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AIR WAR

Berlin has taken it again. The Royal Air Force has just about completed the Ninety-fifth raid on Hitler's capital. London gives us no details. The information comes from Berlin. The Nazi radio telling probably more than it intended. The Germans claim that thirty british heavy bombers were shot down, which in itself indicates that the raid was a big one, with Lancasters dropping their two and four ton block busters on the already devastated capital on the River Spree.

A bulletin just in says Berlin has been dealt another smashing blow, as the leaders are reported to be about to tell Germany to surrender or be bombed to A cinder.

After the Nazis occupied all of France, they established a new U\*boat base at Marseilles, a base that became the target today for a heavy raid by our Flying Fortresses. In fact, the first Allied

air attack on that new base.

Our air people report that the attack was delivered just as the Germans had about finished new pens and other installations, preparing for a fresh undersea war in the Mediterranean.

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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

No official news tonight from the conference of the Big Three. But among the rumors is one to the effect that they plan to "quarantine" Germany after the war. In fact, it is believed they are on the verge of proclaiming their intention of throwing the Germans back inside their old frontiers.

There still is considerable difference of opinion about the location of the conference. Most of the European radios insist they are in session at Teheran. Radio Vichy adds variety by saying that they are at Tabriz, not Teheran. Tabriz is in northwestern Persia, only a few miles over the Pamirs from the borders of the Soviet Union. ~~There is an American Presbyterian college at Tabriz, by the way.~~



The rumor about the intention of the Big <sup>Three</sup> ~~Three~~ to quarantine Germany is attributed to "foreign diplomatic quarters in London."

A dispatch from Chungking reports that ~~that~~ the Chinese have been tremendously encouraged by the results of the Cairo conference between Prime Minister Churchill, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, and President Roosevelt. Not only the Chinese, but the Koreans and Formosans, are elated over the determination to enforce the ~~unconditional~~ unconditional surrender of Japan, also the decision to set the Koreans and Formosans free of Japanese rule.

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Director Elmer Davis of the Office of War Information, has protested to the British government against the violation of confidence by the British Reuters News Agency on the Cairo conference.

As a matter of fact, questions were asked about this Reuter funny business in the House of Commons



today. An M.P. asked how it was that the report from Reuters' correspondent in Lisbon was allowed to pass from Britain to Washington through channels under control of the British government. Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information, replied that what is published in a foreign capital is not censored when passing through London. ~~Then~~ Bracken admitted that there had been a clear understanding between Britain and her Allies that all big news should be published simultaneously. ~~But, said Bracken, on several occasions that program was not carried out. To which American newspapermen tonight replied in chorus: "We'll say it wasn't carried out!"~~

In his protest, Elmer Davis threw a subtle ~~new~~ doubt on the Lisbon origin of the story. He called it "a dispatch which purports to have originated in Lisbon."

ADD LEAD

Late tonight a dispatch from London served to corroborate the Vichy report that the Big Three are meeting not in ~~Tehran~~ <sup>Tehran</sup> but in Tabriz. This was reported by the Exchange Telegraph Agency, another British wire service, which appears <sup>to have</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>some</sup> ~~sort of~~ priority on the news. ~~in preference to all American services and newspapers.~~ The Exchange Telegraph Agency states that the censors had passed it for publication. ~~Apparently against the British~~ <sup>This in the face of</sup> ~~censor the Elmer Davis protest.~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~This comes flat in the face of the protest made by Director Elmer Davis to the British Government.~~

## PACIFIC

The latest from the war in the Pacific!

A Jap convoy of about a dozen ships was on its way south from New Ireland to Rabaul in New Britain.

At a point some forty-five miles to the southwest of New Ireland a force of U. S. heavy bombers attacked. In a running fight that lasted several hours, the Allied Liberators landed direct hits which sank one heavily loaded Jap transport, struck two destroyers and set afire a large tanker. ~~As they were shooting with five hundred pound bombs the destroyers were put out of action at least for the time being. And this happens at a time when the Japs are usually in need of destroyers to protect their positions on New Guinea and New Britain.~~

From ~~General~~ MacArthur's headquarters we have the news that a picked force of six hundred Marines have made a daring raid behind the Jap lines at Empress Augusta Bay. They ran into enemy reinforcements of about twice their number and killed two hundred of the Mikado's soldiers. Our own forces



lost ~~only~~ fifteen dead and seventy-one wounded.

The Marines ~~have~~ landed ~~behind the enemy lines~~

by boat, ~~and~~ <sup>the Jap</sup> were behind ~~those~~ lines for about  
forty hours and in ~~which~~ time they managed to destroy  
large quantities of artillery, ammunition, small  
arms and other supplies.

