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Sumo

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY;

Tonight the whole world wonders whether Joseph Stalin is going to throw the might and power of the Soviet Union against the Japanese. For today, he threw aside his hitherto literal neutrality, and described Japan as an aggressor nation which must be curbed, disarmed completely, and ~~xx~~ rendered unable to attack any other country for years to come.

This was the highlight of a speech he made at a celebration of the ~~xx~~ twenty-seventh anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution; ^{and now has} twenty-seven years in which Bolshevik Russia has grown from a disturbed country struggling for its existence, ^{present} ^{had} gained strength from the war and ^{risen} to be a military power that ^{overshadows} ^{much of this planet,} ~~the earth.~~

Stalin's declaration was all the more

~~striking~~ ^{astounding} because ~~xx~~ he refused to meet ~~Generalissimo~~

Chiang Kai Shek of China at Teheran on the grounds ^{then} that China was ~~in~~ at war with Japan and Soviet Russia was at peace with Japan. ^{And} That is why everybody asks tonight -- does this mean Stalis is going to join us in crushing the forces of the Mikado?

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The Soviet Dictator could not let the ^{— his speech at today's celebration —} opportunity pass [^] without comparing the Russian war effort with those of the rest of us. He pointed out that since D-Day, the Allies have been holding seventy-five German divisions. On the other hand within the last year the Red Army has destroyed one ~~hundred~~ and twenty Nazi divisions. There are today ^{still} on the eastern front, two-hundred ^{enemy divisions, said he,} and four [^] ~~divisions~~ [^] of the enemy of which one hundred and eighty are German.

Then Stalin announced that the Soviet forces had now restored the Russian frontier on a line of one ~~hundred~~ thousand eight hundred miles, from the Arctic to the Black Sea. Although there are still Germans in western Latvia. He also ~~xxx~~ reported that his fighting men had killed, wounded, or captured ~~no~~ no fewer than

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eight-million-five-hundred-and-ninety-thousand Germans
in three years and five months.

He admitted there were differences of opinion among the governments of the United Nations but he added it was surprising that there were so few and that ~~they~~ there was no reason to believe that they would ^{not} all be ~~ironed~~ ironed out.. He did not mention the controversy over the post-war frontier of Poland. Neither did he refer to the dynamite-laden situation in Iran, [^] that squabble over oil. That ^{one} is indeed a loaded situation, since Iran, ~~is~~ technically a free and independent country is actually occupied by troops of the Soviet Union in the North, of Great Britain. in the South, and of the United States from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian, ~~Sea.~~ But the Soviet, ruler on the surface, was optimistic about all that.

HUNGARY - FOLLOW RUSSIA

As for Hungary, [^] this is the fourth day of the Battle for Budapest. Here, again, Hitler has evidently given orders to hold the city at any price. The Nazis have thrown in fresh reinforcements, and the fighting is of the most desperate kind.

But the Commander of the Second Ukrainian Army has thrown a ~~xxx~~ steel ring around the ancient Hungarian capital ^{which he} ~~He~~ is blasting ^{his} ~~it~~ with massed batteries of heavy artillery ^{with} ~~and~~ heavy ^{and heavy} ~~inxxxxing~~ planes. Not a single hour of the twenty-four passes without bombs falling on the people of Budapest. ~~The Russians are bringing up their xxx main forces along a fifty mile front.~~

Not for four centuries has any enemy entered the double city on the Danube. The last time was in the Sixteenth Century when the Turks occupied the place. ^{Tonight} ~~But now~~ its doom is ^{certain.} ~~obvious.~~ ^{It will} ~~be overwhelmed by~~ ^{The Russians.} The Germans themselves admit that their ~~tanks have already~~ ^{already} clashed with Soviet tanks ~~in the city, itself~~ ^{inside}

Last Friday night ^{when} ~~the~~ Russian tanks drove almost into the heart of the city, ^{the} ~~thereupon the~~ revolution of the populace broke out. But the Nazis quickly put it down. This tale comes from the principal ~~radio~~ radio in Turkey. The same radio reported that anxiety is rife all over Hungary, that the Defense Minister has ordered the people to hand over any armed thing they may possess to the government and that three Hungarian Generals have been executed.

