

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

These are tense moments in the history of the great invasion of France. Tensest of all, of course, for the Allied armies as they threaten to entrap one hundred thousand Germans and achieve what General Eisenhower says may be the greatest of all victories, yet, by the British and American armies. *Moments that* ~~They~~ are tense too for the Germans, fighting desperately with all they have, to force their way out of the trap. *And,* tense for us as we *wait* ~~keep our ears open~~ for the news.

One of today's biggest facts is the onslaught by the Canadian First Army which crashed ahead to a point within two and a half miles of Falaise. When they reach Falaise, they will have sealed off the last corridor of escape for the German Seventh Army.

Simultaneously, two columns of a brand new American army, the Third, came dashing up from the South. One of those columns was ~~to~~ within ten miles of effecting a junction with the Canadians. And, a fact inspiring to all Frenchmen, is the parallel advance of the French Second armored division. Yes, a division of Frenchmen fighting once again on the soil of their own country.

~~Also~~ it ~~is~~ thrilling to learn that their commander is Brigadier General LeClerc, the same LeClerc who led a whole division of Free French troops through the African deserts from Lake ^{Chad} to Tunisia last year.

All this, while on the west the American First Army pushed ahead ^{for} five miles, ~~from Mountain~~. Between those Yanks and the Canadians is the British Second Army. So we have a total of four Allied armies ~~■~~ aimed at the annihilation of the German Seventh.

Today we are able to understand why official

news from Allied supreme headquarters has been non-committal within the last few days, while newspaper correspondents were allowed to cable home stories indicating a swift advance upon Paris. *That advance, we now* ~~All this, it~~ *learn, was a feint;* ~~appears, was~~ a stroke of strategy by the Allied high command. ~~In that way~~ *was* Eisenhower ~~made~~ *we* the Germans ~~the~~ believe that he ~~wanted to send~~ *was dispatching* his armies to Paris, ~~and~~ *The enemy swallowed the bait and* ~~once, at all costs~~ *people* this enabled ~~him~~ *people* to execute ~~their~~ *their* surprise movement to catch the German Seventh Army in that trap.

General Eisenhower today issued one of his rare appeals to the men under his command, to the Allied soldiers, airmen and sailors. He told them that by their combined skill, valor and fortitude, they ~~had~~ *had* created in France, what he called, "a fleeting but definite opportunity for a major Allied victory." If it is realized, he added, it will be a notable progress toward the final downfall of the Nazis.

He said further that the victory we can now achieve is infinitely greater than any ~~it~~ it so far has been possible to accomplish in the west. Then he said: "Because this opportunity may be grasped only through the utmost in zeal, determination and speedy action, I make my present appeal to you more urgent than ever before."

The Allied Commander-in-Chief appealed to every airman to be directly responsible for blasting the enemy unceasingly by day and by night, and deny ^{him} safety either in fight or in flight.

He appealed to every sailor to make sure that no part of the hostile forces ~~can~~ either escape or be reinforced by sea.

And, ~~then,~~ said he: "I request every soldier to go forward to his assigned objective with the determination that the enemy can survive only through surrender."

Let no foot of ground once ^{gained} ~~again~~ be relinquished
nor a single German escape." ~~An Allied~~

United Press Correspondent Henry Gorrell ~~had the~~ ^{went}
~~privilege of riding~~ into battle with an armored column,
and he reports that within twenty-four hours he saw that
column ripping to shreds two crack Nazi divisions,
"the Reich Division," and, the one named for Adolf Hitler
himself. That was the column which fought northward from
Le Mans through Alençon ^(Alahong) ~~and took~~ ^{taking} the Germans by surprise
just at the moment when they thought the Americans were
headed eastward for Paris. The advance of that fast
rolling column trapped the Germans between the roaring
U.S. armor and the British and Canadians beyond Caen.

Another U.S. correspondent quoted a general as
declaring that the progress of the American armies was
more of a rat race than a battle. The reporter was not
allowed to quote the name of the General, but there is a
suspicion that it was Lieutenant General Patton.

as the Germans have repeatedly announced that he ^{has been} ~~was~~ in command of one of the main American armies.

One encouraging part of this battle is that the Germans are retreating so fast that they don't ^{even} have time to mine the roads or ~~execute any~~ ^{carry out their usual} demolition tactics.

