

In the Philippines, MacArthur's battalions are literally ~~tearing~~ <sup>slashing</sup> through the Japanese positions. They have captured Palo, the second largest city of the <sup>and island</sup> Province of Leyte. The Sixth Army under General Kruger, is now ~~forging ahead~~ <sup>pushing</sup> inland from two directions, from Dulang in the south and Palo in the north. The object is to deprive the enemy of all road communications. ~~the entire zone.~~

The reconquest of Leyte is becoming so complete that civil units have followed close behind the Army, to organize local government and prepare to restore full liberty to the Philippine people, under their own officials. Sergio Osmeña, President of the Philippines, arrived in Leyte along with MacArthur.

There ~~is~~ <sup>is real</sup> ~~considerable~~ cause for haste in all these operations. MacArthur's quick campaign to free the Philippines is by way of being a race against the

rapidly approaching typhoon season, which is expected next month and will considerably hamper military operations.

*The front on Leyte*  
~~MacArthur's~~ front now extends along a continuous line of *about* twenty miles, and at all points *is* more than five miles inland. Engineers with bulldozers are hard at work putting ~~the~~ airdromes into shape so ~~that~~ our land planes ~~can~~ use them.

It is interesting to learn that among the newspapermen accompanying MacArthur, are two who covered the fall of Manila and swore they would come back when MacArthur did. They kept their oath. One ~~of them~~ is Frank Hewlett of the United Press, who was the last reporter to leave Batan and Corregidor in the Spring of Nineteen Forty-Two.

At one regimental command post, a ragged Filipino walked bare-footed up to the commanding officer, saluted, and said: "Give me a gun and

cartridges, I was on Batan." Then he explained that he was Corporal Yodena, age twenty-four, who had served in the First Philippine Division under General Segundo. He escaped from Batan to Leyte by boat.

He was tired and hungry, had had no food all day, but he would <sup>not</sup> eat until the Quartermaster had issued him new shoes and clothing, and given him a carbine and ammunition.

An American major asked him: "Will you show us where the Japs are?"

To which Yodena replied *that he would indeed* ~~"I am very much willing to do so."~~

In the meantime, there are stories that an Allied force has landed on ~~Nikobars~~ *Bay of Bengal* the Nicobar Islands in the Indian Ocean. Last week we heard that one of ~~Admiral~~ Mountbatten's fleets had been bombarding the Nicobars, but the news did not come from his headquarters. Today a Japanese news agency broadcast



that British troops had landed on the Nicobars.

Late this afternoon the Navy Department at Washington announced that Army and Navy bombers have been raiding Japanese positions in the Volcano Islands. <sup>and</sup> The mopping up operations in the Palaus continues at a methodical pace.

*As for* The news from China, <sup>it's</sup> ~~is~~ encouraging for a change. For the last several weeks, we have been expecting to hear of the fall of Kweilin at any time, and of the junction of the northern and southern Japanese armies. But today the Japanese high command at Chungking announced that Chiang Kai-shek's troops have fought so desperately that they brought both prongs of the Japanese attack to a stop. Not only that, they have counter-attacked and at some points driven the enemy back.

But the Japanese are bringing up more and more



reinforcements, ~~all the time. They are desperately~~  
determined to split China in two before the Allied  
attack gains any more headway.



ADD PACIFIC

Here's ~~and~~ a late<sup>dispatch</sup> ~~dispatch~~ <sup>just in</sup> from Nimitz's  
headquarters at Pearl Harbor; <sup>it</sup> reports that four-engined  
transports are now using the airfield at Peleliu, in  
the southern Palau group. ~~Which~~ <sup>Which</sup> means ~~that~~ it will ~~be~~  
be used by big bombers ~~to~~ <sup>cooperate</sup> with MacArthur's  
invasion of the Philippines, since Peleliu is only  
six hundred and seventy-five miles away from  
<sup>new</sup> MacArthur's headquarters, on Leyte, ~~at the present moment.~~

The Navy Board which investigated, has  
labelled its report as partly secret and partly top-  
secret. Secretary Forrestal has referred it to  
Admiral King, Commander in Chief of the Fleet and  
to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Admiral  
King will decide whether any portion of that report  
can be made public without violating military  
security.

