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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Once again the armies of the Soviet Union

have been

~~were~~ addressed in a general order from their chief,

Premier and Marshal Josef Stalin. ~~For~~ the second time

within a week. ~~Just~~ a week ago today, the Red Dictator

congratulated his troops on the capture of Kharkov.

Today, as on previous occasions, the Germans beat Stalin

to it in announcing the fall of Taganrog.

And again

~~same old idea~~, Berlin announced that the city had been

ed that

had been

according to plan. Moscow says Berlin is less than

And again

truthful, that the Reds took Taganrog by storm.

Whichever way ~~it was~~ *it's* good news; ~~that is~~ *for it*

means that the Germans are on the run.

Also it came surprise to the rest of the world.

Frankly

Military observers in London were astonished. The last

they had heard of the fighting in those parts was that

the Russians were ~~still~~ fourteen miles east of Taganrog,

So it appears that

~~and the Germans holding fast. At any rate, it means~~

pulling
the Nazis are ~~getting~~ out of the Donets Basin and
— and doing it
withdrawing to the line of the Dnieper River, in order

to avoid being flanked by the Soviet armies. Even if

"on their" on —

the Germans did evacuate in good order, ~~it is a signal~~ *the talents*

deliberate *Taganrog is a major*
victory for Russian arms, because it was forced by the

success of the Russian attacks below Voroshilovgrad

and on Poltava, *which* ~~they~~ threatened the entire German line

in the Donets Basin.

for the Reds

The next point of attack is an important industrial

town called Stalino, seventy-five miles northwest of

Taganrog. The German position there is now seriously

menaced, and the military observers believe *Nazis* they will have

to withdraw from there and make a stand along the Kalmus

River before they fall back on the Dnieper. The Nazis are

sure to make a stiff fight before they give up the Donets

Indeed
Basin entirely. [^] That region has more railroads than any other part of the Soviet Union, and every important town in it is a German fortress.

Stalin's order declares that ^{the armies captured} ~~the~~ Taganrog

~~victory was won~~ as a result of a daring maneuver *carried*

^{out} _^ by mounted and mechanized units which broke the rear of the German line. The Soviet chief points out that one result of the action is that the Russians have completely cleaned the Germans out of the Rostov region.

Stalin conferred ^{5 special} ~~ed~~ honors upon the two rifle divisions which took the city and ordered them to be known henceforth as "Taganrog Divisions." He thanked all the troops who took part in the operation, mentioning brigades by number and their commanders by name. His general order again winds up with the words, "Death to the German Invaders." Signed, "The Supreme Commander-in-Chief, Marshal of the Soviet Union, Stalin."

Further north, the Red armies are pounding away and drawing nearer and nearer to Poltava. According to Moscow dispatches, the Russians are advancing all along the line from Spas Demensk as far as the Sea of Azov.

Thus Premier Stalin has been able to announce four decisive victories in the summer campaign -- Orel, Belgorod, Kharkov and Taganrog.

A still later dispatch from Moscow brings word that the Russians, in recapturing Taganrog, took back more than a hundred and fifty of their other smaller towns and villages, ^{and, that} ~~what is more,~~ an entire German army is encircled, ^{with} ~~and~~ the Reds ~~are~~ wiping it out.

As the news pours in, it looks as though the Taganrog victory is the greatest of all four in the summer campaign, because it imperils the entire position of the German armies in the Donets. ~~basin.~~

London believes that the ^{entire}~~whole~~ line of the German defenses in the region bordering on the Sea of Azov just folded up. ^{TP} It is reported, and, it seems probable, that a huge number of German troops have been trapped.

The Nazis have held Taganrog twenty-two months, ever since they first took it in Nineteen Forty-One. The Russians almost ^{recaptured it}~~took it back~~ in their winter offensive of Nineteen Forty-One, but they were stopped at the gates of the city. In Nineteen Forty-Two again the Russian offensive progressed as far as Taganrog and stopped there. The Red army's triumph ^{now}~~therefore~~ is all the more emphatic.

