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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am right at the foot of the Rockies tonight, broadcasting from a great University of Denver banquet. All day the news of the world has been pouring in to me over my special wire at the Brown Palace. And here is a summary of it:

The development of the invasion would seem to indicate two major thrusts -- the Allied offensive concentrating its power in two different areas. One in the section of Caen and Bayeux. That's where the Norman coast runs east to west, horizontally on the map.

Our beachheads along that coast are good and deep now, and new advances inland have been scored. British and Canadians have joined forces at Caen, which has not yet been captured, after four days of savage

tank battles, the Germans are counterattacking. But from captured Bayeux, the Allies are driving on. A dispatch from the front line states that the Germans beyond Bayeux have been split into small groups, and, at certain points, the enemy has retreated so rapidly that the Allies have lost contact even with the Nazi rear guards.

From the Caen-Bayeux sector, the coast, running horizontally east to west, takes a sudden turn north. The coastline makes a right angle bend - to form the Cherbourg peninsula. The second major Allied objective is at the base of the peninsula -- driving into the neck of land, to cut off a large area of territory, including the great port of Cherbourg. And the latest tonight indicates that American, British and Canadian troops have thrust inland for at least seven miles, and have cut the

main rail and highway lines to the peninsula.

And, they've captured a place only eighteen miles from Cherbourg, which makes it appear that they might isolate the country to the north, including Cherbourg. And, indeed, there is word to indicate that the Germans intend to pull out -- while the pulling is good.

In this event, Cherbourg would be the first great prize of the invasion; one of the great ports of the world.

One big difficulty for the Allies right now is the landing of reinforcements and supplies -- these having to be put ashore on the beachheads, along the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula. The weather has turned bad again. All along, save for a brief period, the invasion has not been blessed with good weather. Still, troops and armament are pouring ashore, and the

Germans say General Eisenhower has landed eighteen divisions, nearly two hundred and fifty thousand men.

Yet how much better it would be if we had Cherbourg, with a fine harbor!

As an example of the fury of the Nazi defense, take today's account of snipers: We hear that the Germans are employing snipers as never before, are making them more of a major factor of battle than the war has yet known. We are told of suicide snipers, fanatical Nazis resolved to give their lives for their Fuehrer -- their evil god, Hitler. These operate in twos. They stay behind when their main forces retreat, pairs of snipers, and continue their shooting from concealment until they are wiped out.

As for the expected major counterattack, all indications are that the Germans are bringing up forces from many directions, for a concentration

against the Allied beachheads. They are doing this in the face of constant assaults by Allied air power - and the Germans are getting help from the weather.

Allied planes were badly handicapped today by blinding cloud conditions. In fact virtually grounded.

All in all, desperate days of the fiercest fighting seem to be ahead. And the Allies will need all the power they can throw across the water, power that they are throwing and will continue to throw - especially when they get the port of Cherbourg.

WESTERN UNION
PRESS MESSAGE

CONFERENCE:

It is announced that the commanders of the army, navy and air forces have gone to France-- General Marshal, Admiral King and General ARNOLD. The White House explains that they are attending a meeting planned some/while ago, a conference of high commanders scheduled to take place as soon as possible after D-day.

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ITALY:

Still no sign of where the Germans intend to make a stand in Italy. (Today the Allies captured the important railroad town of Viterbo -- on the main line from Rome to Florence. Viterbo is forty-five miles north of ROME and its capture is just another sign of the speed of the Allied advance and German retreat.

On the coast, ^{Fifth army troops} ~~Fifth Army troops~~ have pushed on twelve miles more--with the seizure of another of those places that bring back the names familiar in school book history of Rome. The town of Tarquinia -- recalling ~~Tarquin the Proud~~, the Etruscans, the story of Lucretia, and the thriller of Horatius on the bridge. ~~Not to mention various other high school catch lines, which it may amuse you to remember.~~

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ITALIAN POLITICS:

With all the shooting going on in Europe, a sensation was created in Rome today by several revolver shots. These rang out at a royalist demonstration, with a crowd hailing Prince Umberto. Since the retirement of King Victor Emanuel, Umberto officiates as Lieutenant-General of Italy, and the throng was cheering him--when somebody pulled a pistol and fired.