## PEARL HARBOR

We are told tonight that the Army has completed its part of the investigation into the Pearl Harbor tragedy of December Seventh, Nineteen Forty-one. A special Army board has completed its report which consists of five thousand ~~xxx~~ pages. Secretary of War Stimson has referred it to the Judge Advocate General, but the Secretary himself also will review it. There seems to be little possibility that it will be revealed to the public before election, if ever.

The Navy Board which investigated, has labelled its report as partly secret and partly top-secret. Secretary Forrestal has referred it to Admiral King, Commander in Chief of the Fleet and to the Judge Advocate General of the Navy. Admiral King will decide whether any portion of that report can be made public without violating military security.



## RUSSIA

In East Prussia, an advancing Red Army has captured more than four hundred towns and villages. There are no fewer than thirty-five generals commanding the Soviet forces of that invading army. Their advance guards are thirty-one miles inside German territory, the deepest penetration yet made by an Allied Army.

Stalin in his announcement reports that fifteen of the places his divisions have captured in East Prussia were powerful strongholds of enemy defense. The most important of them being the key junction of Goldapp. The Germans early today admitted having lost the town after twenty-four hours of house-to-house fighting.

Large tracts of East Prussia consist of hunting preserves, the property of the old Prussian nobility. The game now being hunted in ~~the~~ those forests and over those moors is <sup>the</sup> Prussians themselves, with Russians doing the hunting.

A good deal of our news about that invasion comes from the Nazis themselves who tell of massive invading tank divisions. And <sup>they say</sup> that the battle for East Prussia has reached a fury such as has never been seen before.

The Third White Russian Army, under a thirty-seven year old general, is only twenty-one miles from Insterburg. When the Russians take that, they'll soon have Koenigsberg, the capital of East Prussia.

At the same time the First Baltic Army has ~~xxxx~~ captured five hundred towns and settlements in Lithuania near Memel. That Army has reached the Niemen River and has already begun to force the passage of the Niemen and attack the great railway city of Tilsit. There was a report that the Nazis had evacuated Tilsit but that is unconfirmed.

Another Soviet Army has taken the city of Suwalki which used to belong to Poland. The Nazis ~~singe~~ siezed it in thirty-nine because it is a key to the ~~frankier~~ southern frontier of East Prussia.

Further south, the First White Russian Army is attacking somewhere between Warsaw and East Prussia. Possibly an exploratory maneuver, hunting for the weakest part of the German line.

-----0-----

And so the Germans are beginning to pay the big price for having followed Hitler. For the first time in thirty years, they have an invading Russian Army on their soil. In the West invading Allied armies for the first time in a hundred and thirty years. And we'll soon see how they like that.

---0---

Stalin issued another order of the day concerning the activities of the Soviet armies in Finland. They have captured the gateway to Norway and Berlin indicates that the Red Army has already crossed the Norwegian frontier, and is attacking toward Kukes, where the Nazis have built a submarine and air base.

-----0-----

~~Elsewhere, the Karelian Army, pushing west from Petsamo, in spite of wintry weather, has taken~~



from the Nazis all the nickel mines in that region, including several important inhabited places.

Elsewhere Finnish fighters have thrown the Germans out of important positions they were holding.

The British Government in London denies any knowledge of a British invasion of Norway. However, the Swedish police on the Norwegian frontier are on the alert.

If that story should happen to be true, there will be a mass flight of Norwegians, into Sweden and the Swedish Government has decided that Sweden will not be an asylum for Nazi refugees.

Hugh, give me your Star of Calif message and then we'll turn to the Western Front.

NORWAY

Here is a rumor <sup>that's</sup> exciting if true.

British troops are reported to have landed <sup>once more</sup> in Norway,

~~once more~~. The report came from ~~a place on~~ the

Swedish side of the Gulf of Bothnia. Even the

newspapers of Stockholm, which are always open to

wild rumors were conservative about this one. <sup>as for</sup> The

British Government in London <sup>it</sup> denies any knowledge of

a British invasion of Norway. However, the Swedish

police on the Norwegian frontier are on the alert.

