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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here comes the German high command with that special  
communique that has been promised for over a week. A victory of  
historic importance, that's what Hitler's generals announce.

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Making all due allowances, we have to recall that official  
*Communications*  
~~announcements~~ by the high command have nearly always proved to be  
pretty ~~nearly~~ accurate.

This one indicates a smashing defeat for the forces of  
Red Soviet Russia. Moscow, ~~to be sure,~~ <sup>and still</sup> denies it, ~~even~~ denies  
that the Germans have captured Minsk.

The Nazi high command declares that Russian armies,  
whose numbers were estimated as high as half a million men,  
were trapped by the Germans ~~around Bialystok~~ in what used to be  
Poland. The communique goes on to say that the Germans took  
a hundred and sixty thousand Russian prisoners, killed or wounded  
many times that number, captured or destroyed four thousand,

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seven hundred and fifty-two Red ~~air~~planes and five thousand, seven hundred and seventy-four tanks. Tonight, say the Germans, their panzer divisions are rumbling on toward Moscow in the center, Leningrad in the north, and Kiev, the key city of the Ukraine. The remnants of that half ~~a~~ million of Russians crushed <sup>in Poland</sup> ~~at Bialystok~~, are in complete chaos. That's the German side of it. The greatest battle of trapped armies <sup>since</sup> ~~after~~ Dunkirk, ~~they say further.~~

At Berlin, Nazi spokesmen explained that the high command was withholding, for military reasons, information <sup>of</sup> how far the Nazi panzer spearhead had pushed ~~to~~ beyond the Beresina River. The southern wing of the Nazi armies apparently is <sup>driving</sup> ~~pushing~~ ahead in two separate columns, south of the Pripet Marshes. One is going along the main road toward Kiev, the other is the <sup>column</sup> ~~army~~ that captured Lwow - Lemberg - and fought the great tank battle with the Soviets, fifty miles east of there.

The Russian high command had announced that the Red armies were retiring from Lwow according to plan. The German high command says that their retreat can in no way be described as an evacuation according to plan. It is a rout, say the German generals.

On the extreme northern front, the Germans have beaten back the Red armies that were defending the Dvina River, have crossed it and are pushing through Esthonia on Leningrad.

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The official news agency, D.N.B., admits that on most of the front the Russian troops are retiring in comparatively good order. That doesn't altogether jibe with the high command's announcement that the remnants of the Russian forces around Bialystok are in complete chaos.

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~~D.N.B.~~, reports further that huge quantities of Soviet booty were taken.

~~Let's~~ Let's now stack that up against the report from Moscow. Official spokesmen say that the Red army has checked the advances of Hitler's motorized infantry, and destroyed Nazi tank units. ~~They also deny~~ They also deny that the Germans have occupied Minsk and Riga. ~~But that~~ *A* Soviet spokesman made a partial admission of retreat when he declared that Hitler may win a hundred battles, but he will never win the war, and he added, the Soviet forces will guarantee that. And he continues that during the World War the Germans won many battles but lost the war. It is ridiculous, declared the

Russians, to imagine that the Nazi blitzkrieg can succeed against Russia.

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~~The Nazis~~ also claim<sup>s</sup> that the Russian Black Sea squadron made a surprise attack upon a German-Rumanian naval base at Costansa and destroyed it.

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Here's an ~~interesting bit of gossip~~<sup>bit</sup> from Turkey. It purports to quote Dictator Stalin himself, remarks he made in private conversation. Even though the Nazis take Moscow or Leningrad, or both, the Soviets will keep on fighting. It even quoted Stalin as revealing that he has made full preparations to fall back if necessary into the Urals and transfer the seat of government to Sverdlovsk and even to Omsk in Siberia. The Soviets have been accumulating war materials and food supplies in the Urals enough to enable them to ~~exist~~<sup>resist</sup> for years.

The British House of Commons this afternoon listened to a tilt of words between two ancient foes -- Prime Minister Winston Churchill and his pet critic, former War Secretary Hore Belisha. It might have been expected when the news was made public of General Sir Archibald Wavell's removal as Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Forces in the Middle East. Wavell, as you will recall, was the hero of the hour, some months back when his armies tore along the coast of North Africa and seemed well on the way to Tripoli. Since then, at any rate today a new commander-in-Chief, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, was in command at Cairo and Wavell was on his way to take Auchinleck's old job as Commander-in-Chief in India. Of course the answer may be that the Germans may be headed for the riches of India. To the general public, throughout the world Auchinleck is a novelty. His name has never been heard in this country before.

