driven out of Italy, the distance to be traveled by bombers will be about three hundred miles shorter than it is now. After we take the Lombardy airports, the Allies will <sup>fairly easily</sup> be able to bomb any <sup>place</sup> ~~point~~ in Germany or <sup>in</sup> German-occupied territory, either from Italy or Britain direct. The Allies will also be able to raid German installations in the Balkans.

In cooperation with General Mark Clark's Fifth Army, British and American warplanes <sup>again</sup> dropped a total of more than two thousand, four hundred tons of bombs on the Germans. In two days they made a total of more than four thousand flights, <sup>in which</sup> ~~and~~ only four Allied planes were lost. That means yesterday and today.

## RUSSIA

Two victories are reported today by <sup>Moscow</sup> Premier

~~Field Marshal Stalin~~, two victories on widely separated parts of that <sup>the</sup> eastern front. First and foremost comes the taking of Novorossisk, the <sup>the</sup> Nazi stronghold for which the Red Army of the Caucasus has been <sup>fighting</sup> desperately for a year. <sup>And</sup> this <sup>ranked as a victory</sup> ~~is a conquest~~ of the first order = for it puts the Soviet armies ~~there~~ in a position to throw the Nazis out of their bridgehead in the Kuban peninsula, <sup>which</sup> ~~before long~~ ~~And this~~ in turn will open the way for the recapture of the Crimea.

Novorossisk fell as the result of an amphibious operation by the Russians. They carried out what Stalin calls a daring operation on shore, and they also landed a large force from the sea, thus catching the invaders from two sides. At eight o'clock this evening, Russian time, Moscow celebrated the victory with artillery salvos and the ringing of bells.

Berlin denied<sup>S</sup> the story and claimed<sup>S</sup> that the Russians ~~had~~ lost several thousand men, and that one Soviet group ~~had been~~<sup>was</sup> surrounded and ~~completely~~ annihilated. But we have seen in the past that these general orders by Stalin have not been exaggerated, ~~but are a record of actual facts.~~

The news of Novorossisk was still hot when the Soviet chief<sup>in person</sup> issued a second general order, the news of another victory, this one in the heart of Russia. The Red Army has occupied Novgorodseversky, ~~that is~~ a city on the Desna River about a hundred miles south and ~~slightly~~ west of Bryansk. ~~The value of it is that it~~<sup>Which</sup>

<sup>Now that</sup> gives the Soviets complete control of the Desna River. <sup>they</sup> they have smashed the German line there, ~~and~~ are now on a fair way to drive all the way to the Dnieper.

In fact, Kiev, ~~is now~~<sup>tonight is</sup> virtually within sight of the Red Armies.

The Germans have been doing a lot of shadow boxing with their propaganda about the Russian situation. On Tuesday, Berlin announced that the Nazis had evacuated Bryansk according to plan. <sup>That</sup> They had demolished all ~~the~~ installations there so completely that the in-coming Russians would be merely putting their hands in an empty pocket. Today the Berlin radio claims that Bryansk still is in German hands.

*As for* Russian propa<sup>ganda</sup> ~~is doing a lot of~~ <sup>it seems to be doing some</sup> long-distance boxing with Allied information. PRAVDA, the Communist organ, <sup>come<sup>s</sup></sup> out with an editorial declaring that the Russians emphatically <sup>do</sup> ~~do~~ not consider the Allied landing in Italy as a second front. (The Russians ~~also~~ deny that the Germans have withdrawn any divisions from the Russian front. Evidently, Moscow will be ~~satisfied with nothing but a suicidal Allied attack on the strongest Nazi fortifications of the Atlantic coast, a sort of Dioppe on a large scale.~~

PACIFIC

It will not be long now <sup>until</sup> ~~before General~~  
MacArthur's forces have the Japanese <sup>S</sup> ~~cleaned~~ out of  
Lae, ~~in~~ <sup>Australian and American</sup> New Guinea. ~~The~~ ground troops there ~~have~~  
~~secured the base on~~ are closing in on that airbase  
from all sides. The Australians contrived to cross the  
Busu River in spite of a heavy flood, <sup>and</sup> ~~they~~ are now all  
~~in a position to capture~~ <sup>set to swoop down on</sup> the big airdrome east of Lae.

To the west of Lae, in the Markham Valley,  
<sup>U. S.</sup> ~~United States~~ paratroopers and Australian pioneers  
took three strong Jap outposts and are pressing hard  
on a fourth. They are <sup>now</sup> only five miles from Lae.

~~United States~~ Major General Horace Fuller, Commander  
of the Forty-First Division, reports that the morale  
of Japanese troops in New Guinea is cracking.

TP Complete possession of New Guinea <sup>seems to be</sup> ~~is~~ only a matter of  
time.

DRAFT

The question of drafting seventeen year old lads came up today before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. The Senators were told by high officers of both Army and Navy that our military establishment will need to induct three hundred thousand men for each one of the remaining months of this year.

General Hershey of Selective Service told the Committee that it will be necessary to induct four hundred and forty-six thousand men who became fathers before the war if the army and the navy are to their present to keep ~~up their~~ schedules. ~~of manpower~~ That means one out of every twelve fathers in the nation.

President Roosevelt has told the Democratic leaders in Congress that it has become absolutely essential to draft fathers. ~~It is expected he will have something to say about this tomorrow, when he~~

CURLEY

*It isn't often*

~~It is frequently~~ that we have to report

the indictment of a member of Congress. A Federal Grand Jury at Washington today brought in a bill charging mail fraud against Representative James M. Curley of Massachusetts. Besides being now a Congressman, he is a former Governor of his state, three times Mayor of Boston, and is still the Democratic National Committeeman from Massachusetts.

Five other men were indicted with him. One of them is Donald Wakefield Smith, an ex-member of the National Labor Relations Board. <sup>*still*</sup> another of the indicted men is now on active service, a captain in the Greek air force with headquarters at Cairo. <sup>*six*</sup> They are charged with mail frauds in connection with war contracts.



ALASKA

The folks in Fairbanks, Alaska, are in the throes of a boom which puzzles them more than it delights them. Fairbanks is jam full of army officers, engineers, contractors, technical experts and military secrets. In addition to army projects there, an oil pipeline is being built, a pipeline one thousand miles long from the basin of the McKenzie River. The airport is ~~xx~~ busy with transport planes constantly taking off and landing.

The bewilderment in Alaska is expressed by

Johnny Bouchet, a veteran sourdough from the Lower

*Yukon.*  
~~part of Alaska.~~ Johnny says he came up the river

*1/2* yesterday in a poling boat to sell some cross-fox skins.

*And even*  
*r* Before he had had time to unload his gear, the army

had bought his boat for five times what it was worth.

Then a group of soldiers snatched the fox skins away

from him at a price he was ashamed to report.

"Then," says Johnny, "a fellow whose name I didn't catch, hired me to do something or other at a hundred bucks a week!"

Hugh, *(how about a trek to)*  
~~when were you last in~~ Alaska?