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PLANE

Here's a late sensational story, just off the wire. An American bomber landed in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the Far Eastern territory of Soviet Russia.

This happened last Saturday, and that was the day that Japan was bombed. This immediately raised the surmise that the American plane took part in the air attack on Tokyo. And the American pilot ~~said~~ he did.

Soviet authorities quote him as stating that he was in the Tokyo raid, <sup>and</sup> was forced to land because of a mechanical defect.

(All of which will give you plenty of chance to speculate tonight and make guesses.

With a disabled American bomber landing in eastern Siberia, where did those bombers take off from, and where did they go to?

Another question - What are the Soviets

doing about the ~~pilot of the~~ <sup>crew and</sup> plane? Tonight's dispatch,

*Russians*

via London, states that they are interning the crew of  
the bomber. This - because Soviet Russia is neutral  
in the war with Japan.

## AIR RAIDS

There's a good deal of annoyance about the continued secrecy concerning the bombing of Tokyo. There is increasing impatience to find out about the bases from which the American warplanes flew and the bases to which they went. Our government continues to maintain a profound secrecy, and that is cruel and unfeeling - to some people.

Today, there was a call for information, a demand that the bombing of Tokyo be explained fully and plainly. Who is doing the calling and demanding? Why, the Japs - the Tokyo Radio. Apparently they can't restrain their curiosity any longer, and today the Tokyo Radio issues what amounts to a request. "Tell all, please," say the Japs.

In discussing the bombing of Japan, the Tokyo Radio today used the following words; ~~referring to~~  
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America:- "Not a whisper from the Army or Navy."

"We'll be very interested in knowing just how many

planes came from and escaped to their bases," <sup>so</sup>

*said the Japs. Yes,*

~~so you see~~ they will be very interested. And

no doubt <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ Army and Navy will promptly oblige,

*maybe.* ^

From China comes word that the Japs are bombing airfields of east and south China, because they're afraid that these bases will be used for bombing Japan. Maybe they suspect these bases were <sup>so</sup> used - the Japs seem to be having a lot of exercise in the art of guessing. So no wonder they appealed today - for information.

## RUSSIA

Soviet Russia states that Nazi Germany has concentrated nine tenths of all available German troops on the Russian front -- preparing for the much expected offensive. The Soviet spokesman today declared that the vast numbers of troops now facing the Red Army indicates that Hitler is trying to reinforce his armies there by as many as one million and five hundred thousand men. He is trying to get another half million from the nations of the satellites to the Nazi power. At the same time the Soviet spokesman declared that the Nazi forces are apprehensive of <sup>v</sup> Soviet offensive.

A late Soviet dispatch states that Red Army shock troops have broken through the first German line of defense in the area of Bryansk -- a vital sector southwest of Moscow.

## BURMA

Military events in Burma show a Chinese British advance at one side of the fighting line and a withdrawal at the other. Along the Irrawady River, at the West, Chinese troops have driven the Japs back eight miles. This is in the vital area of the Burma oil fields, the place where Chinese attacks several days ago saved British forces who were caught in a Japanese trap.

On the Eastern side, the Chinese had not hitherto retired so far as the British did on the West. But now they're withdrawing. ~~Thxxx~~ The Chinese report the Japanese capture of three towns, an advance of forty miles, which would make it appear that the two defending wings are now on a line across Burma about a hundred and fifty miles South of Mandalay. The situation is still called critical.

SOUTH AFRICA

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South Africa today broke relations with the Vichy Government of France. This ~~as~~ a direct consequence of Laval's rise to power. One possible significance of the break between South Africa and Vichy is to be found in the word - Madagascar. That huge island off East Africa is of the greatest importance right now, because of assumptions that the Japs might try to grab it - in an attempt to get control of the entire Indian Ocean. <sup>So</sup> Maybe the South Africans will <sup>now</sup> seize Vichy-controlled Madagascar, that's one quick speculation following today's break of diplomatic relations.

We've been having a report that, since the accession of Laval, the Vichy authorities on the big African island have been rounding up Free French sympathizers, hundreds of them - a veritable reign of terror.

However, a late story from Johannesburg, South Africa, would seem to deny these rumors.

