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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

If you hear any coughing, or even a chuckle during this news broadcast tonight, here is the reason. The studio I am ~~now~~ in is packed with officers and men of the Army. Even the standing room is taken. Some of Uncle Sam's officers and men who are connected with the anti-aircraft defense of our eastern sea coast, are <sup>here with</sup> ~~sitting beside~~ me. They have just come in from doing some field work on Quaker Hill, high up in ~~the~~ southeastern Dutchess County. General Sanderford Jarman, in command of all our anti-air craft ~~and~~ defense<sup>s</sup>, from Canada to the Caribbean is sitting beside me. If anything crops up in the news, that concerns General Jarman's department, I ~~am~~ may fire a question at him. Here is one General on which you may be able to throw a little light. It <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ that terrific battle going on over in Rubbis, on the Volga.

## RUSSIA

The Germans admit they are making slow progress at Stalingrad. They give <sup>the</sup> excuse that the city is "colossally fortified". Every house <sup>is</sup> a stronghold, <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ railway and power stations ~~are~~ barricaded with barb wire ~~entanglements~~ entanglements. Every bit of street must be mopped up, say the Germans. And they add that heavy rains and deep mud are helping to slow the attack.

On the Russian side, Moscow ~~relinquishes~~ tells of reinforcements, Siberian reinforcements. - <sup>And</sup> those are words to hearten the Russians. Last winter the Nazis were checked in front of Moscow by the arrival of <sup>fresh</sup> ~~French~~ troops from distant Siberia. And now Stalingrad is getting the same kind of help - though whether in time or not we cannot say. Moscow ~~tells~~ pictures the Germans as being within the city, the battle going on through the streets.

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~~QEXA~~ One Russian account tells of the recapture of a village just outside Stalingrad - a village on the Volga. This ~~is~~ is the first Soviet admission that the Germans have driven to the great river in the Stalingrad area - although Berlin claimed this some days ago.

German war planes are bombing Stalingrad incessantly with torrents of high explosive. The dive bombing is so intense -- it must mean there are mighty few anti-aircraft guns on the ground. Don't you think so, General Jarman?

GEN. JARMAN: Evidently they haven't enough anti-aircraft defense, at Stalingrad, Mr. Thomas. And, when one city is being attacked by not hundreds but thousands of planes, every day, well you can imagine how much anti-aircraft defense that city might need. My guess is that the Russians haven't nearly enough.

L.T.: Several months ago when I visited you at Fort Totten, General Jarman, you were telling me a little about our anti-aircraft defense which is under your command, ~~a~~ up and down our Atlantic Coast. And, I believe you said we were short of material at that time, and that we were sending most of what we made to our Allies. How is our anti-aircraft defense against planes now?

GEN. JARMAN: Not bad. In fact, we are no longer short of material. We are reaching the point now where we need more men.

L.T.: Do you think You'll ever get around to the point where you'll need old boys with long beards, like me?

GEN. JARMAN: Yes, Mr. Thomas, in a war of this magnitude, Uncle Sam may need you and millions of others, to do work that is a little nearer to combat duty than your present jobs.

L.T.: General Jarman, here is an item that will interest you and your men who are sitting around me. It is some late figures on that Dieppe raid the other day.

## DIEPPE

Canada today revealed the exceedingly heavy losses that were suffered in the great Commando raid against Dieppe.

~~Wexxxx~~ We have had the large casualty figures before, but today gives us a ratio - a percentage. The number of Canadians ~~that~~ *who* took part in the raid was about five thousand. The ~~xxxxx~~ casualties were three thousand, three hundred and sixty-seven Canadians killed, wounded or missing. That equals two-thirds of the *— that ratio.* attacking force. <sup>^</sup> British figures have stressed the number of missing - taken prisoner.

