

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Things seem to be boiling in Tokyo. The entire Japanese cabinet has resigned in a body. That's all we really know about it. But that's enough to make it the big news of the day. A Japanese crisis grave enough to compel the Emperor Hirohito to leave the Imperial Summer Villa at Hayama and return immediately to his palace at Tokyo. The Mikado has instructed the resigning Prime Minister, Prince Konoye, to carry on pending the formation of a new government. The Japanese official news agency gives this explanation: Prince Konoye's cabinet resigned in order to enable the government to strengthen its policies to cope with the domestic and international situations. An explanation that explains nothing.

Those are all the facts we have about the Japanese emergency. It looks all the more ominously because the Tokyo censorship sits heavily upon the Tokyo lid. An attempt was even made to kill the news of the cabinet resignation; but too late. So, at least we know that it has happened.

Here's one interpretation from an American newspaperman, well versed in the Orient. H. O. Thompson was for more than four years Tokyo manager of the United Press. He's the newspaperman who scooped the world on the news of Japan's decision to join the Rome-Berlin Axis. Thompson declares that the resignation of the Konoye Cabinet foreshadows big events in the East. Of course, the Russo-German war has complicated matters for Japan. Several times it has been announced that the Konoye Government had agreed upon a policy following Hitler's invasion of Russia, but they never said what, nor did they indicate by any sort of action. Thompson says that the Cabinet resignation may also have been precipitated by the extremely critical internal situation in Japan. Thompson's guess is that Konoye and his colleagues are repudiating the aggressive policies of foreign Minister Matsuoka who was responsible for the tripartite^t treaty with Germany and Italy, and on top of that the neutrality agreement with Soviet Russia.

Much, adds Thompson, will depend upon the complexion of the new cabinet. If a moderate statesman takes Matsuoka's place, Japan will of course be more friendly to the United States.

But, if the next Foreign Minister is ^a sabre rattler, we may expect to see Japan either jumping on Russia's back or pushing her aggression further south in southern Asia, defying John Bull and Uncle Sam.

Thompson left Tokyo only three weeks ago, and he said the talk in the Japanese capital then was that Shigemitsu might succeed Matsuoka as Foreign Minister. Shigemitsu, the present Ambassador to Britain, is now on a Pacific loner, on his way home to Tokyo. He's a moderate, in favor of friendship between Japan and Britain and the United States.

On the other hand, if Admiral Suetsugu becomes either Prime Minister or Foreign Minister, that will mean trouble. The Admiral is a Fascist, an active Fascist, and if he comes to power it will mean that the most bellicose of the war lords will be in the saddle ~~of~~ in Japan.

WAR

Today's important

~~The most exciting thing in the war news today is~~

tells us more

about a
~~the big~~

Russian counter-attack. Even the Nazi High Command

admits it, acknowledges for the first time that the Reds

are striking back, ~~taking~~ taking the initiative. ^{TF} The Soviet

spokesman ~~claims~~ claims that they have pushed the invaders back on

both the Moscow and the Leningrad fronts. ^{TF} However, the Russians

again unconsciously give themselves away in the official

communique. This announces that the heaviest fighting was

in the northwestern Baltic center and that the hardest battles

were fought around Pskov and Porkhov. ~~Now~~ one glance at the

map will show that Porkhov is a considerable distance due East

of Pskov. If there's really fierce fighting around both places, *it*

indicates

~~it means~~ that the Nazis ^{now} have the Russian forces at Pskov

~~is~~ encircled. In any event, the use of the name Porkhov

indicates that once again the Russians are winning backwards.

However, ~~it is a fact that~~ the Red Armies are fighting
back, *making this* ~~and that of itself is quite significant. It makes this~~

campaign different from ~~all~~ the others that Hitler's Generals

have fought. After all these weeks of blitzkrieg, after all

the ground that the Red Armies have lost, they still have not only the spirit but the force and resources for a counter-offensive.

