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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight's late army bulletin tells of an U. S. air raid against the island of Timor. That strategic island is in Jap possession, a key point just north of Australia. The blow from the air was struck by heavy American bombers, flying fortresses, aimed at enemy airfields. Runways were blasted, buildings knocked over. This follows previous reports of attacks launched against Japanese vessels concentrated around New Britain, east of New Guinea. A big Jap cruiser hit there and two other large vessels, these are known to have been damaged and other enemy ships are believed to have been hit. The Japs themselves are making their key advance by land, trying to push across the narrow eastern end of New Guinea to get at Port Moresby - having made landings on the northern coast they will try to get across to the southern

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coast and that means mountains and jungles. One hundred and ten miles of some of the most frightful mountain jungle country in the world. They've said to be aided by native Nazis - some of those wle men of Papua. The Papuans are indeed wild, primitive and savage. All is news for the attention of General MacArthur who is on his way to Melbourne tonight after landing at a distant point in northern Australia.

MACARTHUR

Chicago papers today are featuring an Australia dispatch which lets us in on some of the secret of the MacArthur trip from the Bataan Peninsula to Australia. General MacArthur, his family and staff are said to have left Bataan in speed boats in which they made their way to a rendezvous with planes scheduled to come and get them from the Phillipines. We aren't told the whereabouts of the rendezvous, though some island shore is indicated. They dashed across the water to that place but the planes were late. Had to wait three days at their secret refuge. Then the planes came and flew them on to Australia - 2,000 miles. The Navy tonight announces that General MacArthur was accompanied by Admiral Francis Rockwell who is in command of the Naval and Marine forces still fighting in the Phillipines where Wainwright now commands. Wainwright by the way has just been made Lieutenant General Wainwright. The President today nominated our Bataan commander to the rank of Lieutenant General so that he has as

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as high a standing as that of other field commanders. The nomination was immediately and unanimously confirmed by the Senate.

The American character in command of the Far East was made more definite today by the appointment of General Joseph Stillwell to take charge of those Chinese forces operating in Burma. He assumes a command of Chiang Kai-shek's 5th and 6th armies joining the British in Burma. General Stillwell is a West Pointer. In his army career he has seen much service in the Far East, especially China. He speaks a number of Chinese dialects. He is a student of the arts and culture of the far-reaching culture of old. President Roosevelt some while ago sent him out to serve with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek who thereupon made General Stillwell Chief of Staff of the Chinese armies and now China's war leader appoints the American officer to command the forces that China has sent to help the British in Burma. There he will cooperate with British General Wavell,

BURMA

At the Burma fighting front the British have retired northward to a line where they intend to make their definite stand in the defense of Mandalay. The Japs have been pushing up slowly after them, advancing along river river valleys. Apparently their next objective will be a key point about 150 miles north of Rangoon. One odd item from those regions tells of abattalion of American truck drivers along the Burma Road doing a salvage job now. That winding, tortuous Burma Road is described as lined with the wrecks of trucks, lend-lease vehicles and supplies from America. They say you will find an average of 85 wrecks for every 50 miles of the Burma Road. This is marked down to the account of Chinese drivers, new and green. What else can you expect, an American truckman asked. These drivers were steering bullock carts only a few weeks ago. So there's plenty of salvage work to do and this has been undertaken by a force of 43 Americans who previously were driving trucks before being superceded by Chinese. They're

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to have cut the wreckage losses, the American truck
drives, to less than 5% now.

CHINA

China reports that the Japs have captured an important harbor on the Chinese coast - Sung Kiang - to the south of Shanghai. The Chinese explained that the Japs moved in, seized the place, because of its possible importance as an bombing base from which the United Nations could attack Japan. The Chinese point out that the enemy has occupied only a small portion of China's immense coast line. There are still many places where bases could be established to bomb Japan.

RUSSIA

Soviet **Russia** reports that the Red Army is advancing slowly. The Nazi war machine is fighting back heavily and the Soviet advances are nothing like as fast as they were a couple of months ago. However, they are pressing on especially on the southern Ukrainian front, so says Moscow. And in the Leningrad area the Red Army is making slow but steady progress in its attempt to raise the siege of the one-time capitol of the Czars.

GERMAN GENERALS

A report from Switzerland states that all the big time German Generals have returned to the eastern front, including Von Brauchitsch who was relieved from his command during the winter war. The trek of the Nazi big shots to the eastern front carries implications that Hitler's spring offensive, which everybody expects. London today expresses the belief that the Nazi drive is almost certain to be aimed at the oil fields of the Caucasus in the middle east. This because the ~~AXIS~~ armies are facing an acute oil shortage.

