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The latest American assault against Truk about which  
we heard last night, ~~was~~ <sup>has now been</sup> followed by a bombing assault ~~on~~ <sup>on</sup>

Woleai Island, between Truk and Palau. This was according to the

previous pattern:-- smash Truk and then Woleai!

NEW GUINEA

We have another case of an unfortunate accident in which our own forces fired on each other. In this case, it was a misunderstanding between American planes and American P.T. boats. General MacArthur's headquarters announced that two aircraft and two boats were destroyed because of mistaken identity.

~~THE~~ An American P.T. boat was stuck on a reef and was attacked by two American fighter planes. The P.T. boat fought back and shot down one of the planes. Later another P.T. boat came to the rescue of its companion craft, and it was attacked by American planes. The two boats concentrated their fire and shot down one of the planes. Both P.T. boats were wrecked, and of course, two planes were lost. There was little loss of life, and the MacArthur communique points ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ out the reason for the mishap. American P.T. boats closely resemble some of the motor craft used by the Japs.

## JAP PRISONERS

For an American to capture a group of Germans is not surprising - the Nazis, tough fighters as they are, know when to surrender. But it is a surprise when a G. I. comes in with a long string of Japs <sup>- for</sup> they're supposed to die for their Mikado and never ~~can~~ be taken prisoner. However, the Japs appear to be changing, as is illustrated by a story from the new territory we have conquered <sup>around</sup> <sup>on the north coast of</sup> Hollandia, <sup>^</sup> New Guinea. <sup>^</sup>

This is no Medal of Honor story of desperate valor, and it concerns just about the last G.I. Joe out there to qualify as a hero. In fact, the signal Sergeant at regimental headquarters nearly fell over when he heard the <sup>radio that</sup> message <sup>^</sup> Pee-wee Wilson was coming in with seventeen prisoners.

Pee-wee is the kind of guy his name would indicate - no strapping six-footer. He's not even a combat soldier; <sup>Heb what</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>they call a</sup> jeep-jockey -- driving for Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Anderson of the forty-first division.

Yesterday afternoon Pee-wee took a party of officers to a point near the front line. He was returning, driving his jeep along the jungle trail, when suddenly seventeen Japs jumped out of the weeds and swarmed across the road - with their hands up.

"At first", says Peewee, "I thought they were natives - then I saw they were young Japs". And was he surprised.

None of them could talk any English, but they made it clear they wanted to be captured. So Peewee, with sign language, ordered them to move down the road, while he followed in his jeep.

"It got dark shortly after we started", he relates "and I could see them slogging along in the glow of my headlights".

And that's how the strange procession made its way down the jungle trail - seventeen Japs trudging on in the bright beams of the headlights of the jeep.

Their arrival at the command post created a sensation - imagine Peewee gathering in that bag of prisoners!

And Japs are not supposed to surrender!

## SECOND FRONT

The Germans are repeating their accounts of the huge ~~XXXX~~ concentrations of invasion forces at British ports. They say that the amounts of shipping gathered in harbors along the English Channel have assumed gigantic proportions. Meaning, of course, the Second Front is near at hand.

The Germans add one new detail. They claim their reconnaissance planes have spotted allied troops embarking on invasion vessels, and then disembarking - on the ships and then off. ~~xx~~ The Nazis think that this is a bit of stage play, ~~xx~~ in the nature of a feint - the troops going aboard to make the enemy believe the <sup>✓</sup>in<sub>^</sub>vasion is being launched. Something to persuade the Germans to make defense moves on the continent and thereby tip their hand.

The ~~xxxx~~ Hitler people know they've got to face a second front invasion. German propaganda ~~xxxx~~ stated officially today that all hope of negotiating a peace was off - Do further illusions about that. One Nazi dispatch states: "German quarters do not

expect any break in the Anglo-American Russian alliance. Invasion will take place shortly". With this go the usual lot of German guesses about where the blow will be struck - the enemy being in a painful state of uncertainty about the time and the place - when, where and how.

