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RUSSIA

In the battle of Russia, there are two critical points tonight -- the red glare of war focused on two towns with sibilant Russian names, Voronezh and Rossosh. These places are in the Don River area and are about a hundred miles apart. In each sector, the Germans today pushed heavily forward.

The Nazis claimed the capture of Voronezh days ago, a claim which the Soviets continue to deny. But today Moscow tells us that the Nazi war machine has driven across the River Don near Voronezh, and getting across the river has been the major point in the fighting thereabout. Day after day we have heard how the Red Army has smashed German attempts to cross the stream. Now the Nazis have thrust columns across, and are pushing eastward.

Today, the Soviet Army newspaper red Star stated <sup>that</sup> the situation west of Voronezh is growing more complicated. Then it adds, "We have managed to thwart a general break-through there."

A hundred miles to the south, matters are serious at that other sibilant place, Rossosh. There the Germans have scored an advance of a hundred miles -- a swift thrust to the east. They have

pushed all the way to Rossosh, an important place about two hundred miles from the Great Soviet industrial city of stalingrad on the Volga. The newspaper Red Star summarizes in these words, "unusually severe fighting is raging in the region of Rossosh, with the Germans pushing eastward. The situation is exceptionally tense." And here's the latest -- a moscow bulletin stating that the Germans have captured Rossosh.

RUSSIAN SEA BATTLE.

We have <sup>had</sup> intimation of a great convoy battle in Russian arctic waters. A couple of days ago, ~~Berlin~~ Berlin claimed the smashing of a <sup>big</sup> ~~great~~ British - American convoy bound for a Soviet port. The Germans declared they had sunk thirty five out of thirty eight merchant vessels. Also - a United States cruiser.

Today from London we have word about that convoy battle, London stating that the Nazi claims of ships sunk are exaggerated. We hear that bombers and submarines were joined by four ~~in~~ big warships, including the battleship Tirpitz and the pocket battleships Hipper and Scheer. This ponderous force set out to destroy the convoy. Night before last we had a Moscow bulletin stating that a Soviet submarine had ~~be~~ torpedoed and heavily damaged the Tirpitz, and that the heavy warship ~~had~~ force had been driven off.

At the same time, we are told that a ~~zone~~ conference of American, British and Russian representatives in the British capital has been convened to discuss ways of improving the protection of the Soviet supply line - how to beat off enemy *attacks*.

EGYPT

The military situation ~~ix~~ in Egypt is about the same, with Rommel's line forced back a bit on the south. The most interesting news from out that way is not directly about war -- but about journalism. Three British war correspondents have been recalled from Cairo, and in London they'll be called upon to answer for what ~~ix~~ are described as "serious difficulties caused by their dispatches".

We don't know exactly what was wrong with their dispatches, but we are told that the British military authorities disapprove of the amount of optimism displayed by news dispatches from Cairo. They say the optimism is excessive and is producing complacency. There's particular objection to dispatches telling of reinforcements ~~xxxxi~~ reaching the British Army in Egypt - - vast reinforcements of men and machines. That ~~is characteristic~~ <sup>seems to be</sup> characteristic <sup>of the</sup> ~~as~~ over-optimism.

CHINA

From China we have an optimistic report about the war in the air out there. This comes from high American officers, ~~one~~ one of whom is Brigadier-General <sup>Clare</sup> Chennault, Commander of those great old Flying Tigers. They tell us that Japanese air power is on the defensive now. The American war plane squadrons in China are ~~going~~ doing the attacking, with the Japs having all they can do to ward off the assaults.

The Americans hope to be bombing Japan before long.

And they foresee the ~~defeat~~ defeat of our <sup>F</sup> far Eastern enemy as a result of American air attacks. They believe that when the Jap air force is defeated ~~and~~ and knocked out the conquest of Japan will ~~be~~ follow speedily.