The German high command announces in Hitlerian language that the Russian counter-offensive ~~was repulsed~~ ^{has been} repulsed with terrific losses. According to the best and most carefully sifted information in Berlin, the Nazi spearhead thrusting at Kiev, is the most advanced of all the three ~~thrusting~~ Nazi armies. The high command promises important results by the end of the week. ^{TP} ~~Q~~ Stockholm newspaper reports that ~~two~~ ⁱⁿ German columns are closing on Leningrad. ^{TP} The Nazis reveal that German and Finnish forces are attacking the Russians near Salla in the Far North, ~~that's~~ a place ~~that~~ the Nazis claimed to have captured some ten days ago. ^{TP} The Russians also announce that they ~~are~~ ^{are} pressing the Nazis hard ^{along} ~~at Bobruisk on~~ the Berezina ^{River, and that} ~~that places them~~ ~~two days ago, so if that Soviet report is true,~~ the Nazis have been pushed back.

According to one point of view, ~~it's~~ it's a mistake to pay too close attention to the daily conflicting claims

of advances by the Nazis and counter-attacks by the Russians.

In that way the broader aspect of this campaign becomes obscured.

TURKEY

A grapevine report comes from the Near East today which sounds not at all improbable. Diplomats in the Levant are prophesying that Turkey will be the next victim of the Nazi steamroller. Once Hitler has control of the Caucasus in southwestern Russia, he will be right up to the border of Turkey. Then there'll be the usual pressure, diplomatic pressure at first. Hitler will demand the right to send war materials, possibly troops, across Turkey, aiming at the oil fields of Iran and Iraq.

When Hitler makes a friendship pact with you, then look out! That seems to be the theory.

The Nazi leaders are quarreling among themselves. We hear it again today.

The latest on it comes from a German newspaper printed in Britain, an anti-Nazi newspaper. Tonight's version is that Hitler began to cast a sour eye upon his Air Marshal after the downfall of France. Goering wanted to use his entire air fleet in an all-out attack on Britain and said then was the psychological moment. According to some British accounts he was right. However, Hitler was unwilling to risk too much, hence the quarrel. Goering was living at a luxurious hotel in Paris and refused to return to Berlin, and for a while his name disappeared from German propaganda. After the conquest of Cete, Goering got back into the good graces of the Fuehrer. But now the fat Air Marshal is in the dog house again. This time we are told as a result of the flight of Rudolf Hess. Because Hitler ordered every prominent Nazi, no matter how big, to keep the Gestapo advised of every move he made. Goering was just going on a hunting trip, and this preemptory ~~re~~ order irked him. As well it might. Anyhow such is the tale.

It gave rise to an inquiry in Berlin as to the whereabouts

of Air Marshal Goering, the official reply was that his whereabouts could not be revealed, and of course that gives color to the story of the quarrel. However, the official explanation in Berlin is that Goering will probably make some public appearance in the near future.

The British commentators don't take much consolation from this yarn. One observer in London declared that there have always been tiffs between Hitler and Goering and that a fresh one is no reason for any wishful thinking about a split in the Nazi leadership.

ICELAND

When President Roosevelt announced the arrival of American forces at Iceland, he told Congress they would eventually ~~replace~~ replace the British troops now there. On the following day, Prime Minister Winston Churchill apparently contradicted part of this. For he told the Commons that the British troops would remain, ~~there~~. Today, the story is different. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the Commons that eventually the British forces will leave, and it's only a question of time before they are entirely replaced

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by American troops. Perhaps all this is intended to confuse the German U-Boat commanders. Keep them puzzled as to just what is happening.

SHIPPING LOSSES

It's worth observing that the British lost fewer ships in July. Whether that has anything to do ~~with~~ with the Russo-German business, we can't tell. Hitler's attack on Russia would not seem to have made it necessary for him to detach any sea raiders though of course it uses up a good many of his bombers. At any rate, the ~~admiralty~~ admiralty announces that in June, seventy-nine ships ~~xxx~~ were sunk, around three hundred and thirty thousand tons. That's twenty-five ships less than in May, some hundred and seventy thousand tons.

