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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The chances of the war ending soon have been vehemently discounted by our military leaders -- some of them, and by heads of government. The usual official statement is that prophesying is out of order and that anyhow we should prepare for a long one. Accordingly, when a general officer talks of the possibility of a quick finish, we are all ears.

Who is the general officer? Well, he's Brigadier-General Claire Chennault, ~~ixxxxxxxx~~ the lusty veteran in command of the American air forces in China. And this is what he says: "The Japanese appear to have exhausted their reserves of aircraft already, and," he adds, "there is an outside chance the Pacific war can be finished this year." An outside chance.

Now, Claire Chennault is known in the Army as a tough, canny, hard-boiled flying man. A war-wise

veteran military man - who knows his Japs. And he says that the prospects today are definitely brighter for carrying the war to Japn. Further, that "The United Nations can defeat Japan in a comparatively short time when we turn our whole efforts to the Pacific." His exact words were:- "I think there are men in high places who already realize there is an outside chance the Pacific war can be finished this year."

When he went on to explain: "The planes that the Jap fighters are now using are, for one thing, definitely inferior to those with which they started the war. Furthermore, inferior as they are, there don't seem to be enough of them to protect all of Japan's vast new empire."

"We now operate in Burma," said he, "pretty much without opposition, with the air strength of the United Nations in the Far East increasing steadily."

AUSTRALIA FOLLOW CHENNAULT

Observers at home, ~~scanning the news from~~  
~~across the Pacific~~ point out that maybe the <sup>a</sup>derth of  
good planes for the Jap forces in Burma is due to <sup>^</sup>the  
concentration of Japanese <sup>(power)</sup>~~forces~~ north of Australia, as  
reported by General MacArthur. You may have read or  
heard ~~this morning~~ that MacArthur himself described  
this massing of planes, men and ships as either  
offensive or defensive in purpose. The Australians  
<sup>are of</sup>~~cling to~~ the belief that the Japs are getting ready  
to strike at them. Their Army Minister said today that  
~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Australia's fighting strength must be  
ready for any eventuality.

Australian military authorities point out  
that, in spite of the victories won by the United  
Nations in New Guinea and the Solomons, there still  
is real danger of a direct attack on Australia itself.  
An invasion of northern Australia would seem to have

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only a nuisance value. The northern parts of that island continent are mostly desert or wilderness. Nevertheless, it is obvious the Japs are brewing <sup>up something hot for</sup> ~~a hot pot of tea for~~

somebody. General MacArthur's headquarters reports the concentration of a huge air armada at places within

<sup>and, the word is that it's an</sup> a day's flight of Australia. ~~That~~ air armada consists <sup>ing</sup> mostly of fighter planes. <sup>Which</sup> ~~That~~ would account for

<sup>Clarie</sup> General Chennault's report that the United Nations have been operating in Burma without any opposition from the air.

The Japs have also been transferring troops from other areas to the islands around ~~the~~ the northern shores of Australia, likewise building a network of island airfields. <sup>Furthermore they long</sup> ~~also, they~~ have been concentrating

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<sup>the line</sup> a large amount of shipping at Rabaul, ~~in New Guinea,~~ <sup>harbor at the base of that fiery volcano</sup> ~~and that~~ (in spite of repeated heavy attacks on Rabaul <sup>and doing it</sup> by American bombers.

NAVY COM. FOLLOW AUSTRALIA

Japanese bases in the Solomons have also been attacked by American air forces, <sup>^</sup> three times in the last two days. They hit a large enemy cargo ship which promptly blew up and sank. They bombed enemy airfields at Kahili and Ballale in the Shortland Island area, likewise the big Jap base at Munda on New Georgia Island, also Vila on Kolombangara. *The purpose,*

*Obviously, is to give the Mikado's men no rest.*  
The same Navy communique announces a raid by

heavy and medium bombers with fighter escort on Jap positions at Kiska in the Aleutians, and on the following afternoon United States medium bombers

returned to Kiska to make another attack, <sup>- all</sup> ~~All United~~ <sub>^</sub>  
~~States planes~~ <sup>ing</sup> returned <sub>^</sub> safely.

