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delivered <sup>an</sup> especially fierce bombardment on Magdeburg.

One thing he said appeared to be a confirmation of conjectures about his conduct. People have been wondering why, after all his threats, the long expected mass attack on Britain had not come off yet. And some experts had offered the interpretation that the rapid conquest of France surprised even Hitler.

The results of the first year of the war were unique, said the Fuehrer. Then he continued:- "They were so unique that not only all of our enemies but also the German people last September could never have imagined the greatness of these events." Then he described the changes in the map of Europe:- "In the east we stand on the Bug River, in the north we stand on North Cape and Narvik, and in the south on the Spanish frontier."

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Then he threw another defiance at his enemies across the Channel. "The British say that they are preparing for <sup>a</sup> three years conflict," said the Fuehrer." But," he added, "I got in there ahead of them, because, as Goering told you last September, he is preparing for five years." And he continued: "Whatever may

happen, England will be smashed, and the conflict can have no other conclusion."

He accused the British of having dropped their bombs on open cities, towns and villages and non-military objectives, and he claimed that "for three months we've waited to see whether they will cease this criminal action. Mr. Churchill regarded this as a sign of weakness," said the Fuehrer. "But you will understand now that we are giving answer night after night and we will stop the British night-pirates." He ~~xxx~~ taunted the British for the loss of their Allies when he said:- "All of England's allies will not help her. Neither Haile Selassie, nor King Zog, nor King Haakon, nor even Queen Wilhelmina."

WAR FOLLOW HITLER

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And, Hitler's bombers did not lose much time <sup>making</sup> ~~trying to~~  
<sup>good</sup> ~~carry out~~ his threats. That is, ~~more accurately~~, trying to make  
them good. [ He had hardly finished voicing his <sup>promise</sup> ~~threat~~ of bombing  
attacks night after night, when the alarm sounded again throughout  
London, the ~~xxxxx~~ third tonight. There was big league fighting  
all day and all <sup>evening</sup> ~~night~~, particularly over the southeast of England.  
The first squadron of attacking raiders came roaring over the  
coast in the early morning. From the ground there was a light  
haze and the attackers were hardly visible. ~~from the ground~~. But  
a squadron of British fighters had been up <sup>there</sup> ~~in the air~~ waiting for  
them. The British swooped down on the Nazis and at fifteen thousand  
feet there was a <sup>fierce air battle,</sup> ~~ferocious dog fight~~.

One squadron of Nazi bombers, accompanied by  
<sup>came over at a</sup> Messerschmitts, ~~roared at the~~ height of twenty thousand feet.  
<sup>strong</sup> But they encountered a defending force of British Hurricanes,  
~~that loomed in front of them like a wall.~~

The Air Ministry announces that altogether forty-five  
Germans were shot down in the course of the day.

REACTIONS

Almost our principal curiosity today was about the reaction <sup>to</sup> President Roosevelt's deal with Britain, the swap of fifty destroyers for Naval bases. So far the response in America is mostly editorial since <sup>the Senate</sup> ~~CONGRESS~~ was in <sup>recess</sup> ~~recess yesterday and~~ ~~again today~~ out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Lundeen.

<sup>This</sup> Of course ~~the~~ delay gives the opponents of the President all the more time to <sup>(sharpen up)</sup> ~~sharpen up~~ their adjectives. <sup>IF</sup> ~~The~~ editorial attitude seems to be largely favorable, even on the part of editors who do not like Mr. Roosevelt or any of his works. For instance, there's the San Francisco Chronicle which says <sup>its</sup> ~~any~~ criticism is not for the fact, but because it should have been done ~~long~~ ago. The Los Angeles Times, which <sup>a</sup> ~~couldn't~~ be <sup>a</sup> pro-New Deal paper under any imaginable circumstances takes a similar attitude. The New York World-Telegram, like the rest of the Scripps-Howard papers is ardently pro-Willkie but even there the only <sup>censure</sup> ~~criticism~~ is that had the war debt been used in the trade instead of the destroyers the action might have <sup>more</sup> ~~smelled~~ sweetly. The World Telegram does not think much of the contention that our defense has been weakened by giving up those fifty destroyers. <sup>On</sup> the contrary we in the United States will be

infinitely stronger by possessing those worth while bases than through holding those obsolete destroyers.

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The Buffalo Evening news seems to sum up the feeling of ~~a great~~ many people. The News heartily approves the sale of destroyers to Britain but dissents from the method the President used to bring it about. The News also regards the president's overriding of an American statute as far more serious than the disregard of it by a private citizen, and it considers the President's disregard of Congress a threatening indication of the state of Mr. Roosevelt's mind toward the duly elected representatives of the people. Also the News considers the secrecy of the deal a dangerous precedent considering the magnitude of the undertaking.