## NIMITZ

The Navy revealed today that we almost lost the Commander-in-Chief of ~~our~~ our Pacific Fleet -- Admiral Nimitz. However, though he was hurt -- his injuries were not serious. Admiral Nimitz was in an airplane crash on the Pacific Coast. He and several other passengers were en route in a Navy plane, when an accident occurred at an airfield. The co-pilot was killed, and some of those aboard were ~~injured~~ injured, but only slightly -- as in the case of the admiral.

He had come to continental United States from his naval command in Hawaii -- to receive a decoration. Admiral King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, presented to our Pacific Fleet Admiral the distinguished service medal. The citation mentions -- "exceptionally meritorious service". And this of course must apply to the American victory in the sea and air battle off Midway Island, which battle was fought under the command of Admiral Nimitz. And it was meritorious indeed.



## CANADA

In Canada, the crown today withdrew its accusation against a prominent political figure, who said some caustic things about Hong Kong.

Colonel George A. Drew, leader of the conservative Party of the Province of Ontario, took part in an inquiry concerning the fall of Hong Kong and the presence of Canadian troops at that ill-fated stronghold. The specific question concerned the reason the Canadians were sent out there. The Winnipeg Grenadiers and Royal Rifles went to Hong Kong at the time the Far Eastern war was brewing, and when it was known that the ~~situation~~ situation of Hong Kong would be hopeless in case of a Japanese attack.

The commission issued a report clearing the Canadian Government and military leaders of all blame -- which report was attacked by Colonel <sup>l</sup>~~Drew~~ Drew. He stated that important facts were withheld by the Commission, facts which he called -- "Block <sup>d</sup>~~Curdling~~ Curdling."

Thereupon, a charge was~~x~~ launched against him, a charge of violating the defense of Canada ~~violations~~. His statements were stigmatized as having a bad effect on recruiting. His remarks about

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blood curdling facts with reference to Canadian troops in Hong Kong  
discourag<sup>ing</sup>~~ed~~ men from enlisting.  
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Today, however the ~~dominion~~ Dominion Government withdrew  
the charge with the acknowledgment that the Canadian public wants  
a full discussion of the Hong Kong affair.



## SINKINGS

News of the submarine campaign on this side of the Atlantic brings a story of concentrated violence today - two cargo vessels torpedoed in quick succession, and the submarine probably sunk.

It happened in the Caribbean, and today a survivor told the story. The two ships were speeding along on the tropical ocean, when an enemy submarine delivered a double blow. The survivor, with graphic brevity, gives the following account:- "I came on deck", says he, "just in time to see a terrific explosion come from a ship just half a mile away. Two minutes later," he adds, "our own ship was torpedoed."

Then swiftly an American warship came on the scene, answering a distress call. The warship delivered a concentrated and prolonged attack against the submarine - which was somewhere below the surface. Twenty-four depth charges were dropped in the vicinity - one long series of thundering explosions, with huge masses of water flung high. It is believed that the submarine was hit.

SABOTEURS

One of the witnesses against the saboteurs on trial in Washington is expected to be the mother of an American battle hero, a soldier who fought at Batan. Her son Larry Jordan knew one of the Nazi agents - Herbert Hans Haupt, who used to live in Chicago. The story goes that Haupt once invited Larry Jordan to a dance at a place which turned out to be the headquarters of Nazi sympathizers. There Larry found Haupt in the uniform of a Hitler Storm Trooper. That startled Larry, and there was a fight - in which Haupt was knocked down by a hefty Jordan swing. The father of young Jordan stated today, "Larry stalked home, still angry" - and told me that Hans was a Nazi.

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After that, Larry Jordan joined the Army and went off to the Philippines. He was there when the war with Japan broke out, and was one of <sup>the</sup> ~~those (sic)~~ band of stalwart warriors that defended the Batan Peninsula - he was a tank battalion Sergeant there. The last heard <sup>he was</sup> ~~is~~ about him - wounded and missing.

His one-time acquaintance Haupt, meanwhile, had gone to Germany and enlisted in the Nazi Gestapo. Trained as a spy,

he was one of the eight who were ~~la~~ landed by ~~xmm~~ submarine in Florida and on Long Island. And here's a detail that sounds like the height of impudence. During the time when he was at large in this country, between the secret landing and arrest by the F.B.I., ~~Haupt~~ Haupt used the name of Larry Jordan as an alias - the Nazi spy assuming the identity of the soldier of Batan. This was disclosed by young Jordan's father today.

