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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was a rumor in London today that British and American forces had landed on the strategic island of Pantelleria. In fact, the story was printed in the LONDON EVENING STANDARD, which claimed that it came from the Berlin radio. However, nobody but the EVENING STANDARD people seem to have heard that Berlin broadcast; so, some doubt is thrown upon it in London.

This was the third anniversary of the day on which Benito Mussolini declared war on France and Great Britain, the famous stab-in-the-back, as President Roosevelt described it. And to celebrate the event, British and American planes delivered another

savage blow at ~~the tottering garrison of Pantelleria~~.

^{But,}
^ Allied Headquarters in North Africa makes no mention

of any landing on the island. ^{TP} Yesterday was the

eighteenth day in succession in which the Allies

hammered that ^{vital Mediterranean isle, Avime} ~~necessary island~~. Observer pilots report

^{say the island}
^ ~~that Pantelleria~~ is literally smoking, and that all the

ground installations look as though they were cracked

in pieces. Nevertheless the garrison continues to

pay no attention to the ~~Allies~~ demand to surrender.

There were flying fortresses in that raid, as

well as Billy Mitchells, ^{Marauders,} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Lightnings,

War Hawks, and Light bombers of the Royal Air Force.

^{TP} At the same time fifty great big United States Liberator

planes, operating ~~xx~~ out of somewhere in the Middle East,

paid a serious visit to a couple of the principal

airdromes in Sicily. Cairo reported ³ that the Liberators

~~had~~ destroyed at least two dozen planes on the ground

and damaged many others. They also shot down three
Interceptor planes, while ^{not} ~~in~~ a single Liberator was
lost.

The ~~air force that posted~~ ^{planes that attacked} Pantelleria shot down
twelve enemy planes. ^{So} Altogether, as the figures now
stand, ~~our side has~~ ^{the lads in No. Africa have} bagged five hundred and forty
enemy planes in twenty-three days.

For an anniversary party ~~Duce~~ Mussolini got a
clear demonstration that the British and Americans are
in control of the air at his back door. ~~The reigning~~
~~pilots reported that~~ ^{air} resistance ^{over} ~~both in~~ Pantelleria
and in Sicily was ~~very~~ feeble.

While all that was going on, long-range fighter
planes from the Middle East flew over the Aegean, ~~see,~~
sank two enemy vessels, and left another ~~one~~ stranded
in shallow water, and a fourth listing ~~badly~~ with a hole
in its side.

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A brand new Italian submarine, the Triton, was on her first trip out. ^{Said to be} ~~She was evidently~~ one of the ^{large} new outside underwater boats that the Axis powers are building. She ran into an Allied convoy escorted by a couple of British destroyers. ^{The King} ~~King George's~~ men-of-war dropped ~~so many ashears that the~~ ^{and} depth charges forced Mussolini's new submarine to the surface. ~~At~~ There they sank her with gunfire, ^{they they} and picked up the survivors.

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A French newspaper in Algiers today had a front-page piece announcing that the demand for the surrender of Pantelleria on Tuesday was really the beginning of the new offensive against Europe. To be sure ~~it is as yet~~ only the prologue, ^{and} ~~of the attack.~~

The article went on to prophecy that the garrison at Pantelleria would soon be reduced by blockade, starved out.

ADD LEAD

As the day wore on people in London became more inclined to believe the story printed in the Evening Standard. There appears to be less doubt that the Berlin radio did broadcast a report which read: "It appears that Allied forces have landed on Pantelleria! The broadcast continued to say that details are not yet available. Italy knows Germany will give all necessary help." ~~xxxxxx~~

At the same time the Rome radio broadcast an admission. The Fascist High Command acknowledges that the Allies ^{now} have the island of Lampedusa surrounded, ^{the} ~~that is a~~ smaller island ~~almost due~~ south of Pantelleria, midway between Africa and Malta.

HULL

Secretary of State Hull also took cognizance of the third anniversary of Mussolini's entry into the war. Newspapermen at his press conference asked the Secretary whether he had any comment to make. He replied that as a rule he tried to avoid unpleasant subjects, such as Mussolini. Then he went on to say that the Duce has been false to his people, false to every law and rule of organized society. At the same time he has been as loyal as he could to Hitler, to Hitlerism, and to all the infamies that Hitlerism ^{includes.} ~~means.~~ The Secretary prophesied that ^{the Duce} ~~Mussolini~~ is rapidly ~~coming~~ ^{ing} near ~~to~~ what Mr. Hull calls a timely end.

EAKER

Uncle Sam's air forces in the European theatre of war are now twice what they were in March. Come September they will be doubled again. And by that time the United States air arm will be able to carry its full share of the ^{load, — or the fight,} ~~war on the Axis upstairs.~~

This was announced today by Major General Ira Eaker, who commands all the American air forces in the European theatre. ^{He said} Our air force ~~and~~ there is increasing by fifteen to ~~as high as~~ thirty percent a month; ~~he~~ ~~added.~~ ⁱⁿ ~~It is increasing in~~ both kinds of planes, bombers and fighters, but mostly heavy and medium bombers.

