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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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The great Russian City of Leningrad tonight is <sup>apparently</sup> encircled, surrounded, <sup>^</sup>doomed. The high command of the Nazi armies puts it in these hammering words:- "Rapid divisions of the German Army, superbly supported by bomber formations of the air arm, have reached the Neva east of Leningrad, on a broad front and have taken by storm the town of Schlisselberg on Lake Ladoga." Thus, ~~adds the~~ message from Adolf Hitler's field quarters <sup>states that</sup> the German-Finnish ring has been closed around Leningrad and the City is now cut off from all communication by land.

One can't help pointing out that this latest special communique from the Fuehrer admits that at least one of his messages of last week was ~~a trifle~~ premature. ~~For~~ <sup>As</sup> long ago as last Wednesday <sup>Hitler</sup> ~~he had~~ announced that Leningrad was encircled. However, tonight's communique is detailed, specific. Schlisselberg,

7 which the Nazi tank divisions took by storm, is the <sup>rail</sup> center through which pass the lines that link the city built by Peter the Great with the rest of Russia. The place is only twenty miles from Leningrad proper, and ~~it~~ was the cream of Hitler's panzer ~~divisions~~ columns that broke through the Russian lines. So there they are on the Neva, the river that flows through the heart of Peter's <sup>The</sup> ~~Great's~~ one-time capital. <sup>resplendant</sup>

Meanwhile, the Finns are reported to have done their bit by crashing through on the narrow peninsula between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega. <sup>Cutting</sup> ~~That cuts~~ off any possibility of Leningrad's being relieved by the Red armies on the outside. <sup>TP</sup> The Nazis announce that for five days they've had heavy artillery on the spot and that heavy guns have destroyed several Soviet ships, <sup>in the river.</sup> A spokesman <sup>tells how</sup> in Berlin ~~declared that~~ Hitler's blitzkrieg divisions were preceded by mass formations of dive bombers and level bombers ~~which~~ <sup>ing</sup> poured hundreds of bombs on the Red army positions before Leningrad.

8 Toward the south, Goering's planes bombed Russian air bases at Kharkov and Barynsk while still other squadrons carried death and destruction to Odessa.

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But ~~that isn't~~ the Soviet ~~side of the~~ story. The Leningrad

radio was overheard today broadcasting these words; I QUOTE:

"Listen Moscow, Listen Russia!" Then it went on, "This is Leningrad speaking, the heroic City of Lenin. The fight goes on day and night.

It is in progress this minute." Then added that Leningrad radio:

"The Fascist hordes will never see Leningrad. A steel wall has arisen before the city and the best Fascist divisions already are broken against it." The Leningrad radio said further that more and more ~~brigade~~ *have* brigades of home guards have been recruited among the factory workers and taken up positions in the front defense lines. All day Sunday trucks carried new arms from the factories to the front lines.

So from both sides we get the indelible impression that the crucial fighting of the moment is at Leningrad, that this is one of the most terrific sieges in modern warfare. Moscow Radio declares that elsewhere, on the central front at Kiev, and south at Odessa, the Red armies are holding firm. But it is noticeable that the Reds no longer speak of attacking, as they did last week; *are* they ~~are~~ on the defensive once more.

Further west, the ~~British~~ Royal Air Force did its part in relieving ~~the~~ Nazi pressure on Leningrad. Squadrons of bombers delivered a furious blow at Berlin, the fiercest that the German capital has yet felt. It was no all-night affair but a moonlight raid. For the two hours that it lasted it was the most ~~fiercest~~ <sup>fearsome</sup> and intensive that the British ~~flying squadrons~~ <sup>fliers</sup> have ever achieved. And, it is evident that the Nazis felt it. In the one breath they said its results were trivial, But with the next breath ~~came~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~vehement~~ <sup>hated</sup> volumes of rage, ~~in all the controlled newspapers,~~ threats of savage reprisals. <sup>and</sup> That <sup>5</sup> was the surest indication that it ~~had~~ hurt and <sup>of</sup> ~~that~~ there ~~is~~ truth in the claims of the British pilots, that with the moon showing ~~them~~ all Berlin clearly outlined beneath them, they had succeeded in starting tremendous fires, just as the Nazis had done to London.

