

INVASION

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The American Army in Sicily ^{has} accomplished a bold and spectacular coup, ~~they~~ ^{landed} from small boats on the north shore of Sicily, behind the German lines, ^{taking} and ~~took~~ the Nazis completely by surprise. The men who did this were ~~the~~ ^{the} veterans who had made the original landings in Morocco. ~~At~~ ^{At} dawn, they stormed a beach six miles east of the German front line at San Agato Di Militello. ^{and} they got ashore without any ~~any~~ opposition. But, the minute they did so, a German column swooped down on them. ^{In a} ~~There was a~~ sharp battle ^{our men came out on top and} which our soldiers won. They took three hundred German prisoners, ~~and sent the rest to the rightabout.~~ Then they took the main body of the Germans in the rear and drove into San Agato from the east just as the main body of the seventh army was entering it from the west.

We hear that this maneuver was such a complete surprise that the German lines were demoralized and the Americans were immediately able to seize another town four miles inland without a fight.

The upshot of all this is that the German defense in Sicily is collapsing. ^{Nazis} They have already begun escaping by small boats and barges across the narrow straits of Messina, to the

mainland of Italy.

Meanwhile, Montgomery's British Eighth Army is completing its maneuver of by-passing the German defenses at Mt. Etna. The British are already more than halfway around the mountain. They have advanced northeast from Bronte in the direction of Randazzo.

The Axis front has now been shortened on a line of thirty-five miles across the northeastern cap of Sicily. Even the Rome radio admits ⁵~~that~~ that there has been no denying the success of the British and American maneuvers.

Randazzo, which is a junction for several roads in between the mountains, has already been laid in ruins by bombings from British and American planes. The roads are so completely ~~blacked~~ blocked that traffic is tangled for miles. This has chocked off the attempt of the German troops in that area to escape.

BALKANS

The Balkans are in the headlines tonight. Reports that are coming by way of Turkey. via Istanbul that the Nazi High Command has sent fourteen new divisions to the Balkans. to replace the troops lost from the Balkan defense when Italian divisions were withdrawn.

Many of the Germans arriving in Albania are wearing red ribbons. That means they have been withdrawn from the Russian Front.

From Turkey also we learn that Bulgairn workers had been sent from Bulgaria in large numbers to imporve the fortifications along the Albanian front.

In Jugoslavia, the Germans are mobilizing all men, and all women, making them work on defenses. In fact, the Germans are reported to be terrifically active and evidently determined to defend the Balkans at all costs.

Which contradicts the theory we heard lately that Hiter's generals would withdraw to a line of defense bounded on the south by the Danube

and the Carpathian mountains in case of the collapse of Italy.

From London we learn that officers of the Allied armies have joined the armies of Guerrilla patriots of not only Jugoslavia but also of Greece, Albania and Ctret. The guerrilla leaders have been instructed in the plans of the Allied Middleeastern command, so that they'll be able to cooperate when the moment arrives.

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PLOESTI

We are still hearing reports of the damage done to Rumanian oil fields by the American Air Force raid on August first. The main body of raiders raised havoc with Ploesti itself but thirty-six of the planes took fifteen minutes out to go to a nearby field at Campina. A traveler who was an eye-witness reached Turkey after considerable delay and told hair-raising tales of the damage at Campina. Delayed action bombs continued to explode twenty-four hours after the raiders had left the scene of destruction. The blazing oil caused a terrific heat which prevented the fire fighters from putting out the flames. Trains were delayed and the damage was widespread.

The damage was so formidable that the Rumanian council of ministers held a special meeting to make plans for repairs.

RUSSIA

The main body of the Red Army ~~is~~ has outflanked the Nazi defenders of Kharkov, and is closing in on the city itself.

Meanwhile, the tank column which took Bogduk'nov and Kupevakha is now headed straight for the Dnieper River, *and* is moving as a striking force toward Poltava, an important agricultural center, also the junction of several railways.

The Russians forged ahead as far as Poltava in their last winter attack, and stayed there until the Nazis pushed them back.

it's a place
~~is~~ on the railroad from Kharkov to Kremen'chug; ~~and only~~ sixty miles northeast of the Dnieper River.

Another Russian column has advanced to within eighteen miles of Kharkov.

Further north, *still* another Red Army has been divided into three columns for an attack on Bryansk. *H* These three spearheads are advancing from the northeast, the east and the southeast.

