

Here's a late <sup>C. I. - Europe</sup> bulletin from <sup>Fri, Sept 4, 1942.</sup> Moscow, says:  
RUSSIA Northwest of Stalingrad stubborn fighting occurred. The Germans made ~~several~~ <sup>several</sup> attacks; all were repulsed.  
~~In Russia.~~ The state of affairs at Stalingrad is ~~amply~~

illustrated by a Soviet slogan sounded today -- make Stalingrad a Red Verdun. The Nazi war machine is at the approaches of the city -- and in tremendous force. Moscow estimates that twenty-five German divisions, some three hundred and seventy five thousand men, are converging on Stalingrad; ~~and they are~~ aided by a thousand dive bombers. These figures indicate the tremendous power of the attack, which is ~~smashing~~ <sup>TP</sup> ~~ahead~~ with immense violence. So the Russians are thinking back to that previous World War, the monumental French defense of Verdun, and are calling for a repetition today -- a Red Verdun. <sup>TP</sup> In other sectors, the Germans are advancing too -- pushing on toward the Great Grozny Oil Wells. On the Black Sea coast their campaign for the Soviet Naval bases is <sup>still</sup> progressing. Berlin states that Nazi units have crossed the narrow straits of Kerch -- have moved over the narrow water from the Crimea to the Caucasus.

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In Czechoslovakia<sup>a</sup>, the Nazis have executed four prominent dignitaries of the Czech Nationalist Church, <sup>who</sup> ~~They~~ were accused of sheltering the men who killed the deputy chief of the Nazi Gestapo -- Heydrich the ~~H~~angman. Also -- of harboring five parachutists, hiding them in a church. The German announcement gives no details about the parachutists -- except the mere indication that they landed in Czechoslovakia from the sky. The Czech Nationalist Church is a religious organization formed in nineteen eighteen. Its membership embraces about five percent of the ~~px~~ population of the country. Its head, Bishop Gorazd, was one of the four church officials who have been executed -- churchmen and patriots.

FRANCE

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The United States Government has made representations to the Vichy Government of France -- "The most vigorous representations possible," says under-secretary of State Sumner Welles. This on the subject of anti-Semitism, the anti-Jewish measures that are being taken in unoccupied France. Specifically, it applies to the mass deportation of Jewish refugees. Our under-Secretary of State stigmatizes the depopation in these words: "It provides a new shock to the public opinion of the civilized world". So our Government is protesting to the Petain Regime at Vichy. This was disclosed by Sumner Welles in a letter to the American Jewish Committee, and he gives the assurance that the State Department and the United<sup>States</sup> Embassy at Vichy will do what they can to mitigate the anti-Jewish policy in France.

IRELAND

The trouble in Ireland flared to active violence today -- an armed clash between an Irish Republican army group and the police of Ulster. Anti-British feeling has been seething among Irish Nationalist elements, with various sorts of popular demonstration -- ever since the Ulster hanging of a member of the outlawed Republican army on Wednesday. He was convicted in the killing of a policeman. The I. R. A. has been plotting violent action, and today an armed band of the extremists attacked a police barracks on the frontier between Ulster and Nationalist Ireland. There was a sharp bit of fighting, an exchange of shots -- until finally the police beat off the I.R.A. attack.



Later news tells of an outbreak in the city of  
Belfast, metropolis of Ulster. A band of I. R. A. <sup>terrorists</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
ambushed a police car in a street, and opened fire. A gun  
battle was fought, in which the police wounded one of their  
assailants.

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SPAIN



Today's interpretations of the political shake-up in Spain yesterday are inclined to emphasize domestic rather than international aspects. When Franco, head of the Spanish Government, removed his Fascist brother-in-law from the posts of foreign minister and chief of the Fascist-minded group called the Falange -- the ~~immediate~~ <sup>by some</sup> assumption was that Franco-Spain was veering away from the Axis and toward the United Nations. <sup>TP</sup> Today, however, observers in London tend to explain the shake-up in terms of Spanish domestic

policy-- an internal row between the Army and the Falange outfit. <sup>And that family row between Franco and Sener probably had a lot to do with it.</sup> ~~There's a long time~~ quarrel between the military chiefs and the political group, <sup>at there has been a</sup> and the crisis is said to have been brought about <sup>- a long quarrel -</sup>

by a bomb outrage three weeks ago. At that time the news told of a bomb hurled at a religious meeting, which was being addressed by an Army officer. Twenty persons were killed. <sup>TP</sup> The assumption on this side of the water was that the fatal blast was the doing of radical revolutionaries -- underground enemies of ~~the~~ Franco in the Spanish Civil war. Now, however, we hear that the Falange is accused of the bombing of the religious procession, and that members of the political party were arrested for the attack. The

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 was about in the same frame out.

