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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Enemy submarines off the Atlantic Coast and they are dangerous. That's a solemn warning issued tonight by a spokesman for the Navy. The menace outside our eastern territorial waters is becoming more and more/serious every day. And

*the* spokesman added that all shipping along the coast has been warned. <sup>It</sup> A ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ reporter asked ~~the~~

~~Navy spokesman~~ where the U-boats were most

*the reply was: —*  
active and ~~he replied in these words:~~ "Pretty

well up and down the East Coast". He went on to

say that a tanker, ~~XXXXXX~~ name and company not given,

is awash at a certain place off the coast --

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~~naturally ~~xx~~ cannot convey to you any idea of the~~  
~~locality. The tanker~~ Presumably ~~was~~ hit by a sub.  
A patrol plane spotted her <sup>with</sup> ~~xxx~~ only some twenty  
feet of her bow out of the water. ~~and life boats~~  
~~all around.~~ Patrol boats have been sent out from  
the nearest coast guard station to rescue the  
survivors.

This revelation from the Navy is all  
the more startling because until ~~xxx~~ recently the  
Department communiques have reported the North  
Atlantic ~~theatre~~ as comparatively quiet. ~~But~~  
~~tonight's warning is positive and grave.~~

Now for the Pacific front. First, ~~of all,~~

*have*  
In the Philippines, General MacArthur's men ~~xxxxxxxx~~  
*with*  
~~out~~ stood the shock of two more hot attacks by the  
Japanese in Batann. ~~xxxx~~ Withstood them and threw  
them back. "Determined attacks" they are called

in War Department language. The Army also reports that three American bombers cooperating with the Army of the Netherlands attacked Japanese landing forces in the area around Tarakan which the Japanese conquered yesterday. The American bombers making direct hits, and sinking two enemy lighters jammed with soldiers.

But tonight's late communique from the War Department tells us nothing more about the fighting in Batan. It all concerns the savage reprisals threatened by the Commanding General of the Japanese Army in Manila. Before they occupied the city Japanese planes dropped thousands of leaflets telling the Filipinos how well they would be treated if they let the Japanese in. They were promised freedom from oppression and assured that the Japanese were coming full of the spirit of brotherly love, as friends not as conquerors, intent on freeing them from the so-called oppression of the white race -- meaning us.

But Today the Manila newspapers carried a proclamation signed by the Japanese Commander-in-chief warning the people that, in effect, they would be treated just as the Nazis are treating the French. Anybody who inflicts or attempts to inflict an injury upon a Japanese will be shot. If the assailant cannot be found the Japanese will hold ten influential people as hostages. Then it adds this touching sentence: The Filipinos should understand our real intentions and should work together with the Japanese to maintain public peace and order in the Philippines."

MALAYA

The communique from Singapore tonight  
~~is peculiar. It~~ makes no mention of fighting  
on that <sup>vital</sup> ~~perilous~~ front, in the Malayan Peninsula.  
That in itself is supposed to be favorable.

Observers who prefer to look upon the rosy side of  
things interpret it as meaning that the tide is  
about to turn in the battle for Singapore. Perhaps  
~~it signifies that reinforcements~~ reinforcements from  
Australia and elsewhere have arrived in such  
masses that General Wavell has been able to effect  
the consolidation of new positions ~~at~~ north of the  
great Malayan fortress.

The Japanese claim that they are now in  
the territory of the Sultan of Johore, <sup>a potentate</sup> ~~an eastern~~  
~~potentate of whom you have read a great deal from~~  
~~time to time.~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~He~~ has always had a good press because  
he is as hospitable as he is rich and his riches

are so great that only he knows how great they are. One of his methods of distributing them is to throw parties on a scale that would make some of our own spend-thrifts look silly. But, he isn't throwing any party for the Japanese. In fact if they are in his territory he probably is not there to receive them.

The British made no comment on the Japanese claim. But, from what they do reveal it is believed that Wavell has ordered a new line to be prepared on the borders of Johore, only ninety miles from Singapore.



## RUSSIA

Glowing accounts from Russia again -- they come filtering through London tonight. London hears that the Red Armies are not only pushing the Nazis back but they insist they have driven a wedge between the armies of Field Marshal List and that of Field Marshal von Rundstedt at Bryansk. London also reports that the Germans are in a bad way at the key city of Orel.

There also is a rumor that Kharkov in the south has fallen to the advancing troops of the Soviets, but Berlin denies it.

London experts are of the opinion that the Red Marshals are beginning to close the jaws of their pincers movement on the Moscow front; and are about to encircle the Nazis in the Viazma-Bryansk sector.