~~One~~ ground fighters, we learn, had the most intensive and most destructive air support yet seen since D-Day. Literally thousands of heavy and medium bombers tore through the air over France, bombing and setting fire to the wreckage of the transportation system upon which the Nazis must rely. For sixty-six days the weather has been favoring the Germans, and our great air-madas have not been of full avail. But now the weather is perfect. At a rough ~~o~~ guess, yesterday there were five thousand, five hundred separate sorties, ^{even more than that} and ~~the betting is that today, there were more~~. In the last forty-eight hours Allied warplanes have destroyed or damaged seven thousand railway cars,

six hundred locomotives, ^{and} fifteen hundred motor vehicles.

They have ~~dropped~~ something like thirteen thousand, six hundred tons of explosives upon the Germans, ~~most of it in the wedge between Falaise and Argentan.~~ They

blasted road junctions, they stopped Nazi convoys,

and broke up armored columns on the march. *An Allied*

officer said "This is the end of the German Seventh Army" and he said that it will be a miracle if any ~~number of them~~ escape.

One of the items of news in connection with the

invasion is that Nazi Field Marshal Rommel is still in

the hospital. This is the first time the story comes

from a German source. ~~It is a~~ Munich newspaper which

this top Nazi general, reports that ~~the Nazi~~ considering his injuries, is ~~in~~ *fair shape now.*

The nearest approach to the facts up to now was the

admission by the official Nazi news agency that Rommel

had suffered a brain concussion. *Apparently* ~~now it is definite~~

~~that~~ he was wounded by an American fighter plane.

FOLLOW INVASION

Tonight Nazi broadcasts give a hint of exciting events to come in the South of France. Evidently the Germans believe Eisenhower is about to strike somewhere in the Gulf of Lyons or northern Italy. We get this hint not only from enemy ~~broadcasts~~ ^{radios} but ^{also} from a definite order published by the Nazi Commandant of the great French port of Marseilles. The order decrees that all persons not connected with the German Army must leave the city immediately.

However, the order sets no time limit as yet.

This may mean advance information of an amphibious ~~operation~~ operation by the Allies ~~in~~ either in the Gulf of Lyons or the Gulf of Genoa. But it may be the result of a ^{series of} broadcast~~s~~ ^{today} from London to the French people. These broadcasts gave detailed instructions for a revolt against the German forces of occupation, section by section. The broadcasts used the words:- "The hour of liberation sounds".

FRANCE FOLLOW INVASION

A dispatch from Spain reports that the Vichy government ~~of France~~ is on the verge of collapse.

~~Of course it is to be taken with a grain of salt.~~

The sources of the story are the remarks of travelers from southern France, ^{travelling to} visiting Spain. They declare that

^{now} Premier Laval is at loggerheads with his advisors, ~~and~~

that the collaborationists are rent with all sorts of quarrels, and that the Vichy government is virtually

^{In fact that} powerless. ^{the} Maquis, ^{the} French underground, are free

to move about virtually as they choose. The local

authorities in many provincial French centers are

issuing their own decrees and orders, regardless of

Laval or anybody else in Vichy.

ROBOTS

The Nazis are boasting that they have a new variety of ~~the~~ robot bomb ready to use. They call it the V-2, and they claim it ^{to be} ~~is~~ infinitely more deadly than the V-1 ~~which~~ they are now using against the English.

The new flying torpedo can be fired from great distances, they say, even from ships at sea. They claim further that the V-2 flying bomb can be aimed at specific

objects. Many experts on air war have foreseen such a development.

Hugh

ITALY

In Italy, the ~~divisions of the~~ British Eighth Army, ~~have~~ ^{ing} plodded through the rugged Apennine ^S mountains ~~have~~ captured Frontone. That is just north of the River ~~Cesano~~ ^{Chesano}.

It is at the mouth of that river that the Polish units of the Eighth Army are now fighting. The capture of Frontone straightens out the Allied line.

Meanwhile, patrols of the American Fifth Army have taken a village three miles west of Empoli on the Arno River. As we learned over the weekend, the fighting New Zealanders are firmly established in Empoli. So the Fifth and Eighth armies have now joined forces on the Arno River line.