¶ If ~~the~~ story should happen to be true, there will be a mass flight of Norwegian quislings, into Sweden, and the Swedish Government has decided that Sweden will not be an asylum for Nazi refugees.

— 0 —  
Hugh, give us your Stan. of Calif. message and then we'll turn to the Western Front.

## WESTERN FRONT

The most jubilant of the Yanks on the Western Front are the members of an artillery battery somewhere near <sup>(Teeongvil)</sup> Thionville. Their battery is hidden on a rugged and heavily wooded hillside overlooking the valley of the Moselle River. A battery of four huge cannon, made in Germany, ~~are~~ some of the best turned out by the great Krupp factory. Yes, those Yanks are firing on the Germans from a fort captured from the Germans, with the German cannon.

~~Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Cowhey of New London, Connecticut, says that our men are now using thirty-nine guns they have captured from the Germans in that locale alone. Some of them are Russian hundred-and-fives that the Germans captured from the Red army, and sent to the Western Front. Now blasting away again at the Nazis.~~

The first Americans to fire these big Krupp guns



were infantrymen who knew little about artillery. But there they were inside the fort and there were the cannon waiting to be used. So they just turned the turrets around, pointed them in the direction of the Germans, and pulled the lanyards. ~~by guess and by God.~~ Behind those guns is an ammunition dump big enough to feed them for several years. In fact, it took fifteen men five days, walking through it, to make a rough inventory of the ammunition captured there.

As for the progress of the fighting, ~~it still is mighty slow.~~ *the* Allies are advancing virtually *yard by yard.* ~~inch by inch.~~ In Holland two hundred Allied guns laid down a barrage on an important Dutch highway junction, ~~point,~~ *and then* preparing for the advance of three British columns. They pushed to within three miles of the place. Through that town run the main highways by which twenty thousand Germans in southwestern Holland

must escape if they are going to escape. West of there, the Canadian First Army advanced two miles, and captured three Nazi strongholds. Thus ~~they cut~~ <sup>cutting</sup> down the pockets of enemy troops ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> are still preventing the Allies from making full use of the port of Antwerp.

15

ADD WESTERN FRONT

An evening dispatch announced another setback to the Allies in the Estuary of the Scheldt. Yesterday the Canadians captured the port of Breskens with a strong fortress. Today in the nick of time, they learned that they had walked into an ambush. The German garrison had hidden in underground casemates of the old moated citadel. If they had stayed they would have been annihilated, but they withdrew in time. And that will postpone still longer the full use of the port facilities of Antwerp by the Allies.



## FRANCE

Four of the United Nations today announced that they are recognizing General Charles DeGaulle and his group as the provisional government of the French Republic. <sup>Der Gaul</sup> ~~That~~ <sup>Which</sup> means France <sup>again</sup> ~~now~~ becomes, ~~the~~ officially one of the big powers. ~~of the world.~~

The announcements were made simultaneously at Washington, London, Moscow and Ottawa. The next step will be an invitation to the French to join the European Advisory Committee and to take part in the councils of the United Nations.

While this was being done, the French Provisional Government began the first trial of a traitor, the first of some fifteen thousand in Paris alone, accused of having collaborated with the <sup>Nazis</sup> ~~Boche~~.

Throughout France, some fifty thousand have been arrested up to now. A story in a French newspaper reports that charges of collaboration have been made

against no fewer than <sup>one</sup> hundred and fifteen thousand people in France. In Paris alone, sixty special magistrates have been appointed to try them. Some three to four thousand men and women have already been executed after summary trials before a court martial of the French Forces of the Interior and the Maquis.

The first man brought before a formal civil tribunal is Georges Suarez, a newspaperman. For three years he edited one of the biggest dailies in Paris, <sup>under</sup> ~~which of course was controlled by~~ the Nazis. The tribunal consisted of a judge and four assistant judges. ~~The prosecutor will ask for the death penalty, and the story from Paris says that the trial probably will not last more than a day, which will be pretty quick work.~~

In one of the shortest trials on record, they unanimously found him guilty of treason and <sup>of</sup> communication with the enemy, and condemned him to death. <sup>The Editor</sup> ~~He~~ pleaded passionately and ~~loudly and~~

<sup>- that</sup>  
vociferously, denied <sup>that</sup> he had been a traitor. Counsel  
asked him, "Have you not urged collaboration with the  
Nazis?"

