

The Argentine mystery finally cleared today - after a fog of rumors and contradictions. As late as last night, the Argentine Foreign Minister declared that there was no change in the relations between his country and the Axis enemies of the United Nations. But that was one of those diplomatic denials, because today in dramatic fashion, the government at Buenos Aires broke with the enemy powers. <sup>It</sup> The reason given is - espionage. Nazi Germany, in particular, is accused of having operated a huge spy net in the southern republic, a thing that had been well known all along. <sup>And</sup> official German diplomatic representatives are stated to have been personally mixed up with the secret agent doings.

The Argentine action is tied in with the case of the Argentine consular official who bears the most un-Spanish name of "Helmuth." <sup>The man</sup> ~~He was~~ arrested by the British on his way to Europe, and officially charged

with doing spy work for the Nazis.

*That aroused*  
~~The accused had been~~

a headline<sup>s</sup> in Buenos Aires and widespread investigation was made by the Argentine Government - this followed today by the official charge of espionage-plotting and the breaking of relations.

In Washington, Secretary of State Cordell Hull promptly expressed his gratification, adding the hope that the Argentine government would follow through with further ~~other~~ measures for the security of the Americas.

~~"Further measures" - obviously meaning an effective drive to wipe out the Nazi espionage system. For, it is clear enough that even with diplomatic relations broken, enemy secret agents might keep on doing their undercover work - unless rooted out.~~

Over in the southwestern Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur has a broad chest. But I don't know how he wears all those medals - they're enough to cover a barn door.

Today, General MacArthur received another.

It was a birthday present, and it came from President Roosevelt. The General, <sup>(who is)</sup> ~~is~~ sixty-four, was decorated with the Distinguished Service Medal for what the presidential citation calls - "exceptionally distinguished services as supreme commander of the Allied forces in the southwestern Pacific."

General MacArthur already held more than forty decorations, and now still one more. If he tried to wear all those shining medals, I suppose he'd have to hang some of them on his sleeves.

PACIFIC

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Seven more attacks against the Marshall Islands.

The Japs in that archipelago are ~~certainly~~ taking an incessant beating from the air. The seven reported by the Navy today were directed against four atolls, three of which were assaulted twice in twenty-four hours.

Four enemy planes were shot down, while all <sup>our</sup> ~~the United~~ ~~States~~ aircraft returned <sup>from</sup> ~~to~~ this latest seven-fold blow that is regarded as part of the preparations for the invasion of the Marshalls.

~~From the New Guinea sector we have a statement that in the recent vigorous air action, our forces have been winning at a ratio of better than sixteen to one. American planes have been blasting enemy installations along an arc of seven hundred miles in the Bismarck Archipelago, and the total of planes that they have shot down in ~~the~~ this recent burst of activity has now risen to eighty-three.~~



FOLLOW PACIFIC

And still later word from the Southwestern Pacific tells of an American air raid which sank five ~~ships~~ <sup>ships</sup> ~~ships~~ in the harbor of Rabaul -- that Number One Japanese base.

In this latest raid against Rabaul, American planes smashed the enemy shipping with explosive blows, and twenty-four enemy fighter-planes were shot down.

## PARATROOPS

It was officially disclosed today that United States airborne forces have been training in Britain for several months - they include paratroopers and glider units. These are definitely invasion forces and, of course, give another hint of second front.

The presence of the airborne troops in Britain has been, until now, one of those official secrets - which everybody knows, especially the enemy. ~~For weeks in London those distinctive American paratroops boots have been seen on the streets, and airborne insignia have been noted on tunics. So People in England knew what that mean<sup>t</sup> and if they didn't, the German radio would have enlightened them. Berlin broadcasts have mentioned the American airborne troops in Britain several times, and have given what purported to be the location of their camps in England.~~

In fact, the preciseness of the German

information concerning the movements of the <sup>se</sup> ~~American~~  
airborne <sup>outfits</sup> ~~troops~~ gave a bunch of these a nervous time  
for a while. When they were on their way across,  
their convoy had to turn back several times because of  
frightful weather. The course they navigated was around  
about and complicated, and yet Lord Haw-Haw, broadcasting  
from Berlin, knew <sup>altogether too much,</sup> ~~about it all.~~ That English renegade  
and other Nazi news commentators, broadcast daily accounts  
of the progress of the convoy of airborne forces across  
the Atlantic. All of which I suppose would argue a  
combination of espionage and some accurate spotting by  
submarines and scout planes.

