

~~But~~ The biggest news from the Pacific tonight

is that ~~the capture of~~ Clark Field, and Fort Stotsenburg ~~have~~
~~been stormed by MacArthur's men.~~

~~It was the soldiers of~~ the Fortieth Division under

Major General Brush, ~~who did the job.~~ Clark Field

~~was~~ built by ^{our people,} ~~Americans~~ and Fort Stotsenburg ~~was~~ once

commanded by Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur,

father of ~~General~~ Douglas MacArthur. This ^{by the way,} ~~happens to~~

~~is~~ Douglas MacArthur's sixty-fifth birthday, ~~so the~~ ^{and a}

^{happy one} ~~it turned out to be.~~
~~news must have been extra pleasant to him.~~

According to the latest reports the men of

the Fortieth, when they finally ^{took} ~~marched onto the~~ Clark

Field, ^{today - only had to clear out} ~~not only scattered~~ enemy patrols while a few

^{snipers.} ~~pecked away at them.~~ ^{Pushing on from there,} After capturing Clark

~~Field and Stotsenburg~~ the Fortieth advanced further on

~~the road to Manila,~~ and ^{they are} now less than forty-three

miles ^{from} Manila.

When ^{they took} ~~Clark Field,~~ ^{which} consists of a dozen different

air strips, ~~When the Yanks recaptured them~~ they found

^{place} ~~they~~ littered with the wreckage of Japanese planes.

Mac Arthur's men
~~the tanks~~

have advanced all along the line, ~~at~~ ~~score~~
~~points they have~~ ~~been~~ crushed ~~by~~ Japanese resistance.

~~completely~~ American heavy artillery has kept the
Japanese guns silent for three days now, ~~and~~ ~~airmen~~
of General ~~George~~ *George* Kenny's Fifth Air Force have ~~been~~ *been*
bombed ~~by~~ *heavily* Corregidor for two days; ~~also~~ ~~Subic~~
Bay west of the Bataan Peninsula where the enemy
installations and defenses ~~have~~ *have been* destroyed.

And we hear that a

British fleet has been active in the waters off the East Indies, attacking Japanese shipping and ground installations. Thus King George's men-o-war have been backing up the work of ~~our own Admiral~~ Halsey's Third Fleet, ~~whittling away the Nipponese lifeline, to their overseas empire.~~

The news comes from Tokyo, and the tone of the broadcasts makes it clear that the ~~Japs~~ ^{Japs} are worried, since this now constitutes a two-way threat to their communications with their positions in southeast Asia. Tokyo declares that carrier based British planes raided Palembang, the seaport of Sumatra, three hundred miles to the south of Singapore, ^{and} one of the principal ports for Jap oil shipments. Two hundred British aircraft are reported to have attacked Palembang, and the enemy claims to have shot down forty of them. But there is no confirmation one way or the other from the Allied command.

Tokyo also reported attacks on Osaka by American Superforts flying singly. They also report that four of our cruisers with eight destroyers, shelled Iwo Island south of Tokyo.

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Admiral Nimitz confirms the last part of the Japanese report. Warships of the Pacific Fleet with heavy bombers based on land, delivered a ~~murderous~~ ^{smashing} attack on Iwo Jima on Tuesday. Superforts and Liberators collaborated with our men of war and they left ^{Jap} shipping and installations on fire. One cargo ship exploded and two others were left burning.

Now Hugh, let's hear from Stan. of Cal., and then a lot more news

RUSSIA

Russian armies tonight are besieging Breslau, one of the ~~biggest~~ ^{major} cities of Germany and the heart of Silesia. The beginning of the siege followed immediately upon the capture of Gleiwitz to the south and east of Breslau, ~~is~~ the biggest German city ~~that~~ the Soviet troops have captured ^{so far,} ~~yet~~. They also took a Polish mining city still further southeast.

In southern Silesia, and in adjoining regions of Poland, the Red generals are carrying out a gigantic pincers movement, ^{the idea being to} ~~which will~~ cut off a considerable slice of the Reich with several busy manufacturing centers.

Silesia is one of the main sources of munitions and machinery, a great war arsenal for the German Army. The whole province is virtually doomed now, and that will substantially reduce the Nazi ability to make war: ~~it would be~~ as serious as if we were to lose Pennsylvania

The Moscow newspapers tonight are carrying banner headlines that read: "Only Some Hundred and twenty-five Miles Separate the Red Armies from Berlin."

