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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Here is the official report on the islands of Tinian, bit of invaded land near Guam. Admiral Nimitz declares, "The enemy on Tinian now has little means of resistance and no means of escape."

This announcement follows the repulse of a series of enemy counter-assaults, the usual desperate tactics of the cornered Jap.

And from New Guinea we hear similar accounts of success - an official statement announcing that the campaign for the great dark island has now been virtually completed. Not that no Japs are still left in New Guinea - a lot of them are there, strong forces. But with the newest American landings on the Sansapor beachhead, the remaining Japs are doomed. Some 45,000 are hopelessly cut off -- doomed to annihilation.

STILWELL

There was bad news for the Japs today in two announcements concerning important Allied commanders - one American, the other British. In each case the officer in question is given a different status, and this is taken to be an omen of new big doings in Asia

and on the Pacific. American Lieutenant General Stilwell is advanced to the rank of a full general -

(which puts him up there at the official top with Chief of Staff General Marshall, Invasion Commander General Eisenhower, Army Air Force Commander General Arnold, and army leader in the southwestern Pacific

General MacArthur. We have still another full general - Malin Craig, former Chief of Staff. With today's elevation of Stilwell, we now have six full generals.)

Stilwell, of course, is American Commander in the China-Burma-India theatre, and his promotion is taken to mean a promotion of the war out there - a full

general signifying a full scale campaign.

From London, we have the news that one of Britain's top flight naval commanders has been transferred to the eastern theatre of war. Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, who made a great reputation in European waters. Now he goes to command the British fleet in waters off the lands where Stilwell commands. And his appointment is taken to mean a big boost of British naval activity out there. In other words - they are shaping the command for the big push against Japan.

FRANCE

In the invasion, the Americans appear to have pulled another one of their surprises. They launched a drive, which the Germans must have expected - but sent it in ~~the direction~~ a direction that the enemy seemingly did not guess. This follows the capture of Avranches at the base of the Norman Peninsula. ^{The way the} geography is laid out, ^{Avranches is} ~~it's~~ also at the base of the Breton peninsula, which extends at a right angle - to the west. It was obvious American strategy to strike and seize the peninsula - with its great port of Brest. And the Germans must have expected a blow that way - over to the southwest. But, instead, the Americans hit to the southeast - and that's in the direction of the heart of France. They sent a column plunging for a ten mile advance, driving boldly in the general direction of Paris. And that would threaten to roll up the whole German line in the area of Caen.

In the fighting today, the Nazi front seemed to be disintegrating, but in places the Hitler men launched some of their desperate counter-attacks. These were repelled, after the Americans had thrown into the fight every man they could muster - even clerks and cooks. Also - some negro truck drivers. Only they weren't thrown in, they just went in. When the negro truck drivers heard about the critical fighting in some hedgerows down the line, they armed themselves with big knives, and went into action.

"We didn't tell them to fight," a colonel related today, "they just found the Germans were close up and they started in. Their very appearance scared the daylights out of the Germans."

Those colored warriors with the knives did a great job of clearing enemy troops out of the hedgerow.

An Amer. Maj. General - Elwood
~~and when it was over, one of them said to the colonel:~~
Quessada, head of the 9th Air Force

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fighter unit was riding in a jeep when it was hit by a shell. It was a close call for the flying general who was injured slightly.

They are calling this the most important day since the start of the invasion.

ITALY

In Italy, the battle for Florence is on in full blast, with German Field Marshal Kesselring hurling as many as seventy-five thousand troops into the line ^{before} ~~for~~ the great city of the Renaissance. The Nazis are fighting fiercely in the rugged hills and amid the little mountain villages ~~mixing~~ to the south of Florence, with British Eighth Army units hammering their way forward in stubborn battles - tank battles largely. The Germans continue their claim that Florence has been declared an open city, and repeat that the Nazis will not attempt to make a house-to-house fight for the historic home town of Michaelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and so many other luminaries of the Old Master period.