Strangely enough, not a word from Berlin. That is, no official word. Adolf Hitler in his ~~speech~~ <sup>did</sup> speech at the Berlin Winter Palace ~~said he would~~ <sup>indirectly to</sup> not even allude <sup>to the</sup> President Roosevelt's action, ~~indirectly~~. Of course his controlled press took it up. <sup>but for the most part</sup> ~~But~~ The Nazi newspapers jumped on it volubly, took the attitude of derision, <sup>in</sup> said that the leasing of those naval bases <sup>another</sup> ~~from the~~ British possessions was <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ sure sign of the break up of

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the British Empire. <sup>A</sup> A rather more serious tone was that of Mussolini's Charlie McCarthy Virginio Gayda. Poor old Gayda. they've certainly got him working overtime, having to be spokesman for both sides of the Rome-Berlin Axis. Gayda took the <sup>line</sup> ~~light~~ that might have been expected:- that the ~~is~~ transaction puts the United States still more dangerously into the European War. <sup>He</sup> ~~and~~ describes it as a singular bargain. <sup>A</sup> The only approach to an official comment in Berlin was a statement by a Nazi spokesman that the handing over of those fifty destroyers to Great Britain was too late to affect the outcome of the war. And he continued, it merely means the cost to Germany of fifty Stuka dive bombers, which he can well afford. (Another spokesman declares that the hour is approaching when Britain will know exactly what Adolf Hitler meant by the secret weapon that he ~~expects~~ has been talking about. Germany ~~is going~~ to conquer the British Isles with a means of attack totally ~~k~~ new.

INDO-CHINA

The most alarming news comes today from the Far East. *But*  
It isn't <sup>*altogether*</sup> ~~quite~~ unexpected - the Japanese are getting ready to  
move in on Indo-China. However widely it was expected, the  
imminence of such a fact can't help being startling. In Shanghai  
it is firmly believed that the Mikado's men won't wait another  
~~ix~~ week. There's a circumstantial report that General Mishihara,  
Chief of the Japanese mission to Indo-China, has advised the  
colonial government that troops from Nippon will enter the French  
colony on Friday. It is reported both in Shanghai and Chungking  
that the Chiang Kai-shek government has issued a formal warning  
that he will counter any such move by sending an army of his own  
to fight the Japanese in Indo-China.

Travelers arriving at Singapore from Saigon, the capital  
of Indo-China, say that the city was blacked out last night.

And here's the latest, a bulletin hot off the wire from  
Washington. Our own government takes official cognizance of that  
~~ix~~ danger to Indo-China. It took the form of a deliberate and  
public warning to the Japanese government, spoken by the Secretary of  
State, Cordell Hull himself. Any change in the status of French



Indo-China, due to military operations of the Japanese army, would have, in Hull's own words, "an unfortunate effect upon public opinion in the United States."

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And that isn't all. Hull divulged the fact that the United States Government stands pat on the argument with Japan, declines flatly to allow Japanese troops to take over those defense ~~xxx~~ areas in the International Settlement at Shanghai which formerly were controlled by the British.

DESTROYERS

*There are*  
Naturally, ~~there can be~~ no details about the delivery of those fifty destroyers. Questions were asked at the White House today but Secretary Steve Early said that no information can be divulged about the movements of ~~those~~<sup>e</sup> warships.

*And,* No time is being lost about the selection of those naval bases. A military mission is at this moment on its way to Bermuda aboard one of Uncle Sam's cruisers, ten strategists of Uncle Sam's army and navy headed by Rear Admiral Greenslade, are sailing southeast to ~~choose~~ choose the sites for ~~those~~<sup>e</sup> bases.

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But perhaps the most important information of this nature came from Colonel Frank Knox, Secretary of the Navy. The government is *also* carrying out negotiations at this moment for air bases in the Pacific. This has been anticipated for some ~~time~~<sup>several weeks</sup> but Colonel Knox today made it for the first time official. The idea, said the Secretary of the Navy, is to make the Panama Canal impreg<sup>na</sup>nable. It can't be defended adequately by planes based only on the mainland of Panama. They must have space to get in the air and gain altitude. Therefore, the State Department is dickering for new bases in the Cocos group, also the Galapagos, north and south of the Canal.

