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Here's a late flash from Brazil. It's about American

Secretary of State Cordell Hull. Today Secretary Hill passed through

Natal, the Brazilian terminus of the trans-Atlantic ~~ferry line.~~ <sup>ferry line. At</sup>

*the tip of the So. Amer. buldge. Sec. Hull*

~~is~~ is flying on his way to attend the three-power conference of

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American, British and Russian Foreign Ministers at Moscow.

Tonight Allied troops are in the Azores, those Portuguese islands which are like convenient stepping stones out in the Atlantic. The Azores becomes bases for Allied sea and air power.

The announcement was made today by Prime Minister Churchill in the House of Commons - Portugal grants the use of the Azores. The Churchill statement was in highly traditional form, the kind that England loves - so traditional, in fact, that it drew a laugh in the Commons.

We all know that Britain and Portugal have been allied for centuries, and Churchill put it this way:

"I have an announcement to make to the House arising out of the treaty signed between this country and <sup>(Portugal)</sup>~~Portugal~~ in the year Thirteen Hundred Seventy-Three". And that's when there was a loud laugh. The Prime Minister went on to specify that the treaty was, in his words - "between his Majesty King Edward the Third and King Ferdinand and Queen Eleonor of Portugal".

As if that weren't archaic and ~~tradition~~ traditional enough, Churchill went on to read article number one of the treaty of Thirteen Seventy-three - which includes the following:-

"We settle and covenant that there shall be from this day forward true, faithful, constant, mutual and perpetual friendships, unions and alliances and deeds of sincere affection". That was diplomatic language nearly six hundred years ago.

The article continues with the following words, pertaining to Britain and Portugal: "They shall henceforth reciprocally be friends to friends and enemies to enemies, and shall assist, maintain and uphold each other mutually by sea and by land against all men that may live or die". ~~Yes~~ Yes, they used to write English with resonance in the old days.

After all that preamble, which was like British ritual out of the past, Winston Churchill went on to the very practical modern fact that the Portuguese have, at least to a considerable degree, abandoned their neutrality in the war, and come over to the Allied side. They maintain a formality of being neutral on the continent of Europe, but their most useful possession is ~~is~~ turned over to the ~~the~~ Allies for military purposes in the war.

And the Azores are most useful. As a base for fighting the Nazi submarines. They eliminate a large area of the Atlantic which hitherto allied air power ~~was~~ has not been able to cover -

because the distances have been too great. This has been what they call - "a blind spot". A space of eight hundred miles across which convoys could not be adequately escorted, nor could an effective fight be put up against the U-boats. Now all that is changed, and our new bases at the Azores will enable us to eliminate the blind spot.

Moreover, the Azores will provide a most useful base for the South Atlantic ferry service, a convenient stopping and refueling station for the bombers that are being flown over.

What will the Germans do about it? They might declare war on ~~Portugal~~ Portugal. They might even try to attack that country - which, however, would mean they would have to go across Spain, London thinks that such a Nazi attempt is not impossible, a blow which would be aimed not only at Portugal but also at Gibraltar. Time and again it has been supposed that the Nazis were about to invade Spain, with the purpose of sealing up the Mediterranean at ~~the~~ Gibraltar. It remains to be seen whether Portugal's new action will cause this possibility to materialize.

POPE

Suppositions that the Nazis might take Pope Pius the Twelfth away as a prisoner are strengthened by a story today which states that the Hitler people ~~was~~ have made the Pope - "an offer". They have advised him to leave Rome, and have offered him a place of refuge.

The story comes in an Algiers dispatch to a Swedish newspaper and states that the Germans have informed the Pontiff that they cannot guarantee the safety of the Vatican, if Rome becomes a battlefield. Pope Pius will be in danger, say the Germans, if ~~was~~ the Allied invasion should bring the violence and destruction of war to the Eternal City. Hence they offer the Pope asylum in the Duchy of Lichtenstein - a tiny neutral principality near Switzerland <sup>with a fabulous castle.</sup> Or, they offer him refuge in Germany <sup>proper.</sup>

That's what the Hitler people have to say to the Pontiff of Rome - and what reply does the Pope make? He says - no. The story tells us that Pope Pius <sup>in</sup> ~~refused~~ <sup>ing</sup> the Nazi offer ~~was~~ stated that he would not leave the Vatican while he was alive. "Unless dead", are his words as quoted.