RUSSIA

~~The battle of~~ ^{As for} the Russian front, ^{only} ~~continues to be~~
~~more or less in a state of interlude. A good deal of~~
guerrilla fighting ^{apparently, with} ~~is going on,~~ and the Germans ^{still} ~~are~~
evidently getting ready for their ^{long} ~~unexpected~~ summer
offensive; ^{still} ~~They are~~ concentrating men, tanks and
planes in huge numbers ^{behind} ~~by~~ Orel and Bryansk. So
evidently that ^{TP} ~~is~~ where the attack will begin. ^{TP} ~~The~~
Russians ^{reported to be} ~~are~~ pounding the Germans heavily ^{there} ~~and~~ from
the air, and the Germans ~~admitted that those airplane~~
raids ~~were~~ on a big scale. ^{TP} ~~As for their~~ ~~But the Germans for their~~
~~part are pounding at~~ ^{attacks on the} key centers of ~~the~~ Russian war
industries. ^{the} ~~Their~~ ^{Nazi} ~~latest~~ raid was on a place called
Yaroslavl, one hundred and seventy miles northeast
of Moscow.

ADD RUSSIA

Later this evening it appeared that the Soviet
Generals are not waiting for the Nazis to begin the
attack. The Reds have started a summer offensive of
their own, and forced a passage across the ~~Mu~~^{Wid} River
west of Rostov. The news comes from Berlin. But the
Nazi High Command also claims that the success was
short-lived, that the Germans counter-attacked and
wiped out the ~~the~~^{red} Russians who had forced the river and
established a bridgehead. So we do ~~not~~ know accurately
what really happened. So far Moscow has nothing to say.

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt today, commented on the fact that in October, Nineteen Forty, Hitler gave the Government of Greece just three hours to decide whether to join the Axis or the Allies. ^{Not} ~~in~~ three days, the ~~President~~ President pointed out, or three weeks, just three hours. And the choice lay between slavery to the Axis or an immediate bombardment from the air. ^{Then—} Mr. Roosevelt added that if they had been given three years ^{Greeks} ~~the~~ choice would have been the same.

These remarks were addressed to the Greek Ambassador. The President ^{was} ~~presented~~ ^{ing} to the Greek people a brand new warship christened King George ~~the~~ the Second. ~~That ship,~~ ^{and now} built by American hands ~~in~~ in an American yard, ~~is~~ delivered to fighting Greeks wherever they may be, under ^{the} terms of ~~the~~ lend lease. ~~She will~~ ^{to be} ~~become~~ a part of the Royal Hellenic Navy.

AUSTRALIA

The Australians are no longer worried about a Japanese invasion. The Prime Minister of the Commonwealth held a conference at Sidney with General Douglas MacArthur. After it was over he told newspapermen that the danger of a serious invasion has passed. The Allies, he believes, are now in a position to start an offensive against the Japs, ^{with} ~~and~~ Australia ^{for a base} ~~will be a~~ ~~useful base.~~

At one stage he said: "We had a close call, as did the people of Britain." ^{Then he added! -} "But the battle of the Coral Sea was a deliverance, and the return home of the Australian forces from the Middle East enabled the Allies to stop the advance of the Japanese in New Guinea just in time." Although he does not believe the Japs can invade Australia now, ^{he said that} nevertheless [^] the Australians are not immune from ^{raids} raids, which may cause ^{great} ~~a lot of~~ damage and loss of life.

Evidently the enthusiasm for General MacArthur is as strong as ever in Australia. Prime Minister Curtin paid him a glowing tribute today, said his country can well feel grateful to MacArthur, who has done his job in such a distinguished way that he has ~~insured~~ insured the security of Australia as a base.

ZOOTERS

Zoot suit rioting in Los Angeles has now spread to the women. The female ruffians are called, in the language of the Mexican Quarter there, Pachucos. A young waitress on her way to work this morning was attacked by three of these she-hoodlums wearing knee-length coats. They hit her with brass knuckles, kicked her, and cut her face with a razor. Then a couple of Deputy Sheriffs were asking questions of a group of zooters, when a woman bystander jumped in and called the deputies rude names. They arrested her and found a pair of brass knuck^s~~les~~_l on her.

The Army and Navy High Command has widened the out-of-bounds area. Not only Los Angeles, but ~~the~~ nearby towns are now forbidden territory for men ~~of~~ the armed services.

Eleven zoot-suiters were indicted by the Grand Jury, and something like five hundred people were in

the Los Angeles jails, four hundred of whom are held without charge. All this rioting has aroused the interest not only of the Civil authorities of Los Angeles, but also the Governor of California, the Mexican Ambassador, the State Department, and the Office of Nelson Rockefeller, Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs.