CONFERENCE

London is again talking of a conference between the three great powers - Great Britain, the United States, and the Soviet Union. Official quarters on the banks of the Thames believe it will happen soon. The events that lead to this belief are the meeting between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and the British Cabinet today, plus conferences ~~xxxx~~ he will hold tomorrow with our own Ambassador Winant and Soviet Foreign Vice Commissar Ivan Maisky.

DENMARK

The crisis in Denmark has become so acute that the Nazis have arrested all the officers of the Danish army and navy. ^{And} That means a total of fifteen hundred men. This news is not official; but ^{it} is believed to be authentic. Underground reports also bring word that many other leaders in Danish public life have been arrested. German patrols and armored cars ^{today} went around Copenhagen and other cities, rounding up the army and navy officers.

In Washington some people believe that several members of the Danish Government have escaped from their country and reached a place of safety. In fact, Danish Minister De Kauffman has heard that so many made their getaway that they will be able to establish a government in exile like those of Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Norway.

Later dispatches from Stockholm and elsewhere bring details ^{which} ~~that~~ ^{all the early news about} corroborate ~~the story of~~ Denmark.

One official order is definite. It has been announced that German General von Hanneken has taken over complete authority throughout Denmark. That means executive, judicial and legislative authority. ^{And-} The Nazis have ordered all Danish civil servants to carry out von Hanneken's orders on pain of death. This makes it evident that all the previous reports from Denmark are true.

Danish soldiers had been ordered by their own supreme command not to resist the Germans. But they did not obey. At Rosenberg Castle, Amelianborg Castle and other places, they ^{fought to the end.} ~~resisted~~ In fact, they held the Germans off for hours although they were heavily outnumbered. ^{losses were heavy} ~~There was big loss~~ on both sides.

The Danes not only blew up their own ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

ammunition dumps but ^{they blew up} several belonging to the Germans.

It is believed in Stockholm tonight that the Germans took the action which exasperated the Danes because they ^{Nazis} were afraid of an Allied invasion. It is made emphatically clear that the Nazis are prepared to use all the brutality in their repertoire to ^{hold} ~~keep down~~ the Danes ^{in check,} ~~with an iron hand~~. They have increased their garrison in Denmark from ^{twenty thousand} ~~two hundred~~ to a hundred thousand men. What is more, they are now constructing strong fortresses on the Danish west coast.

ADD DENMARK

A last minute bulletin reports the Nazi claim that King Christian has abdicated. This comes through Radio Oslo, which of course is Nazi-controlled. The same station reported previously that the entire Danish Cabinet had resigned.

BORIS

The reaction to the sudden, mysterious death of King Boris of Bulgaria is ~~rather~~ curious. He died not only suddenly, but in circumstances decidedly mysterious.

The consequence has been that not only his own country, but the neighboring lands of Hungary and Rumania, are seething with unrest. London heard reports that the people of Hungary are clamoring for the withdrawal of Hungarian troops from the Russian front. And, there are stories of peace demonstrations and anti-Nazi uprisings in Rumania. In fact, all the Balkans are in a turmoil.

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The ~~Bulgarian~~ Ministry of Justice ^{in Sofia} had a new explanation of the death of the ^{Bulgarian} King today. The latest is that he died of a long ailment of the heart and the brain. But, the general belief is that he was ~~assassinated~~ assassinated. The most likely tale is that as Boris returned from a meeting with Hitler, an inspector of police shot him at the railroad station.

EUROPE FOLLOW DENMAR AND BORIS

The unrest all over Nazi-occupied Europe reaches a new climax this week. In France, fighting has broken out again on a big scale in the Savoy Alps between French patriots and the Nazis. In eastern France, the fighting is out in the open. Elsewhere, throughout the country, there is guerrilla warfare spreading as far as the coast of the English Channel and the Spanish frontier.

And, Hitler has sent a new general to command the German occupation troops in the Paris area. Field Marshal von Rundstedt, who commands the Germans in all France, has laid down the law to Marshal Petain and Premier Laval of Vichy. He has warned them that any uprisings in any French city, town or village, will be avenged on all the people in each community. The Nazi general has also warned the Vichy government that if they do not supply half a million more Frenchmen to work in German war factories, he will send troops to seize workers in trainload lots.

