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The Moscow radio announced tonight that U.S. Sec'y of state Cordell Hull and British foreign Sec'y Anthony Eden had arrived in Moscow for the tri-power conference.

Hull and Eden were accompanied by Averil Harriman recently appointed Ambassador to Soviet Russia.

They were greeted by Molitof, and Litvinof and others.



RUSSIA

In Russia, the Germans are putting up one of the stiffest fights of the war in the streets of Melitopol, the city near the shore of the Sea of Azov. Last week we were given to understand that the Russians had taken Melipopol. But according to the reports from Moscow this afternoon, they have only taken half the city. With fighting now going on for seven days.

The Germans, we hear, have lost some fifteen thousand men in this battle. As for the Russians, we can't know. The fighting is with bayonets, sub-machines, and hand grenades, with the German rear guard ordered to do ourdie. Evidently a lot of them are dying, for they are trapped between the shock troops of the Soviet Army and their own Nazi storm troop machine-gunners who are there to shoot down any Germans who Attempt to retreat.

The City of Melitopol, which once had seventy-five thousand people and a notable Cathedral

is reported to be completely wrecked. Bodies piled high in the streets.

The Russians claim that the invaders have been so hard put to it for reserves that they have thrown thousands of green boys and older men into the fight. Also units just out of the Caucasus and the Crimea.

Captain Sortorious, Number one Nazi military commentator, acknowledges that the Russians have achieved a success, and adds that the Red Generals are using extraordinary forces of infantry tanks and airplanes to force a break-through.

Also, South of Kremenchug, the German front is threatened at three different points, with Red columns breaking through to the Southeast.

WILLOW RUN

I am broadcasting from Willow Run tonight, where the Ford people are turning out so many of the big bombers that have been making history of late, blasting the Roumanian oil fields, smashing the Japs at Rabaul in the South Pacific, and giving the Germans right in Hitler's Reich, a foretaste of what is still to come.

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At noon today, in one of the huge buildings of Willow Run, the Ford people shut down for a few minutes, the riveters stopped their racket, and the welders and operators of giant cranes, and some 20,000 employees, gathered round while Gene Sarazen and I talked to them.

As a matter of fact we were so bewildered by what we saw that about all we could do was congratulate the workmen here at Willow Run on the great job they are doing.

You ~~xxxxxxx~~ have all heard of the vast size of this place, and you have seen pictures that give you some idea of its enormity. But it's bigger than that.

As Mr. Ford said to me this afternoon, it's almost too big for the mind of man to grasp.

It's a cold, blustery day out here, but 80 year old Henry Ford, hatless and coatless, and wearing moccasins, turned up to welcome us. And then we were taken in to meet some fifty Ford regional managers who had just come in from all parts of America. One, an Englishman, had flown over from Europe for the meeting. My being here on the same day was just an accident.

Ever since we first heard about Willow Run I had intended to come and have a look at it. I dropped in today on my way to Chicago.

I had heard so many conflicting stories about this --the largest single plant in the world--that I wanted to see it for myself--and find out if it had lived up to its advance billing.

I say the largest in the world, meaning the largest under one roof. Which it is. About 90 acres of buildings. 900 acres, including the grounds around it.

Has it come up to expectations? Well, I saw the heavy bombers rolling off the assembly line. And I saw the rows of them outside ready to be flown away. Saw some being flown away.

It's all too enormous to describe. But the heads of Willow Run showed me their figures to prove that they have kept up to schedule; in spite of the almost unsurmountable difficulties they have faced.

And they told me of, and showed me, the improvements they have made in the Liberators, and discussed with me improvements still to come.

To see what is being done here gives you a feeling that, that we can't help but win this war!

And now how about that war? Let's see what's been happening.

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INVASION

There isn't much news from Italy tonight - except that the fighting ~~the fighting in Italy is tougher than ever this week. Nazi~~ seems to have slowed down.