In Italy the word is that there will be a series of blows - the Second Front-invasion-proper coordinated with a new Soviet offensive in the East. That, and possibly a landing in the Balkans. Also - a new drive in Italy. Today, a newspaper run by the Badoglio government speaks of a great massing of Allied forces in Italy for a new drive - this to be timed with an invasion across the Channel. The Badoglio newspaper summarizes in these words: "Everyone is preparing to leap at the enemy's throat at the same time".

## AIR WAR

In northern Europe, on this the Sixteenth day of the pre-invasion air offensive, the weather was bad again, and that curtailed daylight air operations based on Britain - as it did yesterday.

There was a lull earlier in the day - then later a force of Liberators bombed targets along the invasion coast across the Channel. This comparative <sup>by light</sup> ~~daylight~~ action followed a heavy-night bombardment, the British R.A.F. hurling blockbusters on railroad yards - and on a Nazi poison gas factory in France.

London today gives us a summary of the series of assaults against the railroads behind the German invasion defenses. We are told that every major ~~gt~~ railroad yard in a broad belt along the coast had been crippled - a spokesman of the British air Ministry stating: "No marshalling yards between Cologne and the Bay of Biscay for a hundred miles inland, are capable of forming trains". This is ~~is~~ expected to have a paralyzing effect on the ~~shuttling~~ shuttling of German troops to meet the ~~an~~ invasion. The crippling of railroad communications behind the invasion coast <sup>indeed</sup> might have ~~frustrated~~ <sup>result</sup> a decisive <sup>result</sup> - by paralyzing the movement of German reserves -- the movement of German reserves to points of attack. <sup>when</sup> invasion comes.

DEWEY

Tonight there <sup>is</sup> a large response made to a suggestion by Governor Dewey of New York, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ proposed that there should be special prayers on D-Day - ~~that is~~, the day when the Second Front invasion finally occurs. The Governor suggested that people, when the ~~news~~ news breaks, should say prayers at home or in church -- prayers in behalf of our men in the bitter test over there. And tonight, the Governor is joined by Bishop Henry St. George Tucker, presiding Bishop of the Episcopalian Church, by Catholic Arch-Bishop Vehr, by Rabbi ~~Abraham~~ Freedman of Detroit, and a host of other prominent churchmen.

In Pennsylvania, it is announced that firms will close for a half hour on invasion day - for prayers. <sup>In</sup> ~~Montgomery~~, <sup>Montgomery</sup>,

Alabama, business houses will not open on the day following D-Day, so that the people may pray. And ~~if~~ in a whole string of other cities, bells will summon people to pray, on D-Day.



RUSSIA

There is little news from Moscow tonight, with tidings of Russian ~~XXXX~~ military moves coming from the other side. Berlin states that Red Army forces have opened an offensive in Rumania, the sector of the ~~XXXX~~ important city of Jassy. A two-day battle has been raging; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>as say</sup> the Germans. There has been a lull on that front of late, but now the Soviet offensive is rolling again - though Moscow ~~is~~ is silent about it.

LEAD POLAND

In Congress today, there were scathing denunciations of Soviet Russia, because of Stalin's attitude toward Poland. A series of law-makers called on the United States take a stand to defend Poland against the Soviet demands. The occasion of this was - the Polish equivalent of the American Fourth of July. It was the one hundred and fifty third anniversary of the Polish Constitution.

## POLES

~~Today, May Third, is the Polish equivalent of the American Fourth of July. It's the hundred and fifty-third anniversary of the Polish Constitution.~~

That Constitution was adopted in Seventeen Ninety-One, a tragic year for Poland. <sup>what is known as</sup> The crime of "the first partition" had already been committed- Russia, Austria and ~~xxx~~ Prussia having grabbed big hunks of Polish territory. In this hour of distress, the Poles drafted and voted into effect a constitution inspired by the American Declaration of Independence and the French Declaration of the Rights of Man. <sup>In fact</sup> It was the first written democratic constitution in Europe -- the first to contain a Bill of Rights.

