

Over the entire island of Saipan tonight, flies the American flag. Nimitz's forces put an end to organized Japanese resistance just as some people in Washington were beginning to feel a trifle gloomy. There were stories afloat in the capital that the Jap strength on the island had been under-estimated, and that the severity of the effort to exterminate them was disrupting our time schedule in the Pacific. It is true, that it took our men three and a half weeks to do the job, three and a half weeks of the worst fighting yet experienced in the Pacific war. But the task is completed.

A correspondent reports that the last stage of the battle yesterday presented an ugly spectacle of senseless dying. Uncle Sam's marines, and the Twenty-Ninth Infantry of New York, ~~who~~ had pushed the Nip remnants back to the northern tip of Saipan. With the Mikado's

garrison were thousands of Jap civilians. As Uncle Sam's men pushed the ^{the Japanese} steadily backward, they broke down in bewilderment and terror. Scores ~~of them~~ plunged into the sea, ^{with} but there was no place to swim to. ^{So} ~~and~~ they had to ^{return} ~~come back~~ to shore, or drown. Many of the remnants of the garrison were exhausted by hunger and fatigue.

ADD PACIFIC

Among the booty captured by our troops on Saipan were three ~~one~~ ^{big} hundred-and-forty-millimeter guns, brand new, ~~had~~ never been fired.

~~But~~ Nimitz landed his men on the island before the Japs even had time to mount ~~these big cannons~~ ^{them. Our lads}

~~We~~ also captured six seventy-five millimeter guns and some radio detection gadgets which may prove ~~quite~~ useful.

BURMA

sends word from hands
~~Admiral Mountbatten~~ ~~headquarters~~ tells us, tonight

that the Japanese in India will have to retreat quickly or be exterminated. All organized Jap resistance has been broken up at Ukhrul in Manipur. One-half of that invasion force has already been wiped out. And all the enemy positions throughout the jungle clad hills of Manipur are collapsing.

WALLACE

Vice President Wallace, back in Washington, ~~met~~ ^{spent 2 hours} with President Roosevelt, ~~two hours~~ at the White House, today. As he left he told reporters that they had not discussed politics at all, just China. "The war situation over there is grave", said Wallace.

Reporters questioned him about the political situation. ^{But} Wallace insisted that it was ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~not~~ even mentioned. Then, one newspaperman asked him whether he were not a candidate. Wallace thought a moment and replied "I am candid".

RUSSIA

The Soviet armies tonight are literally pouring through gaps in the German defenses, rolling ahead on a three-hundred-mile front. In fact their columns in Poland and Lithuania drove forward thirty-five miles in one day. This carried them to within a hundred-and-twenty miles of Riga, the main Latvian port on the Baltic.

If the drive continues at this pace, the first Baltic army of the Soviets will cut off an immense Nazi army in Latvia, and Estonia, an army estimated at some thirty Nazi divisions. On that eastern front, the Germans are now running into their worst debacle of the entire war, worse even than Stalingrad, though the relief of Stalingrad did ~~not~~ have a tremendous political and psychological effect.

Premier Stalin issued an order of the day this evening, reporting that the Red columns advancing along the northern edge of the Pripet Marshes have taken

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Luniniec, ~~that was~~ another key ⁱⁿ ~~point~~ of the German defense line, an important bastion on the road from Gomel to Warsaw. Another column took Slonim, eighty-five miles northwest of Luniniec, another big step on the Russian march to Warsaw and Berlin.

While Stalin was making that announcement, the Germans themselves broke the news that the Russians had launched still another great offensive in Rumania, aiming at Iasi. The Nazis have been dreading this for a long time. The drive for Iasi means the beginning of the battle for the Rumanian oilfields at Ploesti. Incidentally, reports come in from both Normandy and Russia that the Allies are capturing Nazi tanks with no gasoline in them at all. ^{Which} ~~This~~ indicates that Hitler is beginning to run out of fuel.