BURMA

Once upon a time the headhunters of the <sup>lower</sup> ~~Kachin~~  
Himalayas, <sup>caused plenty of</sup> ~~Hills~~ in northern Burma ~~were a sore headache to the~~  
~~trouble for the British~~ <sup>in Rangoon,</sup> ~~government and military~~ authorities ~~of British India.~~

In fact they never  
Nobody ever really <sup>conquered</sup> those fierce tribesmen.

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for When they were routed out of one craggy mountain  
<sup>the Kachins</sup> fastness, ~~they~~ would merely retire to another. Just

<sup>under</sup> keeping them ~~in~~ control ~~was~~ an endless <sup>and exciting</sup> job. ~~But now,~~  
<sup>share as I discovered years ago when I</sup> ~~summed~~ through those wild mountains. ~~But now,~~  
~~xxxxxx~~ <sup>lo</sup> and behold, those same Kachin headhunters

are fighting on the side of the British. <sup>That is,</sup> ~~at any rate~~

they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ fighting against the Japanese, which amounts

to the same thing. <sup>TP</sup> The Japs have found them no easier

to tackle than did the B ritish. Time and again they

<sup>have</sup> ~~Mikado's men~~ tried to entice the Kachin warriors down  
<sup>into the open</sup>

from their mountain strongholds, where superior

weapons would annihilate them. But the headhunters

were not having any. That became a sore problem to

the Japanese garrison at <sup>their</sup> ~~the~~ big base, at Myitkyina.

The mountaineers have been dashing down, ambushing Japanese patrols, killing off stragglers, and then taking it on the run back into those dim foothills of the Himalayas. In fact they have become such a problem, that the Japs have been forced to send an army northward against them.

It could be that some Britisher of the T.E. Lawrence type, is leading the Kachins, or prodding them on. The British are experts at that. British political officers, it always seemed to me, had a genius for working with the upstanding, freedom loving fighting peoples whom you find in desert regions, and in the mountains. The true Arabs of the inner Arabian Desert; the Gurkhas, of Nepal, and others like them.

AFRICA

In Tunisia, Marshal Rommel's Nazis have evacuated another stronghold, Feriana. That is, they have either withdrawn or are about to, ~~withdraw~~. For it is definite ~~that~~ they have burned all the installations in the place and <sup>have</sup> blown up all important points, demolishing everything that could be demolished <sup>so as to make</sup> ~~and making the~~ advance difficult for the Allies.

The German attacks on the Allied line in North Tunisia have failed completely. They dashed in vain against the solid defenses erected by the British First Army. And the Nazi offensive withered away in the face of a ~~deadly~~ deluge of bombs from British and American aircraft and bullets from the machine guns. Rommel threw in both tanks and infantry in an effort to pierce our lines, according to an Allied communique, but the attacks were thrown back in every case with heavy losses to the enemy.



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RIBBENTROP

The Axis powers made<sup>see</sup> their answer to the Casablanca conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill. <sup>And it's</sup> ~~It was~~ hardly an answer to cause ~~any~~ excitement. ~~Even~~ The Axis communique<sup>s</sup> merely announced<sup>s</sup> that Germany and Italy ~~have~~ reaffirmed their resolution to fight to a finish. ~~and~~ They ~~also~~ restate their firm intention to create a new order in Europe.