The possibility of the war reaching Rome is referred to in still another story about a very different sort of person - Mussolini, now the ~~phony~~ Duce of a puppet regime. The one-time head of the Fascist march on Rome has been holding forth in the Eternal City, but now the threat of the Allied march on Rome is making him move north - to one of the northern Italian cities.

We <sup>hear</sup> ~~hear~~ that the position of Puppet Mussolini is very shaky - not only with the Italians, who rejoice so loudly at the overthrow of Fascism, but also with his German masters. Hitler is said to have lost all confidence in his erstwhile pal, the Duce, ~~as~~ as well he might. So the Nazis may remove him as the head of the fraudulent Fascist Republic that has been set up. ~~What~~ Who would take his place as the number one puppet? The answer is interesting - Graziani, that same Marshal Graziani who was one of the top ranking commanders in the conquest of Ethiopia, and who was the boss of the Fascist troops in Libya, when they took their first overwhelming beating at the hands of the British. Graziani, ~~is~~ now Defense Minister in the fraudulent Mussolini regime, and may succeed the Duce as the number one stooge for the Nazis.

Time was when Graziani's name was commonly linked with that of Badoglio. They were the two best known Italian military commanders. In the conquest of Ethiopia, Badoglio commanded the Northern Army, Graziani the southern. They were almost like a military version of Mutt and Jeff. Now, however, Badoglio stands as the man who ousted Mussolini and made the surrender to the Allies, virtually joining them - while Graziani is on the Nazi side, in the group of outlawed Fascists who have undertaken to play Hitler's game.

ITALY

*As far the war in Italy:—*

^ All is not quiet along the Volturno. On the contrary, there was a tremendous uproar all day, a thundering artillery duel, as Fifth Army cannon blazes away with all its guns in preparation for an all-out attack to storm the Nazi lines along the river.

German artillery replied in the same language, making it a conflict of guns. At the same time, patrols have got across the river - parties of troops ~~who go~~ swimming and rowing in boats under the cover of darkness. They get across, skirmish around and feel out enemy positions, and then return. All of which is the more hazardous because of the Volturno is now a raging torrent, after four days of heavy rains, ~~The stream is~~ swollen and ~~is~~ ~~flowing~~ over its banks.

Farther inland toward the center of the Italian peninsula, the Allied forces have made a sharp lunge forward. Fifth Army troops <sup>after</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>ing</sup> ~~crossed~~ a tributary of the Volturno, and are driving ahead from captured Capua. A fierce battle is said to be in progress in that area. And the British in the central sector are making progress. A German dispatch pictures them in a ten-mile advance, putting them twenty-three miles north <sup>of Benevento.</sup>



~~of Benevento.~~

These forward moves in the middle of the line threaten to flank the Nazi front along the Volturno farther West, and the battle may turn out to be for the frontal assault and the flanking operation for an encirclement. Anyway, the Algiers radio today stated that the ~~the~~ Zero hour was at hand, ~~and~~ the Zero hour for what Algiers calls - "the great battle to pierce the German defenses covering Rome".

Meanwhile, across the Adriatic from Italy, Yugoslav guerrillas are said to have occupied the suburbs of Zagreb - ~~and~~ *which* is startling if true. Zagreb is the ~~capital~~ capital of Croatia, and one of the important cities of Jugoslavia. The city is the site of the Nazi-dominated Croatian government, and if the irregular fighters have succeeded in penetrating so important a place, it is success indeed. The stroke of war is credited to the partisan bands under the guerrilla leader called General Tito.