One of them *is now* ~~is~~ only thirty-seven miles from ~~Bryansk~~ Bryansk.

A German military commentator admits that the Russians are pushing hard towards Bryansk and putting the German defensive

forces to a severe test. As for Kharkov, the same commentator

reports that German reinforcements are on the way and will

prevent the Soviet armies from ~~catching in on the~~ ^{taking advantage of their recent} successes.

~~they achieved recently.~~

A later bulletin tells us that a Red Army column

advancing on Kharkov from the North is now only fourteen miles away. *Four miles nearer than we heard only*
~~away. It advanced at incredible speed, and according to the~~
a couple hours ago. The Red Army, so
Moscow claim^s, swept through more than one hundred ~~towns and towns and~~

Also
villages on that front. ~~Another column is out-flanking the~~
which may complicate
Germans on the northwest, ~~and making the position at Kharkov~~
matters tremendously for the Nazis.
~~exceedingly dangerous.~~

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The Soviet troops have also advanced on the Bryansk

Front from three and a quarter to seven and ^a half miles.

~~There they have recaptured eighty towns and villages, including~~
ing some 80 towns,
including one 25 miles west of Orel!
~~Milovoje, about twenty five miles west of Orel.~~

And they have seized many
~~they bagged a great amount of booty,~~ German railroad
~~and~~ *vast* piles of
cars, tanks, artillery and supplies.

SPAIN

One danger to the allied cause in Europe seems to be definitely out of the picture. ~~That is~~ Danger from Spain. ~~That~~ is just ~~nothing that~~ ^{now} country ^{only} wants ^{now} to keep out of the war — — and at any cost. So,

~~This~~ we hear from the New Spanish minister to Algeria and Morocco. ~~He gave~~ ^{In} an interview at Algiers ~~and~~ ^{he} declared that his country is now more than every neutral. ^{and} He added that her chances of staying neutral have improved with the last few months and are ^{— with our help!} improving every week. He also pointed out that both President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill guaranteed the neutrality of Spain just ^{before} ~~before~~ ^{we went into} ~~they occupied~~ North Africa.

PACIFIC

In the southwest Pacific, the American attack is now to be concentrated on Vila, ~~that is~~ the last good air base ~~that~~ the Japs have in the central Solomons. On New Georgia Island, the former Jap garrison of Munda is now trapped at Bairoko Harbor. ~~They~~ ^{There} are being besieged by the American columns which took Munda.

The naval and air forces of Admiral Halsey are blockading Kolombangara Island. Navy torpedo planes and dive bombers have been delivering a series of raids at the Vila Airdrome, also the Jap Naval Depot nineteen miles northeast of Vila.

The Japs, in a broadcast from Tokyo, have admitted that the American occupation of New Georgia and Guadalcanal has rendered Australia immune from a Japanese invasion. ^{But we shouldn't take too seriously any} Another Tokyo broadcast evidently was preparing the ^{Japanese people} ~~Japs~~ for more bad news from the Solomons. Their official ⁺ explanation of the conquest of Munda is that they ^{that they} ~~Japanese~~ readjusted their lines and are fighting against numerically superior forces.

From the enemy

PACIFIC STRATEGY FOLLOW PACIFIC

From Washington we have an inkling of what ^{United Nations} ~~the allied~~ strategy against Japan is to be in the Pacific. The information comes from a member of the allied high command whose name is not given. The first phase of the program will be to seize the Japanese bases in the Pacific until the Allies have established a ring of steel around the strategic centers of the Mikado's empire.

Item two will be to carry on an ever faster war of attrition on the Japanese lines of communication. By this means the Allied High Command expects to make it far too expensive for the Japanese to hold onto the distant posts they have conquered such as Java and the other Dutch Indies.

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Item number three on the program will be to keep China in the war by diverting the strength of the Japanese. This will be done until we are able to equip the Chinese with sufficient supplies \times so as to take advantage of their huge ² ~~manpower~~ _^ manpower. After these objectives are achieved, we shall strike at the heart of Japan itself.

In all the Allied plans there is not even a faint suggestion that our High Command expects any help from the Russians in the Pacific.

INDIA

On this the first anniversary of the latest arrest of Mahandas Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlau Nehru and other nationalist leaders, their followers celebrated by raising cain in several of the great cities of Hindustant. Particularly at B_ombay, Ahmedabad, and at Poona where Gandhi is luxuriously established in one of the Aga Khan's palaces. A large force of Gandhi participants tried to stage a march on Poona, but the police jumped in and stopped it. Tonight hundreds of Gandhi and Nehruites are in jail.

