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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Radio communications with the distant interior of China are not good right now. The schedule was for Lowell Thomas to have come in on this program last night and tonight - broadcasting from Chungking. Last night, he tried to get through, but couldn't - and this afternoon we got word that his scheduled broadcast from Chungking for tonight had been cancelled ^{also} because of bad radio conditions. *So I'll go on and give you the news.*

OSAKA

The air, the atmosphere, has turned against Japan - the blowing of the wind. Today more than four hundred and fifty B-29s poured thirty-two hundred tons of fire bombs into Japan's second largest city - Osaka. Tremendous fires were set, and raged with all the more fury because of the wind. A strong breeze from the west swept the flames over the city - a tempest of fire.

It was the same story in the bombing of Yokohama on Tuesday. Then, too, a west wind swept the fire through mazes of flimsy Japanese houses. Today American headquarters states that the principal portion of Yokohama was obliterated. Nearly seven square miles of city were utterly destroyed - this in addition to ~~another~~ ^{another} area set on fire by a previous incendiary attack.

There is a story about the first time Yokohama was destroyed in the great earthquake of Nineteen twenty-three that I think few people know. I heard it from one of our naval officers at the time. Only the bare news of the earthquake was known for

several days, because the Japanese navy fearful that the United States might take advantage of the great natural disaster to attack their stricken country had jammed the air so full of conflicting radio waves that no messages could be deciphered. As soon as the word of the destruction of Yokohama was allowed to reach the outside world, American naval vessels, loaded with doctors, nurses, medical supplies and food steamed at full speed from the Philippines to Japan. They were halted in the outer bay by Japanese warships, and ordered to explain their presence. An American ~~officer~~ was sent by our Admiral to present his compliments to the Japanese ~~Commander in Chief~~ ^{Admiral} and inform him that the United States Navy wished to render aid. He found the Japanese vessels stripped for action with crews at quarters ready to give battle. It was many hours before Japanese suspicion could be allayed sufficiently for our men to begin their work of mercy. I thought then, and have often thought since what a revealing commentary it was on Japanese character. If they could

believe that a friendly nation would take advantage of a great natural disaster to attack them, to kick them when they were down, it is just what they would do under similar circumstances. Otherwise, it would never have entered their minds. Pearl Harbor has shown how true that was.

SUBMARINES

The epic of the American submarines in the Pacific is about at an end. Our undersea fleet has done its job. This was stated today in the Philippines by Rear Admiral James Fife, who disclosed that American submarines have simply run out of targets. Enemy sea ~~and~~ communications have been almost completely cut by American air power and the American submarines themselves. In consequence the undersea craft find hardly any targets to shoot at - their task virtually at an end.

SYRIA

The latest about Syria is a statement in Paris that France will not enter three power negotiations with the United States and Great Britain for a settlement of the Syrian dispute. This follows earlier developments that brought the fighting to an end. There was an abrupt French back-down - the DeGaulle government ordering its troops to cease fire. There was quiet in the ancient land of ^{Syria} ~~Syria~~ today.

Last night we heard how Great Britain had intervened bluntly in the fighting between the French and the Syrians, London ordered British troops into the country where the French were trying to assert their power. In this the British had the backing of the United States - as was disclosed by President Truman today. That made it virtually a joint British-American intervention - and DeGaulle gave in.

The French government explained its change of mind by stating that the order to cease fire was given to avoid a conflict between French and British troops.

The word then was that the Syrian affair would be the subject of joint French, British and American discussions. And earlier in the day Paris seemed to agree to that. But the latest is - no. The DeGaulle government has stiffened its attitude - and rejects the three power negotiations.

FOLLOW SYRIA

How severe the fighting in Syria was may be judged from statements by British soldiers who were in Damascus while the shooting and bombardment were on. They state that the shell fire in places was worse than anything they had seen in the battles of the western desert and the Anzio beachhead. And the acting Syrian Premier is quoted as stating that the killed and wounded throughout Syria numbered between three and four thousand.

GERMAN TRIAL

The First American trial of Germans for war crimes began today at the town of Ahrweiler. Three German civilians stand accused before an American military commission. They are charged with taking part in the murder of an American airman who bailed out of a ~~crippled~~ ^{damaged} bomber last August. A German witness told a story of how the flier came to earth by parachute. Civilians rushed to the scene, and one of them, a cripple, who has not been captured, drew a pistol and shot the American airman. Three others beat the helpless victim - and they today were put on trial, defended by two American officers and a German lawyer as counsel.

BIG THREE

President Truman today confirmed the word that there is to be a meeting of the Big Three in the near future. The President had previously indicated that a conference between himself, Prime Minister Churchill and Soviet Premier Stalin was probable. Today he said he could now state it definitely - a Big Three Conference in what the Washington news dispatch calls, "the not too distant future".

CHURCHILL

Over in England, they are discussing the future of Winston Churchill - rumors are circulating that Britain's war leader may retire soon after the approaching election and be made a Duke. This likelihood was stated in ^a London newspaper today - though sources close to Churchill indicate that the Prime Minister is not likely to retire until the defeat of Japan - when, presumably, he might be made a Duke.