But ~~ix~~ unfortunate Poland was not able to enjoy a democratic constitution for long. Russia, Austria and Prussia perpetrated two more partitions, the second and third, until they had divided between themselves all of Poland. ~~And the nation ceased to exist as a state, until after the First World War, when~~ <sup>Pres. Wilson - and Paderewski's cause</sup> Poland was reconstituted. Then at the beginning of the present World War, Poland was divided up again, the fourth partition - when

*had need to do with that.*

the Nazis and the Soviets, under the Hitler-Stalin Pact, <sup>divided</sup> ~~split~~  
Poland, ~~between them.~~

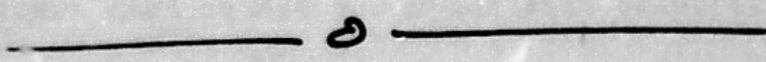
~~Today the Polish Fourth of July was celebrated widely  
by Polish-Americans in this country. In Congress, legislators  
of Polish ancestry, denounced Russian plans to keep sections of  
Poland that the Soviets acquired under the Hitler-Stalin Pact.  
and they called for an American guarantee against what they  
described as - a Fifth partition of Poland.~~

Meanwhile, here's something new in the controversy about  
the mission to Moscow of the <sup>†</sup> Polish-American priest, The Reverend  
Stanislaus Orlemanski. Friends of his declare that he made the  
trip to see Stalin with the okay of what is called - "a high  
Catholic official in Washington". And they add that the State  
Department gave a passport visa to the clergyman only after that  
Catholic official had been informed. Who the official is they  
~~must~~ do not say.

~~All of which comes more or less in answer to bitter  
denunciations in ~~Catholic~~ Catholic circles, statements that the big  
reception Stalin gave the Roman Catholic Priest from Springfield,  
Massachusetts, was Soviet propaganda. And one critic charged that~~

~~Father Orlemanski was, what he called - a traitor to christianity.~~

~~We have been hearing that the clerical mission to Moscow was undertaken with the idea of bringing about a settlement of the dispute between Soviet Russia and Poland - with Father Orlemanski presenting to Stalin a plan for a possible agreement.~~



Roger will you carry on for a moment while I get a glance through my notes. <sup>but</sup> Don't forget to hand the mike back, because I still have some more news.

## RATIONING

Today was a great day for the American housewife - and a bad one for the black market. With all ration restriction removed from every sort of meat except beef-steaks and roasts, the housewife can bid a fond farewell to stamps, points and tokens, so far as the great majority of meats are concerned. And the black marketeers find themselves stuck with quantities of merchandise that can now be purchased freely in the open market.

It was a stunning surprise today - that abolition of meat rationing, save for the finer cuts of beef, the steaks and the roasts. The reason for it is described as record-breaking production, huge amounts of meat on hand. Also - the fact that the demands by the Army and Navy have been evened off to a standard rate. ~~Also - pork is no longer going to Lend-Lease. Until recently, Lend-Lease took as much as thirty-five percent of the~~  
~~pork produced, but <sup>no longer</sup> now is it has enough.~~

~~Hence the lifting of rationing for most kinds of meats, which follows an action ~~which follows~~ the precedent set in Canada. The Dominion lifted all meat rationing a few weeks ago, on the ground that~~

~~storage facilities were filled to capacity, and the foodstuffs~~<sup>with</sup>  
~~in danger of spoiling. And now we follow suit, to a very large~~  
~~extent.~~

~~Yes, the housewives can cheer and so can the farmers and~~  
~~storekeepers. But~~<sup>There are some</sup> ~~on the other hand, a few sour remarks are being~~  
~~uttered chiefly by Republicans,~~ who contend that meat rationing  
should have been lifted long before this.

