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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There is one part of the world in which the resignation of Mussolini and his Cabinet has had no effect. That is in Sicily. All during the day, the defense of Catania was more stubborn than ever. And it was reported that the Axis have managed to get reinforcements to the German Herman Goering Division and <sup>to</sup> the Italians now backed up against the sea and against Mt. Etna.

Elsewhere, of course, there was the greatest excitement over the apparent downfall of <sup>the Founder of Fascism. In</sup> ~~Fascism. In~~ parts of the world it produced a wave of ~~ill timed~~ optimism, ~~that cannot have any but unfortunate~~ consequences. ~~This optimism was not supported by any military officers or government officials.~~

~~Whenever I, as a reporter, meet an officer~~

of the Army or Navy, he is almost sure to ask me to start a campaign against wishful thinking. Some of them recently have repeated what was <sup>told</sup> ~~said~~ last week by

Vice-Admiral Horne, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations.

You will recall that Admiral Horne said the high command did not expect the war, against Japan at least, to end before Nineteen Forty-Nine. All I have to reply is that starting or finishing campaigns is not my function.

But I always quote, as accurately as possible, any statement from people in authority.

In Italy itself, the outcome at the end of one day of the Marshal Badoglio regime has been a more rigid control of the Italian people. Control, and <sup>an allegedly</sup> tighter girding <sup>up</sup> of the Italian loins for a more active

prosecution of the war. The entire peninsula from the toe of the boot way up into the Alps, is <sup>now</sup> under complete

<sup>Command</sup> ~~control~~, of the Army, headed by the old Marshal.

*As far as*  
Badoglio's Cabinet, <sup>it</sup> is composed of people  
entirely unknown to most of us. <sup>and</sup> We learn from one  
exile that it has no political significance, that most  
of the <sup>new</sup> Ministers are bureaucrats. The man who tells us  
this is Count Carlo Sforza, former Foreign Minister of  
Italy. According to him, the Cabinet could be used  
just as well to appease the Germans as to appease the  
United Nations. ~~It does not mean anything, says~~  
~~Count Sforza.~~

The list of activities forbidden to Italian  
people by <sup>Marshall</sup> Badoglio is even larger than the prohibitions  
under Mussolini. For example, it is now unlawful for  
more than three people to meet either in public or in  
private, permanently forbidden in any circumstances!  
Curfew for everybody from dusk to dawn. The only  
exceptions are priests, doctors and midwives. The sale  
of all arms and ammunition is strictly ~~forbidden~~, <sup>forbidden; that is</sup>

all firearm licenses <sup>are even</sup> cancelled until further notice.

Cars, motor boats, planes of all types, must not be used except in the service of the public. <sup>And -</sup> All Italians who have to leave home must take their identity cards and a photograph with them.

That's only part of the list, but it gives us an idea of the rigidity of Badoglio control.

As for <sup>it</sup> censorship, <sup>it</sup> is stricter than ever. So strict that we have <sup>not</sup> a jot or tittle of exact information as to the whereabouts of Mussolini and the Fascist leaders.

<sup>Which</sup> Naturally, ~~that~~ increases the rumors. According to most of <sup>which</sup> ~~these~~, the ex-Duce and his colleagues are running, either to Switzerland or to Germany. Still another had it that he has <sup>d</sup> been arrested at the frontier.

A further report has him critically ill. The weirdest of all is that he is hiding in the Vatican, where his son-in-law, Count Ciano, was Ambassador.

But the most probable of all comes from Madrid,  
*the former Duce*  
which reports that ~~the~~ and the ~~former~~ Fascist grand  
council are under detention in a villa near Rome.

*9* A correspondent in Switzerland sent reports that mobs  
are burning Fascist headquarters, particularly in  
central Italy. In fact, An edition of a Milan  
newspaper smuggled over the frontier had accounts of  
anti-Fascist outbursts all over the country. *Also telling of*  
Thousands  
of people sacked <sup>ing</sup> the office<sup>s</sup> of the newspaper in Milan  
that used to belong to Mussolini.

