

RAID

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The Navy reports another series of air blows against the Marshall Islands. Big Army bombers are continuing the softening up process, about which Secretary Knox spoke yesterday. The Japs on the islands were battered and softened plenty in three new attacks, and enemy ships were hit.


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Heavy fighting is going on in the Cape

Gloucester area of New Britain. There the Marines, who made that unopposed landing have run into heavy enemy resistance. They've been driving on from their beachheads, and now the Japs are fighting back fiercely.

BOMBING OF EUROPE

Today the number one target for the bombers based on Britain was Kiel the great German submarine base. And Kiel had been the target yesterday. So it was two raids in succession against that number one objective. Hundreds of tons of bombs were hurled today on the naval base, with our planes running into plenty of opposition. Swarms of rocket-firing Nazis assailed the Flying Fortresses and Liberators and one pilot said that the rockets were bursting around his plane like flak, as thick as anti-aircraft shells.



ADD BOMBING OF EUROPE

In the raid on Kiel and on other Nazi targets of the day, the American Air Force lost twenty-five Flying Fortresses and Liberators and twelve fighters. And on their part, they shot down ninety-five enemy aircraft, including many of the rocket planes.

ITALY

The slow advance in Italy continues with the Fifth Army pushing on through deep snow drifts, a white winter landscape perilous with well-concealed enemy gun positions. *Gen. M. Clark's* ~~Fifth Army~~ troops have pressed forward for another mile in the mountains, and have captured three more important peaks, and are breaking into the outer defenses guarding Cassino -- the key point on the road to Rome.

PLANE

From the Mediterranean theater of the war in the sky comes a rambunctious story ~~telling~~ of the end of an exasperating gal named Susie. We are told that Susie was a regular devil, cutting up, playing pranks, and making all sorts of trouble. Susie didn't exactly kill her men, but she drove them half crazy, with malicious tricks ~~of~~ ^{and} having them in a permanent state of gitters. They never ~~xx~~ could figure what Susie was going to do next.

She would take her crew over a target and ~~then~~ ^{sure} she'd probably have engine trouble, or she'd jam her landing gear, or her controls would go hay-wire. They swore at her and ~~xxxxxxxx~~ cursed her out, but they couldn't get anything else - in other words, they were just stuck with Susie. But not now any more, because the news from the Mediterranean theater tells how at last Susie went out, not exactly in a

blaze of glory -- but in a flame of red-headed

tantrums. ^POn her last flight, a raid against a

Nazi target ^{in Italy,} [^]Susie made it a point to get in the way

of the anti-aircraft shells. One clipped her in the

section of her inboard engine. ~~but Susie wasn't~~ ^{and another smashed}

~~content with that, she lured and enticed another~~

~~German cannon shell to smack~~ her in the vicinity of

her left outboard engine. On top of which she ^{developed} ~~felt~~

^a ~~to~~ flutter ⁱⁿ her propellers, with the result that both

of the damaged engines were nearly shaken out into

open space.

You can imagine ^{what} ~~how~~ Susie's ~~many~~ boy friends

^{saying about her as they tried and did} ~~were cursing her up and down the line by that time~~

~~as they flew~~ ^{her} ~~the old gal~~ back to base. When they

got there, Susie tried just one more bit of mischief,

and that was just one too many.

^a ~~One of the~~ flying man [^] tells ~~that~~ about it in

the following words: "Susie ^{just} naturally jammed her landing gear, and the pilot wasn't able to ^{maintain} ~~min~~ enough speed to keep her in the air. She was up there making slow clumsy circles -- when the pilot decided that Susie had really let them down this time. He told his men to jump. They did, and ~~then he~~ jumped."

And so ^{there} ~~it~~ was Susie abandoned up in the air, and left to go on for a crash. ^{TP} But Susie still had a few tricks left. "That ^{frivolous old gal} ~~dog-gone airplane~~ wasn't dead yet", the flying man relates. "As soon as everybody got out, she took over, just as if she'd been waiting for the chance. She made a slow circle over the field," he goes on, "and went away out to the East and then started back". The story goes on to tell ~~about~~ that this time Susie was really mad.

"That plane with nobody in it" ^{he} ~~the narrator,~~ "came down at us, ~~raikexxexer~~ roared over the operation

tower and zoomed right up into the sunset".

To which he adds, "guys started scrambling out of the control tower and I'll swear one of them didn't even use the ladder". In other words, Susie

again scared ~~them out of their wits~~ ~~the dickens out of them~~. But that wasn't all.

For the story goes on; "Susie came back out of the sunset even lower this time and everybody said she'd

crash ^{- into us!}. But, she didn't. She came in, ^{right at us,} ~~lower than ever~~

^{then} and all of a sudden zoomed back up. She kept climbing, going, slower, every, second, ^{then} she turned kinda slowly and whammed into the side of a hill and ^{blow} up".

And that was the end of Susie. The orneriest gal the boys of our North African Air Force ever knew. And, I hear, that they know quite a few of the ornery kind.