But here is a story from Stockholm which may mean a great deal. The Berlin correspondent of a Swedish paper gives us an idea of the line the Germans are now holding. Down South it begins almost at the extreme eastern end of the Sea of Azov, east of

Taganrog. Thence it goes North through Kharkov, Orel, Mozhaisk and Lake Ilmen to Schlisselberg, just outside Leningrad. That's the line to which the Nazis admit they have withdrawn, and which they say they are confident of being able to hold all through the winter, until they are ready to smash back at the Russians -- or at the Turks -- or the British, in the Spring. A bulletin just in reports that a Red Army has landed on the shore of the Sea of Azor, West of Taganrog. If that is true they will have surrounded the Germans in Taganrog.



KNOX FOLLOW RUSSIA

On the subject of the Nazi retreat in Russia Secretary of the Navy ~~Mr~~ Knox put out a warning today against wishful thinking.. He said he does <sup>has been any</sup> not believe that there ~~is a~~ German route in Russia. He thinks it <sup>is</sup> just a withdrawal.

"Perhaps, he added, "some of it has been hasty but it does not mean that the Nazis are licked. Then he used these words:- "They still have the greatest military <sup>machine</sup> ~~nation~~ in the world. Of course," <sup>said the</sup> ~~he added,~~ <sup>Sec. of the Navy</sup> "the Russians have put a crimp into it but we must not think it is falling apart". And he said further, "they probably still have surprises up their sleeves".

<sup>Sec.</sup> What Knox declared today Prime Minister Winston Churchill said, ~~substantially,~~ two weeks ago. Churchill probably has the best information available on what is actually going on in Russia.

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And he stated definitely that the Nazi withdrawal  
on the Eastern Front was a retreat in good order. *Sec.*  
Knox *gave out another* ~~held out another exceedingly~~ useful warning, *for*  
~~to~~ us: not to take stock in stories of unrest  
in Germany. He suspects, he said today, that  
such ~~xxx~~ stories are German ~~x~~ propaganda inspired  
by the Nazis themselves. He pointed out that  
almost every story of unrest in Germany originates  
in territory controlled by the Nazis. *And their purpose* ~~xxxxxxx~~  
*could only*  
~~in putting out such propaganda would~~ be to make  
us think that there is nothing urgent about our  
war effort, *and* <sup>^</sup> that we don't need to get excited and  
work so hard.

## AUTOMOBILES

Last week we heard ~~that~~ the government might have to commandeer our motor cars, yes, the cars of us private citizens. *Today it's the other way round. Now* ~~Today~~ we learn that

some six hundred thousand new automobiles are to be released <sup>to us -</sup> shortly under a rationing plan. *This* ~~statement comes from~~ <sup>from Price Administrator</sup> Leon Henderson, ~~the Price Administrator himself.~~ There are some five hundred and fifty or six hundred thousand new cars now frozen by the order issued last week. In addition some of the two hundred and forty thousand that will be turned out this month are also to be released for sale. But, one hundred and thirty ~~or one hundred and~~ <sup>or</sup> forty thousand <sup>of them</sup> will be frozen so as to provide a supply for future needs.

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Leon Henderson added that he has not yet completed his plans for rationing and distributing of cars to the public. But he gave the assurance

that they will contain, as he put it, "such terms as to permit the deal to maintain some status in commercial life." That as a little consolation to automobile dealers and salesmen, who are taking it on the chin these days. The car rationing program will start February Second and the rationing will be done by the local tire boards.

Anybody who bought a car before January Third will be able to get it on February Second without asking the permission of the Board.

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

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Mayor LaGuardia would like to get back into the Army. He intimated as much to a committee of Congressmen today. Maybe he figures that even dive bombing would give him fewer headaches than he has been having. When Congress has disposed of the Civilian Defense Bill and also one to compensate injured air raid wardens, <sup>LaGuardia will</sup> ~~he would~~ have three choices! - ~~He can~~ give up the Mayoralty and ~~stay~~ on as head of Civilian Defense, if the President wishes; or, as he phrases it, "I can give up the O.C.D., return to New York and mind my own business and criticize everything that goes on in Washington; or," he added, "I can do what I did in the last war, providing I can get by." ~~As you recall,~~

He was an Army Air Corps Major in Nineteen Seventeen and Eighteen. <sup>Now the Little Flower is</sup> ~~and a real flying major. However, he is~~ <sup>a little</sup> ~~now~~ fifty-nine which is considered <sup>any man's</sup> oldish if you are trying to get back into ~~the~~ army.

The New York Mayor was in an unusually placid mood today as he faced the committee. One congressman asked him what he had to say about the action of the House, the idea of turning Civilian Defense over to the War Department. The gentle Fiorello replied:- "Regardless of what they say, I know we have done a good job."

He then told the committee that it ought to be up to the Federal Government to protect civilians against air raids and other war hazards. The greatest difficulty he has faced, he said, was being unable to deal direct with State and local government. And he explained, "I want to fight Italians and Germans; I don't want to fight sheriffs and governors."