Field Marshall ~~Kesselring~~ Kesselring has hurled wave upon wave of tanks and infantry at the Fifth Army, ~~in counter-attacks~~

and General Clark's men ^(have thrown) ~~threw~~ them back and pushed ahead, but, ~~might~~

~~slowly~~ After all that hard battling, at latest reports, they

had ^{made} ~~guns~~ ^{more} ~~about~~ only three miles on the road to Rome, ~~North of~~

~~the Volturno~~ However, they captured ten small towns and are

pressing close to Mt Massico, a landmark on the road ^{to Rome;} ~~going~~

^{and} ~~North~~ ~~It is~~ not much of a mountain, ^{only} ~~only~~ twenty five hundred

feet high. But the Nazis ~~are using it for all it is worth. They~~

have their heavy guns ^{up} there and are pounding at General Clark's

~~new~~ army for all they are worth.

~~The Fifth Army is doing nothing spectacular at present, just hard, exhausting work. They are plugging away, whittling at the Nazi salient. Among the places they captured was Cancello, the last strong point that the Germans had established West of Capua. But the Germans are fighting every foot of the way.~~

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~~U-M I X X the way.~~

The heavy cannon that the Germans have planted on the slopes of Mt. Massico are probably covering ^{the} ~~a~~ retirement ^{of their main force} to another river eighteen miles North of the Volturno, ^{which} ~~that~~ will ^{give} ~~offer~~ them another strong line of defense which ^{the Fifth Army} ~~our army~~ will have to force before they ^{can push on to Rome.} ~~win through to the Eternal City.~~

On the Adriatic ^{side,} ~~front,~~ the British Eighth Army ~~did not~~ ^{pushed}

~~have any spectacular luck either. Its vanguard rolled into a~~

^{into a} place called Monte Cilfone. ^{But the Germans} ~~But that was just too bad, because~~ ^{drove them right out.} ~~there was a strong German garrison there and the Britishers were~~

~~quickly thrown out. That was~~ ^{Nothing serious, because Montgomery's} ~~men were few in number.~~ ^{vanguard was not much more than a patrol unit. There is reason to}

^{Montgomery,} believe that the conqueror of Libya is ^{piling up} ~~accumulating~~ supplies, and ^{getting set} ~~collecting his forces~~ for a big ^{drive.} ~~push up the Eastern shore of~~

~~Italy. At the same time, he presents a constant menace to the~~

~~left flank of the Nazi forces that are holding back our own~~

~~Fifth Army.~~

^{Now has there been} ~~There was not~~ much doing in the air the ^{se} ~~last~~ two days, ---

because of bad weather ^{that} ~~which~~ kept the heavy bombers grounded.

However, the medium and light bombers and fighter-bombers gave

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most effective support to the ground troops. Major General

~~James H. Doolittle received another compliment today. It was~~
Here is news that will interest
~~many writers. More high praise for~~
~~because of his powerful cooperation at Alife last week. British~~
Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

~~Chief Air Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, is the officer who sent the~~
~~congratulations to Jimmy Doolittle. Tedder is Commander-in-Chief~~

~~of the Allied Air Forces in that theatre, Tedder said in his~~
in a message
~~today, said:~~

~~message:~~ "As a result of a last minute call from the Army,

which left little time for preparation, this operation must be

considered a remarkable tribute to your organization and

operating efficiency." Tedder then pointed out that the bombers

of Doolittle's Marauders practically demolished *a place called* Alife, and

seriously disrupted the communications of the German forces

resisting the Allies there.