~~MacArthur announced that this will aid,~~

~~on Bougainville was~~ <sup>Q</sup> a hit and run affair, ~~just~~ to  
<sup>harass</sup> the enemy, ~~and not a serious effort to make~~  
~~a new landing.~~

And now Admiral Nimitz tells us that the  
enemy tried to attack our installations in the  
newly won Gilbert Islands. 'The net result of ~~which~~  
was, ~~the~~ twenty Jap planes ~~were~~ either destroyed or  
<sup>badly</sup> ~~severely~~ damaged in three engagements. ~~Two of those~~  
~~fights were with American planes and the other was~~  
~~against a couple of American destroyers. The destroyers~~  
~~shot down three of the Jap planes, and probably destroyed~~  
~~a couple of others of probables.~~ <sup>with a couple</sup>

# TUNNEY

We learn tonight that among the officers in the Southwest Pacific is Commander James Joseph

Tunney, ~~yes, Gene the undefeated heavyweight~~

~~champion~~ <sup>Who</sup> ~~he~~ made a statement tonight ~~to show~~

that he still sticks to his guns <sup>about</sup> ~~the~~ college football;

<sup>that it's</sup> no good for the war, should be abandoned for the

duration. Gene, <sup>again not caring whether</sup> ~~stands by his opinion, just as he~~

~~he is criticized or not, says that~~ ~~stood for his championship. He doesn't care how~~

~~so far as the point that~~

~~many people are against him. Football coaches~~

~~are concerned he's not~~ ~~said criticize him for what he said because football~~

~~is their livelihood, and he added that he was not~~

~~trying to take away their livelihood, but he thought~~ <sup>simply that</sup>

~~he thinks~~

~~that~~ winning the war ~~is~~ a bigger game than collegiate

football, and that any man able to play

football should be able to pull his ~~weight in the bigger game - kicking the Japs~~

<sup>He</sup> Gene is going into the wilds of New Guinea

to develop a program on the spot for conditioning

American sailors and marines. He has a system

devised especially for landing parties and for the

crews of destroyers and ~~submarines. A conditioning~~ ~~big boats~~ ~~He is convinced~~

program that <sup>he</sup> is convinced

~~that~~ ~~they~~ will keep them fighting longer and harder

than the Japs.

## HARMON

Today we have some further details of the adventures of Lieutenant <sup>Tommy</sup>~~Harmon~~ Harmon, former All-American half back, in China. The information comes from the commanding officer of the ground crew of the squadron in which Harmon served. <sup>This officer</sup>~~He~~ arrived in the United States from China yesterday and telephoned Tommy Harmon's mother at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Eight planes went out on that mission, and Tommy was one of the pilots of four fighter planes that went along with escort. They completed their mission and were flying back at six thousand feet. Suddenly a large force of Jap Zeros came down upon them, ~~four~~ out of the sun. Four of the fighter planes were shot down, and <sup>Tommy</sup> Harmon was one of the <sup>four</sup>~~four~~. A Zero hit his ship, set it afire, and he bailed out. As he was parachuting to the ground, his fellow pilots kept circling around him to protect him from being shot down by the Japs. Then they



returned to their base. Harmon bailed out in Jap-occupied country. But they didn't capture him. He hiked West until he reached a camp of Chinese guerrillas who hid him for ten days, and then helped him escape to friendly territory, from which he has reported that he's on his way to join his pals but hasn't reached them yet.

This is the second time Harmon has bailed out. This time over Asia. The previous time over the South American jungle,

## RUSSIA

Early today it looked as though that Russian advance had come to a halt, the phenomenal advance which in four months brought the Soviet armies all the way from the Caucasus to the west of the Dnieper River and to a short distance from the old Polish frontier.

Heavy Nazi counter-attacks at many points have ~~definitely~~ definitely slowed it down. But tonight we hear of more

progress made by the Red armies. In White Russia, the

columns of General Rokossovsky have driven northwest

from Gomel and <sup>have</sup> recaptured more than eighty towns and

villages. The southern wing of Rokossovsky's armies is

<sup>Mozysk</sup> pushing towards Mozyr, a strategic point on the railroad

from Odessa to Leningrad. London reports that this wing

has already half surrounded Mozyr, has recaptured

several inhabited places along the Pripet River.

~~There is~~ No news from the Kiev salient, but

south of Kiev, General Vatutin has begun another

spearhead attack aimed directly at Nikolaef and Odessa.

These units have widened their bridgehead on the west bank of the Dnieper at Cherkassy, one hundred miles below Kiev.

~~A monitor in New York~~ <sup>today</sup> overheard a radio broadcast from London reporting that the advance guard of these Red columns ~~was~~ only four miles away from a place called Snamenka. ~~The importance of that is, that it is the~~ junction point controlling the railroads to Nikolaef and Odessa.



# ITALY

~~Fine news from~~ <sup>sh</sup> Italy, <sup>reported</sup> The Nazis are in full retreat, with their Winter Line broken. After a four day battle, <sup>^</sup> the Battle of the Sangro River, <sup>^</sup> the British Eighth Army has driven the enemy toward a new line of defense, a line twenty miles beyond the one they have just had to abandon. The Germans left hundreds of killed behind them, and most of their equipment as well as two thousand prisoners.

