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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

When the history of this war is written, one of its epic chapters will be the story of the battle of Arnhem, the stand of those airborne divisions encircled by the Nazis north of the River Rhine. ~~Day by day it becomes just as ding dong, back and forth, to and fro, up and down an affair as the struggle over Caen shortly after D Day.~~

Last week the story changed every day, ~~changed as the plight of those beleaguered air troopers became hot or cold.~~ Today it has been changing every few hours. Early this morning we heard that ~~our tough~~ General ~~Bevis~~ Brereton had been able to send long glider trains of fresh men and supplies, ~~to that Arnhem battlefield,~~ and that the British Second Army, fighting ~~inch by inch~~ from the bridges at Nymwegan, had made contact ~~with those intrepid but entrapped fellows.~~

Later in the day the pendulum swung again. In my evening broadcast beamed only to listenred in the East I had the unpleasant duty of reporting that a powerful column of fanatical ~~German~~ German elite ~~shock~~ shock troops had cut the road between the British Second and Brereton's men at Arnhem, cut it with a slashing tank attack, backed by withering firepower.

Tonight the story switches again but we had better not bank on it too much. ~~or become too jubilant.~~ The latest is that the British columns of the Second Army rallied, charged and hurled back the Nazi spearhead that had cut the corridor to Arnhem for the third time.

~~All this goes to prove what a brilliant operation~~ The importance of the landing of those airborne troops ~~was~~ is proven by the desperation with which Hitler's generals have rushed ~~denuded the battle-fronts of Europe of the cream of~~ their shock troops ~~and rushed them~~ into Holland. ~~to stop us at any cost from bursting around~~

night and day. But, except for the battle around Arnhem, German attacks have failed all along the line.

The ~~xxxxx~~ weather has been bad, but in spite of ~~the~~ ~~heavy~~ rain clouds, ~~one~~ a thousand three hundred American heavy bombers dropped three thousand tons of bombs over the Rhineland. They concentrated particularly on the cities which are centers of food supplies and munitions for the German armies. The bombers had a cover of some seven-hundred-and-fifty fighter planes.

We learn tonight that the Allies have captured since D-Day, more than half-a-million German prisoners, and the bag is growing every day. Of that number, the First Army up to the end of last week had taken more than a hundred and eighty-three thousand, the Third Army ninety-two thousand, and the Ninth sixty thousand, while Patch's men as of September Thirteenth had taken seventy-two thousand.

EISENHOWER

From General Eisenhower we learn ~~today~~ that there is an underground organization in Germany itself, units waiting for the word to attack the Nazis from within. Eisenhower gave ~~the word~~ this out today, ~~today~~ by radio. Addressing those organized units and the twelve million foreign slave laborers in Hitler's Reich, he declared over the air: "The hour for action has come." The Gestapo, he added, stands in fear of these enemies inside, and if the twelve million foreign workers act now they can seal the fate of the Third Reich.

This message was broadcast first in German, then rebroadcast in English, Flemish, Dutch, French, Danish and Norwegian. The Russian radio stations have been broadcasting propaganda regularly for some time to foreign workers in Germany.

Gen. Eisenhower announced that the means for active resistance are being sent to workers of the organized

cells in certain areas of Germany. He then urged the foreigners in Germany to work out their plan of action and not use the instruments of resistance until the plan is complete in every detail. Gen. Eisenhower further uttered the warning to act wisely and carefully. With the instruments, he said, will come instructions. They should be read and memorized, and then destroyed. The instruments ~~of resistance~~ should be hidden in a safe place.

Obviously if the Allied airmen can succeed in conveying supplies and weapons to the organized underground in Germany, they will be able to make the task of the conquering Allied armies much easier. They can hamper operations and interfere with transport lines. General Koenig, commander of the French Forces of the Interior, said today that those forces had bee so effective in France that they had been the equivalent of anywhere from ten to thirteen divisions.

ITALY

In Italy, after a long and desperate resistance, the Germans on the Gothic Line seem to have given way with extraordinary suddenness. It took them nine months to build the Gothic Line. But the Yanks of ~~General~~ Clark's U.S. Fifth Army broke it in nine days. They drove through a pass in the Apennines today to a point only fourteen miles from the highway between Bologna and Rimini. TP The British Eighth is fanning out and advancing up the valley of the River Po along the Adriatic coast, and the two will soon meet.

~~For a long time Clark's men have been fighting uphill. Today they are having the opposite experience.~~

NUNCIO

A dispatch from Vatican City, unofficial, brings the rumor that there is much anxiety in the Vatican these days. For several weeks, nothing has been heard of the Papal Nuncia to Vichy, ~~France~~, Monsignor Valerio Valeri. Monsignor Valeri, along with several other neutral diplomats, is supposed to have gone to Paris when the Allies drove the Nazis out of Vichy. But since then the Holy See has received no word from the Nuncio, So Pope Pius and the prelates on the staff of the Papal Secretary of State are much distressed. Several French bishops and cardinals are also missing.