Recent arrivals from Madagascar are quoted as saying that there are no important political developments on the island. They declare that about ninety per cent of the people are anti-Nazi and pro-Ally, but they ~~don't~~ believe that Laval ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> institute anything like a Madagascar reign of terror.



BRITAIN

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In Great Britain, the question is flaring anew - to invade or not to invade. The increasing activity of the R.A.F. in bombing and of the commandos in staging raids, suggests the possibility that these may be working up toward a British landing on the Nazi-controlled continent.

One London newspaper today suggested that May First might be the zero hour. However, more conservative military opinion in Britain is still of the ~~opinion~~ <sup>belief</sup> that a full dress invasion is unlikely in the near future. The Germans, however, seem to be apprehensive of some such development. The Nazi command is issuing harsh warnings to the suppressed peoples of the occupied countries - threatening them with ~~heavy~~ <sup>dire</sup> penalties if they give aid to British landing parties - and this might include invasion.

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On the other hand, the British themselves

are still worried about the possibility of invasion  
the other way - the Germans landing on their island.

They are not relaxing their precautions. <sup>TF</sup> So, invasion

is the <sup>theme</sup> ~~thing~~ with a double emphasis - the possibility  
of invading or being invaded.

## ARCHBISHOP

Today in the historic Cathedral of Canterbury in England, they performed a venerable ceremony that has been repeated ninety-eight times since the dim Middle Ages - they installed a new Archbishop of Canterbury. <sup>TP</sup> Dr. William Temple was enthroned. His father too was an Archbishop of Canterbury; and, today marks the first time that a son has followed his father, as England's ranking prelate.

In his sermon, the new Archbishop called for the winning of the war as the salvation of Christianity. "We as Christians," he said, "must do our best towards winning the war - that we may keep open the possibility of Christian civilization."

SEDITION

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The Attorney General announced today that anyone who transports or distributes seditious publications barred from the mails will be subject to severe penalties. Such persons will be liable to punishment under -- "the trading with the enemy act." This applies to the magazine "Social Justice" directed by Father Coughlin. Social Justice has been barred from the mails as seditious, and anybody who engages in the transport or distribution of the publication is liable to prosecution. Such is a warning from the Attorney General.

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BILL

Congress today completed action on a bill that will enable the Government to renegotiate war contracts *that have* ~~with~~ excessive profits, or excessive bonuses and salary increases for executives. This provision, a powerful weapon against war profiteering, ~~was~~ *is* attached as a rider to the supplemental War Appropriations Bill for nineteen billion dollars.

SHIPS

The Chairman of the Maritime Commission stated today that the war time shipbuilding program is being retarded by labor conditions, by what he called -- "infernal agitation." He put his charge in these words: "This infernal agitation is going around in everybody's head, about whether it should be a closed or open shop, or whether they should join this or that union." ¶ He said that strikes are not a serious factor, but added that slow-downs -- "may be serious." And he added, <sup>further that</sup> "loafing is serious now!" ¶ He said -- "One of my pet peeves is loafing in the shipyards." ¶ Chairman Emory S. Land ~~xxx~~ went on to say that the shipbuilding program should be fifty percent ahead of the present production, and he recommended that labor relations be stabilized -- to <sup>postpone</sup> ~~spare~~ controversial ~~xxx~~ issues of dispute until after the war.

WEATHER

There was a revelation of military secrets in Washington today, facts withheld so as not to aid the enemy. Nowadays the weather is a military secret - weather reports are not given out, because they might help Nazi submarines in the Atlantic. However, now it can be told - about January. Washington today released the weather reports of three months ago.

It is disclosed that the weather during January was cold, and it was colder in some parts than in others. We had some storms in the south, and a flood in California. And here's a flashing revelation.

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Today's weather report for January may be reckless in letting this out, but it contains some information about the wind in the West Indies. I don't know if it will aid the enemy, but here goes - concerning hurricanes." The pre-existing thermodynamic state of the tropical air mass," says

Washington Weather Expert W.F. McDonald, "provides an environment in which intense local activity may occur, but which at the same time pre-determines a limit of intensity beyond which the action cannot go."

If the enemy can get any benefit out of that, he's entitled to it!

