

The Japanese troops are still holding out in Manila, but the American Thirty-Seventh Division, moving westward today, and is advancing in such fashion as to separate the enemy in the old walled section of the city from those holding out in the other part of south Manila. At the same time, the First Cavalry, under Major General Mudge, is pushing north, ~~The Yanks~~ are clearing out the Japs as they go along.

And Tokyo reports that American minesweepers, leading the way for transports loaded with fresh invasion troops, are clearing the entrance to Manila Bay. If true, that would mean that MacArthur is now ready to begin his attack on Corregidor. With the Minesweepers are two American battleships, four cruisers and five destroyers, ~~It~~ says the Tokyo broadcast, ~~They~~ that began a furious bombardment of the fortress ~~and the~~ <sup>of Corregidor, with</sup> Japanese heavy guns replied. The Tokyo radio used these words: "The entire

Corregidor sector now is fraught with an atmosphere  
foreshadowing some new developments."

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The Twenty-First Bomber Command is keeping up the attacks on Japan, ~~with regularity and gusto~~. A large task force of Superforts attacked Nagoya today, where the Nipponese make a considerable volume of their aircraft. They landed successful hits on factory targets, and Tokyo admits they were set afire.

Since the bomber command itself described that force as a large one, we are allowed to infer that it was one of the largest formations ever yet sent out against Japan. The Tokyo Radio said there were sixty of them, but there may have been more. They took off from not only Saipan, but also from Tinian.

The raid of that superfort task force against Nagoya is nothing to the latest operation that Admiral Nimitz reports tonight. A task force under the command of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher, is attacking the heart of the Mikado's country. It's an airplane attack based on carriers, with strong fleet support.

Nimitz reports that this operation has been planned for a long time, and the opportunity to accomplish it fulfills the deeply cherished desire of every officer and man in the Pacific fleet.

Surface units of the fleet are bombarding Iwojima and other points in the Volcano and Bonin Islands.

Carrier-based planes are also attacking Tokyo, the great Japanese port of Yokohama, and the naval base at Yokosuka on Tokyo Bay. The entire



operation is under the command of Admiral Raymond Spruance.

The secret of the plans for these operations has been kept admirably. It comes as a complete surprise to the American public and apparently also to the Nipponese. The language of the announcement by Admiral Nimitz indicates clearly that this is a major attack by the United States Navy upon the Japanese homeland, carried, right into Japanese waters, and as an out-and-out challenge to the Imperial Japanese navy. In other words, big stuff, and no question about it.

According to a broadcast from Guam, our planes have already created devastation and desolation in Tokyo. And if it continues as it began, the Mikado's capital will be a ruined city by the time this attack is over.

~~FEBRUARY 15, 1945.~~

~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:~~

Tonight the defenses of Berlin are menaced from a new point. The First Army of the Ukraine, under Marshal Konev, having shoved through Lower Silesia, has crossed the frontier of the Province of Brandenburg at a new point, advancing twenty-six miles in twenty-four

hours. Berlin admits this threat, and goes so far as to acknowledge that Konev's advance guards have pushed on even thirteen miles further, and are only fifty-seven miles away from the capital in that direction, while Zhukov's men are hammering at Kuestrin, only thirty-seven miles away.

More important still is the fact that the armies of Zhukov and Konev have joined up and Zhukov's

left flank is now thoroughly protected. He is also continuing his advance toward the Baltic, in order to cover his right flank.

<sup>On</sup>~~the~~ the way, the Ukrainians captured several important German strongholds including one only sixty-six miles ~~away~~ from Dresden. <sup>TP</sup> The Allied air forces from the Western Front have been cooperating on a huge scale with the Red advance, and have pretty well wrecked Dresden with bombs.

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And, the Second White Russian army, under Rokossovsky, is advancing swiftly up the Polish Corridor toward Danzig, capturing important communication centers. One of them ~~is~~ particularly useful to strategic victory, because it <sup>is</sup> the junction point of fourteen highways and railways east of the Pomeranian border.

Rokossovsky has cut the ~~trunk~~ trunk road, connecting Danzig, Stettin and Berlin, which is the main defense line



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in an area of twelve thousand square miles. The Germans report that Zhukov is bringing up huge reinforcements for an all-out drive on Stettin.

