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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Good Evening to the Don Lee Network

family. I understand the Don Lee is the largest regional radio network in the world of radio. So, I am delighted to be on Don Lee for Standard of California.

JAPS

A Japanese broadcast overheard in San Francisco

reported the claim that the Mikado's air force had destroyed

more than forty-five Allied planes in China. Our own high

command makes no reply to this ~~claim~~. The Tokyo story is that

a large Nipponese formation raided an allied air field in the

province of Kwangsi on the China coast, only five hundred miles

from the island of Formosa. Some of those allied planes, they

say, were shot down in the air, but most of them ^{according to} the Japs, were

destroyed on the ground.

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CHINA - FOLLOW JAPS

Just to offset that, a late story from Chungking

reports a timely Chinese victory in the province of Honan. The

Japs were at the gates of Loyang, a key stronghold of the

province. If the Nipponese had taken it, they would have had an

unbroken line from Peiping to Canton. Tokyo had claimed that

the fall of Loyang was ^{a mere} ~~just a~~ matter of hours. ^{But} ~~at~~ the eleventh

hour the Chinese hurled the Japs back from Loyang and wiped

out most of those who had penetrated to the west and the northwestern

suburbs. However, heavy fighting still is going on in the outer

defenses of Loyang. *So we hear tonight.*

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BURMA

Chinese troops, to make up for ^{recent} ~~the~~ Chinese

reverses in central China, are hitting back at the Japanese in the south. They have attacked heavily on the Salween river, and are advancing to join forces with General Stilwell's army in northern Burma.

The Chinese are equipped with American materials, and trained by American officers. They are attacking on a front of about a hundred and thirty miles. So far they have moved west across the Salween river at several points about ninety miles east of the Allied positions north of Myitkyina.

If this latest Chinese drive succeeds, it will enable the Allies to open the old Burma Road, ^{and will offset} ~~it will make~~ ^{to some} ~~up to a considerable~~ extent for the Japanese victories in the province of Honan.

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Pacific ~~AND AIR WAR~~

Over the Pacific, the air forces under

Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur ~~also kept up their air~~ ^{were also at it again.}
As they have been now ^{ing}
~~war, which has been going on now steadily,~~ for seven months.

They ~~Raided~~ ^{ing} Japanese bases all the way from Truk to the
Kurile Islands ^{in the} north ~~of the Japanese mainland.~~

There is ~~nothing~~ ^{ing} spectacular to report, from
~~this theatre.~~ Just steady pounding by heavy and medium ^{land based} bombers,
~~based on land.~~

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ITALY

What ~~Real~~ news from Italy, ^{Well,} ~~the~~ ~~first~~ ~~time~~ ~~in~~ ~~so~~ ~~long~~ ~~that~~ ~~I~~ ~~almost~~ ~~forget~~ ~~how~~ ~~to~~ ~~pronounce~~ ~~the~~ ~~names.~~ ~~General~~ ~~Clark's~~ ~~latest~~ ~~offensive~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~complete~~ ~~success,~~ ~~so~~ ~~far,~~ ~~as~~ ~~it~~ ~~has~~ ~~gone.~~ Even the Germans admit that their formidable Gustav Line has given way.

~~the names.~~ ^{Mark} General Clark's latest offensive is a complete success, so far, ~~as it has gone.~~ Even the Germans admit that their formidable Gustav Line has given way.

The French contingent ~~of Clark's army~~ appears to have ~~done~~ ^{played} the most spectacular part, ~~of it when they captured~~ ⁱⁿ ~~ing~~ ^{ing} Ausonia, where the Nazi command had its headquarters. Ausonia is nine miles inland, and its fall has widened the Allied bridgehead across the Garigliano river by nine miles. Furthermore, it has completely smashed the line of supply which the Nazis had from Cassino to the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea.

The Americans and French between them captured nine of the hills overlooking that part of the front. Meanwhile, the British Eighth Army, spearheaded by tanks, crossed the Rapido river and started a flanking attack on the Germans in Cassino. The ~~allies~~ ^{so far} ~~altogether~~ ^{some} have captured ~~more than~~ ^{more than} two thousand prisoners.

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That French attack ^{that resulted in the taking of} ~~which took~~ Ausonia was

led by fighters from Morocco. They opened a gap three miles wide at one point of the Gustav Line. And they are now near the ^{the one} ~~of the Nazis~~ ¹ secondary line of defense, ¹ which they call the Hitler Line. Nozi

All in all, the Allies have captured sixty square miles, and that means square miles of area thickly fortified, literally studded with pill boxes. And —
~~It includes all~~ of seventeen towns.