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MEXICO

The political storm in Mexico <sup>grew more and</sup> ~~became even~~ more furious today. <sup>The latest is</sup> ~~But it is yet only a storm of words. It took the form~~ of a manifesto put out by the rump congress which supports General ~~Andreu~~ Almazan, who is today in the United States, ~~That~~ a manifesto ~~is an~~ <sup>ing</sup> attack ~~on~~ President Cardenas.

Among other things, it declares that the expropriation of the oil properties owned by foreigners was part of a Stalinist maneuver to create difficulties with the other democracies in this hemisphere. The manifesto also puts on Cardenas the principal responsibility for what it calls the "grave crisis" prevailing in Mexico. It charges that under the Cardenas regime the Mexican revolutionary party has assassinated its political enemies to the number of twelve thousand - twelve thousand political assassinations! And the rump congress further makes the accusation that there's a visible connection between the operation of the Cardenas Government and Soviet Russia.

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## WINDSORS

The Duchess of Windsor is redecorating Government House, the executive mansion of the Governor-General of the Bahamas. That's news which I'm sure will interest every woman in America, interest her and enlist her sympathies. For if there's one thing a woman loves to do it is to shift the furniture around.

Another thing the Duchess did will startle many women the world over. She took down the picture of her mother-in-law. A life-size portrait of Queen Mary was formerly the dominating figure in that gubernatorial dining room. And the news is that it has disappeared. Along with this news comes the recollection of a rumor that it was Queen Mary who objected most strongly to permitting the former Wallis Warfield to reside in England as Duchess of Windsor. And that the Dowager Queen also was largely responsible for the Duchess not being allowed to have the title of Her Royal Highness.

Then building trades will be interested to know that the Duchess is employing an American architect to carry out her ideas on this job. One of those ideas is to enlarge the kitchen. ~~It's~~ She has torn out the old-fashioned enamel sink, and replaced it with a modern streamlined chromium affair; thrown out the old wood-burning

CONSCRIPTION

The galleries of the House of Representatives were jammed today, filled with an unusual throng. The word had gone round that Representative Jim Wadsworth of New York was to speak about his own ~~bill, the~~ Burke-Wadsworth Conscription Bill.

There were evidently Communists and fellow ~~Communists~~ <sup>travelers</sup> among the crowd in the galleries. <sup>For they hissed</sup> Jim Wadsworth ~~was hissed~~ as he started to speak. But his colleagues on the floor of the House applauded him frequently, as he said that if the war ends with Europe dominated by one power and the Far East by another, we shall have a state of affairs never before seen in the world. What he wants to do, said the Republican Representative from New York, is to assure that ~~we~~ Americans will be master of our own destiny.

The most vocal opponent of conscription was Representative Short of Missouri. He repeated the familiar arguments that Wall Street is in favor of conscription regardless of politics. Also, the international financiers and foreign investors. Then he said: "Every red-blooded American will fight for liberty, but he will never tolerate any one to compel him to fight for it."

~~Then~~ ~~the~~  
~~There~~ the House had a rather extraordinary spectacle of a measure before Congress opposed by a Republican and defended by

BROWDER

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There was an interesting moment in a federal court ~~in~~ <sup>at</sup> New York today. The presiding jurist, Federal Judge John C. Knox, put a most interesting question to one of the lawyers in the case, a question that flatly stumped the learned counsel. <sup>And</sup> The learned counsel <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ a lady.

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The case was that of Earl Browder, the Communist candidate for president, convicted on a charge of passport fraud. You will recall that Convict Candidate Browder is out on bail <sup>to the tune of</sup> ~~in~~ seventy-five hundred dollars, having appealed his conviction and sentence of four years in the sneezer. The convict candidate wanted to stump the country for his campaign. So, being out on bail, he had to appeal to the court for permission to travel beyond the New York jurisdiction. That's the petition that Federal Judge Knox was deciding. The lawyer ~~defending the~~ defending the Communist convict candidate is Miss Carol King. Said Judge Knox to her:

"Do you think there is any obligation on the part of the government to afford a man the opportunity to tear it down?"

That was plainly too much for the lady lawyer. She hesitated, hummed and hawed, obviously cudgling <sup>her</sup> her brain for all she

was worth. At last she thought up a reply:- "That's a political question and not one to be discussed here."

And Judge Knox evidently decided that <sup>her's</sup> ~~this~~ was a political answer and not a legal one. So he denied the petition.

Therefore the convict Communist candidate may not stump the country

~~for the Bolshevik cause~~ for votes for himself  
for President.

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And now Hugh what  
are you campaigning  
for tonight?

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