But, aside from that, ^P the Russians have cut off the province of East Prussia, ^{They've cut off that} ~~the~~ entire province from the Fatherland. ^{And} the Nazis admit it. The ^{Berlin} ~~Nazi~~ news agency today acknowledged that Soviet tank columns had broken

through to the Baltic ~~Sea~~ just east of the port of ^{Elbing} ~~Danzig~~. Only a lagoon, split by a narrow tongue of land, lies between those columns and Danzig. ~~Elbing~~ The Red Armies had already overrun one-half of

East Prussia, and they are now attacking the defenses of Koenigsberg, the capital of the province.

In the rest of East Prussia, the Russians have surrounded a garrison of some two hundred thousand Germans.

The Nazi spokesmen estimate the strength of the Russian armies advancing on Berlin at ^{around} ~~almost~~ four million men. They declare that in East Prussia alone there are

a hundred and fifty-five Soviet infantry divisions, which means one million, three hundred and twenty-five thousand men.

The next goal of two of the Red Armies will be Stettin, the great seaport on the Baltic at the mouth of the Oder. ~~From~~ ^{And it} Berlin announces that the Russians have encircled the fortress town of Torun, on the Vistula. ~~River~~

The Nazi generals had expected to establish a last ditch defense line along the middle reaches of the Oder, ~~river~~ ^{but} ~~But~~ the Russians have advanced too fast for them, and any defense line they can throw up will be improvised, hastily built, probably mostly earthworks. Berlin admits that Soviet units have established not one, but several, bridgeheads on the west bank of the Oder south of Breslau. Those are now a menace to communications between Breslau and the German forces in Czechoslovakia.

ADD RUSSIA

A later dispatch ~~from~~ this evening reports that the Reds are now ^{within} ~~less than~~ four miles ^{of} ~~away from~~ the Polish city of Poznan where the Nazis have a strong fortress.

And in East Prussia, they have driven ~~to~~ ^{to within} ~~a point less than~~ seventeen miles ^{of} ~~away from~~ Koenigsberg, ^{with} the Germans counter-attacked ^{furiously} ~~and~~ but the Russians ^{throwing} them back. ~~every time~~

WESTERN FRONT

On the Western Front the Nazi divisions in Alsace punched another hole into the line of ~~the~~ ^{our} Seventh Army. ~~of the United States~~. They advanced two miles, and are now aiming a ^{pincher} ~~pincher~~ attack on Hagenau.

Von Runstedt has reinforced his strength in Alsace with crack SS armored divisions and also parachute troops. The rumor is that they ^{are} are under the command of Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapp. Whoever is commanding them has crossed the Moder River, four miles west of Hagenau, and cut the American commucations ^{with} the Saverne Gap. All in all, there are eight divisions attacking General Patch's Army with nine more in reserve. ~~The Seventh were obliged to get some away. All in all the story of the front at Alsace continues to be worrying.~~

~~But~~ ^{to the} However there's better news ^{from further north} ^{three} ~~The Yanks of General~~ Patton's Third Army advanced ~~two~~ miles ~~xxx~~ on a twenty mile front, and are now close to the German border, ~~at~~ ^{part of} along the southern ^{half of}

Luxembourg. In the northern tip of the Grand Duchy they are within one mile of the ~~Nazi~~ Reich, ~~itself~~ *over looking a long stretch* ~~they now have under observation a large area~~ of the Siegfried Line, *beyond* ~~just across~~ the Luxembourg frontier.

Still further north, ~~some~~ units of the British Second Army started an attack against the Nazi bridgehead at Roermond ~~and~~ in southeastern Holland. ~~They captured a town ~~xxxxxxx~~ only a mile away and~~ *as a part of* ~~are getting ready for~~ a big assault. ^{TP} Reports from all along the line bring us the encouraging word that the success of Von Runstedt's army in Alsace will not prevent the *Allied* ~~big~~ push for which everything is ready, — ~~just~~ waiting ~~for~~ word from Eisenhower. ~~Lieutenant~~ General Somerville, head of the *U. S.* ~~United States~~ Services of Supply announced today that there is plenty of material on hand for a major offensive on the Western Front.

