

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The German city of Dortmund is in flames tonight. Less than three weeks ago, on May Fourth, the Royal Air Force smashed at Dortmund. And then, last night the R.A.F. struck again -- a far heavier blow. The British Air Ministry reports that the four-engined Lancasters, Halifaxes and Sterlings dropped more than two thousand tons of bombs on Dortmund. English tons! Two thousand, two hundred and forty pounds, heavier than ours. Two thousand, two hundred and fifty tons!

London does not say how many planes. But, more than a thousand planes must have rained high explosive on Dortmund.

The Nazis say they shot down thirty-three on Dortmund.

But the British go them one better and admit losing thirty-eight of their bombers.

Dortmund, in the industrial region of western Germany, is one of Hitler's principal war production centers, one of the industrial cities of the Ruhr. Furthermore, everything from Essen, Dusseldorf and Barmen, other great industrial cities, has to pass through Dortmund.

The great squadrons of the R.A.F. had perfect weather. Pilots reported that they could see the river below them, as well as roads, quite clearly. First they dropped incendiaries, and then their two thousand tons, that virtually wiped out the city. Columns of smoke rolled and billowed above the city to a height of three miles.

We hear today that the British have now dropped more than a hundred-thousand tons of bombs on Germany. Those long British tons. In fact, just in the last twenty-three days, they have dropped more than seventeen million pounds of explosives and incendiaries on the Nazis.

More than the Nazis dropped on London in the three months' blitz of 1940 - '41.

In ~~the~~ retaliation the Germans have raided seaside resorts: Bournemouth and Hastings, which in a military sense, would be the equivalent of bombing Asbury Park and Atlantic City.

British Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris today reminded the world that in Nineteen Thirty-nine Goering promised that not a single bomb would ever reach the Ruhr. Britain's Air Marshal congratulated his crews on having delivered the first hundred thousand tons of bombs to prove what a poor prophet Goering turned out to be. And, Air-Marshall Harris promises Goering another hundred-thousand even bigger and better. That's the British motto today -- "bigger and better bombs." Delivered even more accurately, and in a much shorter time.

The Air Marshal added that the attack on Dortmund was so concentrated, with so many bombers over the target, that the pilots had to watch

carefully to keep from colliding with each other.

The attack was ^{so} gargantuan in size that it overwhelmed the air defenses of Dortmund, blotting out searchlights and anti-aircraft batteries. Some of the pilots reported that by the time they reached Dortmund, all they could see was the glow of fires -- one vast glow.

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In the Mediterranean, it became ^{clear} ~~evident~~ today

that the Allied air command is aiming to knock out that ^{strongly fortified} Italian island of Pantelleria; ~~That is the island midway~~

^{milway}

between Sicily and ~~Cape Bon~~ Tunisia. Italian possession

of Pantelleria has been a thorn in the side of the British ever since ^{Mussolini joined up with Hitler,} ~~the Italians got into the war.~~

~~Its position on the map shows what a menace it has been~~

~~to British and American shipping.~~ Outside of its ^{Pantelleria} military value, ~~it~~ ^{is} worthless, ~~just~~ ^{just} thirty-two square

miles of volcanic rock ~~lying almost plumb~~ in the middle of the Straits between Tunisia and Sicily. ^{TP} Until the

war, it was one of the places where Mussolini used to send his political enemies, a bleak ~~dreary~~ dreary place

of exile. ~~But~~ ^{For} the last three years ~~of course~~ it

has been a powerful Axis fortress, ~~and a place for~~

~~damaging blows against the British and ourselves.~~

All day yesterday, ^{American} medium

bombers carried out one daylight raid after another,
ounding *the*
~~at~~ the docks and ~~airfield~~ on Pantelleria, ~~they were~~
and
~~escorted by War Hawk fighters and incidentally landed~~
~~bombs on five ships lying at the docks.~~

When night fell, the daylight American raids
were followed by a wave of attacks from ~~huge~~ Royal Air
Force Wellington bombers ~~that~~ *ing* ~~They~~ dropped ~~consignments of~~
~~their~~ four thousand pound blockbusters on Pantelleria.

The Italian broadcast *not only* admitted ~~it~~ *all this, but* it also
~~acknowledged~~ that the Allies ~~had~~ raided Messina, in
Sicily, and the island of Lampedusa, southeast of
Pantelleria.

