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 The latest and most sensational thing tonight is a revelation of Nazi-Fascist plans. The story might sound like ~~wid~~ a wild rumor, but it's printed in Rome - in the newspaper owned by Mussolini. Unification of all Europe in one political state - that's the Axis war aim.

When the news came of the Hitler-Mussolini conferences on the Eastern War front, it was taken for granted that the two Dictators had drawn up some sort of peace program to compete with the Roosevelt-Churchill eight points. They did, says Mussolini's newspaper. And that's the program. Europe to be one political state under the domination of the two axis powers. The comment in Rome is that this would fulfill the dream of Napoleon. The Great Corsican conqueror also wanted to unify Europe - under his command.

We are told that the Hitler-Mussolini ~~scheme~~ ~~was~~ has become so definite that they've already created what the Roman newspaper story calls, "an ~~Emm~~ European national flag". It is described as containing the colors of every nation on the continent, and ~~maxi~~ has already been unfurled in the axis armies beside the national flags of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy.

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*Hitler's*  
Berlin reports that ~~the~~ Blitzkrieg forces have *now*  
driven to within sixteen miles of Leningrad - *into the very*  
~~the~~ suburbs. *they're within*  
The point specified is near the old summer palace  
of the Czars, just south and a little west of Leningrad.

Berlin claims, moreover, that Panzer units have cut  
the last railroad line serving *the* Russians *in* next to the *in* largest city.  
The main line, Moscow to Leningrad, was cut some days ago. That  
left the city with only a secondary railroad - to the East,  
connecting with Moscow in a roundabout way. This is the one the  
Nazi troops now have reached - according to Berlin. From the  
story, it would seem that the Germans are near the River Neva -  
that famous Neva, which was almost another name for the St.  
Petersburg of ~~the~~ old, for Petrograd, and then Leningrad. If the  
Nazis have driven to the Neva, they're within a few miles of Lake  
*And when they reach that lake, then*  
Ladoga, Leningrad ~~would~~ be completely encircled, a ring of steel  
with the Finns driving from the North. Indeed, Berlin claims  
*now*  
that the ring of steel is *now* almost complete.

War bulletins tell of heavy and persistent *raids*, the  
flat Russian country turned into a sea of mud. Through this  
quagmire attacking columns are struggling on - ~~the~~ columns both

Red and Nazi. The Soviets are smashing with counter-attacks.

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This is stated by Moscow, ~~and~~ and admitted by Berlin. Russian forces are making counter-drives in the center, trying to relieve the pressure ~~xxxxxx~~ against Leningrad. They're advancing, *and* scoring successes, declares Moscow.

There are continuing reports that Finland is in a mood to make peace - the Finns quite satisfied with getting back the territory the Red Army took from them ~~the~~ winter before last. They have won back all that ground, and are ready to call the war off. That is the report - though it's officially denied in Helsinki. However, today's news brings word that six members of the Finnish parliament have been arrested. ~~They're~~ Socialists *who* ~~and~~ are accused of political offenses. We are not told just what kind, but the arrests might well tie in with the stories of moves in Finland for peace.

There's some official comment on that subject from Moscow tonight. Soviet Vice-Commissar of Foreign affairs Lozovsky states that Finland ~~has~~ been displaying an increasing desire to end the war with the Soviets. The Vice-Commissar said

that this was because of the heavy losses the Finns have incurred in battle with the Red units. He denied, however, that any negotiations between Helsinki and Moscow have begun. He described stories to that effect in the following words:-"They do not correspond to reality."

And we have a denial from Washington. Secretary of State Cordell Hull says there is no truth to reports that the United States Ambassador to Great Britain is doing anything about Finland. We've had rumors that ~~an ambassador~~ <sup>our</sup> ambassador ~~to Great Britain is doing~~ Winant has been taking part in a movement to promote peace between Finland and the Soviets. But now Secretary Hull says - there's nothing to it.

Moscow gives us something about Turkey. The Vice-Commissar for Foreign affairs stated that the Nazis are likely to make an attempt against the country that controls the Dardanelles. He put it in these words:- "There is every possibility that the axis will exert pressure on Turkey."

Back to Washington - the French Ambassador stated today that he is going to protest to the United States Government

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against a newspaper article. This - a story printed by the New York Herald Tribune. It stated that officials of the French Embassy in Washington have been engaged in pro-Nazi activities. That was printed; and now the Vichy Ambassador says he'll protest.