Word from Paris indicates that Eisenhower will strike while the Russian offensive in the East is *on* ~~going~~ *and* there are signs ~~of recent~~ that all recent

operations have been preliminary to a ^{major drive to} ~~big advance.~~ ~~Van~~
crush Germany.
~~Runstedt's attack in the East, failed to destroy the~~
~~huge stock piles that have been accumulated for the~~
~~Allies behind the lines.~~

SWITZERLAND

The United States Government is taking action to cut off the Germans from supplies coming through Switzerland. The State Department announced today that Lauchlin Currie, assistant to the President, is going to try to persuade the Swiss government to prevent any materials from going across their border into Germany.

DeGAULLE

General ~~Charles~~ DeGaulle today served notice on the United Nations that his people will demand the right to station French troops along the whole length of the Rhine after the war. France, he pointed out, has been successfully invaded from the Rhine three times, and does not want it to happen again. ~~It will have~~ ^{This to} nothing to do with permanent frontiers and ~~it will~~ ^{is} not preclude other Allied forces from also occupying the Rhine lands. But, he added, the security of the whole civilized world depends on permanent occupation of the banks of the Rhine

SINKING

We learn today for the first time that the Nazis have sunk an American troopship in European waters.

War Secretary Stimson gave out the news, but no details.

She was carrying two thousand, two hundred American

soldiers. ^{Samp} ~~four~~ fourteen hundred were saved, although the

ship sank rapidly. Two hundred and forty-eight ~~are~~

definitely lost, and five hundred and seventeen ~~are~~

missing.

Viscountess Astor today had another exchange of quips in the British House of Commons with Prime Minister Churchill. She found fault with the government's plans ^{for} ~~rebuilding the Mother of Parliaments,~~ ~~for rebuilding the House,~~ Like other British lawmakers, the lady objects to the lack of seats for all members of the House ^{of Commons} a condition which Churchill proposes to preserve in the rebuilding. The Prime Minister, said she, is looking backwards instead of forward, and she added: "I will gladly subscribe to a monument for the Prime Minister, but I don't want the House of Commons to be a monument to him." She also remarked that the House had been built during the worst period of English art, and the only thing with which they are completely supplied is a place to drink.

To which Churchill retorted: "Yes, yes, now let's get on with the job."

ROCKETS

~~The Navy has begun to go in heavily for the use of Rockets.~~ Admiral Hussey, Chief of the ^{U.S.} Navy Bureau of Ordinance, announces today that ~~over~~ production of these ^{rockets} ~~weapons~~ will be increased three hundred percent during the next few months, ~~in fact~~ and ~~will be~~ stepped up even more after that. ^{Indeed we} ~~we~~ are going to spend a billion dollars making rockets this year.

Admiral Hussey says that ^{while} rockets will not replace cannon for a long while to come, ~~but~~ in certain kinds of military operations they have been proved far better than shells fired from guns and probably will be used on a larger ^{and larger} scale, ~~in time to~~ ~~come~~. The great advantage of a rocket is that it does ^{it} not require a heavy complicated and expensively mounted piece of machinery to fire it. It's launched by a light, simple, cheap gadget with very little recoil.

ELLIOTT

Colonel Elliott Roosevelt of the Air Forces is to become a Brigadier-General. President Roosevelt sent in his nomination to the Senate today, along with a hundred and three others. It was explained at the White House that the War Department recommended the nomination.

At the same time, War Secretary Stimson revealed that the Army has made General Joe Stilwell commander of all ^{U.S.} ~~the~~ army ground forces, ^{in which} ~~in that~~ capacity he succeeds Lieutenant General Ben Lear, ^{who is in} ~~of the yoo-hoo episode.~~ ~~Ben Lear~~ ^{now} has been sent to Europe as Deputy Commander of ^{all our} ~~the United States~~ ^{over} forces there.

KING

Admiral Ernest J. King, the American cincus, is to have command of British as well as American warships. The Units of the Royal Navy that will serve in the Pacific, will be under the operational control of the American Commander-in-Chief. He will decide whether they shall cooperate with Nimitz, or, MacArthur.

