

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Good news from MacArthur. The forces under his command have cleaned out so many of the Japs from the great island of New Britain that MacArthur now has the greatest part of the island under his control.

There has been some complaint in the Commonwealth that the Aussies have not been getting their share of the credit. Well, they are great fighters, I know, for I was with them in the Palestine Campaign 26 years ago. With the fathers of the Aussies now fighting under MacArthur.

Anyway, the Australians, and Americans, between them, have the Japs backed most of the way off New Britain, the largest stretch of land that the Japs are still holding onto in the Bismarck Archipelgo. The enemy has abandoned the most important air field and the supply area on the north coast of New Britain

PACIFIC

also the airdrome and garrison on the southern coast.

BURMA

The news from Burma tonight is ~~not any too~~ <sup>again none too</sup>

encouraging. The main body of the Japs is attacking with increased force along the road between Tiddim and Imphal,

in Manipur. ~~They~~ <sup>And their</sup> jungle patrols <sup>have</sup> filtered across the

Tiddim road only eighteen miles away from Imphal, and are

now threatening ~~the base of the Allies~~ <sup>that vital base of our operations</sup>

Sixty-five miles above Imphal, a hot battle is being waged for Kohima. New Delhi admits that the enemy are holding positions in the outskirts of the town and have made repeated thrusts into the inner British defenses. But in each case they were thrown back.

<sup>R</sup> All this means that the Japs are nearly fifty miles <sup>deep</sup> into India <sup>now.</sup> What is more, they have crossed the main supply line of the Allies at three points, north of Imphal.

And, they are even closer than before to that vital railway line running from Bengal to Assam.

In northern Burma, Chinese troops of the



Twenty-Second Division, under ~~Lieutenant~~ General Stilwell, are in contact with Jap units west of the Mogaung Road.

This battle is all the more serious, because the Monsoon season comes closer and closer. If Stilwell's army does <sup>not</sup> reach Myitkyina by the middle of May at the latest, the rains will make all operations impossible. They may even force <sup>Gen.</sup> Stilwell to retreat along the road he is now following.



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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Tonight we have more big news for which we have been waiting eagerly, the news of the fall of Odessa. The Germans announce that they evacuated it, and had planned it for weeks. In fact, had destroyed all important installations and removed all ships, vessels, and other war materials.

As for the Russian story, Marshal Stalin announces that the Third Army of the Ukraine took "by storm" this seventh largest city of the Soviet Union -- the great seaport on the Black Sea.

Whatever happened, it was good enough reason for rejoicing among the Russians. And it was a particular plum for General Malinovsky. For Odessa is his home town. So it's easy to imagine with what pleasure he retook it from Nazi Field Marshal, von Mannstein, the man

who had led the German invaders into the city way back in Nineteen Forty-one. <sup>W</sup>The Red Army's entry into Odessa is the culmination of a drive that has covered more than nine hundred miles.

In the First World War General Malinovsky, then a sergeant in the army of the Czar, fought side by side with the British and Americans, in France. He was in that Russian brigade which Nikolas sent to the Western Front around Rheims and Amiens. Malinovsky told an American correspondent that he remembered one point in common between American and Russian troops. "Boy," said he, "how they could smash up a bar!"

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However, we assume that there is some truth in the ~~xGxxxx~~ German bulletin. For, Moscow says nothing of having captured any large part of the Odessa garrison. Premier Stalin says the taking of ~~idxxx~~ Odessa came as a result of a skillful ~~antifanking~~ outflanking movement by cavalry and infantry, in

cooperation with a frontal attack by mobile units.

Though they caught no Nazis in the Odessa trap, the Russians ~~have still~~ <sup>still have</sup> hope of bagging a hundred thousand Germans and ~~Roumanians~~ <sup>Roumanians who are still</sup> left in the Crimea.

TP According to a broadcast from Berlin, the Fourth

Ukrainian Army has begun a drive into that area.