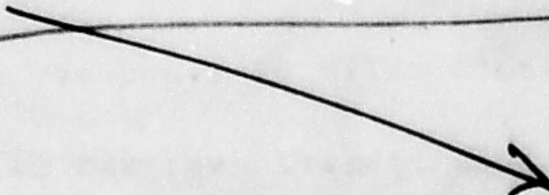
fliers
The Americans reported that they met with
practically no resistance from Axis fighter planes.
~~Axis air forces did attack Bizerte and another port in~~
~~Algeria. But they did not accomplish much.~~

The British and Americans also attacked Sardinia,

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as well as other small islands nearby.

So we shouldn't be surprised if the Allies soon
take over Pantelleria.



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to the Nazi high command that Rumanian territory has not been properly equipped with heavy guns or anti-aircraft.

Radio Berlin admitted ~~that~~^{up} there had been a conference^s between German and Italian leaders in Florence, ~~and that it had adjourned after making several agreements.~~ *about all this, But word comes from Switzerland making several agreements. But according to Swiss reports* the Nazi Ambassador to Italy told Mussolini ~~that he had slim chances of getting reinforcements from Germany~~ *was now out of the question.*

It also, as a ~~And there is only~~ consequence of the heavy British bombings of the Ruhr, ~~where coal comes from,~~ Italy will not ~~for some time get the~~ *be getting much* coal from Germany, *the coal* on which *many* Italian factories ~~absolutely~~ depend.

By the way, ~~one thing announces by~~ Berlin *announces* today ~~is~~ that

German troops are now stationed in Sardinia, which ~~may~~ *may* probably be one of the next points attacked by the Allies.

There are still Jap soldiers alive and fighting on Attu, although they are surrounded. Yesterday another force of Japanese bombers tried to relieve them. ~~This was~~ The second assault of the kind. There were sixteen bombers in the attacking force, ~~but to their surprise~~ ^{and} they were met by long range United States Lightning fighter planes, ~~The Americans shot~~ ^{which shot} down five of the sixteen Japs, losing ~~two~~ ^{two of the} American planes, ~~though the pilot of one of these~~ ^{were lost, but one pilot} was rescued.

~~The official report does not say from what base our own fighter planes took off. It may have been from the air field on Attu which we captured from the Japs last week or from the new United States base two hundred miles to the East where there is a new United States base. This is the first time I heard of that one.~~

~~Anchitka.~~ The jumping off point of the Jap bombers is not known ~~either~~. They might have come from Kiska, which the Japs are still holding. But our officers believe ~~that~~ the air field there ~~was~~ ^{has been too} badly damaged by our own bombers ~~that it was impossible~~ for sixteen

heavy planes to take off from it. So the inference is that the Japs came from Paramushiru the ^{big} Jap naval and air base in the Kuril Islands, six hundred and thirty miles west of Attu.

The remnants of the Jap ground forces on Attu are now trapped in three pockets. The ^{U. S.} ~~United States~~ ground forces are ~~pushing at them constantly~~, cutting them slowly to pieces.

The Japanese high command ~~made~~ some heavy pretensions about Attu today. Tokyo claimed that its aircraft and submarines had sunk a destroyer and damaged six other United States men-o-war. One of them, according to Tokyo, ~~was~~ a battleship. The Japs also declare that they have killed or wounded five thousand American army or navy fighters.

They also made the boast that those sixteen of their bombers which flew over Attu yesterday had heavily damaged an American cruiser, sunk one of our

destroyers, and set fire to another.

All these claims are contradicted by ~~our own~~
~~official reports from~~ Washington, ^{which tells us} ~~that we had nothing~~
~~but light~~ ^{our} casualties at Attu, ^{have been} surprisingly light.

CHINA

From China the war news ^{tells of} ~~is exceedingly bad.~~
The attacking Japanese Army ~~has~~ driven further and
further south of the Yangtze River. It is pushing
westward ~~even~~ towards Chungking, ^{and} ~~The Japs are now~~
~~only two hundred and sixty miles away from Chiang~~
~~Kai-Shek's~~ ^{main} ~~advance guard. They have captured a strong~~
~~strategic place thirty seven miles to the southwest~~
~~of the great river. They are now~~ headed for another
^{In fact} important Chinese city. ~~and~~ they are not so far away
from the temporary capital of the province of Hupeh, in
Western China.