It isn't quite clear whether it was an attempt to shoot at Lieutenant-General Umberto or whether it was just an anti-royalist demonstration by an enthusiast who punctuated his political sentiments with a pistol. In the ensuing confusion the police made an arrest, but they grabbed the wrong man, and the person who did the shooting escaped.

Along with this we have word that retiring Marshal Badoglio will not be included in the

new Italian cabinet--serving under Umberto.

With the capture of Rome and the retirement of King Victor Emanuel, Badoglio declined the task to form a new cabinet. In consequence of which, Lieutenant-General Umberto called upon the veteran anti-Fascist politician, Bonomi, who played a star part in the Italian government just before the advent of Fascism. Today Bonomi was trying to line-up a set of ministers for his cabinet, and stated ~~he would not invite Badoglio to enter it. He said he had the highest respect for the aged marshal and his patriotism, but he wanted only such persons as were~~ entirely free of former association with Mussolini, ~~and Fascism.~~

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SOUTHWESTERN PACIFIC:

In the Southwestern Pacific, a flight of Billy Mitchell bombers sighted seven Japa warships off the coast of New Guinea. What happened?

Four Jap destroyers were sunk in the bombing attack and an enemy cruiser and another destroyer ran away. The Japs were trying to get supplies to their troops in the neighborhood of Biak Island, whatever forces they have left there.

DE GAULLE

A most interesting visit was announced today in Washington - General De Gaulle is coming over to see President Roosevelt, which certainly is timely. French territory already under Allied control -- and more to come.

This Washington news ties in aptly with a dispatch from the Allied front in France. One of the war correspondents with our forces is Richard D. MacMillan of the United Press. He has been talking to the local French people in the beachhead areas occupied by the Allies and he cables:

"The French people liberated so far from the German yoke by the Allied Second Front are certainly behind General De Gaulle."

REFUGEES:

Refugees from Nazi dominated Europe are to be admitted to the United States. The president announced today that one thousand will be brought to this country, and will be housed in emergency shelters to be set up at Fort Ontario near Oswego New York.

The president explained that an increasing number of refugees are escaping ^{from} the Nazi Gestapo, making their way through Yugo-slavia to southern Italy. He says that facilities abroad for taking care of them are being [^]overtaxed. In fact, refugees from the Balkans are pouring into Italy in such large numbers that military operations are being hampered. ~~And in consequence, a number of refugees are being taken to other areas--some to the United States, a thousand of them to be housed in upper New York state, near Oswego.~~

The president states that, in accepting

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refugees, consideration must be given to those--

"for whom," says he, "other havens of refuge are not immediately available." And they are to include, what the president called, a "reasonable proportion of various categories of persecuted people." ~~They are to be admitted into this country without having to go through the usual formalities of the immigration laws, and, said the president--"it is contemplated that they will return to their homelands."~~

All of this is contained in a presidential cablegram to Robert Murphy, chief United States civilian officer in Algiers--a cablegram instructing Murphy to make immediate preparations to ship a thousand refugees to the United States.

WESTERN UNION
PRESS MESSAGE

FARLEY:

The resignation of Jim Farley as Democratic state chairman is a thing calculated to stir the buzz of political guessing to a frenzy. His retirement as titular head of the Democrats of New York state ^{takes} James A. Farley finally and completely out of the Democratic organization, and terminates the sequence of events that began when genial Jim, as campaign manager, had a spacious place aboard the Roosevelt chariot of triumph in nineteen thirty-two. After which, as postmaster general and chairman of the Democratic national committee, he was away up there until he opposed a third term four years ago.

Since then, at increasingly antagonistic odds with the president, he has departed from one position after another, until only the local New York state chairmanship was left--and now he has renounced that.