~~So, after the long lull on that front, it looks as though the Allies in Italy are once again on their way, on the march along the road to Rome.~~

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INVASION

Virgil Pinkley of the United Press reports that

Uncle Sam's fighting men in Great Britain are itching to ~~start~~ ^{get}

~~start~~ ^{going.}

~~the invasion.~~ Both American and British contingents of the

invading army have been trained to ^{a fine} ~~fighting~~ ^{says} pitch, Pinkley, ~~says~~ ^{who}

^{adds that} he has never before seen soldiers and sailors so well drilled, and

armed. He has had opportunity to observe all the European and

Mediterranean campaigns.

There is so much of everything, says he, that

it staggers belief. Tanks and armored cars ~~are~~ parked by the

thousands; ^{acres and} ~~covering numerous~~ acres. ~~There are~~ ^{huge} storehouses

of shells underground with vast supplies of gasoline and explosives.

~~The~~ ^{that} rows of heavy guns ~~seem to~~ stretch to the horizon. Pinkley

walked for two hours along country roads, both sides of which ~~were~~

~~are~~ banked with shells neatly piled and covered. Parking lots

packed with trucks ^{TP} extended almost out of sight. Every division

will go into battle with several thousand trucks. All in all, ^{TP}

~~the~~ ^{is expected to} allied invasion army ~~will~~ be able to deliver the greatest

fire power concentration in history.

The Tension in Germany increases ~~every day,~~
~~almost every hour.~~ Axis radio stations ^{are} ~~have~~ begun broadcasting
warnings that the first blow will come in the form of a
giant landing of allied paratroopers, ~~who would be~~ dropped
to earth behind the German lines.

The Axis high command has two strong fleets of
scout planes ranging over the British invasion coast all the way
from the straits of Dover to the Bristol Channel. Fifteen of
them were bagged by British flak.

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Somewhere in Britain there is an American  
broadcasting station called ABSIE. When the invasion starts,  
its principal function will be to broadcast instructions to  
the underground forces in Nazi occupied Europe.

Swedish newspapers today were guessing that the  
allies would attack fortress Europe with one hundred divisions,  
up to one million, five hundred thousand men, from Britain alone.  
The Swedes declare an equal number of troops is concentrated in  
North Africa, Corsica and Sardinia.

RUSSIA

The fall of Sevastopol is made to sound like a victory for the Axis in a communique issued today by the high command of Rumania. This is the way Hitler's allies put it: "The evacuation of the Sevastopol bridgehead has been completed." <sup>Then</sup> The Rumanians go on to say that ships of the German and Rumanian navies and mercantile marine, also German army air transports, carried large forces from the Crimea to Rumanian soil in spite of strong enemy opposition.

~~The Soviet high command says nothing about that~~

~~talk.~~ Most of tonight's reports from Moscow deal with air operations. <sup>S</sup> ~~On Saturday night,~~ <sup>About</sup> a Soviet <sup>planes that</sup> scout formation spotted a German convoy <sup>a</sup> with sixteen transports and twenty-five escort ships in the Barents Sea, off Norway, ~~This was~~ at a point near the Finnish border, <sup>and</sup> ninety-three miles northwest of the Russian port of Murmansk. A force of Russian Naval planes hurried to the scene and sank three transports as well as a self-propelled barge, an auxiliary vessel, and a motor torpedo boat. The Russians <sup>say</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>so they</sup> also set three other transports <sup>a</sup> on fire, ~~which~~ had to be beached.

*And,*

Russian long range bombers are keeping up their

steady attacks on German concentrations of troops and supplies behind the eastern front. They bombed four railway centers in Poland and another one in Latvia.

London reports that the Red armies along the

entire eastern front are all <sup>*set*</sup> ~~ready~~ to go, ~~They are~~ waiting

only for the time when the Soviet high command has finished

<sup>*headquarters work*</sup> ~~preparations~~ for the summer campaign, which promises to

be terrific.

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AIR WAR

The air war <sup>is on</sup> <sup>weekend</sup> ~~broke loose~~ again after a lull ~~over~~ <sup>more than a thousand</sup> ~~the weekend~~, due to bad weather. Allied bombers and fighters <sup>flew</sup> ~~to the number of more than one thousand, two hundred,~~ flew through heavy clouds to bomb the Nazi fortifications on the French coast, also railway and air field targets. Two hundred of the planes were flying fortresses and Liberators, most of which attacked the Nazis around Calais. None of the airmen had an easy time of it, at an altitude of twenty thousand feet with twenty degrees below zero. The other planes in the raid were medium and light bombers, Marauders and Havocs.

