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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Just an hour ago, a short crisp dispatch came over the wires with the news that the Moscow radio station announces the Red Troops have retired from Lemberg. Moscow explained that the Red Armies had retired to new positions, behind Lemberg - "as a result of danger to the rear of our troops."

This means that Hitler's armies have taken and occupied Lemberg. And it also acknowledges that the Nazis have occupied Minsk. With the capture of Minsk, and with Nazi Panzer divisions tearing ahead, the Germans are all set to cut off and surround the Russian armies in Southern Poland.


The capture of Minsk is of crucial importance. It's the gateway to White Russia, a key fortress commanding railroads in four directions.

One excited report brought the sensational news that the Nazi advance guard was tearing ahead and had got to the gateway of Smolensk, within two hundred and twenty-five miles of Moscow. This

was later contradicted by a military spokesman in Berlin.

The announcement of the capture of Minsk was not made by the German High Command but by an officer authorized to speak for the Army. He said further that the Panzer divisions were on their way East and that they have trapped the Russian armies to the northwest of Minsk. That's not confirmed. But Berlin says that whole armies of the Soviet forces are now fighting for their naked existence.

Berlin gives an example of high Muscovite strategy in the last few months, the Soviets built from a hundred and fifty to two hundred airfields, built them right close up to the frontier to between Germany and Soviet Russia. On some of these fields as many as one thousand of the best Russian planes were parked. The result was that when the attack started, Hitler's bomber squadrons made immediately for those fields, whose locations were well known to the Germans, and with practically their



first shots bagged themselves a tremendous haul of Russian planes.

The Nazi spokesmen also claim that their High Command is forging a ring around the Russian armies, a ring that is almost complete.

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Of course ~~this~~ is denied in Moscow. ~~And~~ *and* although the Russians admit their retirement from Lemberg, they deny the fall of ~~Minsk~~ *and* Minsk, declare the Red armies ~~are~~ are still furiously fighting there. In fact they ~~says~~ that all the attempts of the Nazi armies to break through there have been hurled back with heavy losses. Another dispatch from Moscow brings the claim that the Russians have destroyed two thousand five hundred German tanks since that war began. *TR* In all the days of fighting in the Balkans the Nazis lost only twenty tanks.

Going further North the Germans have taken Libau in Latvia, which the Russians had turned into a naval base on the Baltic. But, still further north the Germans ran into a failure. In ~~xxx~~ conjunction with the Finnish Army, they attacked Viborg, one of the ports that Stalin grabbed from Finland for an air and naval base, and there the Germans ~~and~~ and Finns were ~~repulsed~~.

repulsed. The Reds are also holding out at Hango, another base they won in Nineteen forty. This news comes not from Moscow but from Helsinki itself.

BRITAIN

Hopeful news from Britain. The Royal Air Force today carried out the most audacious attack yet. Swooping down upon the Nazis, on their home grounds; a fierce raid on northwest Germany. Bremen, one of the biggest of the Nazi naval bases, was the main target.

Also a fierce raid, tonight on the French invasion coast. Observers reported that they dropped a steady rain of bombs on the French side of the Dover Straits.

In the Near East, the R.A.F. raided the Syrian seaport of Beirut for five hours. A Turkish newspaper asks an ironic question. It wants to know why the French are incurring so much bloodshed defending Syria -- ~~what~~ which isn't even French territory.

FRANCE

Ironical news from Vichy -- Marshal Petain has handed the Soviet Russian Ambassador his passports. Yes, the Vichy government breaks off relations with the Soviet Union, and has arrested several thousand Russians in both the occupied and unoccupied zones of France. The Petain Government brings the charge that Russian diplomats and Consular officials in France have been engaged in activities detrimental to the public order and the national security. The Russians are not standing upon the order of their going, They're going at once. ~~These~~ They're leaving tomorrow, maybe even tonight, and will get home as fast as possible.

In addition to this, Frenchmen, that is Petain Frenchmen, will soon be fighting side by side with the Germans -- in Russia. At least it was made known today that the leader of an ~~organized~~ organization of pro-nazi Frenchmen is recruiting volunteers for service against the Soviets in Russia.

On the other hand, here's a note from London. The Free Frenchmen, ~~in behalf of General Charles DeGaulle~~, proclaim their sympathy and solidarity with the Soviets.

ALASKA

A new naval air base in northern Pacific waters. That's part of the news given out today by Secretary of the Navy Knox. This air station will be at Dutch Harbor on Unimak Island, just off the tip of the Alaskan Peninsula.