*of all this*  
As for the effect upon the prosecution of the war,  
it is worth ~~xxx~~ quoting a distinguished Italian  
historian, Gaetano Salvemini, now in Cambridge,  
Massachusetts, ~~He is~~ <sup>and</sup> an exile from Italy, a lecturer  
at Harvard University. Dr. Salvemini says we should  
take the words of King Victor Emanuel and Marshal  
*That*  
Badoglio literally. They meant just what they said.

*That*  
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Neither the King nor Badoglio will sue for separate peace, because a separate peace would bring war with Germany.

*And* There ~~is~~ <sup>may be</sup> ~~any~~ sense in this, ~~as anybody can~~  
~~see after a ~~minute~~ moment's thought.~~ <sup>For</sup> If Italy sued  
for peace, the Germans <sup>might</sup> ~~would~~ bomb the northern Italian  
cities, Venice, Milan and Florence, even more savagely  
than the Allies.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hull said there has been no communication from Marshal Badoglio to any of the United Nations, no peace bid. President Roosevelt has not <sup>so much as</sup> ~~once~~ considered whether the United Nations will even deal with the House of Savoy.

Washington and London are not consulting each other concerning recent events in Italy, except of course ~~over~~  
<sup>See.</sup> military operations. <sup>x</sup> Hull repeated what has been said

before <sup>that</sup> the only terms for Italy are unconditional

Then he had ~~the~~ <sup>this</sup> advice, ~~for all of us~~ <sup>to give; that</sup>; we should  
all keep our minds on the fighting and ~~we will~~ <sup>thus</sup> win the

war sooner. <sup>TP</sup> The Secretary of State did aver that the  
exit of Mussolini and Company is the first stage in the  
~~wiping~~ <sup>wiping</sup> out of Fascism, both nationally and

internationally. Fascism, he added, carried with it  
the seeds of its own destruction ~~and yesterday's~~

events ~~were proving~~ <sup>now proving</sup>

## SICILY

In Sicily the Canadian army has carved its way twelve miles nearer to Catania. The men from Canada had hard going through some of the toughest defenses that the German military engineers had set up northeast of Enna.

On the other hand the Germans have been able to reinforce the ~~IX~~ <sup>Hermann</sup> ~~SS~~ <sup>1</sup> ~~Von~~ Goering division which is responsible for the desperate defense of Catania.

They have sent the 29th Motorized Division, reputed to be one of the best in the German Army. <sup>Military</sup> ~~Army~~ <sup>1</sup> officers today figured that the Germans ~~at~~ and Italians between them still have six and a half effective divisions in good condition and organized for resistance.

That means from ninety thousand to one hundred thousand men, and that would include two and a half German divisions.

The Canadians, in addition to fighting through strong fortifications, have to struggle across jagged ridges and turbulent streams. The heat is reported as being ~~quite stifling~~ intense.



As for Montgomery's British Eighth Army, on the plain below ~~at~~ Catania, it has made no progress within the last couple of days. In the fighting on Sicily there is no slightest reflection of the Axis collapse in Sicily.

## REACTIONS

The invasion of Sicily and the air raids on Italian cities have ~~already~~ produced reactions in the countries that are satellites of the Axis, such as Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. ~~There were also~~ ~~repercussions in the Balkans~~ <sup>And,</sup> a spokesman for the Jugoslavs declared that the Italian troops in Jugoslavia have already lost all heart and ~~they~~ <sup>conducting</sup> are now <sup>performing</sup> ~~themselves~~ in such a way as to endanger the <sup>whole</sup> German position <sup>in the Balkans</sup> ~~there~~.

Sixty per cent of the troops occupying Jugoslavia are <sup>And,</sup> Italians. The same ~~is~~ <sup>s</sup> reported <sup>are coming</sup> from Albania and Greece.

