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Great American and British Air Fleets are still smashing at Tokyo. This is reported by the Japs, who state that the long continued air assault is still assailing air bases and military installations everywhere in the area of the Japanese Capital.

And the official Japanese news agency made a statement today that must ring like disaster in Japanese ears. It pertained to the warship bombardments of the Japanese Coast, the mighty salvos of shells hurled by Admiral Halsey's Fleet, which is still maneuvering at the entrance of Tokyo Bay.

The News Agency stated: "The enemy Task Force is liable to attack us at any chosen time and any place." In other words, the Japs admit that Halsey's Fleet can hit their coast whenever and wherever Halsey pleased^{5,} -- which would certainly seem like an eloquent confession of defeat.

The Naval bombardment smashed a sector of the Coast no more than twenty-five miles from Tokyo itself. You'd think that the Japs would have that length of shore

defended with everything in their power. Word from the Task Force is that the Americans expected violent opposition -- from shore guns and Kamakazi planes. But no opposition developed. Tokyo tries to intimate that the Japanese Commanders are holding back their forces for a more favorable opportunity. In any case, there was no defense against an assault by Naval ^{air} guns, which one warship officer described in vivid words: "~~It was~~" like the Fourth of July in Hell," said he.

ADD PACIFIC

A late bulletin from ^{General} MacArthur

continues the day by day story of air blows against Japan from bases ^{where his aviators are now.} ~~Iwo Jima and Okinawa~~ Fleets

of heavy and medium bombers hit ^{ting} airfields on the main

Japanese Island, Honshu. The MacArthur bulletin pictures the Army bombers assailing targets ^{on Honshu from} ~~from the sea~~

^{the} Northern to the Southern tips ^{of that main island.} ~~of Honshu.~~

CHINA

The Chinese have captured another former Air Base - this one at Kanshien in the Province of Kiangso. ~~The place was taken~~ after a ~~bitter~~ five-day battle, the Japs putting up fanatical resistance, *so the report is from China,*
Tonight The Chinese are thrusting to capture Kweilin, the site of one of the ^{major} ~~biggest~~ ^{air} ~~bases~~ ^{our people} built ~~out there,~~
~~by the Americans.~~ And, still another former base may have been taken. There are reports that the Chinese have seized the city of Sui Chwan. But the status ^{there} ~~of that~~ ~~place~~ is in doubt.

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The general picture ^{tonight} shows the Japs ~~to~~ ~~be~~ still in retreat, in China, their large withdrawal not yet halted. In some places the thrust of Chinese Forces, following the Japs, has put large enemy units in danger of being trapped.

BIG THREE

The second session of the Big Three Conference was held this afternoon. That's the announcement, and, it's about all that is official ^{concerning} ~~about~~ the Stalin-Churchill-Truman doings at Potsdam.

Unofficial reports give us a variety of angles. One, ~~is~~ that President Truman has told Stalin and Churchill that he regards the war with Japan as the number one problem of the Conference. The rumor is that the President, without making any direct demands on Russia or Great Britain, has presented to the Soviet Generalissimo and the British Prime Minister the American view. And the American view is that the conflict in the Pacific, with the loss of lives out there, must be brought to an end as quickly as possible.

Another account is that the Big Three discussions are weaving around the occupation of Germany - how long is that to last? Russia is believed to want a long occupation, and we hear that plans under

discussion call for Allied Troops to stay in Germany as long as ten or twenty years.

The discussions are not believed to have progressed beyond the stage of generalities. Messrs. Stalin, Churchill and Truman are said to be still engaged in laying out a program of things to be considered - the ~~broadest~~ broadest kind of program, covering the many problems that confront the world. This ties in with reports that it is going to be a long conference. So many things are to be taken up, that this present meeting of the Big Three is likely to last anywhere up to three weeks.

SERGEANT TRUMAN

At an European Port, a soldier was taken off a homeward bound transport today, and sent back into Europe. He was on the giant Queen Elizabeth, happy in the idea that, after a quick trip across the North Atlantic, he would be on American soil once again - going home.

But that's all off for the soldier, at least for the time being, and you'd think he would be sore and disappointed about it. But he isn't. Know where he is tonight? He's at Potsdam, attending the conference of the Big Three, a guest of President Truman. And the soldier is saying - "Uncle," *and not to Uncle Joe either.*

When the President, going to the Potsdam Conference arrived at Antwerp on Sunday, he remarked that he would like to see his nephew, who served in the Army throughout the European Campaign. The nephew is Sergeant Harry Truman, ~~his~~ a namesake of his uncle.

The Presidential remark started some quick action, and it was found that Sergeant Harry Truman was aboard the Queen Elizabeth (and about to sail)

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So that's how a soldier was taken off a home-going transport today, and flown to Potsdam. There Sergeant Harry Truman is attending the conference of the

President with Generalissimo Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill. *We, in this country often call Generalissimo* ~~People call~~ Stalin - Uncle Joe. But at Potsdam today, the greeting was - Uncle Harry! *Hello!*

NAZI RUMORS

Wild rumors are circulating in conquered Germany, and the belief is that the fantastic reports are being spread by underground Nazi propaganda. The purpose of the rumors is regarded as an attempt to incite fear and panic among Germans under Allied Rule - thereby making things more difficult for the Allied Occupation Authorities.

One wild one is that the Americans and British are imposing fines on women who have children - a fine of four hundred dollars per baby. Another weaves around the treatment that is being given to arch-Nazis, Goering and Rudolf Hess, both Prisoners of War. The tale is being spread that Goering and Hess are getting all kinds of Allied favors, handled with kid gloves - this because they betrayed Nazi Germany to the Allies, Goering sabotaging the German Air Force.