The zoot rioting was not confined to the West Coast either. In Philadelphia a couple of musicians belonging to a well-known band were beaten up by zooters. In Baltimore three zoot suited negros were arrested and given jail sentences.

COAL

~~There is the deuce to pay in the coal mine world tonight.~~ Early this morning Secretary Ickes, as Coal Administrator, announced that the ^{coal} miners who went on strike for five days last week will be fined one dollar for each day they are on strike: ~~That will amount to~~ a total of some two million, six hundred and fifty dollars.

This heated a lot of tempers in the miners' Union. John L. Lewis called it a brutal application of economic sanctions. A Union spokesman for one district said this would lead to another strike. One Union member called it a gigantic burglary and said it was illegal. ^{TP} ~~xxxx~~ Secretary Ickes, ^{we hear,} was in strict accord with the terms of the contract under which the mines are still being operated. ^{And} The Secretary said the money would be distributed among charities.

But there is also favorable news about coal.

John L. Lewis has come to terms with the operators of

Central Pennsylvania. They have made a separate agreement, as the spokesman for the operators notified the War Labor Board today. Of course, there is a possibility that the War Labor Board will disapprove of anything done without it. But on the whole, it was believed that this meant that other groups of operators would also soon come to terms with the miners. By that agreement the miners will have an increase of One Dollar and Thirty Cents a day.

GASOLINE

Motor car owners in the Middle West ~~xx~~ will

The ban not to be extended.
not be forbidden to do any pleasure driving. ~~So~~ said

~~Secretary Ickes~~, ^{Ickes today in} as Petroleum Administrator, ~~He was~~

testifying before a twelve-man committee of Congressmen.

Ickes

~~He~~ admitted that the day would come when pleasure

driving would be forbidden in the Middle West as well

as in the East, but, *He explained that* not yet. The shortage of gas in

the East continues to be primarily a matter of

transportation, ^{So} ~~and~~ cutting down on drivers in the

Middle West would not do ^{us here} ~~people~~ in the East ^{particular} any good.

Ickes also told the committee that he was

trying to persuade the Office of War Production ~~Board~~

to concentrate ^{all} the authority, ^{that is the power} to fix prices, and to

~~it~~ ration petroleum products, ^{put it all} under one man. The

Congressmen asked him whether the situation would not

be better if Ickes had sole authority over gasoline.

To which he

~~Ickes~~ replied that little as he craved the job, he

would have to say yes.

Meanwhile, although Ickes is called Petroleum Administrator, it is the Office of Price Administration that has the power both to fix prices and to do the rationing. ^{So} When Ickes wants anything done he has to go to some other agency with his hat in his hand.

For instance, ~~as~~ he told the Congressmen, he is trying

to raise the ^{ceiling} ~~limiting~~ on the price of crude oil in

order to encourage more oil production. ^{So far} ~~He has~~ ~~hitherto~~

he has been unsuccessful. ^{and} If he cannot get action out

of the OPA, he will ^{he says} appeal to ~~the~~ War Mobilization

Director ^{James F. Byrnes.}

BARUCH

Bernard M. Baruch, Chairman of the War Industries Board in the last war, today ^{began work on} ~~started on~~ his new job, on the staff of War Mobilization Director ~~James D.~~ Byrnes; ~~Baruch will have~~ ^{with} neither salary nor title. He took advantage of the occasion to ask for an end of the bickering that has been going on among Washington officials. He ~~xxx~~ called it "this infernal bickering," and declared that it not only hurt the war effort but confused the public. ^{He} He added that in accepting the job he took it for granted that the Office of War Mobilization means business and will be effective. If Justice Byrnes is not blocked, said Baruch, he can improve things by defining the work of each Administrator more clearly. That, said Baruch, might put a stop to the bickering. But ^{that} he will not be able to accomplish anything if he is to be bypassed and side-tracked as has happened to other officials.

TAXES

The new tax bill now has become law. President Roosevelt signed it this afternoon. Beginning July first all employers will deduct twenty percent from ~~the~~ ^{checks,} pay ~~that people work for~~. Also, people who owe Uncle Sam fifty dollars or less in taxes, do not have to pay it. People whose tax amounts to between fifty and ⁷² sixty-six dollars are forgiven fifty dollars of it.

People who pay more than sixty-six dollars are forgiven seventy-five percent of the year's taxes.

Howefer, you have to make your regular June fifteenth payment. The June and March payments will be considered the payment of taxes for the first half of Nineteen-Forty-three. ~~It is a fair bet that there~~

~~will be a lot of headaches over this bill, and a very~~
Well, that will give us a lot to think about. ~~Hugh~~ including you Hugh ~~good deal of explanation necessary.~~