But, the Nazis claim ~~that it was~~ <sup>it has been</sup> repulsed. They say

two Red armies are advancing against the Crimea, one

aiming at the Isthmus at Perekop, ~~that~~ <sup>a</sup> narrow strip of land ~~which~~ <sup>that</sup> stretches towards the Caucasian mainland.

The other, ~~is~~ attacking the bridgehead at Sivash,

forty-five miles east of Perekop.

Glancing farther north, we have the Nazis also ~~announcing~~ <sup>eastern end of the</sup> announcing that they evacuated the Polish

city of Tarnopol, where they have been surrounded since

March Twenty-Sixth. At this moment, there is fighting in

the streets of the city. On the northwestern side of

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the Ukrainian front, another Red army has crossed the  
and Czech frontier, captured a village five miles inside the  
border. It is a village beyond the crest of the Tatar  
Pass, leading through the Carpathians to the great  
plains of Hungary.

Four Red armies in all are now attacking on a  
line that stretches six hundred miles from the Crimea  
to Czechoslovakia. <sup>TP</sup> The Second Ukrainian army has  
captured more than a hundred and fifty towns and  
settlements in Rumania. One of them, a city of  
~~nixxxxx~~ considerable size. And the southern wing of  
that same army is within five miles of the ancient  
Rumanian city of Jassy.

## MAHURIN

One of the foremost aces of Uncle Sam's Army Air Corps is today reported missing in action. On March eighth, one of the men who took part in a raid on Berlin was Major Walker Mahurin. On that day he shot down three Nazi planes. And -- that was the third time he had bagged three of the enemy in one day. Those three brought his total up to ~~xx~~ twenty.

Mahurin was one of the type that played planes -- or models -- from boyhood. His room at home, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, was always cluttered up with models and with materials for making them. Then, when he was graduated from high school he went to Purdue to study aeronautical engineering; and during a summer vacation he took a C.A.A. training course, and got a private pilot's license.

He won a Second Lieutenant's commission in the Army Air Corps in April, Nineteen forty-two, and went to England with the Eighth Air Force, now commanded by General Jimmy Doolittle.

On October fifth, Nineteen Forty-three, he got his fifth enemy plane. Then, early this year he was offered leave, but turned it down because he didn't want to miss the coming invasion. In fact, he was afraid he might lose his skill at the controls of his speedy  ~~pursuit~~ pursuit ship; and as he put it: - "didn't want to let my squadron down."

Twenty-five year old Major Mahurin, when he was reported missing, had just shot down his twenty-first enemy plane.



The War Department announced still another American ace missing. ~~That was~~ Gerald Johnson of Owenton, Kentucky, ~~at the~~ age ~~of~~ twenty-four, <sup>also</sup> a Major.

Evidently both Johnson and Mahurin were lost on the same mission. <sup>It</sup> Major Mahurin may turn up to be still alive, but a prisoner of war. One of his comrades in the air battle of March Twenty-Seventh notified his mother that he had seen Mahurin bail out, *over France.*

Major Johnson was in a tie for first place with the celebrated Captain Don Gentile, whose name loomed large in the weekend's news. They both had twenty-two planes to their credit. But then the Eighth Air Force gave Gentile credit for five more ~~planes~~ destroyed on the ground. He was not satisfied with that, because he looked upon it as a sportsman would, shooting a sitting pheasant. *And now,*  
~~since that time~~ <sup>has</sup> Gentile shot down three more enemy

planes in ~~air~~ combat. <sup>These</sup> ~~The~~ twenty-seven, ~~he~~ shot down in the air, give him a lead of one over the previous record of twenty-six held by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker in the First World War.

HULL

The British, at any rate, seem to be well pleased with Secretary Hull's broadcast explaining American foreign policy. Diplomatic observers in London say that the speech showed that Uncle Sam is determined to take a closer interest in European affairs.

Two of Secretary Hull's points made a particular hit on the banks of the Thames. One, his warning to neutral countries to stop helping the Axis. The other, his promise to restore self-government in Europe ~~xx~~ as quickly as possible. Although the Secretary mentioned no names, it's clear that the neutral countries he was warning are Spain, Portugal, Turkey and Ireland.