This news comes from British Admiral Sir James Somerville, head of the British Admiralty delegation in Washington, who hinted that when the war in Europe is over, more of the King's men-o-war will be sent to the Pacific. At present they are still needed, to keep an eye on two German pocket battleships and two heavy and four light Nazi cruisers plus some destroyers and torpedo boats - the remnants of the once powerful German Navy.

AMBASSADOR

There seems to be a mystery about the plane accident ~~that~~ killed Constantine Oumansky, ~~the~~ Soviet Ambassador to Mexico. The plane, ~~was~~ a twin engined transport made in the United States, ^{was} flown by a Mexican Army crew. It had just taken off from an airport near Mexico City, when it exploded in mid-air. Only two ~~of~~ ^{lived} ~~those aboard are alive~~ to tell the tale, ~~both of them~~ ^{two} attachés of the Russian Embassy. Mrs. Oumansky was killed as well as three other members of the ambassadorial official party, and the ~~entire~~ crew of three.

The affair became all the more mysterious because the Mexican authorities made it so. Police took charge of the wreckage, and forbade anybody to approach.

Oumansky became well known in the United States when he was the Soviet Ambassador in Washington. He was a man of agreeable manners and, like so many educated Russians, could speak fluently in several languages.

In addition to being Ambassador to Mexico, he represented the Soviets all over Latin-America. Stalin had given him the assignment of obtaining recognition for the Soviets in all the Catholic republics of the hemisphere. *In this he had* ~~He had~~ already succeeded in Chile, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Cuba, Columbia and Costa Rica. In fact, ^{and} he was on his way to Costa Rica to present his credentials, when he was killed.

WALLACE

The C.I.O. is going all out for Henry Wallace. President Philip Murray has sent word to all unionmen in that organization to bombard their congressmen with messages urging them to confirm Wallace's appointment and oppose the George Bill, which would strip the Commerce Department of authority over the R.F.C. and the lending agencies.

Those who oppose an increase in government control, declare that the Wallace appointment is part of the C.I.O. plot to bring the activities of practically everybody under complete ~~XXXX~~ federal authority. The postwar reconversion bill of Senator Murray of Montana, is another part of that program. If that ever becomes law, no one will be able to undertake any new enterprise without official permission. The champions of complete control would even extend it to colleges and universities, deciding for each student what profession he or she shall be permitted to study.

The Wallace business is part and parcel of the

C.I.O. program, they say, because the control of the R.F.C. and lending agencies will be necessary to put the program into effect. The opponents of the idea have been pointing out that all this is nothing more ~~than~~ or less what the Nazis established in Germany.

Wallace had his day in court today, appearing as a witness in his own behalf before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. He performed to standing room only, and hit back bitterly at Jesse Jones. He denied that he was amateurish, inexperienced and incompetent as Jones has described him. In turn he called Jones a pennypincher with limited vision and stunted imagination.

BLUEBEARD

~~Tonight that West Coast Bluebeard is in the
toils of the law. The Los Angeles ^{Police have} cops, arrested five
foot Francis Van Wie, ^{the man with nine} it is really inaccurate to call
him Bluebeard, because he beat the record of that classic
man of many wives. The law says Van Wie has had nine
^{wives at the same time}
~~of them, nine simultaneously, and maybe even eleven.~~
~~West Coast newspapermen have christened the ex-trolley
car motorman "Ding Dong Daddy."~~~~

He himself said he is not sure how many he
married, but he thinks it was eight. ^{He says} ~~He explained the~~
^{he merely} ~~reason was that he~~ always wanted a home. ^{and} ~~But he never~~
believed in divorce, and refused to go through the
formality.

^{Also} He said he wasn't afraid of meeting any or all
of his wives, either singly or ^{en masse.} ~~in a bunch,~~ and he wasn't
~~afraid of sleeping in a cell. "I once went to sleep~~
~~in a lion's cage,"~~ said he. He went on to describe the

DIVORCES

From Cambridge, Massachusetts, we have a solution for unhappy marriages. The formula is: "A laugh a day will keep the divorce lawyer away." So says Professor Alexander Magoun, Professor of Human Relations at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Most people suppose that M.I.T. exists to educate young men to be engineers, but maybe there's technology in marital affairs.

Says the Professor, married people should make each other laugh at least once a day -- also never get tired at the same time. Now Hugh, you are not tired, are you?