DARRIEUX

Here's strange and melo-dramatic word about a famous motion picture actress, Danielle Darrieux, who a few years ago was famed and featured in the United States. The beautiful French star, says the news from London, has been condemned to death, condemned by the French underground.

Danielle Darrieux who left Hollywood and stardom in Nineteen thirty-eight is charged with ~~collaborating~~ *helping the German enemies of her country ..* ~~collaborating~~ The French underground declares that she has been ~~collaborating~~ collaborating with the Nazis and has been put on the list of traitors doomed to execution by the secret anti-Nazi organization.

RUSSIA

The news from Soviet Russia tells us still more Red Army progress in the drive to trap a million Germans in the bend of the Dnieper. After capturing the key point of Belaya Tserkov the Soviet spearhead in that sector has pushed ahead for thirty miles.

And, another Red Army force has advanced to within fifty miles of the Odessa railroad -- the last railroad trunk-line of escape for the imperiled

Nazis. *And this penetrates the defense* ~~On the~~ border of Poland, where military moves *line of Rumania,* are of world wide political significance, the Soviets

now may have driven ~~xxxxxxx~~ into old Poland. Yesterday we heard that they had already crossed the border, but Moscow says that this was probably pre-mature.

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POLAND

Today in London, the exiled Polish government ordered the underground in Poland to cooperate with Soviet forces - ^{Hitherto, secret} ~~but only if Russia resumes diplomatic relations with Poland.~~ organizations of patriotic Poles have been waging undercover war against the Nazis. At the same time, this Polish underground has been threatening to fight the Red Army also -- if the Red Army forces should take the attitude of seizing territory that Poland regards as Polish. This obviously posed a grave question for the United Nations, and there was worry and wonder about what the Polish underground might do.

It seems to be answered, at least for the time being, with ^{Now} the exiled government ^{has} ~~ordered~~ ^{ed} the underground to continue its resistance ~~to the Nazis~~ ^{to the Nazis} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and to make no move of hostility toward the Red Army.

But
at the same time, the exiled government ^{still demands} maintains
~~its former stand about~~ the sections of Poland that

the Soviets annexed during the days of the Hitler-

Stalin pact. The Poles still insist on getting ^{that} ~~these~~

territory

back and today express their intention in the following

words:- "The earliest reestablishment of the Polish
sovereign administration in the liberated territories".

R The Russians have a different ^{idea of liberation.} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

They say ^{that} when they took the eastern part of Poland,

under the terms of the Hitler-Stalin Treaty they

were liberating that area from ^{the then} Polish rule.

POLAND ROOSEVELT

The new resurgence of the Polish problem has decided reverberations in the United States. Political reverberations. We hear that the exiled Polish government intends to ask for American aid in restoring the pre-war frontiers of Poland; meaning -- a restoration of ^{that} ~~the western~~ part of the country which the Soviets acquired. TR Such a demand presented to the United States will put President Roosevelt in a dilemma -- as a dispatch from Washington today points out. ^{For,} To advocate the Polish view would be to antagonize Stalin and the Soviets; while ~~at~~ ^{at the same time} Administration can hardly ^{avoid} ~~think~~ ^{ing} about the number of Poles in this country. Nineteen forty-four is coming on with its presidential election. Native Poles in the United States number nearly a million -- most ~~ix~~ of them voters. And it is estimated that there are five or six million first generation Polish-American

citizens. Will these be antagonized, if the Administration should fail to support Poland in its contention with Soviet Russia? If so, it might affect a lot of votes -- especially in such ^{key} states as Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

^{This}
~~All of which~~ puts a focus of interest ~~in~~ on ^{the United States,}
the attitude of the Polish language newspapers in ^{this} ~~this~~ country. These, today, hailed the news of the entrance of the Russian Army into Poland. But they add the warning that Poland will not give up part of its territory to the Soviets. (For example, the Polish Daily News, which is published in Chicago, today prints an editorial headed "Russia, friend or foe"? The Polish editorial asks: "Is Russia entering Poland as an ally or ^{as an} invader?")

All of which brings the age-old ~~pxm~~ Polish question close to home here in the United States;

politics being one of the most home-like things that we have.

~~All of which~~ ^{It} reminds me of a story I was told at the time of the peace negotiations after the last war. Then, too, the Polish question presented a dilemma, with the Poles at the Peace Conference pressing their case day and night and thinking about nothing else. So among the statesmen at Versailles this eternal Polish pre-occupation was illustrated by the following parable:- It seems that a German and an American, an Englishman, and a Frenchman; and a Pole, got to talking about elephants. And they decided that each should write a book about ^{the} elephants. Whereupon, each did so, with the German producing three ponderous volumes entitled -- A BRIEF OUTLINE OF ELEPHANT PALAEOLOGY. The book the American wrote was called -- THE INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE OF THE

elephant. The Englishman wrote:- ELEPHANT SHOOTING
AS A SPORT. The Frenchman appeared with an opus
entitled: THE ELEPHANTS AND THEIR LOVES. While the
Pole wrote -- a volume called - THE ELEPHANT AND
THE POLISH QUESTION.