So what's the gossip and guessing, particularly in Washington, that metropolis of gossip and guess.

We have a round-up of the surmises, a summary given by United Press Washington correspondent Lyle Wilson. He says that Farley's resignation, as announced today, is interpreted to mean that Big Jom will permit his name to be put in nomination for the presidency--standing up there in person against a fourth term, as he did against a third term four years ago. Thus he will make another stand, hopeless and forlorn.

Of course, Farley won't have a chance to be nominated, and he knows it--but he knew the same thing four years ago, when he offered himself as a hopeless candidate. Anyhow, the word is that to speed up this line of action, he has resigned his state chairmanship which was no good to him away.

However, if the Republicans think that a fourth term nomination will cause Farley to bolt the ticket, they'll be disappointed. If the President is renomina

ted again, Jim will vote for him nest November, and w
will announce in advance his intention to do so. He
is a party man, and he couldn't be mad enough at any-
body to bolt.

This, we are told, is the concensus of opinion
among the political wisemen in Washington.

What is the political trend in the country at
the moment? Well, Here in Denver, at the University
of Denver, the no. I. educational instituti~~on~~n in the
Rocky Mountains where I attended years ago, they have
what is called the National opinion Research Center.
I visited it. Today and saw some figures indicating
that Governor Dewey if nominated and if F.D.R. runs
that Dewey will giv~~e~~ him a real race for it. and has
a chance to win.

ACTRESS

In Hollywood today, a movie actress got a divorce and recited a poem. It was the second time she got a divorce, and also the second time that she issued the same poem. Back in nineteen thirty-five Joan Blonde~~l~~ was parted from Camera-man George Barnes. She said that life with him had become intolerable and she wrote the following verse:

"Life is phoney with Baloney,
From the start until it's done.

Gold or tatters, neither matters,

It's the strife of life that's fun."

Well, figuring that the strife of life was fun, she got married again, this time to movie Actor Dick Powell. Now she has broken the bonds of matrimony with him, charging extreme cruelty. And once again she recites the poem, "Life is Phoney with Baloney." No matter whom she divorces those are her sentiments. And what are your sentiments Mark Crandall.

WAR_BOND_RALLY

I am at a war bond rally this evening. In fact, I am talking to you from the historical old Block House, in Pittsburgh, at what is called the point of the Golden Triangle. In pre-Revolutionary days this was a wilderness. A young British Colonial Major, by name George Washington, suggested to the English Royal Governor Dinwiddie, who sat at fashionable Williamsburg, that a fort be built here. Here at Pittsburgh Point, at the junction of the Alleghany and Monongahela rivers. Yes, I am standing right at the beginning of the Ohio River. ~~XXXX~~ Where Givernor Dinwiddie sent forty men to start the construction but when the fort was almost completed, on an April evening in 1754, a silent flotilla of canoes and small boats manned by French, Canadians and Indians, landed at the forks and "captured" the fort without a single shot being fired.

Our own George Washington, then a Colonel, was ordered to retake the Fort. And as Voltaire wrote concerning the first shot that was fired by Washington

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"It was the shot that set Europe ablaze, for it started the seven year war in Europe and the French and Indian wars here in America.

Yes if this old Block House could talk, it could tell exciting tales about fights and fires, floods, fortunes and famines and the great struggle between the British and the French for the possession of the continent. Just as tonight I am telling you of fighting in Normandy, in Italy and in the Pacific that will decide the fate of the world.

Anyhow, I'm in that old Block House this evening.

BONDS

From my press wire at the William Penn, I've dashed down here to old Fort Pitt in company with members of the committee who campaigning in this part of Pennsylvania for the Fifth War Loan. And we've just been talking about it, the War Financial of Allegheny Co. and of the coincidence that the Second Front headline broke upon the world just a week ago and the new war loan drive began yesterday. All of which means that the accident of events has dramatized the Fifth War Loan in the most vivid way--has dramatized our duty to buy bonds. We are all given the most opportune chance to support the invasion, by buying more bonds.