While he was testifying before the committee the Conference of Mayors reelected New York's Mayor LaGuardia President of the Conference. And, it was unanimous. Vice-President, Mayor Kelley of Chicago; treasurer, Mayor Howard Jackson of Baltimore.



LOUIS

In front of a ~~xxxx~~ warehouse at Camp Upton, Long Island, a number of rookies in Company L, a Negro company, were ordered to fall in. Among them was a tall two hundred pounder in a brown overcoat and hat with a blue suit, ~~and~~ a blue flowered necktie and a sleepy expression on his face. As he shuffled into the ~~barracks~~, <sup>rank,</sup> a voice yelled: <sup>"Hey</sup> ~~out~~ look out for that left hook".

<sup>And</sup> Even the Sergeant smiled. ~~at that.~~ The tall fellow in the brown overcoat, <sup>Of course was Private</sup> ~~was Joe Louis.~~ J. Shufflin Louis. He woke up this morning, ~~Re~~ Champion Joe Louis but tonight he's Private Joseph Louis Barrow of Company L.

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The legend goes that he was not happy ~~xxxx~~ having to get up at seven o'clock <sup>either.</sup> ~~this morning.~~ As he got into ~~xxxx~~ his gray automobile accompanied by Manager Julian Black, Promoter Mike Jacobs and

~~some~~ others of his retinue he said pathetically

"I sure am sleepy," whereat Julian Black remarked

"~~but~~ wait until you hear that bugle in the morning, <sup>boy</sup>

you'll think it is midnight". They say Joe is like

the <sup>lad</sup> ~~boy~~ in a song popular some thirty years ago,

^ "Please go way and let me sleep  
a song which ran, ^ "I would sooner sleep than eat". for

In case you're interest~~ed~~ in vital

statistics—and eating certainly is vital statistics.—

Joe's first meal at the expense of Uncle Sam was

bean soup and pork chops.

NELSON

President Roosevelt surprised the country last night when all of a sudden he announced the appointment of Donald Nelson to be the number one man for all war production. He also surprised his ex-rival Wendell Willkie, in amusing fashion. Willkie called at the White House yesterday but evidently Mr. Roosevelt told him nothing of his intentions. Willkie had been scheduled to broadcast a speech at half-past seven in which he proposed to criticize the President sharply for not delegating that war production job to one man with full authority. As late as four o'clock Mr. Roosevelt told his press conference that he had nothing to say about war production. But at five o'clock he sent for Vice-President Wallace and Donald Nelson and told them of his decision which did not become public until a quarter to seven last night. And that put Mr. Willkie in the position of a man about to make a funeral oration with the corpse suddenly coming to life. So he had to do a hasty job of cutting on that radio speech and blue pencil much

of what he had intended to say.

There had been no inkling that the President was going to harken to the pleas he had received from many sources to make such an appointment, let alone that Nelson would be the man. And today a lot of people were asking who is this man Nelson and why haven't we heard more about him before?

There was a full length article about him recently in the SATURDAY EVENING POST by Jack Alexander. But since then we haven't been hearing much about Donald Nelson. Tonight he's in the position of a man who originally craved a quiet life as a professor of chemistry and now finds himself holding the most important job in the country next to that of the President himself,. And there is to be no doubt about the scope of his authority. The word from the White House as given out by Secretary Stave Early is that Nelson can write his own ticket.

Donald Nelson begins his job with no

flamboyant jingo promises. His hope, he said will be to produce enough of the weapons of war to beat Germany and Japan in the shortest possible time. That's about as much as you can ask of any man and yet he puts it modestly and conservatively.

Nelson was considerably underestimated when he first went to Washington on leave of absence from his job as Vice-President of Sears-Robuck. He's a polite and patient man and receives the most aggressive approaches with a bland kindly expression ~~to~~ in his eyes through his glasses and through a cloud of tobacco smoke. So people thought he was easy, soft. They soon learned different. He went to work for Sears-Robuck because he wanted to earn enough money to complete his post-graduate course and get a Doctor's Degree. But when Sears-Robuck had him they wouldn't let him go. The story is that he got up to the top by working himself out of one job after another, polishing them off.



Finally he went to Washington at the President's request, for two months, to help Secretary Morgenthau buy airplane for the British. He polished off that job and wound up as head of Purchasing and Priorities. He had more than one show down in Washington but won them all, sometimes with a threat to resign. He applied mail-order methods to the defense procurement business. Requests for priorities were taking sometimes as long as forty-eight days to get through. Nelson called in a group of correspondent experts working over a weekend and established a system whereby priorities now gets through in forty-eight hours. He had a showdown with the quartermaster department on the matter of long range buying policies. He proposed to upset all precedents and that was one of the fights he won.

In private life they say he's what is called in popular language a regular guy, and not overly addicted to violent exercise. Just a loyal American trying to do a job -- and what a job! Now Hugh