~~Although the Germans are making the British and Americans~~

~~pay dearly for every foot of advance, there is no question that~~

~~they are beginning to withdraw. Air observers~~ *bring* ~~brought back~~

~~reports that they are burning such part of their equipment as~~

~~cannot be moved, which is a sure sign of retreat.~~

~~too cheap~~
AIR WAR

it appears
The people of South Germany are in for such a series of bombings as they have never dreamed *of. For* ~~we~~ the Allies now have a number of *superb* ~~air~~ air fields in South Central Italy, within easy striking distance of Munich, Vienna, and the Great Saxon Cities of ~~Dresden~~ *moreover* and Leipzig. *reported to be* The Allied air command is *massing* huge numbers of men, planes and supplies for a concerted attack on parts of Hitler's reich that have hitherto been immune.

will The people in South Germany ~~will~~ be the only ones to feel the force of this offensive. *For* It will also be aimed at Hitler's allies, the Hungarians, the Rumanians, *and* the Bulgarians. *Yes,* Our planes can *now strike far more easily* hit at Budapest, Bucharest, *and those* the Floesti oil fields in *Rumania.* ~~again, and Sofia, Capital of Bulgaria.~~

As fast as the Armies of General Clark and General Montgomery *the* advance, *all the smashed up* ~~our~~ engineers get busy repairing ~~the badly bombed air~~

airdromes. It takes only a few days to get them into shape. ~~The~~ *And then the Liberators from Willow* ~~fasten the Allied Armies advance, the more heavy bombers can now~~ *Run and ~~for~~ our own planes* of all sizes *move in.*

ARNOLD FOLLOW AIR WAR

In Washington, General Arnold ^{today} gave the newspapermen some idea ^{of} what to expect. ^{That the} ~~of their plans.~~ The bombings of the Cities of Hitler and his

Allies are not expected to break them down, ^{but} ~~but~~ ^{that} they will pave the way for the Allied ^{Armies that are moving} ~~ground troops when they are ready~~ for the big attack on central Europe. ~~to move in. In fact, it will mean a saving of thousands of~~

^{He also} ~~it was.~~ He told the newspapermen that we are wearing the enemy

down. ~~He did not~~ mean that the war is over, or that it is going

to be easy. ^{that} But we do now have the upper hand. The Germans have

concentrated the bulk of their fighter ~~plane~~ ^{to the} force ~~farther~~ North,

ⁱⁿ ~~between~~ Denmark, and Belgium, ^{with} The Nazi interceptor force ~~was~~

^{American} ordered to stop the ~~United States~~ daylight bombers at any cost.

Gen. Arnold also tells us that the great loss of sixty Flying

Fortresses at Schweinfurt will soon be made up. ^{That he} ~~He~~ is building up

the U. S. Eighth Air Force in Britain, regardless of losses. ^{That he}

complained that the story of the air war ^{has been} ~~was being~~ told to the

American people with too much emphasis on losses. ~~and~~ ^{He} thinks

there is also too little explanation of the importance of the

raids, such as that ^{on} Schweinfurt. The Germans, he pointed out,

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~~1 - 1 - 1 pointed out,~~

And he went on to say
have only two major plants for making ball bearings. That raid,
in which ^{the} sixty Flying Fortresses were lost, completely destroyed
one of them. ~~and, said~~ ^{even. added:-} Arnold, "you cannot make airplane or tank
engines without ball bearings!"

CUNNINGHAM

there is
At the British Admiralty today, a new First Sea Lord, ~~since the~~
~~seast-latch~~. Two days ago, at allied headquarters in Algiers,
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Andrew ~~Brown~~ Cunningham shook hands
with General Dwight Eisenhower and said good-bye. That ended a
short but dramatic and colorful association. Cunningham then
boarded a plane and took off for London to take over his new job,
which means that he is ^{now} in supreme active command of the Royal
Navy, ^a ~~the~~ position ~~is~~ comparable to that of our own Admiral,
Ernest King. ~~The First Civil Lord of the Admiralty is the~~
~~opposite number of secretary of the navy, Frank Knox.~~

As Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean, Sir Andrew ~~Brown~~
Cunningham has shown himself to belong in the great tradition of
British Admirals, Lord Howard of Effingham, Drake, Rodney, Lord
St Vincent, Hood, and Nelson. When he took command in the
Mediterranean, Cunningham had one of the hardest jobs ^{whole} of the war.