The Germans make a similar contention with respect to Pisa, the city of the Leaning Tower, saying that they ^{have} refrained from doing any fighting in the

historic parts of that ancient city. The latest German
bulletin ^{says} that the Nazi forces have evacuated Pisa,
although there is no confirmation of this from the
Allied side.

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RUSSIA

Russian sources picture the doom of war, ^{again} at one of the world's historic capitals - Warsaw. The Soviet forces ^{tonight} are at the gates of Poland's principal city, battering their way into the eastern suburbs of Warsaw, and they say they see ~~the~~ giant clouds of smoke arising from the center of the city - the Germans apparently putting Warsaw to the torch. From all accounts, the Nazis are preparing to evacuate, ~~and~~ They have already sent away hordes of officials and German civilians of all sorts. They are doing their usual devilish job before getting out - the job of demolition, blowing up everything that might be of military use, and going on a rampage of sheer wanton destruction.

The Germans admit that the Red army has forced a crossing of the Vistula, that river which is the Number One barrier through central Poland. Berlin tells of Soviet bridgeheads being wiped out, but of

others established - the Russians scoring successes in crossing the Vistula.

Further north, the Soviets have captured the city of Kaunas in Lithuania. The Germans claim to have abandoned Kaunas, and today Stalin announces the occupation of that key point by the Russians - a stronghold, the capture of which opens the way to East Prussia.

The biggest news of all from the Russian Front is that ~~the~~^{the} Soviet Army has just driven thru to the Baltic, west of Riga.

TURKEY

The Germans are said to be fleeing Turkey - German civilians getting out, and Allied sources predict that the Turks will break relations with Germany within the next twenty-four hours. One story is that the Allies have been asking the Turks to kick Nazi agents out of their country; ~~also~~ grant the Allies the use of military bases on Turkish territory. And the Turks are said to have agreed in spite of furious Hitler threats of reprisal and vengeance. In consequent of which German civilians, of whom there have been ~~a big~~ many in Turkey, are now jamming the trains to get out before relations are broken - with war as the next probable step.

FINLAND

We hear that the President of Finland has resigned, President Ryti. This word comes along with reports of the ~~greatest~~ ^{gravest} kind of government crisis in Finland, which country is now under virtual domination of Nazi Germany. Since Finland decided to stay in the war and called upon Hitler for help, the government of President Ryti has been having a shaky time - and now he has resigned, we are told. And further, that he is being succeeded by Baron Mannerheim, the veteran soldier who is Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish Army. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mannerheim takes control as Finland finds less and less comfort in its alliance with the badly shaken Nazi.

HITLER

The story of the plot against Hitler took a new turn today, with the German radio issuing one of those proclamations of -- "Man Wanted." ~~The individual they are hunting~~ And the people in Germany certainly must have taken ~~a lot of startling~~ notice of what they heard. The man ~~who is~~ wanted is ~~being sought as~~ one of the conspirators in the plot to kill Hitler and overthrow the Nazi regime. A price ~~was~~ placed on his head, a huge price for information leading to his arrest -- a million marks which amounts to four hundred thousand dollars. That indicates how important he is.

The plot was headed by high-ranking generals, ~~but the man who is not wanted~~ ^{they're hunting} is a civilian -- Doctor Karl Freidrich Goerdler, who at one time was Hitler's Price Dictator; ~~when the time that~~ Nazi economy was being shaped for war, ^{then} Dr. Karl Freidrich Goerdler was one of the most important figures among the Hitler group of leaders -- given ~~absolutely~~ absolute power over prices in the Nazi Reich. And he was, at the

same time, the Lord Mayor of Leipzig.