Here also is news from East Prussia; ~~but it comes only from one side.~~ The Nazis claim ^{is} to have recaptured the City of Goldapp near the frontier of Lithuania, ^{in a 3-day} ~~This was the culmination of a battle which lasted three days, and~~ in which the Nazis ^{say they} wiped out several ~~xx~~ Soviet regiments and captured fifty-nine tanks and many guns. So says Berlin, Moscow says nothing.

WESTERN FRONT

On the invasion of Germany we have a setback and a victory. I mention the setback first because ~~xxx~~ we are inclined to grow too hopeful. South of Aix-la-Chapelle the Germans are coming back at the Yanks for all they are worth and coming back hard. Three days ago, they pushed us out of a village called Schmidt. Today they pushed us out of a place called Vossenack, and at the present moment, the possession of that town is a toss-up. The Nazis pushed us out completely, then our tanks ~~shot~~ ^{slammed} back and ~~met~~ ^(met) the Germans ~~midway~~ midway. The fight has been surging back and forth all day. ~~x2~~ If the Germans recapture Vossenack, they will cut off a large American ~~fr~~ force in between Vossenack and Schmidt.

The victory in Holland is more encouraging. After three weeks the British and Canadians have smashed the German Fifteenth Army and driven its shattered remnants across the River Maas. At the same time an American column has driven up behind the British Army and reached a point only thirteen miles from Rotterdam.

AIR WAR

More than ~~two~~^{three} thousand British and American heavy bombers delivered air attacks on vital points in western Germany today. The heaviest of all was ~~on the port of Hamburg~~^{on} Hamburg, ~~but they also dropped their bombs on~~^{and} synthetic oil plants and railway junctions. ~~at~~ several places.

~~Our men~~^{The big planes} ran into heavy flak, but the Nazi interceptor planes kept ~~out of sight~~^{off, - or didn't come up.} Eleven hundred of the attacking heavy bombers were American, ~~and~~ the British sent up some thousands of their Lancasters and Halifaxes, strongly escorted.

PACIFIC

Another victory for ~~Admiral~~ Halsey's Third Fleet. It happened Saturday but we learn only tonight that his carrier planes have smashed up more than ^a ~~one~~ hundred-and-ninety-one Japanese aircraft. ^{Halsey's} ~~they~~ ^{planes and ships} attacked Manila Bay and the five airdromes nearby, ^{ing} ruined all those enemy planes, and ^{sinking} ~~sank~~ or damaged ^{ing} six warships in addition to several Japanese merchantmen.

This recalls the tragic day in December of Nineteen Forty One when the Japanese air power appeared over Manila and ruined our Philippine air force at Clark Field. ^H Halsey's planes destroyed not only Japanese aircraft on the ground but ~~xxxx~~ set fire to hangers, shops, oil storage areas at Clark and all the surrounding fields.

Eighty Japanese interceptors gave battle but our men knocked out fifty-eight of them.

Once again Halsey's men caught the Japanese off guard. The pilots from ^{his} carriers were smashing up Japanese installations before the enemy realized

they were there. As the Jap interceptors rose to the attack they were ^{shot} ~~hurled~~ down in flames.

As to the enemy warships, our bombers left one heavy cruiser in flames and sinking, they sank a submarine chaser at the entrance to Manila Bay, ^{and} damaged a light cruiser, three destroyers and several merchantmen so they were helpless.

PHILIPPINES

In the Philippines General Krueger has decided it's time to make an end of all the Japanese on Leyte. He has given orders to the Sixth Army, ~~which he commands~~, to push in both from the North and from the South along the West Coast of the island and crush the garrison of Ormoc, the last enemy base on the island. That garrison is already ringed around by a bombardment from ~~land artillery~~ ^{land artillery} and from the air. Nevertheless it will probably be the toughest battle of the Philippine campaign so far. ^{An} ~~an~~ important officer at MacArthur's headquarters ^{expressed the opinion that} believes it will take two more weeks to crush all organized opposition on Leyte. The Japanese ~~have been able to~~ ^{ed} land reinforcements of tanks, artillery and troops from Cebu Island, ~~which is right~~ opposite Ormoc, across the Camotes Sea. They are ~~trying to turn the battle of Leyte into another~~ Guadalcanal.