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From Paris we learn that in Vichy ~~alone,~~ the newly constituted French authorities have arrested more than six hundred persons on charges of having collaborated with the Nazis; ~~They~~ including four former Cabinet ministers.

Let's hear from Stan. A Calif. for a moment - and then I'll be back on the air.

BALKANS

The Battle of the Balkans tonight is big news. The siege of Belgrad has begun. The army of Jugoslav Partisans fought their way into the suburbs of the capital, and have closed in on the Germans from three directions. Already the fighting is ~~quite~~ savage there, ~~but it bids fair to grow furious.~~ Tito's men have killed some three thousand Nazis already, and captured four thousand, including a divisional commander. They have also captured an airfield.

But that is not all. Other Jugoslav units have captured Banjaluka, an important military and communication center in Bosnia, and a British commando unit has seized the island of Solta, off the Dalmatian coast. Thus tightening the ring around the Nazi garrisons on the Adriatic coast.

The Germans are withdrawing on all sectors in southeastern Europe. They have evacuated two places

in Greece, including a ~~xxpxx~~ seaport in the west and the key town of Janina, where many an historic battle was fought. And The Nazis cannot get out of Greece in too great a hurry for their own safety, because if Tito takes Belgrad, it will cut off their escape.

RUSSIA

The Baltic state of Estonia tonight has been virtually swept clear of Germans. The Leningrad army of Marshal Govorov polished up that job when they captured the port of Haapsalu. Moscow says that in one day that army has overrun more than eight hundred towns and settlements in southern and western Estonia, wiping out thousands of German troops. The capture of Haapsalu has left the Germans only one port through which they can escape by sea, a small fishing town where only small boats can dock. (Haapsalu is fifty-four miles to the southwest of Estonia's capital, Tallinn.)

And, we expect to hear at any moment that the Second Baltic Army has taken the big Latvian port of Riga. The Soviet forces closed in on the Latvian capital with a huge force. Berlin reports that the Russians have as many as one thousand tanks in one sector alone.

And that's a ~~enfu~~ lot of tanks, ~~for one spot.~~

In the Baltic States altogether, there are no fewer than four big Russian armies, ~~everyone a big one.~~ Besides that, the Soviet ~~Nxxx~~ fleet is now ready to join in the attack on Riga, the last Baltic capital still in German hands.

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The Nazis broadcast reports of fierce battles on the borders of Czechoslovakia and Hungary. But there is no definite news ~~yet~~ that the Soviet armies have been able to force the mountain passes into Czechoslovakia.

The Nazi radio also boasted that the city of Warsaw had been reduced to a rubble heap, blotted from the face of the earth as never any great city ~~town~~ has been before. It is believed this may indicate the Nazis are ~~intend to~~ evacuating completely. the Polish capital. The Nazis admit that they have withdrawn many of their troops from the Baltic States, but say ~~that~~ they had done so because the troops were needed elsewhere for other purposes.

JAPAN

~~It is gratifying to know that~~ The Japanese are ~~growing seriously~~ worried. They have stepped up their war production fivefold, so says an official dispatch. Nevertheless, they are still far behind the Allies.

24 The population of Japan is being urged ~~The message urged the Mikado's people~~, to harness all ~~their~~ strength and material ~~for~~ war production in the shortest possible time. Today's ~~The~~ warning ends with the words: "The time for the decisive battle which will determine the rise or fall of our Empire draws closer and closer."

The Tokyo radio has repeated its warning that the Allies are liable to invade the Philippines at any time. The raids on Manila by planes of ~~Admiral~~ Halsey's Third Fleet have compelled the Nipponese home fleet to leave the Philippines wide open. The only alternative would be to come out and fight. ~~And~~ The Tokyo radio promised that the ~~first~~

Mikado's Navy will soon accept that challenge, ~~join that open the~~ come out for the battle ~~decisive battle, for which~~ the men in our ~~own~~ Navy have been waiting ~~eagerly~~ for so long. One of the Mikado's admirals ~~declared~~ says that Japan is in a position to select the best opportunity for this decisive battle, and he added these words: "We have it all planned with the usual surprises."

Admiral Nimitz announced today that Halsey's men, since August Thirtieth, have sunk or damaged four hundred and twenty-nine Japanese ships; destroyed or damaged one thousand and sixty-five planes. Of that number, a hundred and three ships were sunk or damaged in the battle of last week.

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Five hundred miles east of Mindanao, American ~~xxxxxx~~ Army engineers have begun making a big bomber field on the isle of Angaur, ~~that~~ the Marines captured last week, ~~a~~ small island in the Palau archipelago south of Peleliu.

ADD JAPAN

Dispatches from the Palau Islands report that Uncle Sam's Marines have advanced another three thousand yards up the west coast of Peleliu, ~~They have~~ outflanking the Japanese, ~~in their strong-points.~~ The battle there has raged fiercely now for twelve days, ~~but~~ The latest advance we hear, means the beginning of the end. ~~The good old~~ leathernecks will soon have all of Peleliu. TP But there will still be a lot of hard and costly fighting to be done in the Palaus.

