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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Battle of Stalingrad tonight is on its thirtieth day. ~~It is more than ever a ding dong, to and fro affair.~~ *with* The city ~~is~~ a shambles, a scene of carnage. *First in* The fighting goes back and forth; ~~to and fro,~~ *favor of* ~~first~~ one side, ~~winning,~~ then the other. *TP* The Red army counter-attacked ~~ed~~ *ing* in one sector, battered through the Nazi lines in the northwest and recaptured a height that dominated ~~s~~ the city. *TP* But in other sectors, the constant German hammering drove the defenders out of their positions. The Nazis captured several devastated streets. *TP* *TP* So ~~the~~ tide of battle continues to flow in the *once boasted of being* littered ruins of what ~~had once been~~ a model city.

The Russians are hanging on like the proverbial

grim death. In the face of all that has happened, the Red ~~xxxxx~~ Army's newspaper, RED STAR, today published the ringing line -- "Stalingrad can and will be held!"

~~well~~ Informed observers perceive increasing signs that the long, savage fight for Stalingrad is putting a heavy strain on Nazi leadership and morale.

*For instance*  
That is the view of Frederick Oechsner, who used to be Central European manager for the United Press. The stresses and strains at the top, says Oechsner, were revealed some time ago when Hitler fired Field Marshals von Brauchitsch and Rundstedt. Another symptom of strain, he says, is the underlying ferocity of the attempts of Nazi propaganda to explain to the German people why the promise to capture Stalingrad quickly has not been kept. Dr. Goebbels also has to explain why the campaign in the Caucasus has not yet succeeded.

In view of the current debate over air power,

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it is particularly significant that the Russians are still holding Stalingrad although for weeks the Nazis have had complete control of the air overhead.

ADD LEAD

Here is a later bulletin from Moscow. Soviet warships on the Volga River are now helping the defenders of Stalingrad. The Red army in the city has repelled twelve more assaults from Nazi tanks and infantry. The Reds are driving into the flanks of the main German attacking army northwest of the city.

FINLAND

The Soviet government is miffed with the United States over Finland. The Russians ~~declare that~~ <sup>say the</sup> Finns are fighting beside the Germans at Stalingrad. So ~~it~~ makes the people of Moscow ~~quite~~ <sup>is</sup> disgruntled ~~whenever~~ <sup>because</sup> they think that Hjalmar Procope, the Finnish Minister to the United States, is allowed to remain at Washington. The Finnish Legation in Washington today ~~reputed~~ <sup>7</sup> the Russian charges that units of the Finnish army are fighting at Stalingrad. But the Legation admits that there may be some volunteers from Finland in the German armies.

The Russians quote a war correspondent of a Finnish newspaper who wrote:- "The known plain fact should be stated that among the troops fighting here at Stalingrad is a Finnish motorized battalion." All of which the Finnish Government denies.

GERMANY FOLLOW RUSSIA

The Nazis are much put out over the reports that one of Hitler's ace field marshals has been fired. ~~The~~ Reports came from Stockholm, that Field Marshal von Bock had been seen in civilian clothes in Berlin. Von Bock was Commander of the German hordes on the southern front <sup>— the Caucasus. (story)</sup> With that ~~report~~ came the inference that there was a split <sup>in</sup> opinion between von Bock and ~~Hitler~~ Hitler.

The Nazi high officials denied it vociferously today. They denied that von Bock had been recalled to Berlin, but, they did not specifically <sup>y</sup> ~~denied~~ that he had been relieved of his command.

INVASION

~~Here is~~ late news from London. The British radio was overheard this evening broadcasting a warning to the French people. ~~It urged the people~~ <sup>urging all who live</sup> along the coast to move inland because I QUOTE The offensive of the United Nations is being prepared UNQUOTE. And it continued: "On the day on which we can be assured of attaining our goal, this offensive will be launched. Our goal is nothing less than annihilation of Hitlerite Germany."

The broadcast went on to say: "During the last six months we have given a series of warnings and recommendations to the French people in the occupied zone. These warnings all had the same object, to prevent as far as is humanly possible, the shedding of French blood."

CONVOY

Remember all the

~~You may recall the great~~ hullabaloo the Nazi high command made last week about an attack on a convoy.?

It was a convoy of British and American ships bound for

Russia. The Nazis <sup>at first</sup> claimed to have bagged ~~at first~~

nineteen, then forty, out of forty-five merchant vessels.

~~Here is the truth about it. The British Admiralty~~  
<sup>But now we hear what really</sup>  
<sup>happened. The word comes thru</sup>  
~~announces~~ today that the great majority of those British

and American ships arrived safely in Russia although the

Nazis <sup>did</sup> heavily attacked ~~ed~~ the convoy. The <sup>London</sup> Admiralty admits

that the Nazis, with submarines and planes, managed to

inflict some losses. <sup>But that</sup> not a single escorting ship was

lost and a great majority of the vessels carrying war

material arrived ~~xx~~ at their destination.