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Army has been demanding that they be punished. The Falange insisting that they be released. <sup>W</sup>The argument came to a head, with Franco taking action -- ousting his Fascist brother-in-law and taking control of the Falange himself. This interpretation contradicts the assumption that the shake-up in Madrid means an ~~xi~~ alteration of Spanish policy toward the war. However, as London ~~xi~~ observers point out, it means that the Franco brother-in-law and his frequent pro-Nazi declarations are removed from the high political scene.

EGYPT

Today in Egypt American tank units went into action -- for their first ~~fight~~ fight in the Battle of the Desert. Previously, some while ago, a small group of American tank experts took part in a brief armored engagement. They included Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts. That, however, was only a small trial affair. Today came the real thing -- American tanks in a regular battle. <sup>TP</sup> For day<sup>s</sup> they've been standing in readiness, waiting for the moment to strike. And now they have had their chance. So how did our tanks make out? ~~Very~~ Well, in their first desert action the United States armored units destroyed at least six Nazi tanks -- and probably two more. <sup>TP</sup> German ~~Field~~ Field Marshal Rommel still holds the ground he captured, the wedge he drove into the southern sector of the British line. That is, Rommel holds most of it -- but not all. [The news today tells of a sharp German defeat, when the Panzers staged an attack and tried to punch a hole in the British defenses. They were repelled, and hurled back beyond their starting point -- the British recapturing positions, a second Nazi withdrawal in twenty-four hours. <sup>TP</sup> Another <sup>the United Nations</sup> success for our side consisted of a quick blow by a British mobile



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column which struck around the southern Axis flank and destroyed  
~~and~~ an Italian supply column . It was in the nature of a raid --  
and decidedly successful. One point about the battle for Egypt is the  
important fact <sup>that</sup> the British and Americans control the sky over the  
desert. Our air superiority is such that the German air units have  
virtually been grounded, kept inactive. This ~~is~~ in contrast with  
the earlier stages of the fight, when the Germans were sending  
large squadrons into action -- forty dive bombers escorted by  
fifty fighters, that sort of air strength. Now the British and  
Americans are masters of the blue above the yellow sands.

CHINA

From China we have news decidedly American -- the air power of the U.S.A. taking a foremost part in the successes the Chinese are scoring over the Japs. Powerful air squadrons, commanded by General Stilwell, are hitting the enemy hard -- pounding water and rail communications. And today our warplanes bombed the central headquarters of the Jap enemy -- Manchang. On the ground, the Chinese have advanced to within six miles of the last big base that the Japs hold in the province of Kiangsi. Also -- they are encircling the air base town of Kihwa in the Province of Chekiang.

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TREASON

A Chicago grand jury today returned indictments against  
six <sup>x</sup> German born American citizens. The charge <sup>treason.</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~is~~ The six  
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are accused in the case of the eight Nazi saboteurs, six of whom  
were executed in Washington. Specifically, the indictment alleges  
that the defendants gave aid to one of the executed Nazi agents, ---  
Herbert Haupt. <sup>TP</sup> They are Haupt's father and mother, his uncle and  
aunt, and two friends of his parents. <sup>all</sup> ~~They~~ face the penalty, ~~of~~  
for treason. The maximum is death. The minimum is five years in  
prison and a ten thousand dollar fine. <sup>TP</sup> There is to be an early  
trial, and the United States attorney at Chicago states that he will  
try to produce as witnesses the two saboteurs who ~~escaped~~  
escaped the death penalty -- George John Dash and Ernest Peter Burger.  
They were granted mercy, because of aid they gave to the Government.  
<sup>TP</sup> (In the conviction of the others -- they confessed and testified,  
and now their testimony is sought in a court appearance at the ~~trial~~  
trial of the six defendants accused of helping in the sabotage plot  
hatched by the Hitler Gestapo.) There are still eight others charged  
with ~~the~~ the same offense. They are being held in custody, to be  
tried later.

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## WOMEN

Today in Washington the man power chief talked about woman power. He spoke in large terms -- large figures. Paul V. McNutt, who is in charge of the program of mobilizing ~~the~~ this country's war labor resources, outlined the part that women are to play in armament production next year. He said that by the end of Nineteen forty-three, one out of every six women not yet employed will be needed for the nation's labor force to win the war. The man power commissioner, talking about woman power, went on to recite some big numbers. "War Production", said he, "employed about one million, four hundred thousand women last December. This figure," he went on, "will jump to four million, five hundred thousand by December of ~~the~~ Nineteen forty two, and will climb to six million by the end of ~~Nineteen~~ Nineteen forty three. By then," he summarized, "women will ~~be~~ represent at least thirty percent of the labor force employed in War Production. In other words, they will be doing nearly a third of the work.