CHINA

Again the news from China is not ~~as~~ encouraging. ~~To be sure,~~ The Japs have postponed their advance on Kweilin, but apparently that was only ~~an order~~ to effect a meeting between their army moving south and the columns driving north. When they meet up, they will ~~create a situation quite serious for the Allies. They will~~ have split China in two from north to south and ~~that will give them~~ Japan will have a continuous overland route for ~~their supplies~~ all the way from Singapore to Manchuria. Furthermore, it will isolate that part of China which remains free from any Allied amphibious forces that might land on the east coast of China. The Japs need badly that north to south land road for their supplies. ~~badly, because the American~~ Our naval and air forces have raised hob with Japanese shipping off the east coast of China.

Last week we heard that the Chinese had recaptured an important city eighty-five miles east of Kweilin. But the Japs have it again!

LOTTERY

Some enterprising gentlemen have been running a lottery in ~~the~~ three New England states, Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts. So say the police. In fact, the Federal Bureau of Investigation took a hand. Evidently it was a variation of the numbers game, which the law breaks up from time to time but which is believed to be popular all over the country. The cops declare that the syndicate which operated this one made a net profit for themselves of around a million dollars a year. At any rate, the F.B.I., with the state and local police, pulled off a series of raids and arrested eleven men; One of them ~~is~~ seventy-two years old.

POLITICS

The Presidential campaign tonight is alive as it has not been in twelve years. Mr. Roosevelt started something Saturday night in that speech to the Teamsters Union. ~~Everybody agrees that it had a tremendous effect. Back here in the East, you could not go anywhere without hearing people talk about the President's phrases, wise cracks, and jokes.~~

Until Saturday the speakers for both sides had been fairly polite. Governor Dewey of New York as the Republican candidate had devoted most of the substance of his speeches to talking about what he would do if he were elected. Everybody knows what Mr. Roosevelt did Saturday night because everybody was talking about it today.

At Oklahoma City tonight just a few minutes ago, Candidate Dewey cut loose. One of the most acid things he said was: That it was necessary for the Republicans to win, ~~and I quote~~ as he put it: — "in order to restore integrity to the White House so that its spoken word can be trusted once again".

He said categorically that in national defense Mr. Roosevelt's record is desperately bad.

Gov. Dewey want on to say that he had not intended to rake over the past. "But since Mr. Roosevelt brought the subject up, it is a tragic past which has cost countless American lives and cost untold misery," So said Tom Dewey.

The Republican Candidate brought up the fact that before Pearl Harbor our defense program was a mess. A member of the Senate declared that the blame for the mess lay at the White House. That Senator was Harry S. Truman New Deal Candidate for Vice President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt's hand-picked running mate.

A moment ago Dewey wound up by saying that, no matter what Mr. Roosevelt did he would not descend to mud-slinging or quote from Hitler's Mein Kampf and he added these words: I will never divide America, to which he added: Those tactics I will leave to my opponent.

And now H — I'll leave it to you.

SEIZURE

In Sandusky, Ohio, a steel company making castings for war machinery , was in a dispute with the Labor Board. The company finally flatly refused to comply with the orders of the Board, "directives" as Washington prefers to call them. The chairman of the Board said that the company had refused to have its relations with its employees governed by the terms and conditions of W.L.B. directives. The consequence was, the men went out and production has been stopped ever since September Eleventh.

Today, President Roosevelt ordered the Army to take over the plant.

ADD POLITICS

T he Republicans today have begun to reply ~~forcibly~~ to President Roosevelt's radio speech of Saturday night. Congressman Compton of Connecticut spoke acidly about Mr.Roosevelt's claim that the war time strikes amount to just one-tenth of one percent of the total man hours. On the contrary, said Compton, no fewer than twenty-three million, four-hundred-and-sixty-eight-thousand man days have been lost as a result of strikes.

Governor Dewey will hit back at the President tonight in a radio speech from Oklahoma City. He said to newspapermen this afternoon that he thought it was a tragedy that Rx a President of the United States should find it necessary to bolster his cause by importing the language of our enemies. He also accused Mr. Roosevelt of mud-slinging, but his ~~big~~ reply in the main will ~~come~~ tonight.

In the meantime let's hear from Hugh. — no politics.

WEST FRONT

~~Tonight it turns out that the~~ Those airborne divisions in Holland, near Arnhem, are still in danger. ~~The news about that column has been in and out now for a week. Tonight it is bad again.~~ Earlier in the day, we heard that Nazi resistance between Nijmegen and Arnhem had slackened up, and that the Allied generals had been able to move reinforcements across the Rhine to help the beleaguered force at Arnhem. But the latest report is that German shock troops ~~is positive and definite that the Germans~~ have cut the corridor between ~~and from~~ the British Second Army and the ~~through Holland to the~~ airborne forces at Arnhem.

Furthermore, dispatches from that front admit that the Nazis ~~Germans~~ have been able to effect infiltrations into the area occupied by the airborne divisions. Also, they have discharged a withering shellfire both on the encircled airtroopers and on the approaches to Arnhem. Two German divisions have moved in from the