That's how it was in the previous world
war, and now we have it all over again!-- the
elephant and the Polish question.

WILLKIE

Now here's a surprise and a shock, a thing that we thought could never happen -- like Romeo giving Juliet a slap in the face. It's a bitter and blistering attack -- on Wendell Willkie. And the Anti-Willkie blast was fired -- not by reactionary Republicans, not by Isolationists, not by stop-Willkie politicians. The brick-bat hurled at Willkie comes from Moscow, the Soviets, our Russian Allies.

Can you believe it -- after Willkie's mission to Moscow, after "ONE WORLD", after all that Willkie gospel in favor of friendship toward the Soviets? Yet, here are the astonishing facts. Today's denunciation of Willkie was published in the Moscow newspaper Pravda, the official organ of the Communist party. It charges Wendell with trying to create distrust toward Soviet Russia and accuses him of currying favor with anti-Soviet elements in the United

States. The author of the article in ~~RRR~~ Pravda is one Zaslavsky, and Zaslavsky excoriates Willkie in the following words:- "Mr. Willkie, like a faithful mouth-piece, ~~write Zaslavsky~~" repeats the suspicious shouts of those reactionary circles which fear the victorious forward march of the Red Army and the Allied Armies". So says Zaslavsky about Willkie.

What evokes this surprising outburst -- like ^{smacking - I mean} Romeo _^ socking Juliet? The Soviet uproar concerns an article by Willkie, which was published in the Sunday Magazine of the New York Times last weekend. The Willkie article was entitled: DON'T STIR DISTRUST OF RUSSIA. And in it Wendell advocated what he called "a common sense" attitude toward the Soviets. ~~And~~ "There is no reason to suppose", he wrote, "that Russia is not going to follow a course of peace and security in a society of nations". And he followed

that with a fling against President Roosevelt saying that the United States has failed in the leadership of the United Nations and that the real leader right now is -- Stalin.

So, what's wrong with that -- from the Soviet point of view? It sounds as sweet as Juliet murmuring; ~~Wherefore~~ "Romeo! wherefor art thou Romeo?"

However, Willkie went on to say something else, and that's what has excited the wrath of Moscow, Pravda and Zaslavsky Willkie touched discreetly on the problem of Poland, Finland, the Baltic States and the Balkans. He spoke of the possibility of inducing Russia to guarantee the independence and integrity of those states, and suggested that the Soviets should be -- "persuaded". To this the Moscow blast of today responds with high indignation: "It is time to understand" thunders the Moscow newspaper

article"that the Baltic problem is the internal affair of the Soviet Union in which Mr. Willkie must not meddle".

~~And the Soviet writer goes on to say that the Baltic States belong to Stalin's Russia ^{for} ~~and have~~ highly democratic reasons -- "a democratic plebiscite", says he. Which goes back to the time early in the war when the Red Army marched into the Baltic Republics. ^a ~~the~~ plebiscite was held with the people voting on whether or not they wanted to be part of Soviet Russia. They voted -- yes.~~

"Apropos of Finland, and Poland, not to mention the Baltic States, the Moscow newspaper article continues "The Soviet Union can make the necessary agreements with those countries, and does not need Mr. Willkie's help". And Zaslavsky goes on to accuse Willkie of double dealing and Nazi propaganda.

Naturally, when this diatribe appeared, the newspapers made hot foot haste to ask Willkie what he thought about it. Upon being questioned, the author of ONE WORLD responded -- "no comment".

R Yes, Wendell, we can sympathize. It may be ONE WORLD but there are a lot of different kinds of people in it.

~~Romeo! Wherefore art thou
Romeo? And wherefore art thou
Tony Morse?~~

~~Right here beside you in
San Fran - , Lowell!~~

SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC CLUB

From the islands of the Southwestern Pacific we hear of the formation of a new club, an organization called -- "Papas-now". This paternal ~~con~~fraternity consists of comrades in arms who have become fathers while overseas and who have never seen the baby born back home. The club holds meetings, on distant Pacific islands, ^{at which} ~~and~~ the "Papas-Now" discuss the off-spring upon whom they have never laid eyes.

~~Their pass word and recognition signal is a sad shake of the head and a low groan, saying "when do you think we'll get back?"~~

And the Papas-Now have a program which is expressed by one of the members, a Major. "Well," says he, "you know the newspapers back in the States are going in for printing pictures of the children so their fathers overseas can see them". Our project" he continues "is to have our pictures taken and send

to the States, so the children can get some idea
of what their fathers look like. By doing that"
the Major explains, "we will eliminate the necessity
of the children asking, when we get home 'Mamma
who's that man in the uniform'?"

~~So that's the big ambition of the Papas now.~~

And, by the way, here's that man
Tony Morse again.