It was one of the hardest fought battles in all the Mediterranean campaigns. The resistance was as intense and bitter as that which the American Fifth Army met when it landed on the beaches of Salerno. A spokesman at Allied headquarters <sup>says we</sup> ~~announced~~ <sup>should</sup> ~~that we must~~ be prepared to hear of heavy British casualties in the Battle of the Sangro.

The Allies have word that the enemy are rushing heavy reinforcements <sup>from</sup> ~~to~~ northern Italy, all the

way along the valley of the Pescara to the Apennine slopes.) <sup>TP</sup> ~~However~~ It is ~~also~~ announced that the Germans made good their retreat. The spearhead of Montgomery's army, the British, New Zealanders and Indian veterans from Africa, did their best to catch up with the ~~retreating~~ enemy. But the Germans withdrew in good order, not only leaving minefields, but also fighting desperate rear guard actions. The pursuers also <sup>were</sup> ~~had been~~ held back by heavy rains.

The British are advancing along a twenty-five mile front, and have captured several <sup>more</sup> towns. ~~In a couple of them, they are still fighting to expel the German rear guards.~~

<sup>German</sup> The collapse on the east will eventually cause a weakening of the <sup>in</sup> ~~German~~ line on the west.

<sup>TP</sup> Swarms of Allied planes are hammering at the Nazi lines on the road to Rome. In the last forty-eight hours,

the Germans <sup>hurled</sup> ~~three~~ no fewer than five counter-attacks  
at our Fifth Army, <sup>all of which were</sup> ~~but they were all~~ repulsed.

General Clark's heavy guns are now cannonading the  
German lines, <sup>and that may</sup> ~~which probably~~ means an advance on the  
west.



## INTRO TO MAJOR RAINIER

One of Montgomery's officers is sitting beside me tonight. In the war in North Africa he had a really toughest job; ~~in all this war~~ the job of directing the water supply in the battle of the desert. <sup>(so called waterless)</sup>

~~how about having a chat with the man who did it?~~

(a South African engineer. And he)  
Major Peter W. Rainier, ~~who~~ has just written a book called "PIPELINE TO BATTLE." And that ~~book~~ title

"pipeline" gives a clue to part of his story. How long did <sup>you say</sup> ~~long was~~ the pipeline <sup>was</sup> Major Rainier?

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MAJOR: Six hundred miles, from the Nile to the vicinity of ~~Tankah~~ Tobruk. We pumped the water from the Nile, filtered it, and piped millions of gallons across the desert to the troops at the front line.

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L.T. Which certainly must have been a big job of pipeline building.

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MAJOR R: Yes, and then it was a job of pipeline destroying. When Rommel's North Africa Corps drove us back to El Alemain--almost to the Nile--we destroyed the pipeline as we ~~xx~~ retreated.

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Lt. J.: And then, I suppose, you had to rebuild the pipeline as the Eighth Army chased Rommel back.

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MAJOR R: Yes, we reconstructed the six hundred miles of pipe, but never could carry it any farther forward than that. The distances were too great.

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Lt. J.: What ~~xxx~~ did you do then?

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MAJOR R: We dug wells--though you don't strike water too often when you drill in the desert. I had no geological charts to guide me, but figured that water would be found most likely at the junction of

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the Wadis, the desert water courses that sometimes are running streams--with water that seeps underground. And of the fifty odd wells we sank, not one was dry. Then when we got km to the Mareth line on the border of Tunisia, a false rumor, a sabotage rumor perhaps, circulated among the soldiers that water from wells drilled in those parts was debilitating, & whereupon the soldiers refused to drink it, unless scientific means were taken to remove the debilitating qualities from the water. We had no scientific means whatever, but we did have some truckloads of lime--not good for anything except making whitewash. I had the lime put up into neat packages, and issued these with written instructions as follows: "On no account must more than one teaspoonful of this potent powder be placed in any one water cart, as the results might be disastrous."

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L.T. And, I suppose, the soldiers took that meaningless line to be some sort of powerful science.

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MAJOR R: They were quite sure of it, because when they drank the water they felt no debilitation. And, in fact, were never more vigorous--as they stormed the Mareth Line.

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L.T. Some story that! And Major Ranier is full of such tales of his days with Gen. Montgomery.

## WOMEN

Among the laws passed by the O.P.A., as you may or may not recall, I'd forgotten it -- was one limiting the sizes of women's clothes, particularly slacks and coveralls. A clothing manufacturer on the Pacific Coast has protested that particular part of the law. In explaining his objection in his letter to Washington he writes: "Women on the West Coast are not built the same as women on the East Coast."

Huh!  
~~Right~~ sounds like something new in biology.

How do you figure that out, ~~Mr~~ George?