Still another ~~whopper~~ whopper is that American Army Officers of the Military Government are in the pay of the Russians - getting Soviet bribes. In return for this, they are cutting down food

rations to German civilians - for the purpose of producing discontent that will drive the Germans to Communism. So states the rumor, which does sound as if it might be a Nazi invention.

In London today, Lord Haw Haw appeared for trial - the traitor William Joyce, who was Hitler's number one propagandist in radio programs beamed at Britain. Lord Haw Haw appeared in court nattily dressed and stiffly formal. His lawyer promptly made the following contention: "The first fact the Crown must prove," he declared, "Is that Joyce is a person owing allegiance to our Lord the King."

His argument was based on the story that Lord Haw Haw was born in the United States, of a father who was an American citizen, and that the traitor himself was technically an American citizen. The lawyer said it would be necessary to send someone to the United States to investigate -- and, on that ground, asked for a postponement. The postponement was granted.

ARMY COMMUNISTS

A sub-committee of the House of Representatives gives a list of thirteen Army Officers who are charged either with being Communists or having a Communist background. The Committee has been investigating charges that Reds have been commissioned in the Army as Officers, and now makes a report indicating that Communists were commissioned; and this, moreover, was sometimes against the protests of the Personnel Board of the War Department which reported unfavorably on the Candidates with Red inclinations.

The Committee began its investigation last February, after the Army abolished a rule forbidding the granting of commissions to Communists. The regulation was changed, so that it became possible for Reds to become officers.

In the list of names given by the committee today, one immediately catches the eye. Lieutenant Joe Lash. Time was when that name was rather familiar, when Joe Lash, heading a Youth movement, was a guest at the White House, a protege of Mrs. Roosevelt. Later, xx there

was a good deal of talk when Lash tried to get a commission as an Officer in the Navy - recommended by Mrs. Roosevelt. That aroused protest, Lash was turned down by the Navy, and wound up as a Private in the Army. Today he appears with a commission - Lieutenant Joe Lash.

Another Officer on the list is a Major, who used to be a writer for the Communist "Daily Worker." Still another is a Captain who formerly wrote articles for the Communist Magazine, the New Masses. And on the list are four Lieutenants in the Office of Strategic Services - ~~they~~ ^{all} ~~they are~~ charged by the Committee with being of Communist inclination.

In addition to the fourteen officers listed as having Communist background, three enlisted men are named, including a prominent writer - Dashiell Hammett, ~~he is~~ ^{now} a Sergeant in Alaska and Editor of a camp newspaper. The Committee charges him with having been a member of a number of organizations backed by the Communist Party.

ADD ARMY COMMUNISTS

To the charge by the Committee, the War Department makes a prompt answer, in the following statement: "Their performance of their military duties during the past three years," says the War Department of the alleged Communists, "has clearly evidenced their loyalty to this country and the principles for which this country is fighting." *And that's that.*

SENATE

The Senate has defeated an attempt to block action on the Bretton Woods agreements - the International Plan pertaining to money. Senator Taft of Ohio, the leading opponent of the agreements, tried to get a postponement, but this was voted down, and now the Bretton Woods Agreements draw near to a final vote in the Senate - a decision ^{of} ~~of~~ whether or not the United States should invest six billion ~~dollars~~ dollars on ^a ~~the~~ global enterprise for ~~the~~ stabilization ^{of world} ~~of~~ currencies.

IMPOSTER

Here's one of those things with a ring of the fantastic - a story of how a former enemy war flier masqueraded as an American airman, drew Army pay, came to the United States as a repatriated American Prisoner of War, and served in the Air Force over here.

His name is Di Nino. He was born in Italy, and came to the United States in nineteen thirty-seven. He stayed here until nineteen forty, when he went back to Italy and joined the Italian Air Forces. During the time when Italy was in the war, he was in the Fascist Service against the Allies.

When Italy surrendered, Di Nino as an Italian Army Aviator, flew on an Allied bombing mission against the Nazis in Greece. He piloted a plane escorting Allied bombers. There ~~he~~ he was shot down by the Germans and captured. To the Nazis he represented himself as an American, said he was an American Air Force Sergeant - and the Germans listed him as such.

In time the Americans and British liberated the Prison Camp where ~~he~~ he was held, and he continued his

masquerade as an American airman, claiming to be a member of the Twelfth Air Force. In that guise he collected Army back pay, which would have been due him if the story had been true - five ~~hundred~~ hundred dollars. Then he was put ^{aboard} ~~upon~~ an American Troopship and sent to the United States as a repatriated Prisoner of War. Over here he claimed he had some more back pay coming to him. ^{and} That started the Army check-up on him, ~~and~~ meanwhile he was flying army planes, *and doing alright.*

Today he was exposed, arrested by the F.B.I.

~~after one of the most bare-faced impostures on record.~~

I wonder if the
~~And maybe he's going to lose the~~ Boston girl to whom he

became engaged, - under the pretense that he was an

American ~~battle~~ flier and a repatriated Prisoner of War,

I wonder if shell sticks to him.

RUNNING

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Anderssen stepped on it. The empty cartridge got stuck in the spikes of his running shoe, and was pinned in the spikes all through the remainder of the race. That impeded Anderssen's rhythmic stride.

If it hadn't been for that handicap, Anderssen might have won. Also - he might have run the mile in four minutes, or pressed his rival so hard that Haegg himself might have accomplished the four minute mile. As it ~~was~~^{was} a new record was set - only one second and four-tenths above the time that has become the traditional goal of runners of a mile.

And now I think I'll go out for a stroll and do one of those forty minute miles. *I mean after we hear from you Hugh.*