Today's reports indicate that the stories of the destruction of ancient buildings in Florence were ~~to say the least,~~ exaggerated. United Press Correspondent Eleanor Packard says It now appears the most important of the classical monuments have been spared. Of course,

RUSSIA

The Russians ^{have} captured the last remaining barrier ~~that stood~~ between them and East Prussia. Stalin today announced the ^{seizure} ~~capture~~ of a place called Osovets. ~~The~~ ^{the} Nazis had made it into a strong fortress. Its fall into the hands of the Red Army leaves the Germans without any more river lines of defense to protect the southern gateway into East Prussia.

The Nazis acknowledged ^{ing} the loss, ~~They~~ admitted also that their armies in that sector had retreated to the west bank of the river, ~~which flows by Osovets. The place was taken by~~ The Second White Russian Army, ~~which~~ is now fighting virtually within sight of East Prussia.

A dispatch from the U.P. correspondent at Moscow indicates that we must not expect an immediate attempt by Stalin's armies to force their way into East Prussia. It is evident that the Soviet high command is waiting until the Baltic armies have completed their job in

Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. That job will not be finished until they have liquidated all of the thirty odd Nazi divisions ~~which are trapped~~ in the Baltic States.

7 The Russians also are determined to avoid the great mistake of the Czar's armies in the last war.

~~You may recall that~~ In the first year of that conflict, a large army under General Renenkamp swept into East Prussia, all the way to the gates of the ~~big~~ city of Koenigsberg. But Renenkamp had gone ahead too fast. His left flank was unprotected, and Samsonov, commanding the Russian army to the south of him, had delayed.

The consequence was that great German victory of Tannenberg, which made Hindenburg and Ludendorf famous.

Although the plan of ^{the} battle was actually drawn up by a lieutenant colonel on the general staff.

The Nazis today ~~also~~ report that there are twenty Soviet divisions, some three hundred thousand men, in the Baltic area aiming for the Gulf of Riga.

There is heavy fighting northeast of Warsaw, also on the Vistula below Warsaw. There the Germans have thrown their last reserves into the battle, trying desperately to fight a delaying action.

Some days ago Moscow sent out a story that nineteen German generals had appealed to the army of the Reich to overthrow the Nazis and stop the war. Today Field Marshal von Paulus, commander of the Sixth Army captured at Stalingrad, put out an appeal under his own name. "Germany," he said, "has lost the war. She finds herself in this position in spite of the heroism of the army and the people owing" *and these are his words:- "owing* to the fault of the military *German* and state leader, Adolf Hitler." So said ~~the~~ Field *Paulus,* Marshal. And he added that the treatment of the populations in occupied areas has outraged every real soldier and every genuine German, and must bring upon the Germans a stern indictment by all the peoples of the world. Von Paulus concluded with the remark: "Germany *indict Hitler."*

DORSEY

That ^{little "at hand" Hollywood that} ~~cutting function at the home of bandleader~~
~~had in Hollywood~~)

Tommy Dorsey ~~in Hollywood~~ produced ^{more} ~~some~~ interesting
talk today. The District Attorney took ~~evidence which~~ ^{testimony - some}
~~of it~~ sounds quite picturesque. One of those who ~~talked~~ ^{spoke up}

~~to the law was~~ ^{was Senator} Antonio Icaza, ~~he is~~ ^{the} an actor from
Panama ~~and~~ ^{who} is reported to be suing Dorsey for Forty

Thousand ~~Dollars~~ ^{smackers by way of} compensation for being scared half
to death. Mrs. Dorsey, whom the reporters describe

as "the sultry-eyed Pat Dane," did not appear at the
office of the District Attorney when she was expected.

She telephoned that she was too/unnerved. Actor Jon
Hall, badly cut up and bandaged, issued a threat that

he would ~~be~~ sue Mrs. Dorsey for One Hundred Thousand
~~Dollars~~ ^{smackers} if she even hinted that he, John Hall, had
~~menhanded~~ ^{menhanded} ~~put his hand on~~ her.

~~Tonight we have~~ ^{As for} some ^{of the} details ^{concerning the} about that fiesta

from the Panamanian ~~Actor~~ ^{Actor} Antonio Icaza describes ~~then the~~
~~or the~~ corroborated ~~what~~ ^{what} had said that
~~As we heard before~~ Jon Hall, ^{Jon Hall} after leaving the party ~~he~~

~~came back~~ ^{returned} for a purse. And, says the actor, ~~he~~ did
^{Pat} ~~Miss~~ Dane on the shoulder, but nothing more.