*The trial*

~~The trial~~ in Washington continued in the deepest ~~secret~~ secrecy today. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I., vouchsafed the information that the saboteurs, before being caught, were aided by various persons in this country.

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These, he said, were considerable in number. Their names are being kept a secret, ~~but they~~ will be made public at a future date.

J. Edgar Hoover stated ~~that~~ that these contact people will be prosecuted. They will be tried, not before the military commission, but in the civil courts - possibly on charges of treason.

~~J. Edgar Hoover spoke of reports that other Nazi saboteurs have been put ashore by U-boats. There are rumors~~

The secrecy of the trial in Washington is still the main thing that can be said about it. Elmer Davis, Chairman of the War Information Board, succeeded in getting the Military Commission to release a couple of statements, but he said today that this manner of releasing the news did not satisfy him. He would like to see news men reporting the trial. If he had his way he would have admitted three representative reporters to the trial room -- permitting them to hear much of the actual testimony. As things are, no reporters are in there at all -- not even a representative of Elmer Davis' own Board of Information.

Here's today's statement by Major General McCoy, head of the Military Commission. It's just in. He indicates that the trial of saboteurs will be a long one -- this because of the volume of evidence that will be introduced. General McCoy adds that photographs and silent pictures of the trial scenes are being made -- by the army signal corps.

## SPIES

And in Miami, the F.B.I. has arrested a man who is charged with having tried to smuggle into the United States a blueprint of an Army Air base in the Caribbean. Walter Gustafson of Minneapolis, was employed in the construction of the Caribbean airbase. He returned to the United States, came by plane to Florida. There he was investigated and the blueprint of the airbase was found hidden in his boot- - the map wrapped around his leg. Gustafson, charged with violation of the espionage act, pleaded not guilty today.

O.P.A.

A Senate sub-committee today agreed to put up a hundred and twenty million dollars for the Office of Price Administration. Leon Henderson's department asked for a minimum of a hundred and forty million dollars to keep going during the next fiscal year. A lot of Congressmen, however, are not so friendly toward the O.P.A. and the lower House voted a mere seventy five million dollars. The Senate sub-committee today raised the ante to a hundred and twenty million. All of which would make it appear that Leon Henderson's organization for controlling prices is not going to get as much money as it says it needs.

Moreover, the Senate sub-committee voted several restrictions to be placed upon the O.P.A. one of these concerns Leon Henderson's authority to authorize an increase of prices in commodities that are rationed -- such increase being granted because of a rise in transportation costs. The restriction voted today prohibits any such price increase -- unless transportation costs have actually gone up. This to some extent would abolish the two and a half per cent boost in gasoline prices along the East Coast. Apparently it would not apply to all the Eastern states -- only some.



Another restriction placed on the O.P.A. specifies that the appointment of employees receiving more than forty-five hundred dollars a year ~~must~~ must be confirmed by the Senate. Furthermore, the O.P.A. is forbidden to subsidize private industry as a method of price control -- and it is forbidden to put price ceilings on processed goods in such fashion as would depress the price of agricultural ~~staple~~ crops.

DRAFTEES

At Louisville, Kentucky, a hundred and thirty-five men were ordered to appear before draft board Number Seventy-three. And here is what has happened thus far. Fourteen evaded the call by enlisting. Two got drunk, one landing in jail, the other in a hospital. One jumped into the Ohio River, taking that way out. One claimed deferrment because of dependents. Another was deferred temporarily because of his grandfather's death. Another was disqualified when he injured his thumb in an accident. Two men had emergency operations. Another is out temporarily; he swallowed his false teeth.

So out of that batch, Louisville selective service board Number Seventy-three has not succeeded in <sup>getting</sup> ~~catching~~ one draftee. They are waiting hopefully for the fellow who is having his false teeth fished out of his stomach.

And now Hugh.

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