Getting back to the Russians, they ^{have} bagged three more Nazi generals, and in the north they have Vilno, the capital of Lithuania,

completely surrounded. The Nazis themselves admit that
the German garrison has withdrawn to the center of the city
and is there fighting to the last.

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INVASION

Reports from Normandy show that, while the fighting for Caen was tough, the coming battle will be even more desperate. Field Marshal Rommel is not withdrawing his army even though he has lost Caen. In fact, observers found that he is throwing more and more armored reserves into Normandy. He has concentrated between eleven and twelve divisions against the American part of the front alone - Allied army officers predict that he will fight it out, along the present line, for a showdown. The Nazi Commander is evidently willing to hazard everything on this chance, even though it may be lose him the battle of France.

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EISENHOWER FOLLOW INVASION

General Eisenhower evidently feels well satisfied with the results of the invasion so far, and with the progress of the war in Italy and on the Russian front. At the same time, he pointed out to newspapermen at a press conference that from this point on the Allies will have to fight to the utmost for every foot of ground they take, *with very heavy casualties.*

Naturally, the reporters asked him what about the Nazi *robot device - the rocket.* ~~robot device~~ There is no reason to believe,

said the invasion Commander-in-Chief, that ~~they~~ ^{they} can improve it within the near future ~~or make it much~~ ^{or make it much} ~~more deadly than it is now~~ ^{more deadly than it is now}

— i.e. for the present. Its only use as a weapon, he pointed out, is for hitting large areas such as

London. For that, however, it is quite as effective as

were the German bomber raids on England during the blitz of Nineteen Forty, and, added Eisenhower, ~~a great deal~~ ^{a great deal} ~~cheaper~~

indeed it gives the Germans an ~~inexpensive~~ ^{inexpensive} substitute

for a bomber force. German bomber raids on England were

just as ~~the~~ ^{devastating} as the robot bombs ~~of~~ today, he said.

And, he added that ~~the~~ ^{against it} defense measures have been

partially successful. ^{Also the} ~~the~~ group of Allied scientists now

studying the problem may turned out something more

effective at any moment.

The Nazis are keeping up the robot bomb attacks on
London and ^{on} other points in southern England. ^{So much} ~~every day~~

that The British ~~authorities~~ have evacuated ~~already~~ fifty-five
thousand school children from the metropolitan area.

A Nazi radio commentator in Berlin declared that

Germany ^{has now} ~~had already~~ developed a second revenge weapon

which, he ^{says} ~~states~~ will be far more terrible than robot

bombs. A London newspaper ventured a guess that this new

missile would be a rocket bomb thirty-six feet long,

carrying ten tons of explosives, instead of the present

one-ton affair.

DeGAULLE

General ~~Charles~~ DeGaulle left Washington for New York this afternoon, after a visit which appears to have been a complete success. ~~The tall French General was evidently delighted with his entertainment in the capital, and~~ When he reached New York he found another warm reception waiting for him, Mayor LaGuardia ready with the keys of the city and New York tycoons with open arms.

DeGaulle made one or two statements of ^{some} ~~decided~~ political significance. A reporter asked him whether the French would demand any new territory after the war. DeGaulle's reply, ~~to all intents and purposes~~, is No, neither in Africa nor ~~in~~ the Far East. But evidently the French expect to regain everything they once held, including Indo-China.

But he added that Europe was a different matter. While the people ~~whom~~ he represents do not wish to annex

any territory on the continent, they will ask for

practical measures to insure the security of France.

The flag of the French army, he declared, will have to

fly over certain areas for a long occupation. A reporter

asked whether that means occupation of the Rhineland,

and DeGaulle replied in emphatic terms, "Certainly it does"

ITALY

In Italy, General Clark's army ^{is nearing} ~~draws closer and~~
~~closer to the goal of Leghorn.~~ Over the weekend, we
heard that the Yanks ~~have~~ captured Volterra, a key point
on the road to Leghorn. But they did not stop ~~there~~.
^{In fact}
~~Volterra~~ In a few hours they were four miles beyond, ~~it~~,
^{they are}
and ~~are~~ now threatening the coastal defenses ten miles
below Leghorn.