Today's formal report by ~~the~~ Canadian Defense Minister ~~I. B.~~ Ralston, explains the heavy losses by saying that the Commando raid failed to proceed according to schedule. ~~That~~ *was* Because the expedition was discovered prematurely by a small German Naval force. As a result, one Commando group, assigned to destroy a battery of Nazi artillery, failed to get ashore, *— from Toronto mainly —* save for a few men. The Royal Regiment <sup>^</sup> was twenty-minutes behind schedule, and it was broad daylight when the landing was attempted. The royal regiment suffered what the Canadian defense Minister today described as - extremely heavy casualties.

The troops went to attack through a ~~me~~ deadly cross fire and were unable to hold a position ashore.

Nevertheless, the Canadian Defense Minister characterizes the raid as a striking accomplishment. Through it the British and Americans gained important information about the German system of defenses along the French coast and valuable experience

*regarding*  
~~and~~ methods of overcoming them. Moreover, the raid forced the

Nazis to bring up large air forces to check the raid - many

squadrons of planes. And these were soundly beaten by the R.A.F. -

*an important victory in the air*  
~~and suffered heavy losses.~~

*over the Nazis,*



## VATICAN

There is a great deal of speculation about the visit that President <sup>-tal</sup> Envoy Myron Taylor is making to the Vatican.

European rumors connect the Myron Taylor trip to possible peace moves. But this is heartily discounted over here. A more likely opinion is that President Roosevelt's Envoy will ~~not~~ confer with the Pope on the subject of Nazi atrocities in the ~~xxxxxx~~ occupied countries. The idea being - to check the Nazi killing of hostages.

Still another surmise is that Myron Taylor will confer with Pope Pius the Twelfth concerning the anti-Semitic ~~xxx~~ policy of the Vichy Government of France. Our own ~~xxxxxx~~ government in Washington has indignantly denounced Vichy plans for deporting Jewish refugees in unoccupied France - handing them over to the Nazis. And in recent days the Roman Catholic Church has voiced a similar protest - the Vatican sternly reproving the ~~xxxxxxxx~~ Petain government for its anti-Jewish measures. Perhaps ~~we~~ one large purpose of the Myron Taylor mission is to arrange for joint American and papal action against French Anti-Semitism.

We have heard frequent stories about how near German U-Boats hang around our coasts - even tales of Nazi submarine men going ashore for a visit. Now let's turn the thing the other way around, putting the shoe on the other foot.

Today at Los Angeles an American submarine officer Ensign Defrees, son of Rear Admiral Defrees, told of experiences aboard an American submarine in Far Eastern waters. "We saw the mainland of Japan lots of times," he related. "We even imagined that we could ~~distinguish~~ distinguish Asahi beer signs among the lights, and ~~the~~ <sup>we</sup> crew joked about taking liberty in Yokohama". There's an idea - the boys tempted to take shore leave in Japan.

However, that is not the whole story. Ensign Defrees continued:- "We knocked off ~~and~~ a number of Japanese merchantmen right off their own coast," he relates, "and a destroyer came looking for us. Our first torpedo," the Ensign concludes, "hit him ~~and~~ amidships and blew him up". So, they didn't take shore leave but they sank a Jap destroyer, and that would seem to be a fair exchange - don't you think so, fellows?

Short of yea.



## ENEMIES

Today a vivid parallel was drawn between our two chief enemies, the Nazis and the Japs. The speaker was Joseph C. Grew, who was our Ambassador to Tokyo when the war broke out.

Obviously, after all his experience in Japan, Ambassador Grew is well acquainted with our Far Eastern foe. He knows the Germans too, - having served in our Embassy at Berlin for ten years.

Today, his general ~~xxx~~ conclusion was - that the Germans will crack - but the Japs won't. These two points he amplified as follows:-

"I know the Germans well", said he. "They are truculent ~~truculent~~ and bullying and domineering on the crest of the wave - demoralized in defeat. The Germans cracked in Nineteen Eighteen <sup>he added,</sup> and I steadfastly believe that when the tide of battle turns against them - they will ~~xxx~~ crack again.

"I know Japan," he went on. "I ~~xxx~~ lived there for ten years. I know the Japanese intimately. The Japanese will not crack. They will not crack morally, psychologically or economically," he continued, "even when eventual defeat stares them in the face. They will pull their belts in another notch,

reduce their rations from a bowl <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ a half bowl of rice, and  
fight to the bitter end".