CHURCHILL FOLLOW CONVOY

Prime Minister Winston Churchill today admitted that the Allies are still in <sup>sore</sup> ~~a grave situation~~ ~~for~~ need of ships. "Our positions has improved," said the Prime Minister, "but," he added, "we urgently need every ship that can be built." <sup>And he concluded: —</sup> "In the name of His Majesty's Government I call upon you to strive to the utmost."

EGYPT

*have been on*  
The British in Egypt ~~took~~ the offensive once  
more. Imperial desert commandos made several raids  
behind the Axis front lines. ~~The Raids went~~ as far as  
Benghazi, ~~which is~~ five hundred and fifty air line miles  
*And they took heavy guns with them.*  
west of the El Alamein line. ~~And they struck~~  
*Barchee*  
simultaneously at Barce, sixty miles northeast of the  
big Axis base ~~and~~ Tobruk. After that, they swooped  
down upon the oasis of Gialo. That's in the heart of  
the desert and only a hundred and thirty-five miles from  
Agedabia on the Gulf of Sirte. Rommel had established  
an important base at the Gialo oasis and the desert  
commandos wrecked all his installations there.

Later still we learned ~~ed~~ that a raiding squad from  
our own air force played ~~xxxxxxx~~ a visit to Benghazi  
yesterday evening. They were flying consolidated B-24  
bombers. They found two enemy ships in Benghazi harbor  
and landed direct hits. One of them blew up with a

violent explosion and the other <sup>one burst</sup> ~~sprang~~ into flames.

Following this visit, a flight of the Royal Air Force went to raid Benghazi and found the target area obscured ~~from~~ by the smoke from the fires that the Americans had set.

British and American officers were debating today whether Germany really could be destroyed from the air. Flyers have made the claim repeatedly. Major General <sup>Ira</sup> Eaker, Commander of <sup>U. S.</sup> ~~the United States~~ bombers in the European theatre of war, is among them. Also Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, head of the Royal Air Force bomber command. <sup>TP</sup> But high officers of both armies <sup>insist</sup> ~~declare~~ that statements from either the United States Army air force or the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Royal Air Force, that any country can be subdued by bombing alone, have not been proved during three years of warfare. <sup>TP</sup> ~~The~~ <sup>H</sup> higher officers of both armies are still convinced that although the air arm is invaluable, ultimate victory has to be consummated by strong ground forces. It was ~~xxxx~~ with infantry that Hitler eventually overran Europe, they say.

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PLANES

Our fighting airplanes are definitely improving.

*This word comes*  
~~That is reassuring because it comes~~ from Senator Truman  
of Missouri who has been a ~~particularly~~ sharp critic.

As Chairman of the committee investigating the war

*Truman*  
program, ~~he~~ has repeatedly charged that our fighter planes  
were inferior not only to those of the Axis but to those

of the British. *After*  
~~He had~~ a long conference with Major

General Echols, chief of the air force materiel command,

and fifteen other flying army officers, *Senator*  
~~after the~~

~~conference~~, Truman told reporters that he was ~~definitely~~

*That*  
encouraged by what he had heard. The high ranking

officers of the air force gave him a great deal of

highly confidential information.

LAKE

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MADAGASCAR

The British have Madagascar and this time <sup>it</sup>  
<sup>seems to be</sup>  
~~it's~~ the real McCoy. Last week they announced ~~that~~  
they had control of the island because the French  
government had asked for an armistice. But, ~~that~~  
armistice did not take. So the fighting went on.

~~The~~ The news came in interesting fashion today. The  
radio at Tananarive was broadcasting a program when  
it was interrupted by an English voice. It said:  
"This is an English officer. Resistance has ended."

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~~But~~ The presumption is that British Imperial  
forces had overcome the resistance of the Vichy  
Army and <sup>have</sup> captured Tananarive. Official <sup>circles</sup> ~~figures~~ in  
London accepted the report ~~xxxx~~ because of a  
communique that came earlier today from ~~British~~  
<sup>Commander in chief in</sup>  
General Sir William Platt, <sup>in</sup> East Africa. The  
Commander in Chief reported that the Imperial forces  
reached the outskirts of the capital yesterday. In  
military circles there they consider it a military  
feat even without opposition. Tananarive is deep  
in the interior of Madagascar and a most inaccessible  
place.