INVASION

On the railroad in Italy between Rome and Florence, there is a junction point called Orte, forty miles north of Rome. ^{A junction} ~~It is~~ of the greatest importance to any military movements in Italy. The Axis troops

have large marshalling yards there for the movements of the military. Well, the ~~of troops. That~~ place is ablaze tonight, after visits of waves after waves of ^{Doolittles} ~~Uncle Sam's~~ Flying Fortresses.

^{And} They did not take long about it, ~~but~~ ^{wrecked} In five minutes they ~~turned~~ those marshalling yards. ^{When the Fort-} ~~into a junk pile~~ ^{resses came over they} ~~They~~ found the yards full of rolling stock ^{crammed} ~~loaded to~~ ^{all of which} ~~the top~~ with war equipment. They blasted ~~that rolling~~ ~~stock~~ to pieces, with an enormous load of bombs.

^{Thus cutting} ~~And these they have effectively cut~~ the main trunkline between Italy and Germany.

^{Not was that} ~~That was not~~ the only place in Italy ^{visited by} ~~hit by~~ ^{planes} ~~bombers~~ Allied ^{bombers.} ~~air formations.~~ Both British and American ^{bombers} were busy on strategic missions concentrating heavily on

lines of communication throughout the peninsula. ^{Appenine} Tonight
the Italian railroads are ^{in a well nigh hopeless} ~~already very badly shot up~~
^{state,}

Around Naples, our medium bombers, ~~also concentrated~~
~~on railway lines.~~ For the third ~~time and~~ day in succession
~~they~~ attacked Torre Annunziata, a center of
communications ~~on the west coast~~ just south of
Mt. Vesuvius, on the Bay of Naples.

PACIFIC

As for the war in the Pacific, United States forces have taken another island in the Solomons. Our jungle fighters last Friday captured Arundel Island. That is a coral atoll ten miles long and five miles wide, right across the Strait from Kolombangara.

Our forces in the Solomons are now in ~~the position~~ a position to bombard the Japs at Vila, with a cross-fire from heavy cannon at Arundel ^{Island} and Bairoko, ~~Islands~~. It also means that the Japs in the Solomons are now completely surrounded.

Meanwhile, our bombers and fighters have been attacking enemy positions all the way from Timor to the Solomons. They came across one flotilla with sixty-one barges, armed with anti-aircraft cannon and carrying big loads. They destroyed everyone of those barges, as well as four other large vessels, including a seven thousand ton freighter.

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MINERS

A federal judge in Pittsburgh today handed out the first sentence to punish strikers under the Smith-Connally Act. Twenty-seven members of the United Mine Workers have been charged with instigating strikes in coal mines operated by the government during June and July. They pleaded no defense. Their attorney told the court that they hadn't realized the seriousness of what they were doing and said they had learned their lesson. The judge read the men a lecture, gave them six months, and then suspended their sentences and put them on probation for three years.

LOUIS

Sergeant Joe Louis of Uncle Sam's Army is an optimist about the war. The heavyweight champ says he is going to get back into the ring as soon as the war is over, or rather as soon as he gets out of the army, ~~and~~ which is the same thing.

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Joe figures it will take him only eight weeks to get into fighting trim once he is discharged. He weighs two hundred and fifteen now and would like to get down to two hundred and five.

Referring to the World Almanac, I find that Sergeant Joe was born in May, Nineteen Fourteen. That makes him now 29 years old, which is getting on for Heavyweight champs. Vice-Admiral Horne suggested the other day that the War may not be over until 1949. And by then the Brown Bomber will be 35 years old! Joe figures on Billy Conn as his firstopponent, but ~~Billy~~ Billy Conn will not be any chicken either by 1949. By then both of them will be old enough to qualify for the NINE OLD MEN. And, by the way, the

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NINE OLD MEN, with Gene Sarazen pitching, and with the Battle of Midway Air Ace, Commander Wade McClusky as the star, defeated an army air force team this weekend in a big benefit game. So the NINE OLD MEN still have a wallop left. And now, Hugh.