~~However, it is to be hoped that this will not~~  
~~add to the volume of wishful thinking that is going on~~  
~~all over the world outside the Axis countries.~~

## AIR WAR

Germany itself is now undergoing the most tremendous and constant bombardment ever recorded. The latest move in the air war was a raid by American flying ~~forces~~ fortresses on Hamburg. It was the fourth <sup>bombing</sup> ~~time~~ within forty-eight hours. ~~And~~ Guiding them to their targets were great columns of smoke that reached as high as twenty thousand feet into the air, the result of the Royal Air Force raid on Saturday night at Hamburg. Another force of United States heavy bombers went to Hanover and blasted the big synthetic rubber plants in that city. The R.A.F. carried another raid on Essen with four-ton rockbusters, and over the weekend they also raided Cologne. Cologne and Hamburg are today the most bombed cities in the world.

# RUSSIA

From the Russian front, the news is that Orel <sup>may fall at any hour</sup> ~~has not fallen yet, but the Red Army is coming closer and closer to its capture every day,~~ and that ~~in the last~~ twenty-four hours, the Reds regained more than seventy villages from the Germans. This ~~was~~ in the course of a drive that pushed anywhere from three to six miles through those powerful steel and concrete fortifications.

Also, <sup>that</sup> they recaptured a place called Yeropkina, ~~that is~~ an important point seventeen miles to the south of Orel,

And, ~~they~~ have cut the railroad from Orel to Bryansk, <sup>thus eliminating the only rail route</sup> ~~so doing, they have done away with the only means the~~ <sup>A escape for the Germans.</sup> ~~German garrison had of escaping by rail.~~ The Nazis still

<sup>control</sup> ~~have~~ the main highway, ~~which~~ which parallels the railway; but, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ highway is under constant bombardment from ~~the~~ heavy Soviet artillery; <sup>leaving</sup> ~~so~~ the only real line of retreat ~~exists~~ for the Orel garrison ~~is~~ over a <sup>narrow</sup> ~~dirt~~ <sup>dirt</sup> surfaced road, ~~which~~ <sup>which</sup> the Germans are <sup>desperately,</sup> ~~defending most~~ <sup>defending most</sup>

~~desperately.~~

~~It is explained that by the recapture of Veropkina, the Red Army has cleared an area of some twenty miles along the railroad south of Orel.~~

A United Press dispatch reports that the remaining Germans in the Orel garrison are in as bad a plight as the defenders of Stalingrad. When the Russians enter the city they will find a shambles, just as they found in Stalingrad and other cities that they've recaptured.

A Soviet correspondent writing from somewhere near the front lines, reports to his paper that at the place where he is, the Russians have driven a breach more than thirty-seven miles wide in the Axis line. He found it particularly interesting to notice the difference between the fighting today and that of two years ago. In Nineteen Forty-One, the German tank attacks were so irresistible that the Red soldiers

could not cope with them. Today <sup>he says its a</sup> ~~it is an entirely~~  
different story. The Soviet anti-tank and artillery-  
men destroy the big German tanks and self-propelling  
guns with ease. — so he reports.

# TRAITORS

There are a few American citizens who will not rejoice when Italy, and Germany, <sup>[finally]</sup> surrender, <sup>which day may not be far off, I mean the</sup> ~~Especially the~~ eight men and women from the United States who have been indicted by a federal grand jury of treason, <sup>renegade Americans</sup> ~~They have~~ <sup>who have</sup> been broadcasting propaganda for the Nazis and Fascists.

None of the <sup>indicted</sup> ~~them~~ amounts to anything, and the probability is that practically the only hearers of their broadcasts were agents of the United States Government, listening in in order to get the facts on them.

Nevertheless, they have <sup>now</sup> ~~been~~ indicted as traitors. Two ~~of them~~ are women and ex-newspaper writers. One of them is Ezra Pound, a poet much esteemed by the younger intellectuals during the decade of the 'Twenties, which Westbrook Pegler describes as "the era of wonderful nonsense."