That's what produced the hostilities in the Commons. Hore Belisha wanted the Prime Minister to explain how come and tell the Commons all about it. Churchill replied that he did not see any advantage in adding to the information that has already



been given out. The Former War Secretary kept at it and Churchill then put on his fighting gloves and said that if Mr. Hore Belisha wished to criticize what is widely accepted as a highly useful step, some opportunity will occur in the future and some answer will be made. When Hore Belisha continued carping the House began to squash him with cries of order, order.

From time to time we have heard inklings of the complex difficulties that Sir Archibald Wavell has been up against in Egypt. He had to handle not only military problems but a veritable maze of political questions. Having Australian and New Zealand troops under his command he had to satisfy the Australian and New Zealand politicians. At the same time he had to pacify the South African politicians, as well as public opinion at home. Also the Free French, Greek troops, Arabs, and Imperial soldiers from Hindustan. Oh yes, and jealousy on the part of the Navy. When the true story of this war is told we shall probably learn about the tragic misunderstandings and the maze of political intrigues.

ROOSEVELT

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President Roosevelt spoke out sharply today about defense production. In <sup>the</sup> future, if anybody does anything whatsoever that threatens to hamper the making of war materials, the government will step in immediately.

The occasion for this drastic statement was the President's announcement that he was turning the North American Aviation plant at Inglewood, California, back to its owners. That, ~~in case you've forgotten,~~ <sup>the</sup> is the aircraft factory ~~which~~ the Army seized ~~at his orders~~ when a strike was paralyzing the work. He said at the time that he would order the Army ~~it~~ out as soon as he had become satisfied ~~that~~ the Company could operate the plant without any hindrance to the needs, <sup>Country's</sup> ~~of national defense~~. And, he said today, he has come to the conclusion that the Company can take over again. He added that the differences between employers and employees at this plant had been adjusted by the orderly democratic processes of mediation. But, he continued, if any further efforts are made to interfere with ~~it~~ essential production, the President will not hesitate to take whatever steps may be necessary.

## AUTOMOBILES

The production of motor cars will have to be cut down still further. That's the news passed on to us by representatives of the automotive industry. And they got it direct from William S. Knudsen, Director of the Office of Production Management.

The motor car industry now holds contracts for war materials to the tune of two billion dollars. Knudsen told them that they may before long raise this to six billion.

Some time ago it was agreed that the makers of cars should cut down their output twenty percent. But as materials necessary for cars are now essential to aircraft that twenty percent will have to be increased.



## OIL

Secretary Ickes took action in Washington today which he hopes will be followed elsewhere. It is a step designed to restrict the wasting of gasoline. Specifically, he cracked down on jack rabbit starters and oil burner motor cars. A jack rabbit starter, says Ickes, is a driver who races his motor in order to start more quickly. An oil burner engine is one that gives out offensive quantities of smoke and gas fumes because of ~~improper~~ carbureting. <sup>on.</sup> Both of <sup>which</sup> ~~them~~ are wasteful.

*Sec.* Ickes took this action by virtue of his dual capacity as Defense Coordinator of Oil and Secretary of the Interior.

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The Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction over all park policemen in Washington. <sup>So he</sup> ~~He~~ ordered them to arrest all jack rabbit starters and <sup>all</sup> drivers of oil burner cars as violators of an old Washington ordinance which prohibits misuse of the parkways.

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~~Some interesting facts have come to light about the oil resources of the United States as compared with those of the western world. We've been hearing that Hitler's drive into Russia was largely for the purpose of getting hold of the Soviet oil fields: also that Japan is after the oil of the Dutch East Indies, and that a major~~

## TAXES

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives has just about finished its job of drawing up a trial tax schedule, the purpose of which is to raise more than three and a half extra billions. Three and a half in addition to the billions raised by our taxes hitherto.

If this tax bill becomes law -- the heaviest burden will fall on corporations. What with income taxes, excess profits taxes, and capital stock taxes, they are, or will be -- expected to contribute one billion, three hundred and thirty-two millions, extra.

The second highest payers will be individuals. Out of their incomes they'll contribute one billion, one hundred and fifty-four millions, in addition to what they've been paying hitherto.

One of the novelties in the Ways and Means Committee schedule is a five dollar use tax on automobiles: five dollars a year for Federal license on your car.

