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Good Evening, Everybody:

The raucus voice of ^aboastful Fuehrer filled the air waves today. And war doesn't seem to have changed it much. Though to our ears it sounds as ugly as ever, it still seems to sway the Nazis.

His Austrian accent is as thick as it was when he first came from his native country.

As might be expected, Hitler's address was mostly scorning his enemies. And he certainly poured that on. He told his people that he was not worrying in the least about a second front. However, he added, that that doesn't mean the Nazis are unprepared for a second front.

He mentioned Churchill by name, and Churchill's remark that he wanted to let the Germans worry about where and when the second front would be ~~xxxx~~ started. To that Hitler screamed, "Mr. Churchill, you have never made me afraid yet." Then he continued, "If I had enemies of military genius, it would be easy to ~~fix~~ figure out where a second front might be launched. However," he added, "I have to deal with military idiots, so I really cannot know where it will happen, and that is the only disagreeable part of it."

He declared that he had never had a more unconditional faith in final victory. As usual the Hitler ^{shouts} ~~screams~~ of defiance were punctuated with the chorused ^{cries} ~~shouts~~ of his audience of "Siegheil, siegheil" -- which means, literally, "Hail Victory!" (And he said: "We will take Stalingrad, of that you can be assured."

While he spoke, as a matter of fact, the Russians were redoubling the vigor of their defense and actually made some progress ~~ix~~ at pushing the Nazis out of the ~~the~~ city.

Hitler made a great show of being frank and open about German strategy. He said the program for Nineteen Forty-two was to hold all the lines, attacking only where necessary against Russia. The German High Command set themselves definite goals, and he listed them to show what has been accomplished this year. First, they secured the German position in the Black Sea by liquidating Sevastapol. Second, they made the drive to the Don and defeated a Russian attempt to break through, in which, according to Hitler, seventy-five Russian divisions were destroyed. Third, was the great offensive to secure the last of Russia's ~~fi~~ fertile wheat lands, coal mines, oil, and the

communication lines of the Volga River.

Stalingrad, he said, they considered strategically important, not because it was named after Stalin, but by taking the Dnieper, the Don and the Volga they put the Russians in the same position as though the Germans were to lose the Rhine, the Elbe and the

Donay. [Then he used these words, "You may be convinced that nobody will remove us from Stalingrad again."

In other words, where the Germans are now they intend to stay. So they say.

He would not say what other goals the Nazis have. "But," he told his ~~px~~ people, "that will be clear to you soon."

He also said that the British had built a railroad from Egypt to Tobruk which had been exceedingly helpful to the Germans. Then he added, "Consider the railroads we have to build -- tens of thousands of

kilometers in Russia. However, he said, the task of reconstructing all the railroads to the same guage as the German roads, that is, standard, will be completed within a few weeks. Whenever the German military campaigns come to a sudden stop, he said, it is in order to build roads and keep communications open. He declared that last year the Germans had conquered General Winter in spite of all the Russian ~~xxxxxx~~ claims. Perhaps the most amazing thing the fellow has ever said was his announcement that ~~xx~~ "Providence is satisfied with the German people."

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Hitler then said that after the capture of Stalingrad he would recommence the bombing ^{of Britain} ~~of Britain~~ in retaliation for ^{this year's} ~~the~~ British raids. That announcement drew particularly loud cheers. Then he concluded, "We will come out of this war freed from many prejudices. Of this you can be sure -- no bourgeois state will survive this war."

RUSSIA

While Fuehrer Hitler was formulating his threats, the Russians were holding steady. One dispatch from the front reports that a Red counter-attack on the east bank of the Don, Northwest of Stalingrad, has penned large forces of Nazis within the loop of the Don River.

The Russian counter-attack northwest of Stalingrad is for the purpose of creating a diversion. They claim it is making decided progress and that not one but several strong Nazi positions have been captured.

The Nazi High Command claims that German and Italian troops repulsed various attempts of the Soviet army to cross the Don River. The Nazis also claim that in Stalingrad itself the invaders have stormed further sectors of the northern part of the city. All Soviet attacks were driven back. So the

Germans claim.

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The Russians also ^{say}~~claim~~ that their position on the Caucasus front has improved. That the Red troops in that sector have checked the Nazi advances toward the oil fields of Batum and Grozny. The bad-weather season is nearing and there is a chance that the Germans may soon be bogged down.

An evening bulletin from Moscow ^{tells} ~~is more~~
~~discouraging~~ ^{no that} For three days the Germans have been
attacking a hill overlooking the industrial district
and the settlement of workers in the northwest of
Stalingrad. Up to now the brunt of the offensive
has been made by Nazi tommy gunners with a few tanks.
But today the Germans threw an entire armored division,
a battering ram of tanks, into that fight and
the Red defenders were pushed back.