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SCRAP METAL

Today in Washington, two hundred newspaper publishers and editors from all over the country pledged themselves to a big program of publicity and promotion. And the thing they are going to publicize and promote is the scrap metal campaign. The newspapermen agreed to this after they heard <sup>some</sup> ~~from~~ blunt statements from War Production Chief Donald Nelson. He told them the campaign for the collection of metal junk has bogged down. The people of this country are not turning in scrap metal as they should. The collection is way below par. <sup>TP</sup> ~~In consequence, says Donald Nelson, our war industries, face a dangerous curtailment of the production of steel within the next few months.~~ There will be something of a steel crisis, unless the metal collecting campaign picks up, and <sup>pro</sup>vides huge quantities of scrap to feed the furnaces. <sup>TP</sup> The War Production Chief ~~put it in these words: "Today the junk situation is as important as any single problem in the country."~~ ~~To which he~~ added that right now we are not turning out a war winning brand of armament production. So far as production is concerned, Donald Nelson said: "We are not doing a very good job at winning the war." <sup>TP</sup> In response to the ~~newspaper messages delivered to the Production Chief, the two hundred~~

downright message delivered by the production chief, the two hundred newspaper publishers and editors spoke up and said that they will do their bit. They'll use their newspapers to publicize the Nation's war need for the people to turn in every possible bit of scrap metal.

## EXPLOSION

Today in New York thousands of people had one startled thought -- air raids, bombs. This was the instinctive reaction to the roar and shaking of a violent explosion. Over a wide area, buildings trembled, windows were blown out, dishes were knocked from tables, pictures fell from walls -- and the roaring sound of the blast was heard afar. New Yorkers, like people of other cities, had become air raid conscious. So no wonder thousands reacted with one jumpy thought -- that New York was being bombed. <sup>TP</sup> The explosion occurred in an apartment house, and the way it happened makes a strange story. The Buchanan Apartments are on East forty-eighth street, and there today a maid reported for her daily work. She took an elevator to an upper floor ~~■~~ and went to the door of her employer. Time and again the maid had gone to that door, and pushed the bell -- to be admitted by the woman for whom she worked. This time it wa<sup>s</sup>~~l~~ a catastrophe. <sup>TP</sup> When the maid pushed the bell, the whole place blew <sup>up</sup>~~up~~. She, herself, was fatally injured -- the blast smashing out the door and ripping things to wreckage. The explanation of the cataclysmic doorbell ring was given later by the police. The woman in the apartment had been in a depressed mental

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condition, and had committed suicide by gas. The apartment was full of gas escaping from the open jets of the stove, and was <sup>as</sup> ~~an~~ explosive as a bomb. It was ignited, touched off, by an electric spark from the doorbell mechanism. And the result was the blast that gave east side midtown New York ~~and~~ an air raid scare.



LOVE

We all have seen legal documents -- full of thorny crabbed phrases of the law. But sometimes a paper drawn up by a lawyer can flash with something richly human. Take one passage from a complaint filed at Dallas, Texas, today. Many a man will recognize the style and tone, and reflect upon the wiles of woman. <sup>TP</sup> A Texas oil man is suing a young woman to get back twenty thousand dollars' worth of ~~nix~~ gifts he presented to her. She was to have married him, but, having received the gifts, she changed her mind and wedded a Chicago oil man. The lady must have a fondness for petroleum. Or, at any rate, she has a warm appreciation of things that petroleum money can buy -- such as diamond-bracelets, strings of pearls, emerald clips and a forty-five hundred dollar engagement <sup>g</sup> ring. These were enumerated <sup>TP</sup> in court today. In the legal document, the Texas oil man also enumerates a few things, that the young lady told him. She said (quote) that he was a genius, a fine dancer and that his company was superbly entertaining with never a dull moment -- and that he kept her in the clouds all the time. unquote.

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Ever heard anything like that, fellows?? I bet a lot of you have, though maybe you did not <sup>put up any</sup> ~~kick in with~~ twenty-five thousand dollars'

worth of jewels and ~~xxxx~~ <sup>s</sup> to hear it. ~~xxxxxxx~~ <sup>^</sup> Anyhow, that is what the girl  
said to the Texas oil man -- ~~and~~ <sup>w</sup> thereupon <sup>she</sup> married the Chicago  
oil man. In other words she was giving him the oil.

And now Hugh, anything  
about oil from you?

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