The Japs have a strong attacking force with
heavy reserves ^{and armored equipment.}

We may accept all these reports as ^{authentic} ~~reliable~~
because they come from Chinese Headquarters. The Japs
outnumber the Chinese in men and have a far better supply
of materials ^{and} They have almost absolute control of
the air. ^{as tho} ~~It looks in every way that this is~~ ^{were} ~~the~~
long expected attempt of the Jap High Command to deliver

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a knock out blow at Chiang Kai-Shek's armies and
eliminate China from the war, ~~entirely~~.

FRENCH

Tonight it looks as though the rival elements among the French were coming together. In fact, a collision has virtually been achieved, so said a spokesman for General ~~Henri~~ Giraud, the French High Commissioner in North Africa. He and General ~~Charles~~

seem to
DeGaulle have found a formula which will enable them to compose their differences and work together for

the common good. ^{TP} Both ~~General~~ Giraud and General

DeGaulle and their followers *to be* ~~will become~~ merged. ~~It~~

Then a joint
~~central committee. This~~ committee *to* take over and

This to
~~will~~ be responsible for all decisions. ~~It will only~~

be a provisional body, pending the time when ^{France and her} ~~XXXXXXXX~~

allies will be able to set France free and hold an

election on French soil. Both the British and the

United States Government *to* recognize this committee.

If necessary, General Giraud will even step down

and allow this central committee to replace him as civil and military head of the French in Africa. *So we hear.*

COMMINTERN

Secretary of State Hull today joined the people rejoicing over the disappearance of the Communist Internationale. "Welcome news", he called it. "It's elimination is bound to promote more confidence among the United Nations, especially the end of the kind of ~~activity~~ activity in which the Comintern used to indulge in the past. All this, the Secretary said, will contribute to the cooperation necessary not only for winning the war but for agreement after the war.

RUBBER STRIKE

Now about

¹The rubber strike in Akron, Ohio, ~~grew~~
~~worse today.~~ The workers of the Goodyear Company walked
out this morning, ^{and by} ~~so by~~ noon there were ~~no fewer than~~
forty-five thousand ~~was~~ idle in the ^{great} synthetic rubber
factories. ~~of Akron.~~

~~A Goodyear spokesman admitted that only~~
~~half the people on the morning shift were on the job.~~
~~And it may be necessary to send some of them home~~
~~because the strike of one group prevents other groups~~
~~from accomplishing anything.~~ The Goodrich, and Firestone
factories, are completely shut down. But in one other
plant, ~~that of the General Tire and Rubber, Company,~~
production is almost back to normal.

COAL

Not only the United States but Great Britain is threatened with a shortage of coal. This we know through a message which Prime Minister Churchill sent to British coal miners. He reminded them that six months ago he, Churchill, and South African Field Marshal Smuts spoke to the leaders and delegates of the British coal miners ^{at a secret meeting}. He warned them ^{then} if [^] the gap between the consumption and production of coal was not closed the war would go against us. Thereupon the British workers mined more coal, the consumers burned less and Britain came through the winter all right.

Since then the British naval and air fleets and armies have been increased. But the Minister of Fuel reports that coal production in the British mines has been slipping again. So Churchill called upon the miners to redouble their efforts and put out more fuel. He used these words: "I appeal to you personally fighting with your tools in the mines, and

think of your country men in arms ~~who~~^{to} stand solidly
behind them and to ~~cut~~ cut more coal."

WRECK

The Pennsylvania Railroad is inclined to blame the engineer for the wreck of the Atlantic City express which killed fourteen people and injured ninety-one others. The engineer himself escaped serious injury. All he suffered was a lacerated forehead.

The train was derailed on a curve just outside Delaire, a suburb of Camden, New Jersey, and the speed limit on that curve is fifteen miles. An official of the line reported that there were definite indications that the Atlantic City express was going ^{a good deal} faster than that when it tipped over.

VERONICA

Here is one that really isn't in my department. But I'll include it -- just for variety. Until now movie fans have seen only one eye of Veronica Lake. For some while to come they will not see either eye. The girl with the peek-a-boo bang is retiring from work -- that is, before the camera. She already has one baby. And soon there will be two. So, in the meantime she will go into hiding -- from the cameras. Her husband is Captain John Detlie, whose job it is to help the Army hide, when it wants to be concealed. He's with the Camouflage Department of the Army.

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And now Hugh with something clear —
not camouflaged.