However, the ~~xx~~ same bulletin reports that
farther northwest the Russian army that was driving
down the Don River Valley to the relief of
Stalingrad still is gaining ground. There was an
all-day battle today and the Red Relief Army captured
another height. ^{and} ~~It~~ is forging ahead even now.

DISPERSAL

~~A rather pessimistic story comes from London~~
~~today.~~ Military observers in Britain are worried
because the United Nations have their strength ~~far too~~ ^{so}
widely scattered.

Many of us have been wondering why the British
let up on their raids over Germany ~~with one~~ ^{those raids with a} thousand
planes a night. Others have wondered why ~~the~~ ^{by} bombing
attacks ~~of the United States Air Force~~ ^{by our} have been ~~so~~
~~slow~~ ⁱⁿ getting underway. ^{Says London} The answer to these questions
and others, too, is in one word -- dispersal. ^{That} Our air
power, our sea power, our land power, are not

concentrated anywhere, ~~that~~ ^{In this} is what the military
experts in London are saying tonight. ^{The Germans}
have the edge ~~on us.~~ ^{because they can} They concentrate their striking
power, ~~and they have~~ ^{with their} short, inside, communication lines.

^{Giving} ~~That gives~~ their armies a maximum of efficiency. ^{London says that} Even
~~supposing the wishful thinking were true that the~~

even if
German strength is waning, *Hitler* ~~they~~ still *has* the *edge*
in being able
~~ability~~ to take the initiative.

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This ~~bit of information~~ from London follows
close on the heels of the announcement by Prime
Minister Churchill, about the raid on Dieppe. He
admitted in the House of Commons that the Allies lost
very nearly half their men in that swift Commando
expedition. Instead of taking the Germans by surprise,
it was the attackers who were surprised. They had not
expected the concrete defense blocks which the Germans
had put up in the ends of the streets in Dieppe. *And*
The British tanks ~~just~~ couldn't get past those blocks.

So the only consolation the Allies have for
that Dieppe raid is that ~~at least~~ the Royal Air Force
showed up brilliantly, gave the land forces faultless
support, and won a great victory in the air.

NEW GUINEA

The Australian^s ~~soldiers~~ in New Guinea are taking
a leaf out of the Japanese book. The Japs in their
campaigns have allowed neither weather nor difficult
ground to stop them. The Australians now are doing
likewise. They are advancing over the rough, hitherto
impassable wild
~~unimpenetrable~~ ~~will~~ Owen Stanley Range of mountains
in continuous rain. Sometimes the soldiers have to
cut steps on the slopes of the mountains so the native
carriers can move. The Australians, we hear, are
quickly adapting themselves to the Jap style of fighting

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SOLOMONS

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The Japs got two of our ships in the Solomons. Actually the losses were not as bad as they sound. One of the ships was an eight thousand ton naval transport the other ~~was~~ a small auxiliary transport. And, says the Navy, most of the men aboard were saved.

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~~That makes~~ a total of seven American ships

~~those waters.~~

lost in ~~the Solomons~~. The others were two auxiliary transports, two destroyers and one cruiser. Five

other American ships have been damaged... *The Japs, on the other hand, have lost twenty eight warships and auxiliaries.*
All this happened some time ago, early in

August. About noon on the Eighth of August a squadron of forty or more Jap torpedo planes appeared in the harbor of Guadalcanal and attacked American ships there. On that occasion one destroyer and one unloaded transport were hit. The anti-aircraft guns of the ships bagged twelve enemy planes and fighters. The shore batteries got two more.

The Navy adds that on August Seventh and Eight

United States aircraft based on carriers with the help of anti-aircraft shot down forty-seven enemy planes of different types -- forty-seven in two days.

YEMEN

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There was a report in Europe today that an American Expeditionary Force had landed ~~at~~ the southwest tip of Arabia. The rumor is distinctly dubious because it originated from the Vichy radio, which is conspicuously inaccurate. But, taking it for what it ^{is} worth, the report has it that troops from the United States had arrived at Yemen, ^{a little-known} ~~which~~ ^{we} country just north of Aden, ~~is next door to Aden,~~ the British base which dominates ^{southern} ~~that~~ end of the Red Sea. Sanaa, long a city of mystery, is the capitol of Aden, one of the romantic cities of Arabia that I've always wanted to visit.

BASEBALL

As you all no doubt
~~What an amazing ball game that was at St. Louis~~
know by now, this after
~~noon, for~~
~~quite like it. For eight and a half innings the St. Louis~~
Cardinals looked as though they did ~~not~~ belong in
the same ball park with the Yankees. The Fence Busters
from the Bronx were just ~~pestering~~ *hitting* the Westerners to
death with base hits. They got plenty of help from
the Cardinals too. *For the Cards were*
The St. Louis team was booting
the ball around *in a way that they must*
~~the park so that their were moments~~
have made strong men weep.
~~when I thought even my Nine Old Men could have beaten~~
them.

