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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

More news about Italy tonight, by way of Switzerland. The Swiss newspapers have dispatches from the Italian frontier which report that Marshal Badoglio's government is about to fall. Because of the disorders and dissatisfaction that are sweeping the peninsula. In spite of his martial law, Badoglio has not been able to suppress the rising tide - the demands for peace. The five political parties which came to life again when Mussolini went down, have organized opposition to the Badoglio-Emanuel government all the way from the Alps to the toe of the boot of Italy. The correspondents of the Swiss newspapers report that the old Marshal is now threatened with the same kind of hostility and non-cooperation that toppled Mussolini over.

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~~Two new Fascist centers of disturbance~~ *have been* organized in Milan. One, ~~of them was~~ at Fascist headquarters; ~~the other~~ *one* at the University Club. But during the night they were attacked by forces of carabinieri and destroyed. The carabinieri used tear gas and captured several heavily armed Fascists, among them members of the former Mussolini secret police. Furthermore, new members are joining the five opposition parties every day.

*stopgap Rome*  
The promises that the Government broadcast by radio ~~are~~ *seem to be* having no effect upon the populace. The people refuse to recognize Badoglio's difficult situation, being caught between the Allies on the one hand, and the Germans on the other.

The blockbusters that fell on Naples yesterday  
-- served notice  
notified Badoglio and the Italian people, ~~most~~ violently  
that the Allies are tired of waiting for the surrender  
of Italy. The aerial attack continued even more strongly  
today, ~~and great~~ <sup>with</sup> waves of Flying Fortresses ~~flew~~ over ~~the~~  
~~Naples~~ <sup>Naples</sup> port. They dropped ~~the terrific salvos of~~ <sup>flashes of</sup> bombs ~~that~~  
~~wiped out the~~ railroad station and blew up the  
main gas works. They also hit two transports in the  
inner harbor and blew the hangars and headquarters  
buildings on the nearby airfield to pieces.

One barbardier reported that the attack  
appeared to have taken the Axis defenses completely by  
surprise. ~~They~~ <sup>The Neapolitan</sup> defenders apparently  
attack the docks, instead of which they ~~attacked~~ <sup>blasted</sup> the  
aircraft <sup>that were</sup> spread all over the field <sup>today</sup> outside Naples.  
Italian radio stations were broadcasting  
warnings to Italian merchant vessels at sea, ~~They~~

instruct<sup>ing</sup> ~~ed the~~ skippers to be on the lookout for attacks by German submarines or sabotage of any kind from Germans.

*Italian merchantmen*  
~~They~~ were also notified peremptorily to keep away from French ports where they might be seized by Germans.

A broadcast from Algiers was beamed on Italy today, warning the Italian people that if they do not surrender at once. the whole peninsula will become a battlefield. It told the Italians that Marshal Badoglio,

by continuing the war, is betraying them. These words

*from the Algiers broadcast*  
1 were overheard *here*. "For eight days, the Allies have awaited

the decision of the Italians and now our forces are on the move." And it continued:- "Our air forces will strike at you by day and night, and soon our land forces will be fighting on the Italian mainland."

## SICILY

*today*  
^ In Sicily, the armies of the Allies forged ahead on a front sixty miles long. The order of the day is a general offensive against the last remaining lines of the Axis ~~in Sicily~~ on the island.

*The U.S.*  
~~Our own~~ Seventh Army pushed ahead for another twelve miles and made an important capture, the stronghold of San Stefano on the north coast. In San Stefano they caught ten thousand prisoners, half of them Germans.

The other wing of the Allied armies was also on the offensive. General Montgomery issued an order to his Eighth Army with the words:- "Drive the Germans out of Sicily." Evidently the Allied commanders had determined that this should be the last phase of the Sicilian campaign.

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The Americans are now halfway to Messina from Palermo. They have advanced seventy-five miles in ten days. The Canadians, in the center, are ~~only~~ sixty-five

miles from Messina. Montgomery at Catania is only fifty-five miles away.

The British and Canadians both had to fight back strong German counter-attacks. But they threw them off with heavy losses for the Axis. South and west of Catania, the British and Canadians are making big dents into the Axis lines.

Allied warships are supporting the armies by shelling the enemy installations on the Sicilian coastline. They steamed up right under the muzzles of shore batteries, on the Italian boot, and bombarded <sup>CROTONE,</sup>  as well as other cities on the ~~Italian~~ shore.

SPELLMAN

Archbishop Spellman of New York is back in his diocese after a long tour that took him to four continents. He visited the soldiers in the war zones and he also visited Pope Pius the Twelfth. at the Vatican. He reported<sup>S</sup><sub>A</sub> that his ~~conversation with the Pontiff was~~ for him both the happiest and the saddest experience of his life. It saddened him, said the Archbishop, to see the ~~xxx~~ weight of the burden carried by the Pope.