The Twenty-fourth division of Yanks is fighting south from Carigara Bay. Units of the Seventh and Ninety-Sixth are cutting their way north, and they are now less than twelve miles from Ormoc. After a tour of the front, General Krueger returned to headquarters full of confidence. He was not bothered by the Japanese reinforcements, and he said: "Let them come, the more Japs they put in here the fewer we'll have to kill later."

Actually the Japanese position has deteriorated ^{there} and ~~it~~ is only one main line of resistance left to them.

JAPAN

In the Japanese homeland the jittery inhabitants continue to talk about reconnaissance flights over the Tokio end of the main island, reconnaissance flights by the ~~great big superforts~~. ^{B. 29s.} The enemy have been harping ~~harping~~ on this ~~idea~~ for more than a week. They claim that the B-29s were based on Saipan in the Marianas, more than fifteen hundred miles to the south of Tokio. ^{any}

~~They profess to believe that these reconnaissance flights are preludes to bombing attacks.~~

Our own High Command is evidently ~~pro~~ proceeding on the theory that these broadcasts ^{simply mean the} ~~are just~~ Japanese ~~attempts to~~ ^{ing} fish for information. ~~Headquarters of the Twentieth Air Force, which has command of all superfortresses, again had nothing to say on the subject.~~

~~The Japanese also reported raids on Manila and other points on the island of Luzon. But our own commanders made no mention of ^{these either,} ~~such raids,~~ although the Chungking radio ~~also~~ carried the story.~~

Tokio also broadcast a claim that a unit of Japanese undersea boats had reached our Pacific Coast, sinking several ^{tankers} ~~oil tanks~~ and transport ships. ~~They~~ That claim ^{too is} ~~also was~~ ignored.

We do, however, learn from the Twentieth Air Force ~~Command~~ that yesterday's raids by the B-29s on Singapore were most successful. Likewise ~~the an~~ attack on the Japanese oil refineries ~~of~~ Sumatra. ~~At Singapore the superforts carried out a sustained raid and dropped their bombs on several vital spots of the great base there.~~

ADD JAPAN

“And tonight we have sound information that the Japanese are preparing for submarine warfare in the Pacific on a big scale. Hitherto, the Mikado's undersea boats have not cut much ice. But for the past few months, the Tokyo war ~~lords~~ lords have been building a string of submarine and air bases on the China coast, preparing for a major attack upon American fleets and convoys.

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Now Stan. of Calif has a message; and then let's talk about the election.

MOYNE

An assassination in Cairo today gave violent expression to anti-British agitation. A couple of men in plain clothes shot Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister to the Middle East. He died later in a hospital.

The crime occurred in broad daylight, ~~and~~ on the open street. An angry mob attacked the two assassins and almost lynched them. The official radio station at Cairo broadcast the announcement that the murderers, ~~are definitely~~ ^{who} ~~not~~ Egyptians, ~~At the police station they~~ ^{have} refused to answer any questions.

ELECTION

Tomorrow war news will be of secondary importance for the first time since the Japanese attacked us at Pearl Harbor. ^{Almost} ~~I might even say~~ for the first time in four years. Both sides of the political fence agreed that it will be ^{one of} the most important election days in the history of the United States. Incidentally it will offer an extraordinary picture of how Democracy can still work over here even in war time. While millions of our fighting men are overseas, and more than twelve million men and women are in uniform, some forty or fifty million Americans will still observe the practice of going to the polls to elect their President and their lawmakers.

One political observer for the United Press declares that all signs point to the closest election since Nineteen Sixteen, that dramatic occasion when Charles Evans Hughes was actually acclaimed as President-elect until the returns from California came in after midnight to ^{upset} ~~upset~~ the general belief.

In all probability the total vote will not be quite as large as it was four years ago, because so many millions of our men and women are overseas. *And,* It is expected that some three millions of them will send in absentee ballots. ~~ix~~ So there is a decided possibility that those may be the deciding votes.

