

BOMBING

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Tonight the news wires brought a whole series of stories of air action, accounts from widely separated parts of Europe. Add them all up and we find -- the greatest of all attacks launched from the sky -- multiple blows struck by planes from Norway to the Bay of Biscay, from Denmark to the Balkans. London reports that the fleets of planes numbered three thousand or more. France and the Low Countries alone were hit by seventeen hundred planes of which nearly four hundred were American Marauders.

TR Stockholm reports that Nazi targets in Denmark were raided heavily and probably also Norway.

Budapest tells of American bombers assailing Sofia, the capital of satellite Bulgaria; and huge squadrons of planes smashed at targets in northwestern Germany and the invasion coast of France was hit by the heaviest attack that it has sustained thus far.

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Altogether it was the greatest Allied ~~ind~~ day of  
air action against Hitler's Fortress Europa.

RUSSIA

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The victory cannon boomed out in Moscow again today.-- The Soviets must be wearing out those heavy guns with which they salute new triumphs. The latest victory-salvos were for the capture of a place called Belaya Tserkov, a number one Nazi supply base fifty miles below Kiev. <sup>TP</sup> The location mentioned indicates that the capture of Belaya Tserkov occurred ~~at~~ in a Soviet drive to cut in behind the huge German forces that still remain in the ~~xxxx~~ bend of the Dnieper. <sup>TP</sup> Time and again we've heard that the Germans there were in danger of a stupendous disaster, but today the menace of encirclement looms more darkly for the Nazis, with a dispatch from the German controlled radio of Paris -- which states that the Soviets have thrown a million men into that offensive in the northwestern Ukraine. <sup>H</sup> The Nazi radio of Paris describe the assault in these words. "Probably

the most gigantic ever mounted by the Russians".

Farther north, where the Red Army has had those brilliant successes during recent days, the Russian war machine is said to be rolling across the old Polish border. Moscow announcing that huge masses of ~~the~~ its troops are driving into territory previously ~~the~~ Polish and are in pursuit of a ~~the~~ demoralized enemy. The Germans are said to be fleeing helter skelter, losing discipline, throwing away their guns.

The Soviet victory in those parts has reached a point where political as well as military arguments are involved. ~~and~~ For now the Red forces are penetrating territory in dispute, territory that Russia siezed from Poland at the time of the Hitler-Stalin pact. The Poles want their former frontiers restored, while Stalin insists that he'll

keep the western part of former Poland.

There has been talk that, ~~xxxx~~<sup>if</sup> the Soviets persist in this, they'll meet with resistance from the Poles when they enter Poland. And that certainly would tangle things up -- if the Poles, who have been suppressing their Nazi ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ conquerors were to turn against the Russians as well.

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Today in Washington Secretary of State Cordell Hull was asked about this. He said that the State Department is giving careful attention in the Polish-Russian quarrel, now that the Russians are driving into Poland. He was asked -- what about the possibility that the Poles might fight against the Soviet troops. But the Secretary said that this question would have to be referred to the Polish Embassy in this country or to the Polish Government in London.

ADD ITALY

A vivid little incident of war is related by United Press correspondent Reynolds Packard who tells how American troops climbed and captured some strategic heights east of San Vittore and sent back a number of German prisoners. "I watched the Germans coming down the mule trail from the newly won positions" writes Pack, and he adds, "the eyes of the Germans popped when they saw ~~Nazi~~ Italian soldiers leading mule packs up past them".

"Look! Italians!" cried one of the prisoners. "So it is true, they are fighting with the Americans".

Yes, it was true all right, the Nazi was just about floored with surprise.

## PACIFIC

Another air blow against the Marshall Islands, where a big air battle was fought. Seventeen Zeros were shot down, and American bombers hit three island strongholds in the Marshalls.

This dispatch follows a statement by Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, who gave the ~~purpose~~ purpose of the repeated raids against the Marshalls.

"Soften up," said the Secretary -- using that phrase to express the customary air preparation before an invasion.

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In New Guinea, the Allied troops who made that latest landing are looking for Japs. The badly battered enemy failed to resist the landing, and so our soldiers ~~have~~ are pushing along, trying to find some resistance to smash.