~~Now Hugh I started  
this broadcast with  
some remarks on~~



RIOT

At Montreal they've had a riot, a mob of a hundred battling with the police, Stones and bottles were flung. A brick was hurled through a big plate glass window. Two persons were injured in the wild melee, and three were arrested.

This riot in Montreal began when a strange and ominous sight was seen. A man tied with ropes was led through the street by a crowd that mocked and jeered ~~at him, and~~ <sup>as they</sup> dragged the hapless victim along. It looked like a sinister abduction, or perhaps a lynching -- it might even have been conscription.

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People nearby were astounded and indignant. They intervened to rescue the poor fellow, ~~and~~ <sup>yes, they</sup> assailed the abductors. In a flash that Montreal street was turned into a violent mob scene, <sup>actual</sup> ~~fighting all over the place.~~  
It happened last night, and today the secret

was disclosed. Who was the pitiful prisoner bound with ropes and dragged along? It turns out now that he was a rookie policeman, about to be married. His friends, a jovial bunch, decided to show him what

marriage was really like. Hence the ropes and the captivity, which started a real riot.

So it was only a Montreal version of wedding bells. And marriage, of course, is voluntary enlistment. However, many a bridgroom has been virtually drafted by a coyly blushing bride. — but seldom has the fighting — plus a real riot — followed so quickly!

## SWINDLER

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Today in New York Louis Ritter, a fur merchant, offered a job to Colonel Hale Heatherington Halquiere. That is, the Colonel will get the job -- if he'll decide to turn honest. Which seems rather unlikely, because the Colonel is a venerable seventy-six and they say it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks. His latest exploit was to swindle Louis Ritter and another fur merchant out of fifteen thousand dollars - but with such expertness, such finesse. If the Colonel were only honest, what a fur merchant he'd make!

The police today put out a circular for his arrest, and there wasn't enough room on the page to print more than a fraction of his record. Back in the time of that other war, Nineteen Eighteen, he posed as the Chief of the United States Secret Service, and swindled a lot of dramatically-minded young women by pretending to hire them as spies -- secret agents for Uncle Sam.

IN Nineteen Twenty-Two he swindled a group of rich women out of a million dollars, and one of the

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exalted ladies was Mrs. Lillian Duke, of the multi-millionaire tobacco Dukes. That got him a prison term of from five to ten years, but, upon emerging from jail in his middle Sixties, he was more stately and dignified than ever.

Dignity and stat<sup>iness</sup>e were always his long suit. In his latest adventure with the fur merchants, Colonel Hale Heatherington Halquire simply dazzled them. First, ~~the~~ he bought several thousand dollars' worth of furs, and paid cash on the counter -- peeling off the money with a n<sup>e</sup>gligent air. Each day he rode in a different limousine -- he must have owned a flock of them.

And so he  
He got the~~e~~ fure~~e~~ merchants into a scheme of fur lined aviation -- flying suits and helmets with fleece. And they didn't suspect what kind of fleec<sup>e</sup>ing it was. In those limousines of his, a different one every day, he took them out to inspect ~~factories~~ factory sites, and all they had to do was to put up fifteen thousand dollars for the machinery. This they did,

and thereupon Colonel Hale Heatherington Halquire disappeared.

The fur merchants were astounded, disconcerted and non-plussed. They use furs for fancy trimming, but Colonel Hale Heatherington Halquire showed them what a fancy trimming was really like.

GASOLINE

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Some sharp remarks were made today about yesterday's announcement in Washington that civilian rations of gasoline might be from two-and-a-half to five gallons a week per person. That was stated by a spokesman of the Office of Price Administration. The sharp remarks were made by Petroleum Coordinator Ickes. He said he refused to believe people in the East will be put on such short rations of gasoline and he called the statement -- "very unfortunate."

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Coordinator Ickes added that he thought the two-and-a  
58 1/2 half to five gallon statement did not come from Prime Administrator Henderson. He suggested that ~~the~~ it emanated from what he called' -- "some poor prophet who went beyond Henderson." TP The Petroleum Coordinator refused to make a guess about how much gasoline the rationing system would allow to what are called -- "non-essential motorists." He added that guessing has caused what he called /- "considerable misapprehension."

Hugh, what have you got  
The two and a half to five gallon statement  
to say about this gasoline rationing  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ drew a lot of prompt protests from  
business?

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