Dutch Harbor is almost ready, and will be by September First.

Also that Pacific air station on Midway Island will be ready by August First.

COMMUNISTS

These past few days we have heard much about the twistings and squirmings of the communist party in the United States. The comrades of course were put on a spot when Adolf started shooting at his ex-pal Joe. So long as the two were buddies, the American Communists were all for neutrality. They were against intervention in any form, and they opposed aid to Britain.

What are they saying now? Well, today the new party reads as follows: "The liberty-loving masses of the American people have always been ready and are now more than ever ready to make all necessary sacrifices to defeat Facism!

Up to now, the non-interventionists were great statesmen. Today, the communist committee denounced them all, including former President Hoover, Charles A. Lindbergh, Senator Wheeler of Montana and William Randolph Hearst. Because Adolf is shooting at Joe.

SPIES

Here's one sequel to the big spy story from New York, the F.B.I.'s arrest of twenty-five men and women accused of espionage. Seven of them have already pleaded guilty. Among them were Lilly Barbara Carola Stein, the pulchritudinous artist's model who is described as ~~xxxx~~ having moved in high social circles in Manhattan. Also Axel Wheeler-Hill, brother of James ~~Wheeler-Hill~~ Wheeler Hill who used to be chief lieutenant of the rambunctious Fritz Kuhne, the German-American Bund Fuehrer, whom District Attorney Tom Dewey sent ~~to the~~ ^{up} ~~the snare~~ for ~~xxxx~~ embezzlement.

Uncle Sam's men made two more arrests today. They went aboard two steamships just about to sail from New York harbor and ~~pinched themselves~~ ^{nabbed} a couple of German stewards. The F.B.I. officials declared that this round-up of spies is the result of two years of counter-espionage work.

DRAFT

In future all ^{young} men twenty-eight years and ^{over} will be deferred from the draft. That was announced by Congressman McCormick of Massachusetts, Democratic leader of the House. There's a bill before Congress to make it imperative, and it will probably pass the House within two weeks. But until that is done, leader ~~Mr~~ McCormick asks the Selective Service Board to grant deferment to men of that age. The administration has already ordered the Boards to defer men who are married or those who have dependents.

GASOLINE

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Here's the latest on whether we are going to have enough gasoline for our cars. A government official today declared that barring unforeseen accidents, there will be no shortage of motor car fuel for the next two months at any rate. So go right ahead with your vacation plans. The American Petroleum Institute predicts that the shortage will not be felt before September, and will not become acute until the end of the year or early in Nineteen Forty-Two.

After America entered the first World War, one of the first requests we received from the Allies was for gasoline. At that time the oil industry organized the National Petroleum War Service Committee. Supplies in Europe were dangerously low. The oil industry, then an infant compared to what it is now, met every demand from abroad.

Petroleum prices went up, ~~and~~ as did all prices. But immediately peace returned, competition came back and the price of gasoline went down, while on the other hand, its quality kept going up and up - to the high peak of quality of our gasoline today.

According to the government's commodity price index, petroleum products are the cheapest of all commodities now in general use. That, say the authorities, is due to wide open competition, our American system of free enterprise.

Oh yes, and here's something you may have heard on the radio. You did ~~it~~ if you listened to Drew Pearson and Bob Allen. But it will bear repeating.

"In Washington the other day" report Pearson and ~~x~~ Allen, "J. Howard Pew of the Sun Oil Company (sponsor of this news program) sat down across the table from ~~xxxxxx~~ Harold Ickes, the new oil administrator. From Ickes," continued Drew Pearson and Bob Allen, "J. Howard Pew, ~~xxx~~ received a request that the Sun Oil Company buy its oil from Texas instead of California thus saving a ~~xx~~ long voyage by oil tankers through the Panama Canal and up the coast of Mexico. Mr. Pew replied that Mr. Ickes' request would cost his company considerable money, but that in the interests of national defense he would gladly arrange it. And by this transfer of Sun Oil tankers, continued the Pearson and Allen account, "The Atlantic coast will get a total of five hundred ~~x~~ thousand additional barrels of oil this winter. Messrs Pearson and Allen described this as another example of the present spirit of cooperation among the American people.

Roosevelt

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Only thirty-one years have passed since Franklin D.