Congressman Jenkins of Ohio this afternoon states:<sup>d:-</sup> "we have  
advocated for three months that this be done and in the meantime  
we have reports that millions of pounds of meat have spoiled  
throughout the country".

<sup>Says</sup> ~~and~~ Congressman Anderson of Minnesota says: <sup>It's</sup> "a purely  
political move". ~~And they he goes on to say: - "It's~~  
~~political move".~~

~~It is~~ <sup>apparent</sup> ~~as he declares,~~ that the Administration  
is preparing for the fall elections".

ADD RATIONING

The latest is a correction. The first O.P.A. statement was that Lend-Lease is not taking any more pork, But that appears to have been wrong. ~~It was~~ <sup>word is</sup> later ~~stated~~ that Lend-Lease is continuing to get between Ten Million and Fifteen <sup>dollars worth of</sup> million ~~of~~ pork each week.



MONTGOMERY WARD - 1

And, here's a late dispatch from Washington!- the Senate has authorized an investigation of the use of troops at the Montgomery Ward plant. A sub-committee will hold an inquiry into the seizure - in which the head of Montgomery Ward, ~~Sam~~ Sewell Avery, was ejected - carried out by a couple of <sup>the</sup> soldiers who took part in that minor military expedition in Chicago led by Atty. Gen. Biddle.

AD PRIMARIES

There is still one <sup>|interesting|</sup> issue unsettled in <sup>|yesterday's|</sup> the primary

elections and that is the balloting in Florida for delegates to the Democratic National Convention. There were two slates, one pledging a fourth term for President Roosevelt, and the other supporting Senator Byrd of Virginia, arch foe of the New Deal. Last reports show the President's fourth term supporters leading in the case of nine of eighteen delegates. Supporters of Senator Byrd were leading for seven places. These incomplete returns from a mere six of sixty-seven counties, gave the president six thousand eight hundred votes and Byrd six thousand and seven hundred votes. Mighty close.

JITTERBUG

Today in Hollywood, a judge in court awarded Eight Thousand Dollars in damages to radio actress, Florida Edwards, who had sued the Hollywood Canteen for injuries she said she sustained while jitterbugging. His Honor, by the way, defined "bug" - as a crazy person. "Jitter," he said means extreme nervousness. So a jitterbug means, I suppose, a nervous lunatic.

In her suit, Miss ~~Wm~~ Edwards maintained she sustained injuries while dancing at the Canteen with a Marine. It seems that in the weird business of "cutting-a-rug," the Marine swung her around, ~~and what happened to her is described as follows.~~ "causing her to fall against the edge of the orchestra platform, <sup>Am \$8000</sup> ~~and to the floor in a sitting position.~~ jitterbug spill!

~~The defense in the case, suffered a real defeat when one of its own witnesses testified that the jitterbug dance was really quite safe. And then later, in a jitterbug dance at the Canteen she also landed on the floor, in a sitting ~~in~~ position. It would seem that they all landed the same way, a way that might ~~in~~ be called - sit down strike.~~

CHILD

In the Los Angeles case of <sup>the</sup> a couple who thought it was a boy and <sup>it</sup> turned out to be a ~~man~~ girl, court proceedings today were made poetic by disclosure of how happy Mr. and Mrs. Harry ~~Mr~~ James Hardwig were because it was a boy;- or, so they thought. They broke into verse about it, and sent one hundred birth announcements to friends saying:-

"Oh joy, it's a boy

Then they sent out another batch of announcements with this verse:

A little mail is sent to say

Our little male arrived okay.

Well, after that public jubilation, it ~~was~~ must have been a real disillusionment to find that it was -- a girl.

Of course, they might have revised the whole thing by sending out a new series of announcements, saying:-

We're in a whirl - ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ <sup>for</sup> it's a girl.

Instead, however, they <sup>are suing</sup> ~~proceeded to sue~~ the hospital for a half million dollars.

SIESTA

Here is something really revolutionary - from Mexico.