~~One London editor says that Secretary Hull's broadcast made it manifest that the United States does have a clear and vigorous ~~is~~ policy not only for future relations with our Allies, but also with neutral countries.~~

~~Then, too, Mr. Hull's broadcast has also improved our relations with the French in North Africa.~~



In Mexico City tonight there is a strong guard around the national palace and the person of President Avila Camacho. The guards were posted after an attempt to assassinate the <sup>Mexican</sup> President. <sup>a stout fellow</sup> He himself, an old army man and as fearless as they come, was making light of the attack this evening. <sup>π</sup> Mexican labor leaders declare it was part of a Nazi plot. But most people in the Mexican capital think it was another case of religious fanaticism. They remember that it was an over-zealous <sup>devotee</sup> ~~man~~ who killed President O'Bregon in Nineteen Twenty-Eight, just after he had been elected for a second term.

There was plenty of drama in today's affair <sup>below</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the Rio Grande</sup>. President Avila ~~was~~ Camacho was walking from his car towards his private elevator in the national palace. Standing in the patio was an artillery lieutenant, a member of the ~~President's~~ staff of the President. The Lieutenant saluted and started to walk towards <sup>Free Avila</sup> ~~Avila~~ Camacho.

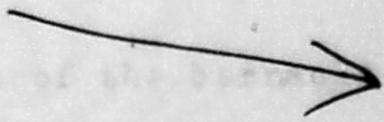
The President, thinking the man wanted to talk to him, went to meet him halfway. *At a distance of* ~~As he was six feet away,~~ *only six feet,* the Lieutenant, an officer ~~of the~~ artillery, fired one shot from a forty-five calibre service automatic.

Mexico's President is physically as strong as he is fearless. He jumped for the man and held his wrists until his aides disarmed the fellow. As it was, the bullet passed through the President's coat, directly above his heart, ~~but did not~~ *and didn't* even wound him. ~~Though~~ *the powder* ~~did~~ *did* singe the skin of his face.

What happened next was characteristic of *General* Avila Camacho. Where other men would have called for flocks of guards, he told his two aides to take the man in the elevator, and on the way up questioned him. The would-be assassin said he had fired because he considered it unfair that he was not allowed to attend mass in full uniform. *TR* Later this afternoon, the

Mexican President passed the affair off as just one of those things, a single incident and, as he put it,

"not a division in the Mexican family." Just one of the occupational hazard for presidents.





ADD CAMACHO

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Here is a later bulletin from Mexico City, a rather <sup>fl</sup>~~baz~~ling sequel to that story of the attempt to assassinate the President of Mexico. Late tonight that Lieutenant of Artillery was reported as having been shot and seriously wounded. He had been confined to military barracks. The commandant of the barracks announced that the would-be assassin of the President tried to escape. There was nothing ~~xxxxxx~~ for the guards to be but to shoot. ~~When~~ The shot entered his back and came out through his stomach. Such is the official version as of half an hour ago.

## POLITICS

The campaign for the Republican nomination for President moves to the Pacific Coast tonight, in the person of Governor John Bricker of Ohio. Yesterday he was at Deer Lodge, Montana, telling ~~xxx~~ reporters that the withdrawal of Wendell Willkie had not changed his plans or intentions in any respect.

Today, he was in Spokane, speaking to the Republican convention of the county. But he aimed his speech principally at the opposition party. He asked the ~~xx~~ old-line Democrats to line up with the Republicans, urging them that they have a good deal in common.

MAROONED

An old time drama of the Far West is being enacted tonight on the Berthud Pass <sup>at</sup> twelve thousand feet ~~high on~~ <sup>the</sup> trans-continental highway west of Denver. Thirty-two people on that skyway are marooned by snow slides. What makes it all the more poignant is that three of them are ~~little~~ babies and <sup>two are</sup> ~~two others~~ <sup>are</sup> officers of the Waves.