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All this <sup>comes as</sup> ~~was~~ the follow-up to a visit by Hitler's Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop to Rome. <sup>The</sup> ~~ex wine salesman~~ ~~He~~ carried a letter from Hitler to Mussolini, explaining that the Fuehrer would like to be there himself but that he can't leave the eastern front. ~~At any rate,~~ ~~all is peace and accord among the Axis nations, or~~ ~~at any rate, so they say.~~

RUSSIA

The news from Russia could be roughly and sweepingly described in one sentence. The Nazis claim successes in the south, the Russians announce another victory in the Leningrad region. Actually, it is not <sup>so</sup> simple as all that. What appears to have happened is that the Soviet high command ~~has~~ shifted its hottest spearhead attacks to the north, where Winter lingers and the ground still is frozen. ~~One indication of that is that the new offensive around Lake Ilmen is under the command of the Russian with the Irish name, Marshal Timoshenko.~~

The Red army's victory, or at any rate the report of it, is far more clear-cut and sweeping. Moscow announces that Timoshenko has defeated the German Sixteenth army and freed no fewer than three hundred and two towns and villages to the southeast of Leningrad. According to ~~the~~ military observers in

London, ~~is~~ the Soviet strategy is <sup>another</sup> ~~high~~ encircling movement which aims to surround all the Nazi forces in the Leningrad area. <sup>The</sup> ~~This~~ Russian claim is partly acknowledged in Finland. Helsinki reports that Soviet shock troops are also attacking the Finnish divisions on the Karel'ian Isthmus north of Leningrad.

~~The news comes as a bit of a surprise. We haven't been hearing much from Leningrad for some time,~~  
<sup>And,</sup>  
~~but now~~ it turns out that this battle in the north began eight days ago.

~~The German news concentrates on the battle in the south, <sup>where</sup> The Londoners believe that the German counter-offensive in the Donets basin is really a <sup>measure,</sup> defensive, ~~aimed at saving the Nazi front in the north.~~  
<sup>being</sup>  
 The idea ~~is~~ to attack with such fury along the Donets, that the Red Army will be obliged to detach some of its divisions from the ~~attacking~~ Leningrad area. At any~~

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MANPOWER

In Washington, the problem of manpower for the farms becomes more involved and troublesome. The latest move in this problem is a protest by the War Department against the passing of any law in Congress to prevent the drafting of farm help. Washington correspondents report a wide and growing rift between the Administration and Congress over this trouble. And the sniping at Paul McNutt, Chief of the Manpower Commission, <sup>grows</sup> becomes hotter all the time. McNutt himself told the newspapermen that laws making national service compulsory are unnecessary. ~~This manpower issue, he said, can be handled by voluntary measures, by~~ ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~.

The protest of the War Department was expressed by Acting Secretary Robert ~~B~~ Patterson <sup>who</sup>. ~~He~~ <sup>to have</sup> wants the War Department to continue ~~to~~ <sup>to have</sup> the power to draft farm hands.

Meanwhile, Senator Murray of Montana wrote a letter to the President urging him to create a bureau within the Department of Labor which would take over the functions of McNutt's War Manpower Commission.

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Murray's letter to Mr. Roosevelt said: ~~"There is a growing concern and alarm at the lack of ability in the War Manpower Commission and the United States Employment Service to meet the nation's manpower needs."~~

Earlier in the day, there was an interview with Bernard M. Baruch, the ~~wise old man of Washington,~~ <sup>elder statesman</sup> who handled ~~with ability~~ so many problems in Nineteen Seventeen and ~~Nineteen~~ Eighteen. "You cannot draft labor for war work," said Baruch, "It would be not only dangerous but impossible. Drafting men for the army is one thing," he pointed out. ~~"A soldier serves to profit no one but his country. There is no~~

~~distinction between him and his comrades. He is clothed, fed, housed and attended."~~

A man who might be drafted for work in a factory would be in a vastly different position. He would be working for the profit of a private employer.

And <sup>added</sup> ~~then said~~, Baruch: "Enforced and involuntary service for a private master has been clearly defined by our Supreme Court as slavery."

However, he pointed out, the Government ~~cannot say to a man "work here or work there."~~ It can say, "work or fight." That, he said, was what the Government did in the last war, ~~and hardly needed to invoke it. It was immensely effective and is capable of being immensely expanded.~~



VIERECK

George Sylvester Viereck, propagandist for Nazi Germany, goes free. The Supreme Court of the United States today set aside his conviction, ordered him released from prison, rebuked the <sup>(Government)</sup> ~~Assistant~~ Attorney ~~General~~ who prosecuted him, and ~~by inference~~ criticized the trial judge.