~~All in all~~ <sup>So</sup> we have a picture of the Red armies advancing all along the line, ~~swiftly but surely,~~ sweeping the Germans in front of them, ~~and protecting each other by a sound strategy~~ Every other sizeable place that they capture, diminishes the ability of the Germans to produce war munitions.

In telling about the siege of Breslau, the Germans ~~went~~ <sup>go</sup> further than the Russians. Berlin reported that Konev's men had ~~completely encircled it,~~ <sup>but</sup> ~~Moscow did not confirm. The Reds did say, however, that their troops were closing in and made a small penetration. Inside of Poznan, the Russians are making slow but sure progress. The German garrison is resisting to the bitter end, and the Russians are mopping them up gradually.~~



Germany claims that the Nazi garrison at Budapest

~~had~~ fought its way out before giving the city up. *any*

~~is~~ That at least ~~is~~ partly true, because Moscow claimed

that the Russian troops had wiped out some Germans

northwest of Budapest, <sup>*some who*</sup> ~~which~~ had broken out. The Russians

took six thousand prisoners there.

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## WESTERN FRONT

Now for the Western Front. The news from there is not quite so exciting as from the east, and progress is conspicuously slower. ~~Still and all,~~ <sup>But</sup> the Allies are forging ahead. The British, with Highlanders in the van, ~~were tearing~~ <sup>ripping</sup> through the second German line ~~of defense~~ in the Rhineland. Four columns closed in on Goch, where twelve highways and railways meet. They are only from two to five miles away, after Montgomery's heavy rifles and the Allied air forces had already reduced the ~~town~~ <sup>town</sup> ~~city~~ to ruins. ~~It is~~ <sup>— —</sup> one of three keys to the Ruhr Valley. Two of the columns advancing on Goch are the kilted fighters of the famous Black Watch, one of the most ancient and most picturesque ~~in the whole~~ <sup>regiments in the</sup> British Army. ~~You may recall that~~ In the First World War, the Germans nicknamed them <sup>the</sup> "ladies from hell", because of <sup>their shirts</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>plus</sup> ~~uniforms and~~ their ferocity.

While this was going on, a division of

Canadian amphibious fighters reached the west bank of the Rhine. They captured a ferry-crossing west of Emmerich. They found the bank of the Rhine flooded, but little opposition from Nazi fighters. The Germans do not <sup>go in</sup> ~~go in~~ for this amphibious warfare, ~~because~~ they are not equipped for it, ~~and~~ the Allies are.

Elsewhere <sup>- all</sup> ~~there was~~ quiet <sup>on</sup> ~~along the rest of the~~ Western Front, <sup>mainly</sup> ~~principally~~ because <sup>of a</sup> thick haze, ~~hung~~ ~~over the ground~~ murky weather.



One story from Paris tells us how the German operations are handicapped for lack of oil. This is no guessing, it comes as a result of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ joint calculation by the British Air Ministry and the United States Strategical Air Force. They say that the Nazis today can turn out only twenty per cent, even less, of the gasoline that they produced last April. This is a consequence of Allied air attacks and the Russian advance.

A further consequence is that <sup>some</sup> ~~six, or even~~ fifteen ~~+~~ Nazi pilots are being shot down for everyone of ours. Our pilots have had the benefit of more hours of air training. German planes are as good as ours, or as good as those of the British. In fact, their jet propelled planes are even faster. But the German's haven't enough gas to train their men properly. They have to send out a few old-timers to lead a bunch of green pilots. Germany has used up her last strategic



stocks of gasoline, her crude oil industry is virtually demolished, and her synthetic industry is down to less than twenty per cent of what it was less than a year ago.

The air war has been carried out systematically and fiercely for the last forty-eight hours. The British And American Air Forces have dumped a total of eighteen thousand tons of bombs on Germany in the last day and a half.

## UNIONS

A British union official today uttered a bitter criticism of the American Federation of Labor. Sir Walter Citrine, President of the International Federation of Trade Unions, declared that the A.F. of L. was isolationist. He said further that if its leaders believed in their policy, why don't they come to London to plead their cause?

Observers over here say that Sir Walter Citrine's remarks are not likely to make William Green and his colleagues feel any warmer toward their opposite numbers in Britain.