The logic propounded by Ambassador Grew is simple,  
and will appeal to all you soldiers. Japan must be utterly  
and completely defeated in battle.

## AMERICAN PRISONERS

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The United States today addressed a demand to enemy Japan. Through the neutral Swiss Government, Washington asked - does Japan intend to keep its international agreement for the humane treatment of prisoners of war? This query follows the Jap refusal to permit the Red Cross to send a relief ship to Americans interned in Japanese territory. Secretary of State Cordell Hill points out that the Red Cross is permitted to do all that is needed for Japanese interned in this country. Do the Japs intend to reciprocate - or not?

This country wants to get food supplies to Americans interned in the ~~FE~~ Far East, and the Secretary of State explains:- "The dietary habits of Americans are different from those of the Japanese people", says he. In other words, the Japs don't ~~eat~~ eat as we do.

One of the principal complaints made by American newspapermen evacuated from Japan concerned the matter of food - the fact that they were kept on a Japanese diet. This consisted largely of ~~xx~~ boiled alfalfa. <sup>and</sup> They nearly starved.  
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## BUNDISTS

There was a twist of mocking ~~is~~ irony today at the New York trial of twenty-five <sup>l</sup> ~~h~~eaders of the German-American bund. It was announced that the court proceedings against anti-semitic Nazis will have a recess on Monday - because Monday is a Jewish holiday.

It appears that one member of the jury is Mrs. Amelia Applebaum. She was accepted because the Bundist defense ran out of ~~challenger~~ challenges. They challenged so many prospective ~~jurors~~ <sup>it</sup> jurors that they could <sup>^</sup> challenge any more when Mrs. Applebaum appeared.

Today the Judge remarked that Monday was Yom Kipper, and asked Mrs. Applebaum if she would like to observe the traditional Jewish holiday. She replied that she would like to - very much. Whereupon the Judge announced that the trial of the pro-Nazi bundists would take a recess on Monday - Yom Kipper.

PLANE

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox gave answer today to aspersions cast on American warplanes in Alaska. He used the words - "entirely unfounded". That expression he applied to the claim by Senator Walgren of Washington - that the Navy planes way up north are quote "a joke and incapable of flying more than a hundred and twenty miles an hour" end quote.

"Entirely unfounded", states the Secretary of the Navy to the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce which had made a suggestion that Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, the World War Ace, be assigned to investigate the criticism of our planes.

KAISER

Shipbuilder Kaiser was authorized today to build planes. The War Production Board announces that Henry J. Kaiser will get the priorities with which to construct three giant experimental cargo planes - these to cost eighteen million dollars. In partnership with Millionaire Howard Hughes, Kaiser expects to complete the first super leviathan of the air in fifteen months - at Culver City, California.



## RUBBER ADMINISTRATOR

The President today issued an Executive order conferring power upon William M. Jeffers, the newly appointed Rubber Administrator. He was granted the authority to carry out the suggestions made by the Baruch Committee which investigated the rubber situation. In particular, the new rubber boss is empowered to start nationwide gasoline rationing ~~taxx~~ and to impose a national speed limit of thirty-five miles an hour. These -among other rubber saving measures.

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Rubber Administrator Jeffers announces that his program will  
go into effect by the middle of next week.

SENATOR

In Washington, a Senator announces that he is going to deliver an apology because of something he said. Yesterday, Senator Ellison Smith of South Carolina delivered an opinion of ~~thing~~ things in general - as follows:- "We are right smack dab in the middle of a jackass age", said he.

And that might seem a harsh and cruel thing to say about this beautiful world of ours. So the Senator is going to apologize.

Today he declared:- "Maybe I was a little hasty in what I said. Anyway, I intend to apologize to the first jackass I see", *said the Senator.*

~~Senator, you should see quite a few especially~~  
~~around Washington.~~

*And now let's have a word from that charming young gentleman, Hugh James.*