The news of the ~~to~~ombing of two Japanese  
cruisers and two destroyers is accompanied by the  
explanation that this represents the defeat of  
another ~~XXXXX~~ attempt by the Japs to reinforce  
their naval strength in the New Guinea, New Britain  
sector.



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A late dispatch from Allied headquarters tells of the first big Japanese counter attack in the Cape Gloucester area of New Britain. ~~and the~~ Japs made a large scale attempt to dislodge the American Marines, but ~~they~~ were beaten back by the Leathernecks.

ARNOLD

Today in Washington General H. H. Arnold Chief of the Army Air Forces issued a comprehensive report on the war of the air. In summary terms he pictured the United Nations as being close to an epic victory in the war of the skies.--The conquest of aerial supremacy, General Arnold stated that elimination of the Nazi ~~Luft~~ Luftwaffe as an effective air force was near at hand. German sky power is being defeated at such a rate that it is on the verge of being knocked out completely.

And in the Pacific, the air war has so turned against the Japs that the Far Eastern enemy has been thrown completely out of stride. General Arnold spoke of what he called "surprise and shock tactics". These as practiced by American war planes have ~~and~~ in the General's words: "shaken the Japs out of their groove". And when a Jap gets out of his groove

he isn't so formidable. "The Japs are baffled" said

Hap Arnold "and baffled Japs do not fight well". *And*

*then*  
~~he~~ he promised aerial blows that will destroy

Japanese industry and shipping.

In addition to all of which, General Arnold gives us a bit of history -- history of our first hours in the war. As we all know, the Japs having delivered their sneak punch at Pearl Harbor, assailed the American Air Force in the Philippines ~~■~~ shortly afterward -- and knocked out American air power there. General Arnold disclosed today that both <sup>at</sup> Pearl Harbor and in the Philippines we had five hundred and twenty-six military planes strategically placed. Of these three hundred and fifty were destroyed within a few hours, leaving us with only one-hundred-and-seventy-six.

At Manila we had thirty-five flying Fortresses  
thirty medium bombers, eight ~~■~~ light bombers, and

O.W.I.

Tonight we have another one of those warnings against over-optimism, this time the caution issued by the O.W.I. The statement gives us a reminder of how little territory we have taken from the enemy.

For example, of the immense empire seized by the Japs in a mere few weeks, the United Nations have recaptured only one minute fraction, one twentieth.

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"And," the O.W.I. goes on "it should be borne in mind that the territory we have so far liberated lay along the outer extremities, and the closer we get to the enemy's heart the stiffer the defenses are likely

to be." TP formal This admonition follows a string of others --

like the one in which a top-ranking-official warning

the country to expect more than three ~~hundred~~ hundred

*thousand*  
casualties in the next ninety days. And still another

-- that the Allied high command is not ~~counting on~~ counting on

a Nazi collapse but figures that <sup>this time</sup> it will take sheer  
military might to defeat the Germans. Also the  
statement - "we are still three thousand miles from  
Tokyo and a long way from victory".

JAPS

Today a protest was made to the Governor of Colorado, a complaint about the acquisition of Colorado land by Japanese Americans. A delegation representing Adams County told the Governor that Japanese American families were buying up all the choice land in their section and that Americans ~~will~~ would be squeezed out -- unless something were done about it.

"It used to be that Japanese were only renters or farm workers" said the delegation, "but now they are replacing old-time tenants". And the statement was made that in the past six months there have been twenty-six transfers of property to the Japanese, who are paying far more for farms than the <sup>land</sup> ~~last~~ is worth, just to get control. <sup>TR</sup> These Japanese-Americans have come to Colorado after having been evacuated from the Pacific Coast.

Today's delegation was headed by Mayor  
J. W. Wells of Brighton, Colorado whose son is  
a prisoner of the Japs. He was captured on Bataan.

## REHABILITATION

In Washington today an answer was made to charges that in the operation of the International Relief and Rehabilitation program the United States would have to foot the bill. Congress has before it a measure to provide funds for U N R A and attacks are being made on the ground that, in the rebuilding of defeated Europe Uncle Sam would have to do the paying.

Today's reply is made by Congressman Sol Bloom of New York who stated that the price to the American people would be less than the expense of running the war for five days. Congressman Bloom estimated that the war right now is costing us a little less than a Billion Dollars a day, so five days of war expense comes to about Five Billion Dollars, which is less than the entire U N R A Rehabilitation Program will cost this nation. Of course some may



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argue that even One Billion is a lot of money. But then these are large and spacious days of astronomy and finance, and we think joyfully of pouring out billions -- except perhaps, that we may experience a slight pain on the day when income tax comes around.