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And at Miami, the Executive Council of the A.F. of L. made a decision which amounts to turning down the application of the United Mine Workers of America for reinstatement in the Federation. They are willing to have the Miners back, but they refuse to have their President, John L. Lewis; as a member of the Executive Council. ~~And that could seem to be that.~~

CAMP FIRE BANQUET

I am broadcasting under most unusual circumstances tonight, with some hundreds of men and women, sitting around a camp fire, a camp fire in the great ball room at the Hotel Pennsylvania here in New York. So it is only an imaginary camp fire. The occasion is the annual banquet of the ~~Camp~~ Camp Fire Club of America. You may remember that President Teddy Roosevelt, who was so enthusiastic about outdoor life, big game, and all that, was enthusiastic about the Camp Fire Club. Dan Beard of the Boy Scouts and Ernest Thompson Seaton, and other legendary figures in the outdoor life of America, were members.

As a loyal westerner I am tempted to say that the members of the Camp Fire Club are men who endure life in New York, because it provides them with a living, and also because it provides them with the mazuma with which to hunt and fish in the West.



But ~~not~~ that wouldn't be quite accurate because there is also some great hunting and fishing country here in the East.

Sitting next to me on the right is one of ~~not~~ the top <sup>most</sup> figures in the world of aviation, Glenn Martin. To mention the name of Glenn Martin is almost like going all the way back to the Wright Brothers. Here he sits with his long gray beard. And in addition to turning out countless thousands of airplanes, <sup>that</sup> ~~they~~ are playing a ~~big~~ tremendous part in helping us win the war, he also finds time to play an enthusiastic part in conservation. He is one of the principal backers of Ducks Unlimited. If you are a duck hunter you know all about Ducks Unlimited.

Sitting within a few feet of me, on my left, is a distinguished anthropologist and explorer from

Australia, Mr. Charles Mountford, who has arrived in America with some of the most fascinating motion pictures in color that I ~~xxxxx~~ have ever seen, pictures he took in the little-known center of Australia, among the primitive aborigines, a people who still live in the stone age. They may be primitive with the simplest form of society of any human beings on earth, but somehow, I think they are more civilized than we are, for they never wage wars. They are too civilized for that.

## CRASH

An airplane accident, ~~probably the most~~  
~~spectacular ever heard of~~, took place off the coast of  
southern California today. A formation of marine planes  
were maneuvering ~~in the course of their practice~~  
~~and~~ ran into bad weather, and six of them  
crashed. Three ~~of them~~ fell into the sea, ~~and~~ two ~~of them~~  
piled up while trying to land on one of the ~~small~~  
Islands off the California coast, ~~and~~ another came to  
grief near Bakersfield, California.

The total number known to have been killed so far  
is eight. It would have been larger, only the Coast Guard  
rescued six of the men who crashed into the sea.

Shortly afterwards, a great big Superfortress  
crashed into the water inside the limits of New York City.  
The great B-29, with a full crew of eleven men aboard,  
had taken off from Mitchel Field, and was trying to make  
an emergency landing at LaGuardia Field nearby.



According to eye-witnesses, the pilot evidently overshot the runway and came smash down on the waters of Flushing Bay. The Superfort broke in two sections and caught fire, with the tanks exploding. Five of the crew were rescued.



## CHARLIE CHAN

A number of citizens of New Haven would like very much to know what has happened to Charlie Chan.

Charlie Chan several days ago accomplished what very few people are able to do, so the police tell us - he

disappeared.

Right here <sup>let me</sup> ~~say~~ say ~~publicly~~ to you who are

movie fans and readers of mysteries, that the Charlie Chan

who disappeared in New Haven is not the famous inspector

Chan of the Honolulu Police. The New Haven Charlie is -

or ~~name~~ was - the laundryman. ~~That is why his~~

~~disappearance has caused so much distress in New Haven.~~

Like others in the laundry business, Charlie

Chan adhered to the good old principle, no tickee, no

washee. Customers came in large numbers, they had

tickees. But no washee could they get. ~~The shop was~~

~~closed, and when the police investigated, they found~~

~~signs of Chan.~~

The story from New Haven continues that a lot of gentlemen in New Haven are being obliged to wear their shirts again, and again and again. And housewives are reversing the sheets on the beds.

Sounds like a problem for Inspector Chan of Honolulu.