SINKING

Two more ship sinkings off our own coast reported today. A Yugoslav freighter sunk by a U-Boat which circled the doomed vessel and snapped photographs of the survivors as they were swimming for their lives. The Yugoslav captain stated that the submarine was the largest he had ever seen, carrying probably a five inch cannon and an anti-aircraft gun on its deck. A Norwegian vessel was attacked by two submarines and was hit by two torpedoes, and then as the vessel was settling for its final plunge the two submarines rose to the surface and shelled.

In south America, Uruguay has issued a formal protest against the torpedoing of the steamship Montevideo. The Uruguayan Government denounces the sinking of the ship in these terms, flagrant, brutal, and inhuman. Meanwhile, the authorities at Montevideo are on the alert against Axis demonstrations, heading them off by the vigilance of the police. And Chile on the other hand, the government is sending a note to the U. S., a communication stating that

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under no circumstances would Chilean vessels sail at night without lights. Last week a Chinese freighter was torpedoed off our own Atlantic coast, as it was running with her lights dimmed. The presumption is that the Nazi submarine therefore could not recognize its nationality, and Chile is said to be preparing a note to the Axis asking that Chilean ships be left along.

GUTHRIE

A Sub-Committee of the House of Representatives today heard testimony from Robert P. Guthrie who resigned as Chief of the Clothing and Leather section of the War Production Board. When he stepped out of his WPB job, Guthrie charged that certain industries were not cooperating 100% in the war effort. He amplified this today with a fling at dollar a year men. He said that many of the dollar a year men were trying to serve two masters, as he put it. That is, they sometimes permitted their business connections to prevail over their obligations to the government. He charged that in some cases industries went on making civilian goods, although they were using up materials that were needed, were needed desperately for war production. Materials like aluminum.

REGISTRATION DAY

The next registration day is to be April 27 for men between 45 and 64, that is. President Roosevelt today named the date April 27. The law also provides that the youngest group from 18 to 20 should register, but no date has been set for them. They will be called on for the final registration day, under the Selective Service law.

CHICAGO

Well, I'm in Chicago tonight and so far I've seen none of that so-called midwestern indifference to the war that you hear a good deal about in New York and elsewhere on the Atlantic Coast. On the contrary, everybody out here seems to be talking about the war and only the war. One topic in Chicago today for instance, being that first train load of big bomber engines shipped from the Chicago Buick plant. Another the shifting of officers and the shifting of thousands of government employees. From Washington to Chicago.

The gasoline limitation of 20% which began today is soon to be succeeded by rationing. This is stated by oil coordinator Ickes who adds that the direct rationing of motor fuel will be directed by the office of Price Administrator Leon Henderson. Right now 19 eastern and far western states are affected by the 20% cut of gasoline delivered to filling stations and the full fledged rationing system will be applied to the same states - 17 in

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the east and Oregon and Washington in the West. Just when will this rationing go into effect? As soon as Mr. Henderson can get around to it said Mr. Ickes today. He indicated that it will be in about a month or six weeks from now. He intimated that gasoline² rationing is calculated to save rubber by cutting down car driving and tire usage, but he asserted that there is a bad oil shortage as well. In New England there is a lack of both oil and coal. In some parts of New England said Coordinator Ickes today they are getting ready to rely on wood for fuel next winter.

SOCIETY BATTLE

Proceedings in a New York court today failed to produce a clear and undisputed version of that Blue Blood society battle of the 10 quart cooking pot. It is admitted that Pat di Cicco and his wife the former Gloria Vanderbilt, were visitors at the Park Avenue apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Topping - the Mrs. being known better as Sonja Henie of the flashing skates, and for dinner they decided they would have Chicken Caccitore - that's a glorified Italian Chicken stew - a specialty with Patsy di Cicco and his wife the Vanderbilt heiress. Patsy is the son of a Monarch, called the Brocholi King, who is an expert at cooking spaghetti and also chicken Cacchitore. Like father, like son apparently. However, at Sonja Henie's home one thing was laking. They had the chicken and they could catch the cacchitore, but they didn't have any pot to cook it in, so Mrs. Gloria Vanderbilt Di Cicco telephoned over to her Park Avenue Hotel and told them to hurry up and send over a pot - pot capacity 10

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quarts. They must have been hungry. After some telephoning the hotel refused to send that 10 quart pot and there was an argument. On the other end of the wire was the hotel clerk - an Irishman named Peter Joyce and he is reported as saying to a rich Irish brogue to the Vanderbilt heiress that if she came around to the hotel he'd put the pot over her head. The hotel clerk however, denies that he ever said anything about putting a cooking pot over the head of Patsy's wife the Vanderbilt heiress. No Irishman would talk like that to a lady of course. The argument ended with Pat going over to the Hotel. The Irish hotel clerk gives his version in these words.

"He cornered me in a little cage where I didn't have room to swing my fists." He says he was battered and knocked across a typewriter. Pat says that he came toward him in the attitude of J. L. Sullivan, and gave him a punch that knocked him down. In court today the case was post-poned, there must be a catch in it. the judge says that And now Hugh - see if you can catch this mike.