From air fields in Italy, British heavy and medium bombers flew north last night to attack vital ~~key~~ points of the Nazi railway northwest of Venice, key points on the lines leading into Germany. This followed on top of that daylight raid which seven hundred and fifty American heavy bombers delivered yesterday on Venice and <sup>on</sup> ~~eight~~ <sub>1</sub> railway targets in the valley of the Po River.

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And now let's switch back to N.Y. and hear a word or two from America No. 1 announcer, Hugh James.

SPRECKELS

Los Angeles police today had to deal with a complaint from a member of the <sup>fabulous and famous</sup> ~~rich and fashionable~~ family of Spreckels. ~~On this network I do not need to go into details of explaining that the name of Spreckels means sugar, both the kind you put on your strawberries and the kind you put in the bank.~~

It seems that a feminine member of this fortunate clan recently took a lesson in pool. It was Mrs. John D. Spreckels, the third, whose husband is at a Naval training station somewhere in Idaho. Mrs. John D. Spreckels the third, with her mother and a gentleman friend, went into a pool room, and thought it was lots of fun. A couple of strange young men offered to teach her the game. They taught her more than the game. They taught her not to play with strange young men. For after they left the pool room, Mrs. John D. Spreckels the third was minus a jewel studded bracelet, a watch, a ring and a coin purse, all of which had cost <sup>many many</sup> ~~around six~~ <sup>dollars</sup> ~~thousand one hundred~~ dollars.

pegasus

Somewhere in England is a flying fortress named

after Pegasus, the winged horse of Greek mythology, which has become

a symbol for poetry. The other day that flying fortress lived up to

its name. It had been on a mission over Germany and was well on its

way home. Suddenly a group of six Messerschmitts pounced upon it,

hit the great bomber with fifty cannon shells and machine gun

bullets, <sup>which</sup> one of ~~them~~ smashed the number two engine so that it

sputtered oil over the windshield and obscured the pilot's vision.

Another engine was already knocked out. The third began to miss,

when Pegasus was still two hundred miles away from home. Finally it

stopped. With only one engine left, the pilot tried to carry on,

but ~~the~~ Nazi bullets had cut the fuel line to that engine.

The pilot, Second Lieutenant Wyrick of Alvordton,

Ohio, thanked his lucky stars that he had plenty of altitude. <sup>All he</sup>

~~could do now was float thru the air, which he did started to glide home, and thereupon followed probably the longest glide ~~ever made~~ on what may have been the longest glide ~~in history~~.~~

The crew threw out everything that was not

Trying to lengthen out that long gravity slide, screwed down. Just as the ~~boat~~ looked hopeless, Pegasus came in

sight of the English coast, and Lieutenant Wyrick made a perfect

landing on <sup>an R.A.F.</sup> a royal airforce field, just in from the White cliffs of Dover. X XX

## CARTRIDGE BELT

And then there's another story of a four-engine bomber tonight. This one saved by the ingenuity of a member of the crew and a slim metal cartridge belt.

This fortress was limping back also. The tail gunner had been killed by anti-aircraft fire. Flak had also seriously wounded the navigator, and shot away the big ship's rudder control.

The pilot, First Lieutenant Sharp of Portchester, New York, circled the field radioing down to the control tower that he was unable to land. But Master Sergeant Harold Older of Granada, Minnesota, came to the rescue. Sergeant Older, a veteran of eight years' service, once served on a ground crew mechanical staff in the Philippines. And - this was his thirtieth air mission over Europe.

The Serge, who was gunner in the top turret, realizing they were in trouble, climbed down from his turret and said he might be able to fix the ruder control. "Just keep going," he advised the pilot. The fuel was running low, but Lieutenant Sharp kept circling as slowly as he dared. The Serge went to work on a cartridge belt. First he twisted and bent

the clips. Then he fished up the severed rudder cables from the waist of the plane. He hooked the ends of these into the bent clips of the cartridge belt, while Lieutenant Sharp kept circling for three-quarters of an hour with his fuel tank getting emptier and emptier. At the end of the forty-five minutes, Sergeant Older sang out:- "Try her now. She may hold. And she may not. But try her, boy!"

Down below ground crews and fliers were watching anxiously. Lieutenant Sharp eased his plane down, hit the ground with his wheels, coasted two hundred feet, and rolled to a stop, with everybody safe, thanks to the resourcefulness of a master sergeant.