Roosevelt entered public life as a New York State Senator. ^{from Dutchess} ~~But~~

County New York. But

in those thirty-one years, more than six million documents were

accumulated in connection with his career. That sounds like

quite a lot of documents to describe the acts of one man. But

Mr. Roosevelt himself prefers to have them thought of as the

records of one period in our history. ^{So} ~~That's what~~ he said when

he dedicated the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, ^{just this}

afternoon.

~~a couple of hours ago. It's a~~ library set aside for the preservation

of those six million documents and all the other millions of papers

that he may be responsible for in the future.

The library cost three hundred and fifty thousand

dollars to build. It's a handsome building on a sixteen acre corner

of the Roosevelt estate. On this particular afternoon it was

surrounded on almost every side by handsome rows of young green

eating corn. It was an informal affair, ^{As} Mr. Roosevelt said,

most of the people present were old friends and neighbors of his

throughout the years. And he nominated all of them as in a sense

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trustees of the library in the future. But aside from the Dutchess County folk, there were the refugee crown Princess Martha of Norway, Supreme Court Justice Brandeis and Postmaster Frank Walker, who is treasurer of the new library, together with R.R.D. W. Connor, the official archivist of the United States.

The occasion was notable in another respect - it was one of the few occasions ^{when} ~~at which~~ the President has made a speech without a nationwide hook-up. ^{TR} A nation, he said, must believe in three things - the past, the future, and the capacity of its people to learn from the past so that they may gain in judgment for the future. He said further that it is in keeping with the times for historical collections to be distributed nowadays, not concentrated.

This latest addition to the archives of America, Mr. Roosevelt continued, is dedicated at a moment when government of the people by themselves is everywhere attacked. It is, therefore, proof - if any proof is needed that our confidence in the future of democracies has not diminished in this nation and will not diminish.

He is all the time
in the Sup. Court on the
other side at 9:30

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JACKSON

The Senate of the United States will give its consent to Attorney General Jackson as a Supreme Court Justice. Senator Tydings of Maryland registered a loud protest with the judiciary committee; but that Senate Committee went right ahead and voted for Jackson, unanimously.

Tydings was quite scathing, said that Jackson lacked the character, philosophy and judicial temperament for the Supreme Court.

Now Senator Tydings announces he will carry his fight to the floor in the upper chamber.

CONGRESS

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Tomorrow is New Year's Day. But its not the day when we should say Happy New Year! It's just New Year's day for Congress. And for Uncle Sam's Government. The Fiscal Year ends at midnight tonight. At this monent both houses of Congress are busy putting through last minute appropriations. If they don't get them through by midnight, some of our government departments will be without funds; and some of the office holders without ~~salaries~~ salaries for a couple of day. And wouldn't that be ~~thought~~ though?

This ends a record year. When the lawmakers get through tonight, they will have appropriated during the year something like thirty-three billions. Not sea shells. Dollars'. An all-time high. The nearest approach to that was in nineteen nineteen, A year congress appropriated twenty-seven odd billions.- A mere bagatelle compared to this year!

TOWNSEND

For most political parties this is an off year. But evidently there's no such thing for the followers of Dr. Francis E. Townsend, of old-age pension fame. At their sixth national convention, at Buffalo, New York more than eight thousand elderly people assembled near the banks of Niagara Falls to fry and sizzle and hope for the days when that old-age pension plan may be made into a law.

The latest idea of the Townsendites is that if every nation adopts the Townsend Plan there will be an end of all wars. Such was the thought put forward today by a Townsendite Congressman, Republican Representative Gerald W. Landis of Indiana.

The convention will continue right through July fourth.

DEWEY

District Attorney Tom Dewey of New York announces tonight that for two years his office has been investigating the milk industry. His agents found that there was a two and a half million dollar racket running in New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont and New Jersey. Tonight comes the culmination of that investigation. Six men arrested, charged with extortion and conspiracy.

District Attorney Dewey says they have been conducting a campaign of terror that has cost farmers and dealers hundreds of thousand of dollars, milk trucks smashed and men beat up. One of those arrested was the secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Union in Poughkeepsie, another is head of the Hoboken local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and chauffeurs.

EXTRA! Glamour girl becomes housewife:: Brenda Frazier
~~Buff~~
is now Mrs. Shipwreck Kelly.

According to reports, her wedding was almost a secret one.
Only twenty-five guests present when Brenda became Mrs. Shipwreck.
A similar secrecy surrounded the reception after the wedding -
only a handful, a mere two hundred guests invited.

And Hugh, if he isn't shipwrecked somewhere.