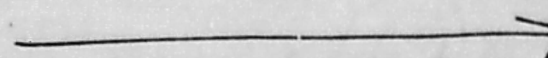
## ITALY

In the vicinity of Rome, Nazi resistance is stiffening, with the seaborne Allied troops pushing toward the mountains southeast of the Eternal City.

The geography of the area around Rome is simple - and classical, familiar in every Roman history. ~~There you find one of the few large level spaces in central and southern Italy, large according to Italian dimensions.~~

*— Lahtee um — or Layshe um.*

The antique land called Latium, <sup>^</sup>primordial home of the Latins, is a reasonably level plain, the distances of which are reckoned in dozens ~~of scores~~ of miles.

One side is on the sea, and the other sides are ringed by mountains. *And the*  ~~All of which makes the coast near Rome~~

~~just about the most favorable side for landing in Italy, a place where the armored forces can drive on for some distance. And this in turn increases the surprise, that the Germans did not have so obvious a place heavily defended against invasion. However, they didn't, and~~



~~the~~ Allied strategy has been to drive across the southern part of the Latin plain - on to the mountains, which they are approaching tonight.

Allied spearheads are said to be well beyond the Mussolini Canal, the crossing of which we heard about yesterday; ~~and they are~~ advancing from the plain into hilly country, where there are patches of scrub pine.

*R* The Appian Way, that most important road, appears to be well and thoroughly cut - and fighting still remains light. Most of the enemy resistance was given <sup>today</sup> by small German groups, which had ~~been~~ turned farm houses into minor fortresses. American troops blasted them out of the farm houses and pushed on.

There are reports that the Germans intend to defend the City of Rome, with indications that they plan to make a house-to-house fight. We hear that they are blasting and leveling buildings, and are throwing up

barricades across the streets in key districts.

All of which sounds ominous for the city that contains so vast a wealth of classic antiquity. Much of ancient Rome might be reduced to rubble, if the Nazis make a street fight of it - and if the Allies elect to attack that way.

To the south, along the line which the Germans have defended so stubbornly - further Fifth Army progress is reported. The Germans have evacuated Cassino, but it does not appear that the Allies have occupied the town. They are staying out because of heavy enemy guns placed in the hills nearby.

The news tonight does not give any vivid hint of a general ~~fast~~ German withdrawal, such as is confidently <sup>expected</sup> ~~effective~~ - the Nazis trying to get away before the trap sprung to the north of them is closed.

## RUSSIA

Today Stalin announced the capture of another big railroad city, which is described as a five-way junction. And it certainly has a five-way name - Kras-nog-var<sup>1</sup>-diesk. That's on the Leningrad front, about twenty-five miles south of the second largest Russian city. And today's Moscow bulletin states that the whole German position south of Leningrad is on the verge of collapsing. The Red army drive in that sector *described as* ~~is said to be~~ perhaps the most powerful of the war.

## ATROCITY

Today Soviet Moscow charged Nazi Germany with that monstrous crime of which the Germans accused the Russians. That is - the murder of eleven thousand Polish prisoners in the Katyn Forest, near Smolensk.

Months ago, the Nazis announced the alleged discovery of the bodies of eleven thousand Poles. These prisoners had been seized by the Soviets when the Red Army took over the western half of Poland under the Hitler-Stalin pact. And Berlin accused the Russians of the wholesale murder, saying it was committed in Nineteen Forty.

This created a sensation, and the exiled Polish Government in London demanded an explanation of Moscow - the implication being that the Poles believed the Nazi story.