JAPAN

The latest news from Japan tonight uses the word -- ~~show-down~~ "show-down". The Tokyo Government is making representations to both the United States and Soviet Russia on the subject of American ~~warship~~ shipments to the Soviets. The Japanese are talking about what they call - a safety zone - closing the approaches to ~~Vx~~ Vladavostock. This sounds ominous - with American oil ships approaching Japanese waters, as they are doing now. These oil ships add special point to the term - show-down.

## BRITISH-SOVIET

The latest from London is that Parliament may take a hand in the tempest of talk about British-Soviet relations. The verbal storm began today at the Congress of the British Trades Unions meeting at Edinburgh.

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One prominent question before the Trades Union delegates was Soviet Russia and Communism. The Congress began by rejecting a proposal that the British Unions cooperate with the British Communist Party. Refusal to go into partnership with the Red at home was based on the contention that they were - "Totally Unreliable." With that decision made, the trades Union Congress proceeded to put its okay on the British-Soviet alliance, and the policy of aiding the Red Army in its fight against Nazi Germany.

Then came the bombshell - when Jack Tanner, President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, got up and stated that there were people in high places who were not enthusiastic for a Red Army victory. They don't want the Soviets to win, any more than they want the Nazis to prevail. These people in high places, said Jack Tanner, would much prefer if the Nazis and the Soviets were to exterminate each other - and that would leave Great Britain

as <sup>the</sup> dominant power in Europe.

"I think", he shouted, "That everyone will agree that such an attitude is a terrible danger. If Russia succeeds, we succeed," he cried. "If Russia fails, we fail."

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That drew shouts of "No" from the trades Union Congress, but Jack Tanner continued in a fiery fashion: "The impression is still very strong," he declared, "That certain elements desire to switch the war against Russia." And by that apparently he meant that certain elements in Great Britain would like to fight against the Soviets, instead of for them.

The sensation was complete then Jack Tanner named a name. He told of a certain high personage, who had recently expressed the hope that the Nazis and Communists would exterminate each other. A cabinet member, the minister of aircraft production - ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Lieutenant-Colonel John T.C. Moore- Brabazon.

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Jack Tanner said that he could produce the evidence to prove that the Minister of Aircraft Production had expressed those views about Nazis, Soviets and extermination.

That's how the sensation broke, and it has had Britain



agog all day. Headlines in London newspapers like the following  
in the Daily Mirror: "Union Chief accuses Minister - says he  
wants to see Soviet wiped out." And the latest is that Parli<sup>me</sup>ent  
is likely to investigate the matter - did or ~~it~~ did not the  
Minister of Aircraft supply say <sup>that he would</sup> ~~he~~ like to see the Soviets  
as well as the Nazis wiped out?

SOVIET AID

London gives us a report that the first American warplanes have arrived in Soviet Russia. This is on the basis of a Moscow radio dispatch heard in the British Capital. The Moscow broadcast stated that the first military aircraft had arrived - under the British-America-Soviet agreement to send Air Aid to the Red Army. London opinion is that no British planes have been sent to the Soviets as yet -- so they must be American aircraft. If so they must have been flown by way of Alaska and Siberia or via Africa and Persia.

Meanwhile, we are told that the Soviet Mission which has arrived in the United States via Alaska, is purely technical -- not political. Forty-seven technicians, headed by a Red Army General, are in this country to study our methods of aircraft production.

## BOMBER

Great Britain's latest tragedy in the bomber ferry service is the more sombre because of the distinguished persons who perished. The first report from the London Air Ministry referred to it as a big bomber transport flying from Canada to England. The Royal Air Force Ferry Command makes the Statement as follows:

"The plane is now known to have crashed into a hillside somewhere in an isolated mountainous district on the West Coast of England.

Ten persons were aboard the ill-fated plane - six passengers and a crew of four. Two of the passengers were Americans, one a flight engineer, - Charles Alvan Spence of Little Neck, New York. The other - Captain Sherwood Picking of the United States Navy, a distinguished officer who was on his way to become Assistant Naval attache in London. Son of Rear Admiral Henry Picking, he commanded a United States submarine during the World War and later a submarine squadron in Asiatic waters. Captain Picking was one of the Navy's foremost authorities in the realm of undersea navigation.