All of which made the second half of the ninth
inning all the more ~~stunning and~~ melodramatic. There
were the Yankees with a nice little score of Seven to
Nothing, ~~and~~ *were* Two men out in the Cardinal's half of
the inning. Red Ruffing for his number seven victory
in World Series -- an all time record, I believe -- had
them completely shut out with only one hit in the
eighth. ~~In other words, for seven and two-thirds innings~~

Red Ruffing

~~he~~ had pitched a no hit game. ~~To be sure he had~~
~~handed out several passes. But by cunning headwork~~
~~he had pitched himself out of every hole he got into.~~
 He ~~even~~ had two strikes on ^{the} St. Louis shortstop, Marion,
 and needed only one strike to win the game and a
 shutout.

At that moment the ~~St. Louis~~ Gas House Gang
 came to life. ~~They began playing like the winning~~
~~team they had been in the last six weeks, the team~~
~~that came from behind to take forty-three out of their~~
~~last fifty-three games.~~ ^{With two strikes on him,} Shortstop Marion suddenly
 whanged out a three base hit and scored two men ahead
 of him. On top of that the Cardinals began getting
 hit after hit until they had four runs in. Nine men
 came to the plate in that electric inning. ^{TP well,} If that
 rally had ^{come} ~~happened~~ earlier in the game the ~~whole~~
 story would have been different. As it was they
 batted ^{Red} ~~Ruffing~~ ^{right} out of the box. ~~All the same he got~~
~~the cheer he deserved as he walked off the mound.~~

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Spurgeon Chandler from Georgia replaced him and at first he didn't look so good either. The Cardinals got two hits off him. The game still was in the balance. But eventually even that rally came

to an end when Stanley Musial was ~~put~~ out at first.

So the game ended - Yankees seven, St Louis
by the pitcher who covered the bag when the first
with four gallant but useless ~~for~~ runs.
~~baseball~~ had to move deep to field the ball.

In spite of that tremendous last inning it was a glamorous day for Red Ruffing. Even though he was knocked out of the box he gets credit for the victory and has the World Series record that he was

aiming at. — *His 7th World Series victory.*

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Vorn.

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INTRODUCTION TO MR. VORN

Well, tomorrow is the first of October, and to many of us it is the date which ~~xxxxxxx~~ automatically brings colder weather, and this year it brings new problems, too -- how to heat our homes and with no new motor vehicles or ^{tires} ~~tries~~ available, how to keep our present cars, trucks, buses and ~~tax~~ tires on the move. Well, the Vehicle Maintenance Section of the Office of Defense Transportation can speak with an authoritative voice, so here's Mr. Fred S. Vorn with a word of advice.

MR. VORN: The problem, Mr. Thomas is to keep America's

automotive equipment rolling. Plain American common sense can go a long way in solving that problem. As you said, new vehicles, for non-essential civilian use, are out for the duration. Many months will elapse before new tires are available for everybody.

But that is only half the story. The other half is the need for passenger and freight transportation to the fifty-four thousand communities that have no railroads -- no means of transport other than buses,

trucks and privately owned automobiles. Rubber-tired transportation is the only way those communities can receive food and other essentials vital to their very existence.

Cold weather is easier on tires, but not easy enough to conserve our vital rubber supply, most of which is on the wheels of America's motor vehicles.

President Roosevelt's request to reduce speed, supplemented by Office of Defense Transportation Order Number Twenty-Three, effective at midnight tonight, establishes a maximum speed limit of thirty-five miles an hour. This will do much more to save rubber and lengthen the life of your tires.

Motor vehicles are designed and built to give one ~~hnd~~ hundred thousand miles or more of service. Many trucks and buses have run upward of a million miles when given the proper care.

Regular inspection of vehicles and tires and correct lubrication are the best protection against breakdowns which must be avoided because replacement

parts are difficult to get. So take care of your car, truck or bus. Have it inspected regularly, drive carefully, and do not exceed the thirty-five miles speed limit.

OFFICER

The bellowing army officer is out of date.

At least he is obsolete as a field commander in the modern army. Lieutenant General Leslie McNair, Commander-in-Chief of the Army Ground Forces, ^{has just given} ~~gave~~ that piece of information to four hundred and forty graduates of the Engineer Officer Candidate School.

58 1/2 ^{says Gen. McNair,}
The new army, ~~he said,~~ runs on team work. Then he explained, "Teams have spark plugs. A military unit is a team, and the Commander must be its spark plug. When one hears bellowing in the field," he continued, "it probably marks, not a real leader, but one who has lost his temper when things go not too well. The art is in leading men, not driving them."

And now Hugh, who will speak softly - or bellow - whichever he prefers.