SOLOMONS

In the Solomon Islands American ~~air~~planes have raided Japanese bases ~~at~~ an average of once a day for the last two weeks. But inspite of ~~that~~ the Jap High Command has been able to reinforce its troops on Guadalcanal. Naval officer believe ~~that~~ the enemy has been using small boats and Japanese destroyers <sup>for this</sup>. Most of the Japanese on the island are on the south side. The American positions, including the air field are on the north.

## INFLATION

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In the fight over the bill to curb the high cost of living, <sup>there appears to be a</sup> ~~it looks like an absolute~~ deadlock in Congress. The Administration took a poll of Senators today. The result showed that the farm bloc has more than enough votes to override President Roosevelt. In fact, it's ~~is~~ quite strong enough to write in an amendment increasing the parity price on farm products by twelve per cent.

Senator Prentiss Brown of Michigan prophesied that the President would veto the measure if it carries that twelve-per-cent-over-parity-amendment. Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, the sponsor of the amendment, declared that there are no fewer than two hundred and fifty farm <sup>lobbyists</sup> ~~lobbies~~ in Washington boosting for it.

In Chicago, William P. Witherow, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, <sup>says</sup> ~~declares~~ that both the Senate and the House inflation bills are inadequate.

The situation became so impossible, that Senator

Barkley, the majority leader, took a recess. The Administration senators wanted time out to talk it over in private with the farm senators and try to work out a compromise.

Meanwhile, the House took the bit in its teeth and ran helter skelter away from the Administration whips. *All this*  
~~It was~~ over a compromise amendment which had been offered by the Administration leaders. Democratic Leader McCormack had warned them that if they passed the bill containing all the demands of the farm bloc, the President would surely veto it. So the compromise amendment came to a vote and was defeated. It was a standing vote and the score was a hundred and forty-seven to a hundred and eleven.

Thereupon the House went even further. It took up a farm bloc amendment which would forbid the President to fix the ceilings on farm prices below a hundred per cent of <sup>i</sup>parity. Moreover, parity was to be calculated

to include the cost of all farm labor. The effect of this amendment would be to raise the parity base of farm prices twelve per cent above the present level. In spite of repeated warnings by Congressman McCormack and the whips, the Representatives adopted that amendment by a standing vote of a hundred and sixty-three to a hundred and five.

MANPOWER FOLLOW INFLATION

Our chances of continuing to grow plenty of food looked pretty slim to the Secretary of Agriculture. Secretary Wickard warned Congressmen today that the shortage of farm labor is more than acute. He repeated his dictum that food is just as much a weapon in this war as guns. And he ~~added that he~~ hopes we realize this in time to prevent still another instance of "too little and too late."

Wickard told the Congressmen that we must try to retain on our farms as many as possible of the experienced managers. <sup>Also</sup> We must transfer workers to farms.

<sup>And</sup> We must train a great number of inexperienced workers.

<sup>Then to</sup> We must get ready to use large numbers of women and young

<sup>He says</sup> people. We must do more recruiting for industry in the

cities and less on the farms. ~~And we must utilize more~~

~~fully the under employed on our farms.~~

He added that even the ~~six-point~~ program <sup>offers</sup> was

no panacea. At best, he said, it would only alleviate a most difficult situation. It is not merely a question concerning agriculture, it is a question which affects the entire war effort. What we really need, <sup>he added,</sup> ~~he said,~~ is a national service bill.

JEEP



Cairo sends us a quaint little yarn about the  
 adventure of a young American officer with his landlord.  
 The landlord was annoyed with his tenant. He complained  
 that the officer drove his jeep upstairs to his apartment  
 on the second floor at two o'clock every morning. <sup>a</sup> ~~The~~  
 pranks the  
 other tenants didn't care for. ~~it~~

When the landlord remonstrated, the American  
 replied that he was only <sup>obeying</sup> ~~obey~~ the Cairo police. The  
 Egyptian cops <sup>have ruled</sup> ~~made it a rule~~ that military vehicles  
 must not be parked on the streets overnight. So what  
 was a poor officer to do except take his <sup>poor little homeless</sup> jeep to bed with  
 him?

After two weeks of <sup>putting up with this quaint</sup> ~~that~~ the landlord tried to

<sup>But</sup> use force. <sup>used more force</sup> The American officer ~~won~~ and, as usual, drove  
 his jeep upstairs.

The next day the police of Cairo came to the  
 landlord's rescue. They arrested the officer and turned

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him over to the United States military police. They

~~ordered him court martialled.~~ Whereupon both ~~he and his~~ <sup>the officer and</sup>

And how there is peace in

jeep were eyicted. ~~from~~ that apartment house in the  
~~historical~~ <sup>ancient</sup> city of Cairo, on the  
banka of the Nile, in the  
ancient Land of the Pharaohs.