This is the highest honor that King George could bestow upon the statesman who, in the darkest hours of war, embodied Britain's will to win. Other retiring Prime Ministers have been given titles. They have become Earls. And London says that there is no precedent for so high a jump as the one rumored for Winston Churchill - a commoner raised to a Dukedom, without ascending to lesser titles in the meanwhile.

Winston Churchill is a commoner, though he ~~comes~~ comes from a family of Dukes, - the Dukes of Marlborough. He is called by courtesy, "the Right Honorable", as a grandson of the Seventh Duke of

Marlborough through a younger son. And he is a direct descendant of the first Duke - the ~~first~~ ^{illustrious} John Churchill who won famous victories for Britain and was elevated to the highest rank of the peerage - Duke of Marlborough.

OKINAWA

In the news from Okinawa, we have a prediction that the battle on that island will be over in about two weeks. This is based on the fact that the main Japanese defense line has now been completely smashed, all in American hands, except for the citadel of Shuri, which is surrounded. There a diehard band of Japs is resisting to the end - and being wiped out.

The main Japanese force has retired to a new line of defense farther south, and is now wedged in the southernmost tip of the island. At last reports, American troops were within six miles of the southern coast of Okinawa.

The Japanese attempt to form a new line seems unlikely to succeed, for the news today indicates that the remaining enemy force is in danger of being split into two groups - two pockets of final resistance. The Japs are now estimated to have only twenty thousand men left - out of their original eighty thousand on Okinawa.

As the Japs have dwindled, the American

forces have increased - and one report today states that two new divisions of Marines have been thrown into the fighting. This word comes from Tokyo, and states that the American forces, - Army troops and Marines, now number eight divisions - which would come to possibly a hundred and twenty thousand men. ~~Two~~ An overwhelming preponderance of force - which it is said is likely to bring the battle of Okinawa to an end in about two weeks.

President Truman today presented a prospective picture for the war in the Pacific - a picture of three and a half million American troops in action against Japan. In a message to Congress, the President said that the Army will move three million soldiers from Europe to the Pacific in less than a year - those to be added to the forces we already have out there,

President Truman, while speaking the message to Congress, addressed his statements to the Japs themselves - warning them to surrender or be destroyed. "If the Japanese insist on continuing resistance beyond the point of reason", said he, "their country will suffer the same destruction as Germany", to which he added: "Only surrender can save Japan from the kind of ruin which they have ~~seen~~ seen come to Germany as a result of continued ^{hopeless} ~~hopeless~~ resistance.

And the President reaffirmed what he had already stated ~~before~~, that the surrender of Japan will not mean the destruction or enslavement of the Japanese people. All of which leaves it up to the Japanese people, their ~~own~~ political leaders and their emperor.

LEND-LEASE

All lend-lease and foreign relief shipments of meat are being cancelled. Because of the shortage over here, no meat supplies will be shipped abroad during July, August and September. This is official word from Washington.

The country that will be most affected by the cancellation will be Soviet Russia - which has been getting most of the lend-lease meat supplies. During April, May and June the total for all lend-lease meat is three hundred and twenty five million pounds. Of this, three hundred million pounds, mostly beef and pork, is assigned to Soviet Russia.

SOVIET MAP

Today's news tells of the preparation of a new kind of map - a most impressive sort of chart. It is to be a map of the mineral resources of Soviet Russia, and will show not whats above ground, but whats under ground. Soviet Russia is a vast territory, and the new chart will picture what lies below the surface as far down as two miles.

This was disclosed today by a Russian geologist, who is a member of the Russian delegation to the San Francisco Conference. He related that data for the map is being gathered by a new geological formula called Tectoro/roge/nia. This, says he, is a technique that he has developed for spotting mineral resources deep in the earth.

~~Only too often, an explanation of a scientific method is highly technical and complex, is dull to tell. But this Tectoro/roge/nia, as explained by the Soviet professor, is based on principles not hard to understand.~~

It goes on the theory that mineral deposits

do not occur at random - they don't just occur in haphazard fashion as if by accident. Mineral deposits come about because of certain reasons, and when those reasons are the same in various parts of the world - you're likely to find the same minerals.

The Russian professor points out that the same kind of granite occurs in Sweden and in the Quebec region of Canada, and therefore if you find one kind of mineral in Sweden, you're likely to find it in the neighborhood of Quebec.

He goes on to cite the fact that oil is found both in California and on the island of Sakhalin, across the Pacific. That's not a coincidence, says he, because both California and Sakhalin have the same type of mountains, which are of the same geological age. Hence, the presence of oil in one would indicate the presence of oil in the other - which is exactly the case.

He adds that, in the preparation of the underground map of Soviet Russia, one part has been completed - the Ukraine. And this indicates vast amounts of Ukrainian mineral wealth, including oil deposits.
And now look north.