~~His~~ visit to the war zones was in his official capacity as Military Vicar to the Roman Catholics in the armed forces of the United States.

*The Archbishop ~~said he~~ hopes Italy will surrender. He expressed the warm hope for the surrender*

*That* ~~of Italy.~~ He ~~said~~ it would bring nearer the peace for which the world yearns, and would spare the lives of American, British and Canadian soldiers as well as the lives and cities of the ~~Italian people.~~

PLOESTI

There are some fresh and interesting details today about that raid on the Rumanian ~~Ploesti~~ oilfields.

*Of the*  
Nearly two hundred great big American Liberator bombers took part in the raid ~~and twenty of them~~ were lost. **But**, they shot down fifty-one enemy interceptor planes. *And* To make up *our bomber loss the Liberators* for ~~the loss, that big air force~~ inflicted ~~great~~ *vast* havoc on distillation plants, fractiona<sup>ting</sup> towers, boiler houses and storage tanks on the ~~Ploesti~~ *vital Rumanian* oilfields, ~~these are~~ the installations that provide oil for ~~as much as xxxxxxxx~~ *from* one-third to one-half of the entire German war machine.

As they left, the pilots observed heavy explosions and sheets of flame. The pumping station and the pipeline were battered, and that also caused ~~heavy~~ explosions. There ~~are~~ *were* thirteen refineries on those fields, and five of the biggest were badly damaged, a sixth destroyed entirely.

Sixty Americans of the crews of the bombers that



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were lost managed to parachute to safety. The Rome radio claimed that they were captured, but our own air command says nothing about that.

Many of the planes flew in at low level in order to make their bombing more effective. Some of the pilots report that they encountered the most amazing contrast. Down in the streets civilians were waving at them and cheering them. On the rooftops Nazi gunners were firing at them.

RUSSIA

In Russia the siege of Orel has become more intense. Tonight it looks ~~definitely~~ as though the capture of the place were in sight. Shock troops of the Red army have broken into the southwestern part of the town. <sup>TP</sup> The significant part of the ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> story is that it comes from German radio reports.

The Russians themselves claim to have taken seventy more towns and villages including ~~one~~ ~~one~~

<sup>only</sup>  
^ twenty-seven miles west of Orel, <sup>—</sup> one that has been the biggest center of German resistance.

~~however~~, announces that in spite of the most powerful Russian attacks, Orel still is in German hands.

## BRANDS

The Russians have a new story about the way the  
Germans treat their prisoners. They brand them <sup>as we brand cattle,</sup> ~~according~~  
<sup>2</sup> ~~this according~~  
to a story published in PRAVDA, the official paper of  
the Communist Party. To back up the charge, PRAVDA  
publishes the facsimile of an order supposed to have been  
issued by the Nazi high command. It orders all police  
chiefs in the Ukraine to brand war prisoners with a  
mark in the shape of a triangle. The brands are to be  
burned on the backs of prisoners. Presumably the purpose  
is to identify them as prisoners in case they escape.

PACIFIC

*As far as*  
~~And here is the~~ news from the Pacific, ~~the~~ *ours*  
*airmen out*  
~~American air forces down~~ there have already begun their  
plans for new invasions of ~~the~~ Japanese bases in the  
central Solomon ~~islands~~. *s. So report* This is ~~not official but~~  
~~represents the belief of the~~ correspondents at Allied  
headquarters in Australia.

The American-Australian Allied command expects  
Munda to fall before long, although Uncle Sam's marines  
and soldiers are having their hardest fight yet,  
*battering and slicing*  
~~They are obliged to carve~~ their way through the most  
formidable defense ~~that~~ the Japs have put up anywhere.

It is believed that the next point of attack will  
be Vila, a Jap stronghold on the island of Kolombangara.  
Vila is ~~only~~ ten miles ~~away~~ from Munda. Our bombers  
have *resumed* ~~recommenced their~~ attacks on Vila, evidently for  
the purpose of softening up the garrison there. With  
Vila in our hands, we would have a considerable advantage  
of being able to use a good harbor eight miles to the  
northwest.

SWETT

Some time ago we heard about a certain Captain James E. Swett of the U.S. Marine Corps. Well, this fighting marine has recovered from wounds and is back in the air again. But before he took his place at the controls of his plane, they decorated Captain Swett with the Order of the Purple Heart - on account of wounds he received four months ago, on April Seventh, when that day he bagged seven Japanese planes, seven in one day. And that's a record.

But, his more recent wounds he got on July Seventh. On that occasion he and Lieutenant Harold Segal of New York became mixed up with a force of seventy Japanese planes, making the odds thirty-five to one. Swett and Segal were both shot down, but, before they came to earth each knocked down three Jap planes.