~~When Germany and Italy surrender - and the military authorities tell us that is quite a long time off~~

PACIFIC

Good news from the Solomons again. The Japs have been sending strong air reinforcements out there, trying to relieve the pressure on the besieged garrisons ~~of~~ <sup>in</sup> Munda. ~~On~~ Sunday, they sent sixty dive bombers and fighters against Uncle Sam's installations and ships at Rendova Island just across the channel from Munda.

United States fighter pilots destroyed eight Jap planes, with a loss of ~~losing~~ three of their own, ~~but only~~ <sup>and</sup> one American pilot.

*Tonight we hear that our fliers*  
~~But the more planes they send, the more our men~~  
*are maintaining their*  
~~shoot down. The American air force is keeping up~~

*Japs, at the*  
superiority over the ~~enemy, at a~~ rate of four to one.

*U. S.*  
~~In fact,~~ The Thirteenth ~~United States~~ Army Air Force

has done <sup>even</sup> better than that. It's <sup>airmen</sup> ~~men~~ have destroyed a hundred and ten Jap planes with a loss of only twelve. *and*

Of those twelve, five pilots were saved. During June

<sup>in</sup> the ratio was twenty-seven to one!



## KISKA

A report from the Navy Department appears to indicate that the American attacks on Kiska are being stepped up. For instance, on Saturday the Japs on that island were bombed no fewer than ten times. Ten raids in one day. And in those ten raids, only one American plane was lost. The unofficial interpretation in Washington is that this offensive is being increased to soften <sup>up</sup> the enemy ~~up~~ as a preliminary to the final attack.

# ARGENTINA

Dispatches from Buenos Aires bring us word that the <sup>new</sup> Ramirez government <sup>in</sup> of Argentina is rather concerned over the unfavorable comments <sup>in the</sup> ~~about itself~~ in foreign <sup>press, — especially</sup> newspapers. The comments have been most acid in ~~the~~ papers <sup>here in the</sup> of ~~the~~ United States, and <sup>in</sup> ~~Great~~ Britain.

*Comments*  
~~It has been loudly intimated~~ that Ramirez's colleagues are pro-Axis and <sup>intend</sup> ~~are going~~ to reorganize the Argentinian government <sup>along</sup> ~~on~~ Fascist' lines.

As <sup>an</sup> ~~though~~ in answer to that <sup>is the new Argen-</sup> ~~the Ramirez~~ <sup>time</sup> ~~has adopted~~ Cabinet <sup>has just</sup> ~~put into effect~~ several measures decidedly unfavorable to the Axis. For example, the Minister of Finance ordered the banks to stop payment of interest to the Dresdener Bank of Berlin. And the Minister of the Interior <sup>has just</sup> closed down four clandestine radio stations.

ANTI-STRIKE

*Not long ago*

~~Only a couple of months ago,~~ Congress

enacted the Smith-Connally Law forbidding strikes, *and*

Today a federal grand jury of Pittsburgh returned the

first batch of indictments under that statute. They

brought in a true bill against some thirty officials

and members of the United Mine Workers. These charges

were brought as a result of the recent outlaw strikes

in the Pennsylvania coal fields. The indictments

charged ~~these~~ union officials and members with having

obstructed the successful prosecution of the war, *by*

endorsing work stoppages and picketing, *and* urging miners

to stay away from work while knowing that such mines

were in possession of the United States ~~and with that~~ *mines*

*of which* the ~~ir~~ continuous operation <sup>was</sup> necessary for the

successful prosecution of the war.

## COOKIES

Somebody has been framing the First Lady of the Land, somebody in uniform too. ~~Recently, she has received a request from~~ A group of soldiers ~~who~~ wrote her pathetically that they had nobody else to send them cookies. Mrs. Roosevelt sent the cookies. On top of that, she received another letter from a group of soldiers who had nobody to send them cookies. She sent them cookies. Then she got around to comparing the two letters and found that they were identical.

The First Lady ~~says she~~ would love to send all the boys cookies but, she added, this appears to be getting out of hand.

~~Hugh, who is making your cookies?~~

And here's Hugh, who has a charming young lady making cookies for him too!