^{then} The Axis had overwhelming superiority in the air; Mussolini had
a powerful fleet, and Cunningham had a comparatively small ^{Mediterranean} force
consisting ^{partly} ~~mostly~~ of obsolete ships. He used what he had with

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such a combination of daring and shrewdness that the Italian
fleet never dared to risk a real battle. The consequence was
that Cunningham whittled down Mussolini's Navy, bit by bit,

~~first at Calabria, then at Matapan, and finally with the~~
~~smashing~~ *And then he*
~~smashing~~ air victory at Taranto. ~~He~~ reached the climax on
September eleventh, when he radioed a message informing their
Lordships of the Admiralty that ["]the Italian fleet now lies at
anchor under the guns of the fortress at Malta."["]

The farewells between Admiral Browne Cunningham and General


Eisenhower were stately and ceremonious. A bugler of the United

States Army sounded the call to attention as ^{the British Admiral}
~~and the American general~~
Eisenhower came out of headquarters. Behind them was a glittering

array of Admirals and Generals, with ~~aces of WACS and WAFS~~

~~and other Women's auxiliary services~~ British and American

soldiers and sailors ^A looking on while the ^{A U. S.} ~~United States~~ Army

band played "Rule Britannia."


DEPENDENTS

The Dependents of our fighting men are to have more money.

The House of Representatives voted to increase the allowances

of their wives to ~~thirty~~ ^{31.00} dollars a month for the first child,
~~twenty dollars a month for each additional child.~~ ^{and 15 for a third.} A woman with

five children, in addition to her own allowance, will have a

hundred and ten dollars a month. That is the same scale that the

Senate approved last week, and it is now up to the President.

The vote on it was three hundred and eighty-nine to nothing,

which you might call unanimous.

LINDBERGH

One of the questions I asked out here at Willow Run today was:--what has happened to Lindbergh?

Does he still work here? If so, what does he do?

The answer is, he is still here, And Henry Ford himself told me that the Lone Eagle is doing a superb job as a high altitude test flier and in many other phases of the research end. He told of Lindy flying up to 41,000 feet on one test, and of many dangerous jobs he has tackled.

Mr. Ford told me that Lindbergh seldom has anything to say, and that sometimes he'll boil it down to one word, with all the required meaning in that one word. Furthermore that he is doing his war job without taking any pay.

Others, including the legendary Charles Sorenson, and Harry Bennett, and Henry Ford the Second too, all had high praise for the job Lindbergh is doing, and the self-effacing way he is doing it.

And that in brief is the answer to the question:

What has become of Lindbergh?

HITLER

Going back to Italy for a

ment: Soldiers of the Fifth Army on the banks of the Volturno

River saw a naked man swimming towards them yesterday. As he reached the bank, he hauled himself out wearily, held up his hands and shouted, "Kamerad." He hardly needed to hold up his hands, since it was fairly obvious that he had no weapons. Our soldiers took him in, threw a tarpaulin around him, and led him to the nearest command post, where an officer asked his name. He replied, "Hitler". The officer and everybody around jumped with surprise and looked at the fellow. He didn't seem to be anything like the much caricatured fellow with the Charlie Chaplin mustache who plunged the World into the worst war in history. And, as a matter of fact, he was not. His name is not

Adolf, but Johannes Hitler. ^{and} He is not a corporal, but a private. ^{Also}

and he was full of no boastful words. Instead of screaming threats

^{had this to say, and he said it} and brags, Johannes Hitler ^{got} dolefully: "I am fed up. I have

had enough of the war."

And I think nearly all of us will agree with him on that. For the war has brought a lot of headaches to a lot of us - yea, even to Henry Ford out here at Willow Run.

How about you, Hugh?

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