He replied that he favored cordial relations,  
but added the words: "I was a Frenchman all the same."

At that ~~the~~ <sup>add in the crowded</sup> four hundred ~~people in the~~  
courtroom burst into a roar of laughter.

~~So there will go what the French call Traitor~~

~~Number One~~

A dispatch from Paris reports that there  
are twenty thousand of them in the Pyrenees, and  
another story says that soldiers from Franco's own  
army are deserting and joining these new Maquis.

All news of this is coming from France.

France has slumped down, and nothing is coming  
from inside Spain itself.



## SPAIN

It begins to look as though Franco might soon have to pay for the methods he used in the Spanish Civil War five years ago. The uprising against his government appears to be serious. The men behind it seem to be taking the French Maquis as their model. And, they are ~~making~~<sup>calling</sup> them the Spanish Republican Maquis.

Crossing the Pyrenees, and now ten miles over the border, they already have captured four villages. A dispatch from Paris reports that there are twenty thousand of them in the Pyrenees, and another story says that soldiers from Franco's own army are deserting and joining these new Maquis.

All news on this is coming from France.

Franco has clamped down, and nothing is coming from inside Spain itself.

ROBOTS

*Extra*

A story was released this morning that the Army has been experimenting with robot bombs like those ~~that~~ Hitler used against London. Officers today declared that there is no intention to copy the German vengeance weapon, because it <sup>is</sup> too inaccurate. ~~for us~~. The American mind, say our officers, tends toward the accurate destruction of ~~only~~ military objectives. *That is,* We don't go in for indiscriminate destruction of homes and civilian population. <sup>and</sup> The purpose of ~~our~~ experiments is primarily to find a method of counteracting <sup>robots.</sup> ~~them~~. However, if American ingenuity were to develop a method of making them accurate, then we might use them.

## GUATEMALA

We now have the story of last Friday's revolution in Guatemala, the second this year. It was a group of young Army officers, students, workers and citizens of all classes ~~■~~ that overthrew the Government of President Ponce which had been in office one-hundred-and-eight days. General Ponce and several of his cabinet ~~■■■■~~ and followers arrived in Mexico City tonight. One of his sons was killed in the revolution and another was wounded. Altogether more than two hundred people were killed, and almost a thousand wounded.. *Apparently quite a* ~~It was a hot~~ battle while it lasted, with tanks, machine guns, and cannon shooting in the streets of Guatelama City. Conditions there today are normal, with business houses open and communications working.



BALL

Democrats today were jubilant because Senator Ball of Minnesota had bolted his Party and started campaigning for Roosevelt. The Democratic National Chairman <sup>says</sup> believes ~~that~~ this ~~will~~ mean<sup>s</sup> the President will win ~~the state~~ ~~in~~ the electoral vote of Minnesota, ~~November Seventh.~~

But, Minnesota Republicans <sup>say</sup> ~~declare~~ that Ball himself has more influence <sup>outside his own state than</sup> ~~in the east than he has in his own~~ <sup>in it,</sup> ~~story~~ and that he will carry very few Minnesota voters with him.

Governor Bricker, Republican candidate for Vice-President, pointed out that, although every American has a right to vote for whom he please, what Senator Ball has done is to knife the Party that once helped him to public office.

BETS

In New England we hear of a "mysterious woman in red," who has won bets of fifteen races in succession. They say she is the wife of a baker in Revere. How about a limerick about the wife of the baker in Revere?

Her winnings at Rockingham Park and Narragansett have ranged from three thousand to twelve thousand dollars. Apparently her technique is to place one bet, a <sup>substantial</sup> ~~substantial~~ one, and, as soon as she has collected, to leave the track. Too bad I haven't the lady's name. There must be at least a million people who would like to meet her.

--o--

Have you thought up that limerick, Hugh?

--o--

HUGH:- Let's see -  
          There was a lady in red  
          Who won all her races 'tis said.....  
That's as far as I've gotten with it, Lowell, etc.