On the Adriatic, the Eighth Army ~~under Sir Oliver~~
~~Liss~~ has captured Osimo, only a short distance from the
great harbor of Ancona. ~~Here the Allies crossed the~~
~~River Musone in force.~~

O'REILLY

In Dublin today there was an echo of the famous affair of Sir Roger Casement, once a British consular official who ^{threw} in his lot with the Germans in the first World War, because he thought he could thus help win freedom for Ireland. After a German submarine landed Casement on the shores of Ireland, he was arrested by a sergeant of the Royal Irish constabulary, Sergeant Bernard O'Reilly. Last night former Sergeant Bernard O'Reilly was surprised by a visit ^{from} his son, John Francis O'Reilly, who has been serving as a Nazi propagandist over the German radio.

Thereby hangs quite a tale. John Francis O'Reilly was working on the island of Jersey when the Nazis occupied the Channel Islands. He held somewhat the same views as the late Sir Roger Casement whom his father once arrested. He went over to the Nazi side, did a lot of broadcasting under the name of O'Brien,

and was christened ~~by~~ ⁽ the Irish "Haw Haw" ⁾ because his act somewhat resembled that of the notorious ^{"British} Lord Haw Haw of Season.

Last December, the Nazi authorities thought John Francis O'Reilly might serve their cause better in his own homeland. So he was dropped by parachute from a German bomber, at a point somewhat near his home. There he was quickly captured and interned in Dublin.

Then Last Wednesday, ~~John Francis O'Reilly~~ ^{he} escaped, trudged through woods and fields, towards his home, ~~At~~ Kilkee, near Limerick. ^When walking became too slow, he smuggled himself into a compartment on a train running from Dublin to Limerick. There were three girls in that compartment to whom John Francis O'Reilly related a romantic story. He told them he was ~~xxx~~ starving penniless and almost frantic with anxiety to get home ^{and babies.} to his wife. The girls recognized him and could have

obtained a reward of two thousand dollars by turning him in. Instead of that, they gave him sandwiches and money.

But when the train reached Limerick those three generous girls found that John Francis O'Reilly was not married. They were so furious that they informed the civil guard.

Meanwhile, the escaped prisoner made his way to the home of his father, former Sergeant Bernard O'Reilly. The father shook hands with his son affectionately, and then said: "I am going to report your arrival to the civil guard."

Today John Francis O'Reilly is in custody at Dublin once more.

COLOMBIA

A political coup in the Republic of Colombia. A message which came in a short while ago reports that President Lopez of that country is detained -- that is the word, detained at a town in southern Colombia. This is part of a coup against his government.

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WRECK

A dramatic story of ~~an~~ adventure at sea came to light at San Francisco today. Five months ago the steamship President Grant, once a luxurious round-the-world liner, weighed anchor from the Pacific Coast with a number of Uncle Sam's troops and equipment aboard. She ran into a storm, one of the worst ~~storms~~ the Pacific Ocean can offer, and grounded on a ~~reed~~ reef. She struck at five o'clock in the morning within ten miles of a foreign port. Fortunately, Allied Navy and Merchant ships were close enough and rushed to the scene. They transferred all the soldiers and passengers to other vessels, just in time to protect them from attack by the enemy.

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WRECK

But every time a storm came up and threw her back. Once more, for one last go at it, the crew got the President Grant ready to slide off the reef when again Dame Fortune sent a squall -- a storm worse than any of the others. And this one broke the back of the President Grant. In two pieces she foundered and went to the bottom. But all aboard her were saved, and today the crew returned to San Francisco where the agents of The President Line gave each one of them one hundred dollars to spend on shore leave. All of them, by the way, say they are ready to ship again.

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And here's Hugh ready to take over again.