The pilots of the Nipponese Zeros were not content with knocking Swett out of the air. They followed him all the way down to the sea and then

machine-gunned him in the water until they shot away all their ammunition. The captain climbed out of the cockpit as fast as possible but the bullets were flying so thick that he didn't have time to inflate his Mae West; and he spent the next fifteen minutes diving, coming up, and then diving again, to dodge the Jap bullets.

Finally when their ammunition was all gone, the Japs went off and Capt. Swett was able to climb back into his still floating plane, get his parachute, and inflate his rubber boat.

The following night he slept on a coral beach near New Georgia Island - slept wrapped in his parachute. Then the next day he got a lot of exercise paddling along the coast. Every native village that he came to was deserted. Late in the day he found some friendly natives who guided him to the American base. Stout fellow!

RIOT

*resulted in the death of six*  
The riot which ~~killed six people and injured two~~  
*and injury to two*  
hundred in New York's Harlem is the most peculiar that  
has happened in any colored district yet, ~~it is~~ *in that it was* not a  
race riot. No white people ~~are~~ involved; except, ~~of course,~~ *the*  
~~police,~~ *police,* Mayor LaGuardia broadcast an appeal to ~~xxxxxx~~  
everybody throughout the rest of New York to stay away  
from the scene of the trouble. To make ~~the~~ *the* appeal  
stronger, Commissioner Valentine's policemen threw a  
~~human~~ *trouble* barricade ~~all~~ around the center, ~~of the trouble~~  
~~and kept everybody out.~~ *The Commissioner* Valentine has no fewer than  
six thousand uniformed police on the job. Helping ~~them~~  
out is a civilian committee of one-thousand-five-hundred,  
mostly negroes. This, ~~was~~ in response to a plea by the  
Mayor asking the decent colored people to help him; and,  
they responded with a will. The special committeemen  
have nightsticks and full power to make arrests.

The scene of the trouble is in one section of

Harlem, nowhere near the district where the <sup>letter</sup> ~~area~~  
negroes live. <sup>TP</sup> It <sup>all</sup> began last night in a hotel with which,  
said Mayor LaGuardia, the police have had difficulty in  
the past. A soldier ~~XXXXX~~ was accused of being  
disorderly, a policeman went to arrest him, the soldier  
resisted arrest and knocked the cop down. The officer  
drew his gun and wounded the soldier, who was arrested  
and taken to jail by other cops. <sup>TP</sup> That should have ended  
the incident, but rumors flew wild through the crowds,  
that a cop had killed a negro soldier in the presence of  
and disorderly fellows began smashing windows. Along  
two blocks of one avenue not a single store window was

left unsmashed and looting began. <sup>Damage running</sup>  
<sup>into millions.</sup>

~~The damage and loss will run into millions.~~

<sup>TP</sup> Major General Terry of the Second Service Command  
conferred with Mayor LaGuardia. The Mayor told the  
General that the trouble was all cleaned up. General

Terry replied that he wished he was an optimist.  
<sup>Seventy blocks of Harlem are under virtually martial law.</sup>



BOVINGDON

People in Washington are having a great deal of fun over the economist who was reported to have been a Communist ex-ballet dancer. John Bovingdon, the man in question, is in the Office of Economic Warfare, at a salary of five thousand, six hundred dollars a year. Some of the papers poked unmerciful fun at the Administration because of this story.

Bovingdon today categorically denied that he had ever been a ballet dancer. On the contrary, he says he doesn't even like the ballet. He explained that some twenty-five years ago the doctors advised him to take up calisthenics for medical reasons. He developed a form of physical culture therapy and not only used it himself, but sold lessons of his method in Los Angeles.

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It comes to light that he went to Harvard, graduated magna cum laude, speaks Japanese, Russian, French and German, has traveled all over the Far East,

and was professor of economics and sociology at a  
Japanese university. But never a ballet dancer.

SLEEP

Out in Oakland, California, there are a man and wife who qualify for the prize of being the champion sleepers of modern times. A fire broke out under the bed in which Mr. and Mrs. Leo W. Gero of Oakland were taking their night's repose. Somebody spotted it, put in an alarm, along came fire trucks with hose, axes, policemen, and everything else that accompanies a fire. Everybody in the neighborhood was waked up except Mr. and Mrs. Gero. They rug was afire, and the floor ~~was~~ afire. The firemen put out the flames, poured out streams of water, and stamped around as firemen have to when doing their job.

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Either Mr. or Mrs. Gero <sup>went right on</sup> ~~grumbled in their sleeping~~ <sup>ing!</sup>

~~protest, turned over to the other side, and went on snoring~~ Now here's Hugh — if he's awake! But then by

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~~After they put the fire out, the firemen went always to!~~ ~~out, closed the door, and left the Geros ~~stillxaxixxxx~~ sleeping,~~

~~and so far as anybody knows they're still asleep.~~ Hugh, are you awake?