HULL FOLLOW ROOSEVELT

Before he went to the White House ^{today,} Secretary Hull had a press conference and repeated his warning to the country about

optimism. ^{The Sec. of State said it would be shocking} ~~He said it would be a tragedy~~ if the recent

victories won by the Allies in Europe and in the Pacific should

lead to wishful thinking about when the war would end. ~~On the~~

^{In fact, said he,} ~~contrary, declared the Secretary,~~ the good news we are receiving

^{should} ~~ought to~~ make us redouble our efforts at home, to help the armies

hasten the end of the war.

Mr. Hull takes no stock in the reports of political disturbances in Germany. The rumors that the ~~German~~ German

Generals have deposed the Fuehrer carry no weight in Washington

^{and even if Hitler} whatsoever, ~~even if they~~ were deposed, it would not make any

^{In fact the official belief in} difference to the war. ~~The general belief in Washington is that~~

^{Washington seems to be that} Hitler was the creature of the German Army Generals anyway. ^{Hence}

^{no} matter whether he remains Chief of the Nazi State or whether

somebody is put in his place, the war will go on. ^{And then} Secretary Hull

^{concluded by saying} ~~Hull said~~ positively that he had no official information whatsoever

^{concerning any} of new political developments in the Reich, ^{such as have} been rumored in recent days.

Secretary Hull also was asked about the recall of
Norman Armour, ^{our eminent and highly respected} ~~United States~~ Ambassador to Argentina. The

Secretary replied that the Government had sent for ^{Mr.} Armour for

consultations. Newspapermen asked ~~him~~ whether it was true that

Ambass.

Armour had been recalled because the Government is displeased

with the foreign policy of the ~~de~~ Ramirez Government ~~at~~

Sec. would this, but, he didn't
~~Argentina,~~ Hull ~~did~~ not admit ~~it~~ but, at the same time he did
such as he would otherwise
not discourage the questions, ~~which he otherwise would have done,~~

~~if the reports were false.~~

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt has been fishing. He returned to Washington today after a short vacation up in Canada. He was catching fish, or at any rate throwing bait in the water, somewhere near MacGregor and White Fish Bay in northern Lake Huron.

The President had quite a party with him. He was accompanied by Admiral Leahy, his chief of staff, his naval aide, Rear Admiral Wilson Brown, his military aide and Secretary, Major General Watson, his physician Rear Admiral Ross McIntyre, the surgeon-general of the Navy, War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes, and the ever faithful Harry Hopkins.

This was Mr. Roosevelt's first visit to Canada in five years. *The one then,* ~~and that one,~~ in Nineteen Thirty-Eight, was an official visit.

The first thing the President did after he returned to Washington *today* was to hold a conference at luncheon with Secretary of State Hull and General Marshall, Army Chief of Staff.

ADD ROOSEVELT

Here's something more on this story. We learn from Canada that the President managed to catch some fish. In fact, a lot of fish. We have this on the authority of his guide, Donald McKenzie of Little Current, Ontario, who was the only man to be with the President in the little rowboat from which he fished. The one thousand odd inhabitants of Little Current kept all this a secret for almost nine days. The people of Little Current know both to fish and to keep mum,

PRICES

A considerable list of frozen fruits and vegetables are going to cost more in the future. The Office of Price Administration today allowed a rise in ceiling prices. *All this* will concern such vegetables as broccoli, spinach, Lima Beans, brussels sprouts, kale, greens, beans, pumpkins, squash, carrots, rhubarb, melons, peaches and ~~mix~~ mixed fruits. The O. P. A. announces that ~~the~~ retail prices will not rise more than three-quarters of a cent a pound. *So says* ~~That is what~~ the O. P. A. ~~says~~

JAZZ AGE

A California clergyman makes a dire post-war prophecy.

After we have won the victory, we are going to see a jazz age

that will make the last one seem like a knitting bee, ~~he~~ says ^{he},
This disturbing crystal gaze is done by
the Reverend Charles Forbes-Taylor of Pasadena, California, ~~the~~

who

bases his prediction on the mad pursuit of pleasure that he has

seen in all the large cities.

~~Hugh, what mad pursuit of pleasure are you contemplating?~~

*And now Hugh something
less gloomy, a quiet soothing
word or two from you.*