Today Mexico abolished the Siesta. One can hardly think of a tropical Latin-American country without that institution of the afternoon-nap-at-home following luncheon; but, hereafter Mexico will be on a straight eight-hour day - with no Siesta.

<sup>So</sup>  
~~This was~~ ordered in a Presidential decree - taking effect on June First. The decree explains:- "Too much time is wasted in travelling to and from ~~the~~ office <sup>and</sup> to home during the Siesta hours".

Well, I suppose the next thing will be word that Mexico has abolished the bull fight and the sombrero. Why, they might even abolish that other great Mexican institution - <sup>called</sup> ~~the Siesta~~.  
manana. And now before I say ~~solong until then, here's Hugh,~~  
solong until ~~then, here's Hugh,~~  
until Manana, here's Roger again.

JAP PIN-UPS

wed. May 3<sup>rd</sup>. '44  
Dropped from late.

Another surprise item about the Japs takes us to the familiar theme of pin-up girls. One enemy soldier killed in the Hollandia battle was found to have a whole string of pictures, pin-ups. Pictures of whom? The latest and loveliest Geishas of Tokyo? No, not at all. They were bathing suit photographs of Lana Turner, ~~xxxxxxx~~ Ellen Drew, Mary Carlisle, Gail

Patrick and Ann Morriss. The Jap preferred Hollywood, ~~xxx~~ <sup>thereby</sup> ~~xxx~~ showing good taste", ~~says~~  
~~Hugh - who is a better judge than~~  
~~I am of such matters; arnt you Hugh?~~

MONTGOMERY WARD

The Montgomery Ward election will be held next Tuesday.

On that date, the employees of the company will vote on whether or not they want to be represented by the Union-in-the-case, an affiliate of the C.I.O. ~~The trouble, of course, came about because Montgomery Ward refused to obey a government order to extend a contract that it had with the Union - the company maintaining that the Union no longer represented its employees. So the Army took over the firm, with Attorney General Biddle leading a minor military expedition.~~

Last night we had the news that the national Labor Relations Board had ordered an election to be held among the Montgomery Ward employees within a week. Today this Labor Board order was strongly protested by the Union, which demanded that the election be delayed for twenty-one days. That would give the Union time to ~~re~~ prepare for the voting among the employees. The N. L. R. B. however, turned down the Union protest - after which the Board had a conference with Company officials and Union representatives. Apparently an agreement was worked out, for the word now is that the Union agreed to the date of the election - next Tuesday.

## PRIMARIES

Today's round-up of yesterday's primaries in four states indicates that all Senators and Congressmen seeking renomination were successful - with one exception, In Alabama, Congressman Joe Starnes, a member of the Dies Committee, appears to have lost out by a narrow margin. The prevalence of renominations causes joy in Washington, where the legislators are pleased to see the public okay members of the Senate and the Lower House <sup>— —</sup> ^ makes everybody feel more secure. Looks like popular approval of Congress.

In Florida and Alabama, the successful renominations are being hailed as outstanding victories for the Administration. In Florida, Senator Pepper, in a five-man race, polled a clear majority - which avoids the necessity of a run-off. And in Alabama, Senator Lister Hill is reelected by a margin of more than twenty-thousand votes. Both Senators Pepper and Lister Hill are veteran champions of the Administration, and in bitter election campaigns were opposed on anti-New Deal ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ^ grounds. So their success ~~ixxx~~ in the primaries is taken to indicate that there is no chance of a Dixieland insurrection against the Administration of President Roosevelt.

On the other hand, it is pointed out that both Senators Pepper and Lister Hill won out this time by ~~mm~~ much smaller majorities



than ~~the~~ last time. The Republicans maintain that the drastic cutting of their majorities is in line with what the G.O.P holds to be a nationwide swing against the Administration.

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In South Dakota, the final count shows that Governor Dewey of New York has won the State's ~~share~~ eleven delegates to the Republican National Convention. Lieutenant Commander Stassen, former Governor of Minnesota did not run as strongly as his adherents had hoped.