Today Moscow issues a report made by a special Soviet atrocity commission which, says Moscow, has been



taking evidence in the case of the mass murder in the Katyn Forest. The document cites evidence to show that the Poles were killed, not by the Russians in Nineteen Forty, but by the Germans in Nineteen Forty-One. The contention being - that when the Hitler invasion rolled over the Smolensk area, the Germans seized the Polish prisoners who were being held by the Russians - and committed the murders. The Moscow commission report gives <sup>the</sup> testimony of eye-witnesses, and states that documents on the bodies proved that the Poles were alive when the Germans captured Smolensk - in Nineteen Forty-One.

Foreign correspondents were taken to the scene in the Katyn Forest, where the thousands of bodies were being dug up. And they tell a horror story - picturing a terrifying and unearthly scene of mass <sup>exhumations</sup> ~~excavations~~ and autopsies.

POLAND

Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced today that Soviet Russia has rejected the offer of the United States to mediate the Soviet-Polish dispute. Poland asked both the United States and Great Britain to intervene in the argument and help to effect a settlement. The United States acceded to the Polish request and approached Moscow, but Moscow said - No, American mediation is not desired. <sup>π</sup> Not at the moment, anyway, with Moscow explaining conditions right now are not auspicious for mediation. Presumably, conditions might change, and so the door would seem to be still left open. ~~Some suppose that the Soviets might be willing - if the Polish exiled government were changed,   
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX a shake-up that would eliminate elements that Moscow considers anti-Soviet. And then, it is supposed, that the Russians are waiting to see what the attitude of the Polish people is toward the Red Army~~

~~as it pushes further into Poland. So maybe later on  
American mediation might be acceptable to the Soviets,  
or maybe not.~~

Secretary Hull's announcement of the Moscow rejection followed a declaration made by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in the House of Commons today. The Foreign Secretary, by implication, supported the Poles in their refusal to give to Soviet Russia the western half of the territory that was Polish before the war. He indicated the British government will not recognize any change of ownership ~~of present~~ ~~Polish territory,~~ unless the Polish government agrees to it of its own free will.

## SOLDIER VOTE

President Roosevelt today intervened personally in the Senate proceedings on the subject of a soldier vote. He sent a special message in which he <sup>de</sup>~~announced~~ the bill that ~~has been passed by the Senate and which is now before the House of Representatives~~ a bill ~~that~~ would have the States handle the ballot system <sup>to</sup> ~~that~~ would enable service men in the Army and Navy to vote in the coming election.

~~The Senate passed that bill for State control, but is now reconsidering it -- and has before it a, contrary measure, which calls for the Federal Government to handle the job of ~~the~~ soldier vote. The Army and Navy would distribute ballots among the troops, ballots to enable them to vote for President -- though <sup>not</sup> in the State officers like Governors, Senators, Congressmen and so on. The armed services say that to distribute ballots with thousands of names of candidates in the forty-eight states could not be done.~~

~~The President's special message today was along~~



The President ~~that line~~ <sup>he</sup> declaring that the bill to let the States handle the soldier vote was what he called -- "a fraud on the soldiers, sailors and marines now training and fighting." <sup>He</sup> ~~It is~~ repeated that the <sup>Federal Government</sup> ~~States couldn't do the~~ <sup>would have to do the job,</sup> ~~job, and the result would be that the service men and women would be deprived of their right to vote.~~

This presidential intervention was immediately attacked by Republican Senator Taft of Ohio, who ~~xi~~ said it was -- an insult. "It is most unfortunate," said Senator Taft, "that the President should see fit to inject himself into legislative matters. ~~It is~~ <sup>An insult</sup> to members of Congress," he added. <sup>And then he called</sup> ~~it~~ <sup>"Fourth Term Politics."</sup>

A modification of the Federal Control bill is being put forward by Republican Senator Stiles Bridges of New Hampshire. He attacks the proposal contained in the measure-- whereby a serviceman would get a blank ballot and then write in his choice for President. The <sup>Presidential</sup> ~~Senator's idea~~ <sup>is</sup> that the names of the various <sup>candidates</sup> ~~should be printed on the ballots and that the serviceman should select from these.~~ ~~The Senator~~ <sup>he</sup> argues that a

ballot without names would give an undue advantage to  
*Franklin D. Roosevelt*  
~~the President~~ who, he assumes, is to be a Fourth Term  
candidate. "A man who has been out of the country  
two years," he argues, "might not be thoroughly familiar  
with the name of the Republican nominee.")