The vote among the justices was five to two in Viereck's favor. The decision that wiped out his conviction was written and read by the chief justice himself. It contained some pretty acid remarks about William Power Maloney, who prosecuted the case. *Said* Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone: ~~said, I QUOTE~~ "In his closing remarks to the jury, the prosecutor indulged in an appeal wholly irrelevant to any facts or issues in the case, the purpose and effect of which could only have been to arouse passion and prejudice."

*And* The majority opinion said further: "While a

prosecutor may strike hard blows, he is not at liberty to strike foul ones." ~~And he added: "It is as much his duty to refrain from improper methods calculated to produce a wrongful conviction as it is to use every legitimate means to bring about a just one."~~

Turning to the trial judge, the majority Supreme Court opinion ~~says:~~ "We think the trial judge should have stopped counsel's discourse without waiting for an objection." And then it explained: "The United States Attorney is the representative not of an ordinary party to a controversy, but of a ~~sovereign~~ sovereignty whose obligation to govern impartially is as compelling as its obligation to govern at all. Its interest, therefore, ~~is~~ in a criminal prosecution is not that it should win a case but that justice should be done."

*who felt*  
The two who dissented and ~~fought~~ the conviction

should stand, were Associate Justices Hugo Black and

~~Associate Justice~~ William O. Douglas. (Justice Jackson,

~~who was Attorney General at the time of the trial,~~

~~did not take part, neither did Justice Wiley B. Rutledge,~~

~~the newest member of the court.)~~

DUROCHER

Bad news for baseball Manager Leo Durocher is good news for National League fans and most particularly those of Brooklyn, <sup>Dodgers,</sup> the followers of the <sup>Bums,</sup> Leo the Lip will continue to be <sup>their</sup> Manager. ~~of Dem Bums, throughout this year at least.~~ <sup>He had</sup> He ~~was~~ expected to be inducted into Uncle Sam's Army today, but the medical officer said No. Leo is ~~mighty~~ upset about it, <sup>and</sup> says he never was physically more fit. ~~in his life. What makes him all the madder is that the reason for turning him down only became a medical rule of Uncle Sam's Army January Twentieth.~~

<sup>It all</sup> ~~The reason~~ goes back to the baseball season of Nineteen Thirty-Three. He was then playing short-stop for the St. Louis <sup>Cards</sup> ~~Cashouse Gang~~ and was hit by a fast ball. A couple of years later he found difficulty in hearing and went to the Mayo Clinic <sup>where</sup> ~~at Rochester, Minnesota.~~ There <sup>^</sup> they found he had a punctured ear drum.

*Which*

They closed; ~~it~~ all but a small hole. The Army doctors explain that the reason for turning down such cases is that it is impossible to protect a man from gas if he has a punctured ear drum.

*So, Durocher*

~~At any rate, Leo~~ will go on managing a ~~five~~

*base* fighting ball team, and annoying ~~the~~ umpires, *instead*

*of annoying Hitler or Hirohito.*

EGGS

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A ceiling on the retail price of eggs! That is the latest from the Office of Price Administration. The order covers the entire nation, and fixes definitely the prices at which the grocer may sell the egg in various places. For instance, in Baltimore the price for Grade A will be fifty-three cents a dozen. But if you live in Denver you can get them for fifty cents. New York City fifty-three cents; Philadelphia fifty-three; Boston fifty-three.

The schedule of prices will go into effect Eleventh from March and will last until May Thirtieth.

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After that it will be changed. If you demand extra large Grade A, you pay two cents a dozen more. If you are content with Grade B, you pay two cents less; Grade C, five cents less. <sup>also</sup> Dealers who handle large quantities of eggs must charge less than those who sell only small quantities. The prices will be

readjusted after June First and will go up every  
Thursday until late November, when they will reach  
their peak.

9 And now, Hugh.