A frigate of the Canadian Navy has been sunk on the high seas. Navy Minister MacDonald announced it at Ottawa today. <sup>She</sup> ~~It~~ was the Frigate Valleyfield, escorting a convoy somewhere in the North Atlantic. ~~She was~~ Torpedoed, <sup>she</sup> ~~and~~ sank almost immediately. A hundred and twenty-six men were lost. <sup>survivors,</sup> Only thirty-eight ~~members of the personnel surviving.~~

The Valleyfield <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ the first Canadian frigate to be <sup>and</sup> ~~sunk,~~ the first Canadian escort ship lost since last September. She had <sup>and a stormy one</sup> ~~only~~ a short life, having been put into <sup>only</sup> commission five months ago.

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ORLEMANSKI

Father Stanislaus Orlemanski, punished by his Bishop, is ill. Early today it was announced that he would not appeal from the sentence of the Springfield, Massachusetts See to the papal nuncio at Washington. It was further said that he was on his way to Obey Bishop O'Leary's order to go to a monastery. Five of Father Orlemanski's parishoners called at the Chancellery of the Diocese and protested against his punishment, but the Bishop was adamant.

This afternoon word comes from Springfield, that the priest who went to Moscow to see Stalin is now confined to bed at his rectory as a result of a severe shock.

In Moscow, the official newspaper of the Communist Party, played up ~~very~~ prominently the news that Father Orlemanski had been disciplined. Pravda made no editorial comment, just published the story quite conspicuously.

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CHAPLIN

Tonight there is <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ happy man in Hollywood. The

man ~~best~~ known <sup>round the world</sup> ~~to all of us~~ for his baggy trousers, <sup>his floppy</sup> ~~gumboots~~ shoes, <sup>his</sup> cane, <sup>little</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and twisted</sup> smile. For <sup>today</sup> ~~and~~ ~~mustache~~, ~~Yes, Charlie Chaplin. And his friends are~~

~~happy too.~~ Federal Judge O'Connor finally and decisively dismissed

the indictments which charged the <sup>most famous</sup> ~~comedian~~, with having deprived

Joan Barry of her civil rights. The other defendants were also

dismissed.

~~All of which~~  
~~Of course all this~~ was foreshadowed last week.

None of the defendants was in court; ~~because~~ it was a routine

procedure; <sup>as</sup> ~~since~~ the United States Attorney agreed to the

~~motion.~~

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BATHTUB

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, there are a couple of policemen who ought to be commended by their chief for their ability to make a report not only complete but short. A distress call had come to the police station from a residence district, reporting that an old lady was in serious trouble. The two cops went out, and came back after a few minutes. The report they wrote ranks almost with that of the U. S. Navy Ensign who radioed: "Sighted sub, sank same." But the subject of the cops' mission was somewhat different. Their report read: "Arrived at

location of call. <sup>woman</sup> ~~old lady~~ stuck in bath tub. We helped her out."

Now Hugh <sup>how about something cryptic</sup> ~~can you help us out?~~

and quotable <sub>x x x</sub> from you?

POLL TAX

*Taken out of first show.  
May 15, 1944.*

The long and bitter argument over the Poll Tax in the Southern states is at an end, <sup>^</sup> for the time being. The *bill intended* ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~forbid~~ states to deny the vote to citizens who have not paid a Poll Tax is now securely in a pigeonhole.

*here in Washington today*  
The end came <sup>^</sup> when the champions of the bill

tried to push through a motion to put a stopper on debate, the cloture, which is not allowed in the Senate except by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators. The cloture motion was beaten because the members on that side were 18 votes short of the needed two-thirds.

The Senators who favored the bill wanted the cloture in order to prevent a filibuster by Southern Senators. The gentlemen from the South were prepared to go on talking indefinitely. Actually, several of them are not in favor of the poll tax, but they objected to having the bill shoved down their throats, which would have subjected their internal affairs to still more federal regulation.

Upon the defeat of the cloture motion, both the Democratic and Republican leaders appealed to their colleagues to be realistic. If they insisted upon debating the bill, it would interfere with more important legislation. Thereupon, the Senators laid the thing on the table by a vote of forty-one to thirty-five.

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BEER

Uncle Sam's blue jackets should have some liquid *cheers*  
*according to*  
~~says~~ the United States Naval Commander in North African waters,  
Vice-Admiral Hewitt. Says the Admiral, it's a fine thing for  
the morale of those who fight our battles at sea. Ours being  
the only Navy that does not provide its enlisted ~~men~~ men  
with such refreshment. ~~As for the British Admiralty it would~~  
~~never think of depriving British tars of their grog.~~

All this does not mean that the crews of our ships  
in African waters are unhappy. Their only complaint is that  
they would like to have a mild ~~cup~~ cup of something to  
unlax them after a battle with a U-boat. But, they don't  
have it and, as a consequence when they do go ashore, they  
make up for lost time. Such is the story in the news tonight.