Today in Chicago a deputation representing the Polish National Alliance called on Lieutenant Bruno Godlewski, at his mother's home, and presented <sup>with</sup> to him a check for thirteen thousand dollars. The money had been raised by nickel, dime and dollar contributions from Polish steel workers, scrub women, business men -- who had chipped in to pay homage to a hero of the air war in Europe.

Bruno Godlewski was seventeen years old when he decided he wanted to fight in the war -- fight for the United States. But they wouldn't let him -- he was too young. So he went to Canada, and there enlisted in a Polish Flying Squadron. He became a tail gunner in a bomber, was sent to England, and soon was flying in raids over Nazi Germany. He took part in eleven raids and ~~he~~ compiled a personal record of eight German planes shot down.

On his eleventh and last raid, his bomber got into a savage battle with Nazi fighters. Godlewski, busy with his tail gun, got three. But then a pack of



German fighters swarmed upon the bomber, and the tail gun was in the focus of a hurricane of enemy fire. And Gunner Godlewski got it in the arms -- hit in one elbow, and in the other wrist.

With both arms out, he was crippled now, and couldn't do any more shooting. But he still could do a job. He helped to direct the ship on its homeward flight -- watching below, peering downward, and calling out instructions to the pilot. When the bomber landed they found two thousand <sup>and shrapnel</sup> bullet holes in the wings of the fuselage.

So that was the hero ~~xx~~ who was honored in Chicago today -- honored with thirteen thousand dollars. But they didn't hand the money to him -- hand would be the wrong word. They placed it before him, but he didn't pick it up -- he couldn't. Both hands were gone. One arm off at the elbow, and the other off at the wrist -- as a result of enemy fire in that air battle -- enemy fire that had seemed to concentrate on his arms.



~~on his arms.~~

~~Any anyway, the thirteen thousand dollars, wasn't his - not yet. A mere nineteen years old, he is not of age, too young to handle his own financial affairs. The money is being held in trust for him until he is twenty-one.~~

He said today, this flier without hands, that he'd like to get back into the battles of the sky again. But there seems little chance of that. "I could be a navigator," he explained ruefully, "but my officers say I couldn't handle a parachute if I had to bail out." No, he couldn't pull the ripcord, not without hands.

~~And now *Wally Rogers*~~

## GIRL

Hollywood is a blase sort of place, but even Hollywood can get a shock once in a while. This was proved <sup>n</sup> by the unhappy experience of Miss Tanis Chandler, a girl who <sup>was</sup> so infatuated with the movies that she disguised as a boy. The Army draft being as it is, they are a little short of young men to play parts in the Hollywood productions. So Miss Tanis Chandler, dressed as a boy, hadn't much trouble getting a job. And, she was in the movies.

They cast her in a small bit in a large feature, and then the action of the film story called for a sudden dive into a pool. The director shouted to Miss Tanis Chandler: "Take off your shirt!"

To which a wailing voice responded: "No, I can't do that, I'm a girl." Whereupon the unshockable Hollywood was shocked.

Now Roger, ~~must you~~ can you shock us - or jar us a bit?

AIR WAR

The air war based on Britain gives us the same story as yesterday and previous days - battering blows hurled at the invasion coast. The Nazis along the shore from Calais to Dieppe were bombed heavily for the fourth successive day. They have been hit <sup>on</sup> thirty-five days <sup>out of</sup> thirty-seven days - concentrated air action which may well be preparing the way for the second front invasion.

~~Today, the sky over the Channel was filled with planes for several hours, as squadrons flew to the attack - medium bombers and fighter planes mostly.~~