RUSSIA

The latest from Moscow gives us today's red Army accomplishment in the following words; "important successes in some sectors on the ~~na~~ west bank of the middle Dnieper". This might well apply to the sector of Kiev, for earlier dispatches *rumored that the Nazis were about* to abandon the Ukrainian capital. <sup>^</sup>They are destroying the city, says Moscow. Nazi demolition squads are blowing up and burning ~~mit~~ military installations - and historic buildings. Vandalism!

In other words, <sup>^</sup>wrecking ancient things that are of no more than cultural importance. <sup>Yes,</sup> <sup>^</sup>The news more and more pictures the Nazis of Hitler as the modern vandals.

## WAR FIGURES

President Roosevelt today cited some large figures - figures pointing to both the Orient and Europe. On the Orient side, the President announced that Allied submarines, mostly American, had sunk seven hundred and eighty thousand ~~pounds~~<sup>tons</sup> of Japanese shipping during the past six months. He said that rate of sinking is far larger than the Japs could possibly replace.

As for the European area, he disclosed that in the great ~~United States~~<sup>U. S.</sup> air raid on Bremen last Friday, eight hundred and fifty-five planes flew to the attack, and they dropped two million, five hundred thousand pounds of bombs.

## COURT MARTIAL

Today in Washington various members of the Senate gave their views concerning ~~the~~ a court martial for Admiral Kimmel, who ~~was~~ commanded Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack. Both Admiral Kimmel and General Short, the Army Commander in Hawaii, were removed from their posts and are scheduled for ~~trial~~ trial on charges ~~of~~ of negligence that permitted the Japs to make their assault.

Last night Admiral Kimmel himself spoke up with reference to the statement made by Washington columnist Drew Pearson - who stated that the Admiral had written a letter demanding an early trial. This Admiral Kimmel denies, saying that he wrote no such letter, but adding that he would like to have his court martial as soon as possible.

His denial was confirmed today by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox, who stated that no request for ~~trial~~ trial had been received from Admiral Kimmel.

Then later came comment in the Senate, with O'Daniel of Texas declaring that the court martial should be held promptly.

"People can stand the truth and they should have it

about Pearl Harbor", said he. And ~~xx~~ other lawmakers in the upper house echoed the same sentiment.

W A C

(this is a request)

The WACS are staging a recruiting drive. The Army needs more women soldiers to stand behind the combat troops and help them win the war.

In their campaign for enlistment, the W A C S are stressing the variety of work and interesting tasks that they do. We think of them mostly as typists, but actually the W A C S are now engaged in a hundred-and-fifty-five <sup>different</sup> interesting and useful ~~professions~~ activities. For example - geodetic computer. Or, girls, would you rather be a theodolite observer? Or a meteorological plotter -

women always being so good at plots and scheming, meteorological plotting ought to be right down their alley.

WIFE

Today at St. Paul, the first wife of a man charged with bigamy testified in his defense, and gave some explanation of his polygamous plurality.

She admitted that she, as wife number one, had not been the most sweet tempered and gentle creature in the world. She said that when she and hubby had a quarrel she would, in her own words -- "throw anything at him that was handy". She didn't mention what was handy, but you know how it is in a household -- especially in the kitchen. Lots of things are handy there.

She stated further that she had the interesting habit of stepping in hubby's face now and then. It wouldn't have been so bad when she was in stocking feet, but at one time or another she stepped on hubby's face while wearing high ~~heel~~<sup>keel</sup> shoes. The ~~heel~~<sup>keel</sup> must have felt good, planted on hubby's nose. However, she said she had a conscience and, in her own words - "always cried bitterly later in repentance". It isn't said how <sup>+</sup>biterly <sub>^</sub> Hubby cried when she stepped in his face.

So, said she, it was <sup>(all her fault)</sup> ~~when~~ when hubby went off and

married another lady without the formality of a divorce. <sup>No wonder</sup> ~~the judge~~ the Judge called her a generous wench. <sup>Anyhow</sup> ~~that's today's story of polygamous plurality,~~ ~~and s-e-u-t-m.~~