~~If they were all home, the total vote would be a record, because even in Nineteen Sixteen and Nineteen Forty, there was not so much keen feeling.~~

Furthermore, the ~~profits~~ prophets predict good voting weather. The day will be fine over most of the United States. The only important exception will be in the upper Mississippi Valley and eastward as far as the western shores of the Great Lakes. Later in the day rain may also fall in lower Michigan and Indiana, while the skies will be overcast in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

~~also~~ Heavy snow fell over northern New England today, eight inches on the ground in parts of New

Hampshire, [^]sleet and slush in Maine and Vermont.

Both President Roosevelt and Governor Dewey will say their last words to the voters tonight. Mr. Roosevelt will talk from his home at Hyde Park, Governor Dewey from the Executive Mansion at Albany. The President will vote at Hyde Park, but Mr. Dewey is registered ^{here in} ~~at~~ New York City.
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Soviet Russia took a hand in the campaign over the weekend. The official newspaper IZVESTIA had a piece predicting that the Republicans were about to stage a fake attempt on the life of Governor Dewey in order to win sympathy for him. As all newspapers are controlled, that piece was obviously inspired by the Soviet government. ^{Gov.} Dewey declined to make any comment, ~~on it whatsoever.~~
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Second only to the presidential race is the fight over the House of Representatives. It will be the closest in fourteen years, the best chance the Republicans ^{have?} had to regain control of the Lower ^{house.} Chamber ~~of the Congress.~~
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The Republicans ^{seem to be} ~~are mighty~~ confident. ~~at least they~~
~~talk in that vein.~~ They point out that in the last
three years they've cut down the Democratic majority
until today the House has only two hundred and fourteen
Democrats ^{to} ~~and~~ two hundred and twelve Republicans; ^{with}
[^] four members of other parties, and five vacancies.
The Democrats on the other hand ^{insist} ~~declare~~ that President
Roosevelt will win and will carry enough ~~Democratic~~
Democratic representatives into office to assure control
of the House.

The political wiseacres doubt ~~very much~~
that the Republicans ^{will} ~~can~~ win ^{over} ~~in~~ the Senate. It is a
mathematical possibility, but most improbable. The
voters have to elect thirty-six Senators. In order to
have control of the Upper Chamber the Republicans must
win twenty-two seats. The experts believe the best
they can do is pick up perhaps five or six of them.

Will we be able to cheer

~~Those who expect the excitement of cheering the winner tomorrow night should think twice about that. They must be prepared for a disappointment. Owing to the more than three~~

~~million absentee ballots, it may be impossible in many states to obtain the final totals for several days, in some states several weeks.~~

One observer figures the total of absentee ballots ^{at} ~~for~~ three million, ^{and} four-hundred-and-sixty-two thousand. The deadlines

for those ballots from overseas are different in different states. For instance, in Delaware they have up to November Ninth; in Nebraska up to December Seventh. ~~And the wisemen~~ ^{Some} figure the result will be

close in no fewer than twenty-one states, particularly in New York, with forty-seven Electoral votes, Illinois and Pennsylvania with Thirty-six. with twenty-eight, Ohio with Twenty-five. In Pennsylvania

the deadline for absentee ballots is not until November Twenty-second.

However much our own newspapers may be divided about Roosevelt and Dewey, there is no mistaking the attitude of the British press. Five London newspapers all came out strongly for Mr. Roosevelt. The good old London Times sharply criticized Mr. Dewey and ended with the words:-
"Americans know what other lands are hoping".

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*And now I wish you
could see my friend Hugh
at my rate where he had to be in line*

Radio experts believe that by Nineteen

Forty-eight candidates will have to stand an even

severer

~~XXXXXXXX~~ test than they have now with radio. Four years

from now, unless the war still is going on, there will

be television. So the men and women running for office

will not only have to learn how to talk ~~over the~~ ^{on the air,}

~~wireless,~~ but how to look, ~~and how to~~ make gestures, ~~and~~
smile and so on.

However, that seems a long way off, and ~~many~~ ^{much}

^{will} ~~things are bound to~~ happen ~~by~~ between now and

Nineteen Forty-eight.

And now I wish you
could see ~~my~~ ^{our} friend Hugh.
At any rate we're ^{all} glad to hear him.