Many individual tax payers will pay three times as much as they did last year. The income surtax will begin not

after four thousand dollars, but with the first dollar of your individual income, and the minimum surtax will be five percent.

Here are some additional sales taxes you will have to pay: Five percent on telephone bills; ten percent on jewelry; clocks, watches, cameras, furs, radios, phonographs and records, sporting goods, electrical appliances, musical instruments. Five percent on all passenger transportation fares over thirty-five cents. That goes for either railways, ships, airplanes or buses. And, that's only a small part of the list.

HOOVER

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The NEW YORK DAILY NEWS and the WASHINGTON TIMES-HERALD, both  
non-interventionist papers, have been clamoring for a new party,  
an anti-interventionist party. They wanted <sup>Herbert</sup> Hoover to run <sup>for</sup> President,  
<sup>with</sup> ~~Charles A.~~ Lindbergh <sup>for</sup> as Vice-President. <sup>Today we get Ex-Pres.</sup> ~~And here's~~ Hoover's reply:  
The suggestion finds him irrevocably opposed. <sup>So</sup> ~~That's what~~ he wired <sup>S</sup>  
from his home at Palo Alto, California. Furthermore, said the  
Ex-President, he will never again accept public office. And that  
definitely is that, <sup>say</sup> so <sup>^</sup> those who are closest to Mr. Hoover.

MR. HENRY - A.A.A.

L.T.:- Last Monday we heard some grim figures collected by the National Safety Council, in which my sponsor, the Sun Oil Company is interested. They told a shocking story of the growing totals of deaths from motor-car accidents in the United States. The Safety Council is imploring motor drivers to slam on the <sup>brakes</sup> ~~breaks~~, particularly over the Fourth of July weekend. Tonight the American Automobile Association adds its voice, and Thomas P. Henry, President of the A.A.A., is here with me to say something about the annual carnival of carelessness that usually accompanies the Fourth of July. What about it, Mr. Henry? What can we do?

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MR. HENRY: For one thing, Lowell, can't we apply a little common sense in these crucial times?

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L.T.:- That sounds like a pious idea. But many seem to use Independence Day as a day on which to be independent of common sense.

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MR. HENRY:- The heavy toll over the Fourth, Lowell, is all unnecessary. People just get careless. (more, over)

Last July nearly three thousand people perished in traffic accidents -- many over the Fourth.

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L.T.:-      What's the outlook for this year?    This week?

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MR. HENRY:-      That it will be higher than ever. That is what my assistants tell me. And almost every accident could easily be avoided. So let's all raise our voices and urge our friends to be more careful than ever!

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L.T.:-      I hope millions have heard ~~you~~ your plea and that they will do as you suggest -- drive with care, and save the lives of others as well as their own!



## BASEBALL

This was a day of days for baseball fans at the New York Yankee Stadium. Their cup of excitement was ~~not only full but~~ brimming over, <sup>spilling on</sup> ~~Of course the suspense was all around~~ that spectacular fellow from San Francisco, Joe DiMaggio. Yesterday afternoon, <sup>JOE</sup> ~~you may remember, he equalled~~ <sup>caught up with</sup> the all-time batting record made forty-four years ago ~~x~~ by Willie Keeler of the Baltimore Orioles. He hit safely for the forty-fourth time in the forty-fourth successive game. At that, Joe's feat was more remarkable than Willie's because in those days there was no foul strike rule. You could hit fouls until your arms grew tired without any of them counting as a strike.

Today the Yankees were again playing the Boston Red Sox, who have been <sup>making a vain</sup> ~~trying to make a~~ stab at toppling the fence-busting New Yorkers out of their place at the head of the American League.

Twice today DiMaggio came up to the plate and twice he went back to the bench without a hit. In the fifth inning, up he came for the third time. Ball one, Ball two, strike one, then another pitch. Joe leaned on it for all he was worth, and wham, came not only a hit but a home-run! Smack into the left field stands, a home-run that recalled the spectacular days of Babe Ruth. But few of Babe's

homers meant so much as that rousing clout by DiMaggio.

~~First of all~~, Big Joe had beaten Wee Willie Keeler. ~~But now~~

59 He now held the all-time record, hitting safe in forty-five

consecutive games. It was also Joe's hundredth hit of the season,

and his eighteenth homer. But most important of all, it kept

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~~unblemished~~ the most remarkable batting streak in the entire

history of baseball.

P.S. The Yanks won the game, eight  
59 1/4 to four. And here's Hugh.