Meanwhile, on the Atlantic Ocean an airplane, built in America, was capturing a Nazi submarine. <sup>A plane</sup> ~~The airship was~~ in the service of the ~~air arm of the~~ British Navy. It spotted the <sup>sub</sup> ~~plane,~~ encircled it with bombs, and damaged it so badly that the Nazi rose to the surface. <sup>to hurry</sup> The pilot radioed British warships to the spot,

and they promptly towed the U-boat into harbor through a heavy swell. This, I believe, is the first time on record that a

submarine has ever surrendered to an airplane.

*It may have happened once in the First World War.*

The question promptly arose whether that was the same U-boat that had fired on Uncle Sam's destroyer GREER.

But that is doubted, set down as too improbable.

*Also,* ~~And~~ eight flying fortresses built in America took part in a raid on the Nazi defenses along the coast of Norway.

Saturday night the R.A.F. bombed Oslo. Today they went further north. The Nazi authorities at Oslo claim that two flying fortresses were shot down.

*And* ~~And~~ evidently another British air raid was going on *still or maybe it's happening at this very moment.* over Germany late this afternoon. It hasn't yet been reported by the British Air Ministry. ~~But~~ the evidence of it is that Radio Berlin went off the air, which is usually a sign that bombs are falling.



## FRANCE

While Hitler is having the fight of his life in Russia, and the British are relentlessly bombing his people at home, the Nazis have a serious battle on their hands on a third front. The disturbances in France are taking on the dimensions of a battle - and all the more serious because it's underground. Subterranean terrorism is said to be growing against Vichy and against the Nazis. Stirred up by Communists in France to relieve the pressure on Russia. If it isn't relieving any of that pressure, it is causing plenty of worry for Vichy and the Nazi authorities. German officials in Paris have arrested one hundred of the most prominent Jews and have announced that they are being held as hostages. Also they have between ten and twelve thousand Frenchmen - all held as hostages.

Another batch of forty-one Communists have just been arrested, in Hungary. And, from Czechoslovakia we hear that the underground organization there is busy urging all workers to slow down on the job.

More trouble in Jugoslavia; and an Italian division has just occupied parts of Croatia as a preventive measure.

## SPIES

A federal court in Brooklyn heard an exciting detective story today. ~~It was~~ <sup>at</sup> the opening of <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ <sup>those</sup> trial of sixteen people, ~~all~~ accused of being Nazi spies. And the United States Attorney told the jury ~~that~~ a story that would have made a fascinating magazine serial. ~~It was~~ <sup>a</sup> tale of the sort that we used to think somewhat over lurid and far-fetched when written as fiction by E. Phillips Oppenheim. <sup>It</sup> The conspirators, as Prosecutor Kennedy related, got their instructions from Germany by radio. The Nazi official who gave the spies their orders used a code. That code, continued the prosecutor, was based on a book called, appropriately enough, "Halfway to Horror." The message had consisted of numbers. The spy who received it would note the date of the message, the day of the month, and add twenty. Then he would look up the page of that number in the book "Halfway to Horror." Beginning with the first sentence, he would go a certain number of letters across, and a certain number down, and a certain number up, according to the numbers conveyed to him in the message.

It was in such fashion, said Prosecutor Kennedy, that the spies received instructions from Germany to steal the most

valuable military secret guarded by the United States authorities,  
the famous <sup>aerial</sup> Norden <sup>1</sup> bombsight.

In fiction, as we know, spies are depicted as people rolling in money. This has always been a joke to professionals. Men who have worked at intelligence jobs tell me that it's one of the stingiest, meanest occupations in the world. <sup>And</sup> That was borne out by one thing the prosecutor told the court. One of the things he expects to show the jury is that an agent from Germany gave <sup>a mere</sup> fifteen hundred dollars to the gentleman who turned over the information about that Norden bombsight.

Another of the sixteen defendants on trial is a fellow called Lang, who actually worked at the factory where those bombsights were made. Another had the quite unGermanic name of ~~Axel~~ Wheeler-Hill, a name of which we've heard quite a good deal <sup>in</sup> connected <sup>ion</sup> with Nazi propaganda. Still another ~~gentleman~~ defendant is Frederick J. ~~De~~ Duquesne. Prosecutor Kennedy caused a dramatic scene in court when he pointed his finger at Duquesne and called him a professional spy for <sup>long</sup> ~~many~~ years, author of a



book on his work as a spy. That caused Duquesne's lawyer to jump up in the courtroom and excitedly demand a mistrial. A demand he made -- repeatedly, but in vain.

Originally, there were thirty-three defendants, but seventeen had already pleaded guilty.