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constantly tied to the shooting of hostages and other mass murders by the Nazis in France. Now he is reported to have committed suicide because he was implicated in the plot against Hitler. This word comes from the French underground, which relates that Stuelpnagel ordered the arrest of the Commander of the S S troops in Paris -- those S S troops being Hitler's own private Nazi army. The S. S Commander, General Oberg, was taken into custody, and then later Stuelpnagel was ordered to release him. Not only that -- the Commander of German occupation was recalled to Berlin. We are told that Stuelpnagel, being recalled, was in his ~~own~~ automobile, and shot himself. And the suggestion is that all of these transactions were connected with the plot to kill Hitler, in which the Generals gave orders ~~designed~~ designed to effect a military revolt that would overthrow the Nazis.

Still another report comes from Stockholm, where a traveler from Germany is quoted as telling

about Nazi demands for action against the German nobility -- the military officers in the plot having been members of the old Prussian military caste.

We are told that the more frantic of the ~~leaders~~

killers demanded the confiscation of the landed ~~and~~ property

of all the German noble families, the dismissal of former German royalty from army commands, and severe

police measures against them. *The frantic Nazi big shots* They are said to have

persuaded Hitler, and he was ready to give the order

for the drive against the German ~~and~~ nobility, but

he changed his mind when he got a telegram from

thirty-four high army commanders. These generals

urged Hitler not to do anything more to cause trouble

between the army and the Nazi party -- "don't widen

the gulf," said they.

CONFERENCE

On August Fourteenth, one of the most important conferences of war-time will begin - a conference on peace. Representatives of the United States, Great Britain and Soviet Russia will gather in Washington to discuss plans for international organization ~~after~~ after the present war is over. This three-power get-together was planned some while ago, and now the date has been set - August Fourteenth, as announced in Washington today. No comment is needed on how vitally significant this may be - and how timely, especially, for a settlement in Europe. ~~And~~ ^{The} way things are going over there, the American, British and Russian talk on peace arrangements may be starting none too soon.

QUEZON

The death of President Quezon of the Philippine Commonwealth comes as no surprise - we have known a long time that he was gravely ill. ^{Now} ~~How~~ will his passing affect the political affairs of those islands, which now seem so much nearer to liberation, ~~we do not know~~. But the personality of Manuel Quezon will be missed - his unbreakable opposition to the Japs, and his ~~personification~~ personification of spirit ~~which~~ the Filipinos have exhibited so bravely in battle on the American side.

I knew President Quezon - we were shipboard companions on a trip back from Europe during the times before the war. I found him to be the shrewd, level headed and mirthful sort - a man obviously to be reckoned with. He came up the way of Philippine politics, and represented his country's demand for independence - a demand which the United States proceeded to grant so handsomely. ~~Whereafter Quezon's loyalty to this country was unshaken, which, indeed, he reflected the attitude of most of the Philippine people.~~

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President Quezon is succeeded by Philippine Vice-President Osmena, who today in Washington was sworn in as the second President of the Philippine Commonwealth.

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ARGENTINE MILLIONAIRE

Down in South America they are having a sensational kidnapping mystery - the disappearance of a multimillionaire, Mauricio Hochschild by name - he owned huge tin mine interests in Bolivia, and it was in Bolivia that he disappeared. ^P The whole thing is tied up with large affairs of politics and finance. The last person known to have seen the missing man was the Bolivian Minister of the Interior, Colonel Alfredo

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was ~~the~~ one of the biggest taxpayers in Bolivia, and

there was some suspicion that he intended to withdraw

his money from that country. *Mr* "I asked him if he was going to do so," relates the Bolivian Minister of the Interior, "and he answered that, on the contrary, he was planning to intensify mining and agriculture in Bolivia."

It was all cordial and friendly, and the Minister of the Interior ordered the chief of police to grant the passport to Hochschild, who procured it, and then started for the Chilean Consulate to get a visa. He never arrived at the Chilean Consulate - he vanished on the way. Later on, his automobile was found, under circumstances that made the ~~affix~~ affair look like kidnapping - a kidnapping in broad daylight. ~~of the Argentine multimillionaire who was on his way with a passport for a trip from Bolivia to Chile.~~ The news dispatch represents the affair as one of those

international mysteries, with strong hints of high politics and finance.

and now *Boyer*