For the time being they have enough food, water and fuel. ~~But~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~the Waves~~ <sup>we hear</sup> ~~officers~~ are seriously injured, ~~but they~~ are being treated by <sup>Army doctors</sup> ~~officers of~~ ~~the Medical Corps of the armed forces.~~

~~But~~ Travel is at a stand-still <sup>over</sup> ~~on the~~ Berthud <sup>0</sup> Pass, but the ~~State authorities of Colorado are~~ <sup>Highway engineers are doing their utmost</sup> ~~and using every bit of highway equipment they can muster~~ to clear the road.



FLYNN

Hollywood tonight is all abuzzing about the encounter between movie star Errol Flynn and millionaire Dan Topping, otherwise known as the husband of skating star Sonja Henie.. Errol has been in many a ~~one~~ one-punch flurry but usually he was on the delivering end. This time he was <sup>at</sup> the receiv~~ing~~<sup>ing</sup> ~~end of the line,~~  
~~the catcher as you might say.~~

It ~~all happened~~ <sup>was</sup> at a birthday party for Sonja.

~~She was there, which may have been eccentric in~~

~~is Hollywood, but she offers no explanation of what~~

~~happened. She~~ <sup>Sonja says that all she</sup> knows is that husband Dan

Topping, swung the punch and <sup>that</sup> it landed on the damask cheek of Errol Flynn. Errol says he just staggered

a bit and that it would have taken six of ~~his~~ Dan's punches to <sup>rock him.</sup> ~~give him the~~ Bystanders report,

nevertheless, that Errol measured his length. Errol says tonight "Dan and I are the best pals in the

world". And he explains "we must have had a bit too

much Easter cheer. Boys will be boys", said he, who ~~is~~

<sup>born a babe face</sup> ~~just a babe, born in~~ Tasmania, thirty-five years ago. <sup>says</sup> according to Who's Who.

SKELTON

3 1/2 We have been hearing a lot about the matrimonial plans of Comic Red Skelton and Muriel Morris Chase. They wanted to be married. Then they found it was difficult to obtain a license. That steamed them up so they left no stone unturned to obtain the license. Now that they have it, they don't want it. And that for the moment is that.

4 And here for the moment is Roger.

PACIFIC

A short item from the Navy! Our bombers and fighters attacked six Japanese bases in the Central Pacific over the weekend. We are now in the sixth month of the American campaign to neutralize the enemy in the Marshalls and in the Carolines.

Admiral Nimitz also announces that he is continuing ~~the~~ operations to soften up the Japs at Truk.

The benefactor who took all this trouble is ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~chief~~ <sup>chief</sup> officer of the Labor Management News of the War Production Board. He calls for a reticent program of all news, headed by a chief of news articles.

Here is a list of outstanding examples. There are the news that tell you what you already know, with a ~~lot~~ <sup>lot</sup> of them floating around, and doing nobody any good. Then, there are news used as a substitute for shoe leather, news you could abolish by the simple process of walking to the office next day.



# MEMOS

An official in Washington has been conducting a poll on memo writing. As a result of that poll, he has decided that public employees consume almost twenty-three and a half per cent of all the paper <sup>used</sup> ~~consumed~~ by the government. Taking all the employees in Washington, each one writes an average of six <sup>memos</sup> a day, with forty-one copies of each.

The benefactor who took all this trouble is ~~Herman Wolf~~ <sup>the</sup> editor of the Labor Management News of the War Production Board. He calls for a rationing program on all memos, headed by a chief of memo writing.

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and speaking a few words. Then there are memos that are out of date before they are transcribed and delivered. Also memos that insult people for changing their minds. The W.P.B. editor says he is not against insulting memos, if they are good and thorough. He merely objects to the insinuating variety.

Then there are chain memos, memos which suggest that the person who receives them write still ~~an~~ other memos.

To cap it all, there are some men who write memos to themselves. ~~This, says the War Production Board editor, is like the drug habit, which can be overcome if corrected in the early stages.~~

And Here It — with an important Memo from Sun Oil