One of the passengers was a high Belgian diplomat, Count de Baillet Latour, Assistant Military Attache at the

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Belgian Embassy in London. His father was president of the International olympics committee, and one of the foremost figures in the world of sports. The younger Count de Baillet Latour was well known in America - his wife an American. ~~She's~~ She's the daughter of a state department official, James Clement Dunn, spedial assistant to the Secretary of State. In the spring of nineteen thirty-six, there was an elaborate Washington wedding when Count de Baillet Latour married Marianna Armour Dunn. Everybody in diplomatic circles was there, with Secretary of State Cordell Hull heading the list of wedding guests.

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The other passengers aboard the lost plane were British, and all men of distinction. Colonel L. H. Wrangham of the British Imperial Army, and principal technical officer Taylor of the British Air ministry. One was a noted scholar and Historian, Dr. Mowat of the British library of Information. He lectured at many American Universities, and for two years was a visiting professor of History at the University of Wisconsin.

Today's mishap is the third tragedy that has befallen the British bomber ferry command in three weeks. In the two

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previous cases, big ferry transports crashed into British  
hillsides as they were starting their flight westward to  
Canada. Today's disaster differs in that it was an eastbound  
plane that crashed - when I had almost reached its goal.

AMERICAN PLANE CRASH

Today at Hempstead, Long Island, an Army War plane crashed in the middle of the town. The plunging skycraft hit the ground and exploded at the corner of Florence and Jerusalem Avenues, a neighborhood of stores and homes - and only a few yards away was a children's playground. <sup>TP</sup> It was a sudden blasting catastrophe.

Second Lieutenant Roy Scott of the eight pursuit group, was flying a swift aircobra. Something went wrong. Smoke spouted out of the plane. The Lieutenant took to his parachute, bailed out, drifted down.

The smoking plane whirled earthward - right over Hempstead. Then took a crazy plunge and landed at the street corner. The gasoline tank blew up and the plane flew apart. Sheets of flame spurted, and metal parts were scattered like shrapnel. This at a populous intersection - and only a few yards away from a playground full of children: yet no lives were lost. Three children suffered from burns, and so did a number of adults. Most of the grown-ups were injured in extinguishing the ~~flaming~~ flaming clothing of the children. The parachuting pilot landed in a tree, and there he hung - until they got him down, uninjured.

~~and there he hung until they got him down~~

SOLOMON

Today at Fort Slocum, New York, Private ~~Jim~~ Solomon of Brooklyn was being questioned by the sergeant. The top kick asked;- "Private Solomon, what's your first name?"

"Solomon," replied Solomon.

"Oh, so you're a wise guy," snapped the sergeant.

"And what's your middle name?"

"Solomon," replied Solomon.

"So you think you're funny," roared the top kick. But the rookie was dead serious about it all. *Said the Sarge: -* ~~His full name is~~ *What's your last name. The rookie answered: "Solomon."* Solomon Solomon Solomon. If he lives up to his three names, he must be a wise guy indeed - with three times the wisdom of Solomon.

*And that's his full name,*

CHINAMAN

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We Americans consider it amusing at times to go to a Chinese restaurant and try to eat with chopsticks. ~~It's a vain~~ *I tried it recently with Madame Wellington* ambition. We can't make the chopsticks operate properly, and get some of the shopsuey down our necks. So we quote Brett Hart and say: - "The ~~Heaven~~ *Heaven*, Chinie is peculiar."

Now, that's a provincial viewpoint. It implies a superior attitude. The thing to do is - put it the other way around.

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Think how outlandish a Chinaman might consider knives and forks.

This salutary moral is pointed by a bit of news today from Winnipeg, Manitoba. A Chinaman went to a doctor, and said he had a stomach ache. The doctor said, "How come?" The Chinaman replied that he had just had dinner in an American restaurant, and had swallowed the knife and fork.

The doctor wouldn't believe it at first, but an x-ray picture showed that the Chinaman was entirely correct. In his stomach were the knife and fork. How he managed to swallow them nobody knows. ~~xmedicalxscience~~ Medical Science got to work, and got the fork out of the Chinese's innards.

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At last reports they were working on the knife. The doctors announce that ~~the Chinaman~~ *was Ping Wang* will recover; but he'll go back to chopsticks. *And we'll now go back to Hugh.*

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