This, by the way, is the last regular monthly statement of shipping losses that the admiralty will give out. There's a reason. The regular disclosing of losses tends to inform the Nazis how successful the use of particular weapons has been. The admiralty will not keep the facts away from the British public, but will issue them at irregular intervals. The sinking for ~~June~~ June were the lowest since January.

BABIES

Every American family must have four babies. So says a Harvard Professor of Sociology, taking part in the New England Conference of Tomorrow's Children. He declared that patriotic American^s must produce their third and fourth babies so as to avert a serious crisis in the nation's culture. The war, he added, is not a temporary thing ~~but~~ but just/part of a prolonged struggle of cultures and peoples.

That same conference heard a startling statement by Lieutenant-Colonel Currier, Chief of the ~~medixi~~ Medical Division of the Selective Service in Massachusetts. He said that only one-third of our young men can pass the Army physical examination. *He went on to say* ~~For instance, he said,~~ that over ten and a half percent are rejected for eye defects; ten and three quarters percent have some disease of the ~~heaxd~~ heart or blood vessels. The other principal causes for rejection are for teeth and mental disorders.

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UNEMPLOYED

In spite of our defense program, the Lend-Lease Bill and everything, there are five million unemployed people in the United States. This information comes from the Assistant Commissioner of W.P.A. People have been saying that today anybody who wants to work can work, but the W.P.A. says this isn't true. For one thing, most factories are highly mechanized, for another thing, defense work has been concentrated in a few areas, and then defense priorities have caused the making of consumers' goods for civilian supplies to be cut down. The only possible shortage of labor, he said, will be of the more highly skilled men, and even then only in certain places.

SPINELLI

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A lady in San Quentin Prison, California, is due to be executed Friday. Her name is Mrs. Juanita Spinelli. To the underworld ~~xx~~ she is known more picturesquely as "The Dutchess". She was convicted and sentenced ~~xx~~ for a little matter of having murdered one of the mob of which she was The Dutchess.

Something about the Dutchess has aroused the public sympathy of the entire population of San Quentin prison. ~~The~~ other convicts have petitioned Governor Olson of California not to sully the fair name of the State by allowing a woman to be executed. If the Governor will spare the Dutchess's life, eleven convicts will be willing to draw straws to take her place in the gas chamber on Friday.

ELKS

A couple of visiting Elks were painting Philadelphia
red the other night. ~~They're~~ Visitors from Wyoming, attending
the Elks' convention, ^{they were} and celebrated in true Western
style with forty-fours, ^{ing} fired out of a taxicab window. ~~That~~
^{Which} ~~little venture~~ led them to a ~~precinct~~ precinct station where the
sergeant gave them a lecture, told them that Philadelphians
~~don't do their~~ celebrating ^{more quietly.} ~~that noisily.~~

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Last night the same two westerners from Wyoming
were back at the same precinct station, once again charged
with having fired forty-fours on the streets of the city
of Brotherly love. When the sergeant reprimanded them, saying
this was the second offense, one of the Wyoming fellows
replied: "You only ~~said~~ said we shouldn't shoot out of
taxicab windows. We weren't near a taxicab, we were shooting
out of our own car."

BASEBALL

Here's your daily Joe DiMaggio story. The big fellow from San Francisco has now hit safely in fifty-six consecutive games and there seems to be no end to it. Today out at Cleveland, the first time he came to bat against the Indians, Joe hit a single.

The next big installment in that serial will come in Cleveland tomorrow. That will be when Joe walks up to the plate facing the Cleveland Indian's ace, Bob Feller, the star pitcher of the American League. Will young Bob be able to stop that record-breaking streak of Joe's?

Now our Blue Sunoco Di Maggio, meaning you, Hugh.