## WINDSORS

The former Wallis Warfield of Baltimore will shortly make her first visit to the capital of her native land - that is since becoming Duchess of Windsor. Their Royal Highnesses will be in Washington on September Twenty-fifth and will stay there for twenty-four hours, as the guests of the British Embassy. H.R.H., the Duke, and the woman he loves, will be on their way to their ranch near Calgary in western Canada, where the Duke and his Duchess will have a short vacation from his job as Governor-General of the Bahamas.

The Duke's next door neighbor up there in Western Canada, is a 100% American from Illinois - a former war correspondent and author - my colleague, Frazier "Duke" Hunt, who has a big ranch adjoining the Duke's.

A historic date was today celebrated on the campus of Tufts College in Massachusetts. One thousand delegates from all over the country assembled to begin the commemoration of the birth of John Murray, founder of the Universalist Church in America.

He was born just two hundred years ago at a small country town in the English county of Hampshire. He lived to become one of the great figures in the religious life of <sup>the</sup> English-speaking countries. He first worked in the same vineyards as the great John Wesley and George Whitefield. But eventually his beliefs led him on a different path. He became convinced that all human beings were predestined to salvation. For this John Murray was publicly ex-communicated at Whitefield's Tabernacle in London. He came to the United States and established the first Universalist Society at Gloucester, Massachusetts. Later he became head of the Universalist Society in Boston and there remained until his death. It was the Universalist Society that founded Tufts College where throughout this week the name and achievements of John Murray are being commemorated.

## GASOLINE

The latest word on gasoline from Washington is rather more hopeful. Senator Bridges of New Hampshire asked whether there was any sign of an end to the shortage in the Eastern States. The answer came from Senator Maloney of Connecticut, the Chairman of the Committee that's investigating. Maloney made no direct reply but he did say ~~that~~ he hoped ~~that~~ no action by Congress would be necessary just now. There was a loud kick today by Russell Singer, the General Manager of the American Automobile Association, <sup>who</sup> ~~He~~ charged that a lot of gasoline dealers in eleven out of eighteen cities, were kiting their prices, although the curfew had made it cheaper for the dealers to run their stations.

The President of the Associated Gasoline Retailers of Philadelphia, on the other hand, put in the claim that the ceiling put on gasoline prices by Leon Henderson did not allow the dealer a living profit. The farmer, he urged, had been subsidized for not growing crops, but the gasoline dealer gets no subsidy when he is curtailed.

~~Senator Sheridan Downey of California appeared as a~~

MRS. ROOSEVELT

When the President's Mother is laid in her grave,  
*there will be no*  
~~the coffin will not be carried by~~ pallbearers of high station  
and illustrious name. Workmen on Mrs. Roosevelt's farm will  
carry her on their shoulders tomorrow afternoon. Just so was the  
funeral of her husband, the late James Roosevelt, father of the  
President, by his own specific instructions. His last request  
was "to be carried to my grave by the men on my place." *Sarah*  
*Delano*  
~~Mrs.~~ Roosevelt will rest by the side of her husband.

The services ~~for Mrs. Roosevelt~~ will be conducted by  
the Reverend Frank Wilson, Pastor of St. James's Church at  
Hyde Park, which the President's mother attended regularly for  
most of her eighty-six years. The ceremony will be held in the  
library in the south wing of *the spacious* ~~Mrs.~~ Roosevelt's home. *will* ~~There~~ be  
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no officials present, no distinguished visitors, no statesmen,  
just members of the family, tenants and people who work on the  
estate.

We learn today through Dr. Wilson that the President  
had a strange, formless premonition last week. With the war  
emergency boiling at top speed, he had intended to remain at his



desk in the White House. But, as he told his Pastor, he suddenly had a feeling that he ought to come up to Hyde Park, and so he came, and so it was that ~~there~~ he and the First Lady were able to be present during his Mother's last brief illness.

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Among the uncountable messages of condolences, came one from Marshal Petain of France and Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan. The aged Marshal asked the President to accept his most sincere condolences, wiring that he was deeply touched at the announcement of the death of the President's Mother, whom he had the honor to meet several times in Paris and whose charm and vivacity he appreciated.

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The Senate of the United States today did only one thing. It heard a motion by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama, which reads; ~~RESOLVED~~: "Resolved, that the Senate has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Mother of the President of the United States, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, whose life exemplified in the highest degree the finest qualities of American womanhood.

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*And now Hugh James.*  
~~"Resolved that the Senate extends to the President and~~

~~to the members of his family its deepest sympathy in their hour of~~