## PROHIBITION

The prohibition bill before Congress is drawing a large response. Congressman Bryson of South Carolina has introduced a measure to enact war-time prohibition for the duration. Of course, the idea is only temporary, but it was only temporary in the last war when war-time prohibition was succeeded by the Eighteenth Amendment.

The dry bill is drawing a flood of petitions. Some three hundred thousand people have signed these petitions -- asking Congress to do something about it. And this you might guess to be an indication of a dry wave sweeping the country. However, we are told that a large majority of the three-hundred-thousand petition-signers are against the dry bill. In demanding that Congress do something about the war-time prohibition idea, they want the lawmakers to toss it out.

And the United Press quotes even a member of the Anti-Saloon League as being of that opinion. "It is ridiculous" he ~~argued~~ allegedly argues, "to ask the Senate to vote for a prohibition Bill when forty-five of the forty-eight states are avowedly wet".

## POPE'S NEPHEW

Broadcasting out in California, I look around each day for a local item of national interest; and today I've found one of international interest. California police have begun a search for a ~~nephew~~ <sup>cousin</sup> of Pope Pius the Twelfth. This kinsman of the Pontiff of Rome has disappeared, vanished into nowhere, apparently. <sup>R</sup> He is Angelo Ernest Missio, who is described as one of the closest living relatives of the Pope. ~~His Great Aunt on his father's side was the mother of Pius the Twelfth, and when he was a boy he knew the present Pontiff -- when they were both young in the north Italian city of Udine.~~

Yes, the two cousins knew each other then, but destiny was to take them along paths; ~~of life~~ <sup>one to</sup> ~~far different.~~ One become a high ecclesiastic, ~~rising to the rank of~~ Cardinal, ~~the post of~~ Papal Secretary of State, and finally to the highest dignity of the Church of Rome.

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didn't like it -- said he didn't want to take advantage of his kinsman's fame. He spoke of what he called -- "the fuss" that people made over him. He was embarrassed by -- "the fuss".

"After all, I'm still a humble stone mason in spite of the exalted position of my cousin. I do not wish to bask in his reflected glory." So decided he ~~to~~ to go away into seclusion. He left his job at the Kaiser Shipbuilding plant and went up into the mountains, to <sup>get</sup> ~~be away from people~~ away from "the fuss".

~~Then later on he reappeared and announced that he was going to visit Mariposa County, California, where he had formerly worked and then he'd go to Oakland.~~

And so Angelo Ernest Missio, cousin of the Pope Pius the Twelfth departed. That was last July

and nothing has been seen of him since. At first nothing much was thought of this, but the people began to wonder and now a California Police search has been ordered -- a search for the Pope's cousin who was embarrassed by "the fuss" made over him because of his Papal kinsman.



## ANIMALS

A tragedy of love and romance was enacted at the Zoo in Boise, Idaho today, <sup>where</sup> ~~the woman in the case~~ was Molly, a domestic nanny goat, <sup>went around</sup> ~~the ordinary~~ <sup>yard</sup> ~~farm/variety~~. ~~And the two gentlemen were creatures from the wild, one~~ <sup>with</sup> a Rocky Mountain goat named Mike. For some time Wild Mike and tame Molly had a quiet life together -- until the advent of Alkali, an antelope caught out on the Idaho prairie. <sup>#</sup> Although an antelope, Alkali took fancy to Molly the nanny goat. And that brought trouble to the zoo. Alkali was nimble and fleet of foot and for several weeks was able to ~~sidle up to Molly and at the same time~~ keep out of the way of Mike, ~~the~~ mountain goat. <sup>But</sup> ~~today~~ ~~though, Alkali was too slow, or maybe too bolt and~~

<sup>today</sup> Mike caught up with <sup>Alkali</sup> ~~him~~ and when a rocky Mountain billy goat has a grudge against an antelope and catches up with him -- there is only one answer.

"It was unfortunate" said the superintendent of the zoo today, "but Mike was just like any other husband protecting his home".

And now ~~rough horse with~~ ~~something~~ more important than this zoological triangle.