Along about the eighth round says the Panamanian, he tried to rescue Jane Churchill from a duel of hair-pulling and dress tearing with Mrs. Dorsey. Jane Churchill is ^{the} blonde from Kansas City who hitherto claimed to be a ~~kind~~ kinswoman of the British Prime Minister. The Panamanian says he tried to rescue ~~Jane~~ ^{the Churchillian kinswoman,} At that point, according to his story ^{a knife} Bandleader Dorsey grabbed and grappled with him. Then Mrs. Dorsey ~~was~~ ^{another,} went to the ~~kin~~ kitchen and got ~~an~~ ^{an eight inch ~~carver~~, turkey carver} to use on ~~her~~ ^{and went after} Jon Hall.

~~It seems to have been quite a chatty affair~~

^{TP} ^{Senor also} The Panamanian Actor ^{including} said that after a while everybody seemed to have a knife, [^] Mr. Dorsey, Mrs. Dorsey, and a neighbor, Al Smiley. Mr. Smiley admitted he was there ^{— in fact the Senor was wrong and} but said he had no knife, [^] nobody had a knife. He saw no knives.

But according to the Panamanian actor, the party became like something out of the Arabian Nights, ^{with} There ~~were~~ several persons ~~not~~ ^{to be} yet identified, ~~and~~ ^{whose} ladies ~~the~~ ^{half} clothes had been [^] torn off in the ~~ga~~ fray,

gentlemen with ~~hands and tin cans~~ flying fists and flailing feet; a movie director, an Army Lieutenant,

who stepped on the face of somebody else who was on

the floor. All in all, it sounds like a movie ^{rough house} ~~which~~ ^{scenario,}

~~might be a cross between a Cagney picture, and an~~

~~Abbott and Costello picture. And according to all~~ ^{the say} ~~accounts,~~ ^{in the middle of it,} ~~we have not heard half of it.~~

~~giving it a comedy touch.~~

KISS

Out in Chicago there is a man whom ~~many~~ ^{some} ladies ~~would~~ ^{might} like to meet. ~~I wouldnt know~~ ^{I wouldnt know for sure.} Last night he was in a tavern with a young ~~lady, aged forty one,~~ ^{woman,} and in the course of conversation ~~he~~ ^{he} gave her a kiss. ~~And what a kiss.~~ ^{Who upon she} She ~~immediately~~ jumped up from her chair, rushed out of the tavern, ran to the corner to a fire alarm box and pulled the lever.

In less than no time along came hose wagons, chemical wagons, truck and ladder ~~wagons,~~ ^{came} fifteen pieces of fire apparatus roaring. They stopped when they saw a lady standing in the middle of the street. She admitted she had pulled the alarm, admitted she was wrong, but she exclaimed: "I got so excited. ~~It was his kiss!~~ ^{It was his kiss!}"

~~The name of the man who administered the kiss is Herbert Clark, and I am sorry to tell the lady listeners that I do not have his address or telephone number.~~ ^{And now Hugh, without setting the world on fire, will you coolly take over.}

~~Hugh, suppose I give them yours instead.~~

STRIKE

The strike of fifty thousand truck drivers and freight handlers is over, but only after the government *stepped in.* ~~took over~~ The men ~~got~~ *get* a raise of seven cents an hour, plus one-third of a cent a mile; and, that raise is to cover the last ten months. The truck owners do not like one phase of the agreement, because the increase is to be paid out of profits. However, the men are on the job again, and the lines are being operated by the Office of Defense Transportation.

On the Pacific coast, another dispute ended when the government took over. By order of President Roosevelt, Secretary of the Navy Forrester took ~~possession~~ possession of five machine shops in San Francisco.

The employees had refused to work overtime, *and so* ~~which was~~ *1* interfering with war production.

At Detroit, ten thousand, three hundred strikers went back to work at six General Motors plants

making aircraft and truck parts; and at Muncie, Indiana,

^{by} more than three thousand ~~who~~ ^{out, the men} had been, ~~out~~ decided to

comply with an order of the War Labor Board to return to work.

The only serious blot on the labor picture today seems to be the walkout of six thousand, five hundred wood workers, carpenters, joiners, ^{and} ~~etc.~~ in Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois.