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FRANCE

The Invasion Drive today was a rush for the Americans, who swept on for startling gains of more than thirty miles in twenty-four hours. They tore down like an avalanche across the base of the Breton Peninsula, and at last reports were nearing the City of Rennes (~~Ran - with a nasal pronunciation~~), Capital of the Ancient Province of Brittany.

This phenomenal surge forward augurs the early occupation of Brittany by Allied Troops. Indeed, the Germans appear to be making no real attempt to defend the Province. Word from Allied Headquarters is that the Nazi Command withdrew most of its troops from Brittany shortly after D-Day - moving them over into Normandy to resist the invasion landings. So I suppose we can count Brittany as virtually ours.

More important perhaps than this dazzling advance, may be the American thrust in another direction. Eisenhower's Troops, while speeding south to Rennes, are also hammering their way to the Southeast and East - in the direction of Paris. This, if continued, would

take them to the heart of France. But the more immediate threat is to cut around behind the bulk of the German Forces along the Invasion Front, the Enemy Army opposing the British.

The British themselves scored a breakthrough today in a drive that is being called - "A Major Success." Troops of the United Kingdom and Canada slash<sup>ed</sup> forward for eleven miles, and their armored units have reached open country. ~~This British smash through, coupled with the headlong American push, has left the Germans with a "V" shaped salient in the middle, and that is in danger of being pinched off. The British and Americans, in concerted moves, are driving across the base of the salient - to join forces and close the trap.~~

Our best guess about the whole Invasion Situation would seem to be that the German Army, already pulling out at top speed in some places, will have to make a general withdrawal. <sup>Just</sup> where the enemy can <sup>most</sup> effectively make ~~attempt~~ a stand somewhere to the rear is anybody's guess.

**ADD FRANCE**

A late dispatch from the invasion front tonight states ~~that~~ the following: "The Allies appear to be on the verge of a stupendous victory, a decisive blow <sup>in</sup> ~~to~~ the battle for Paris and perhaps for all of France".  
it says.

ROMMEL

We have some official German News about Rommel, the Nazi Commander against invasion who was said to have been killed. ~~The rumors were insistent that Rommel had falled victim to an Allied Air Attack. One version was the he was hit by a bullet from an American Strafing Plane. Another - that, because of a strafing attack, his automobile cracked up.~~

Today's account from Berlin states - No, Rommel was not killed, but he was injured. He was banged and battered and suffered concussions, but has recovered - say the Germans. The Nazis explain that it happened in what they call - an accident. But they add that the accident occurréed during an air attack, ~~and this would seem to bear out the rumor of an~~ *Apparently it was an* automobile wreck, caused by an Allied Strafing Assault

GENERAL McNAIR

It is revealed that Lieutenant General McNair, former Commander of the Army Ground Forces, was killed by an American Bomb. ~~This was disclosed today~~ in a report from General Eisenhower. The first announcement of the death of General McNair said he had fallen victim to enemy fire, but now further investigation discloses that he was killed by an ~~American Bomb that fell short of its mark.~~

*The Command* had Lieutenant General McNair, who trained the American Armies for victory, was on an important assignment, on the invasion front, and this took him to the battleline where the American Forces were beginning the offensive that scored the break-through. The assault was being prepared by a tremendous air bombardment. ~~Mighty squadrons of planes went winging to the Nazi positions, which they blasted with an incessant rain of high explosive.~~ But one batch of bombs was badly aimed, and the missiles fell short - fell among the American Troops.

~~From the information available, it would~~

~~seem that the bombs were short by as much as ten thousand yards.~~ That was because of an accident. A lead plane had trouble with his bombing mechanism, and its high explosive was released prematurely, the other planes of the Squadron, Flying Fortresses, followed suit and dropped their own bombs. There were a number of american casualties, and General McNair was among those killed.

## ITALY

The Battle of Florence has reached the peak of <sup>o</sup>vilent fighting - with the Germans putting up the most fanatical defense since the bitter struggle for Cassino. Seventy-five thousand Nazis are fighting for the great City of the Renaissance, with British Eighth Army Troops hammering out only small gains along a twenty mile front.

One point captured today was a town ~~only~~ eight and a half miles southwest of Florence, while on the southeast New Zealand and South African troops smashed their way toward the summit of a dominating height.

ADD ITALY

And now a rumor just off the wire, an enemy rumor which, however, may mean something. A German news agency states that Allied shipping is being massed, together with a concentration of tanks and infantry divisions, for another invasion landing in Italy. "This", says the Nazi news agency, "confirms the supposition that the Allied Command intends to carry out new outflanking landing operations".



## RUSSIA

Moscow reports the Battle for Warsaw is entering its final stages. Soviet Troops are storming through the Eastern Suburbs of the Capital of Poland, while other Soviet Forces are driving beyond the Vistula River in a thrust to outflank Warsaw. They have pushed forward for thirteen miles in this flanking drive, south to Warsaw. Meanwhile, the Poles themselves have risen in their Capital, and we hear of clashes between Partisans and German Troops in the Streets of Warsaw.

To the North, the Red Army is pouring like a flood through Lithuania, and has almost reached the Border of East Prussia - The Land of the Great Estates of the Prussian Junkers. A dispatch from Berlin admits the loss of two towns only eleven miles from the Frontier, while Moscow's latest places the Russians within eight miles of the Homeland of the Prussian Military Caste.

## FINLAND

The news from Finland pictures a hasty reshuffling of the Finnish Government - this following yesterday's resignation of President Ryti, who is succeeded by Baron Mannerheim, Commander of the Finnish Army. A new cabinet is being assembled to serve under Mannerheim, and the word is that the new government is being formed for the purpose of taking Finland out of the war.

Only a few weeks ago, it seemed as if the Northern Republic, by tying more closely to Nazi Germany, would fight it out to the end against Soviet Russia. But now, rather surprisingly, Finland has a hopeful tone about getting out of the war and making peace.

**ADD FINLAND**

The latest - news that the Germans have begun to evacuate their troops in Southern Finland.

Stockholm reports that the Nazis ~~are~~ are clearing out, and that the Finns are delighted.

## TURKEY

The Nazis declare that the move by Turkey today means war. They are enraged by the break of relations. The Turks themselves say formally that the severing of diplomatic ties does not necessarily mean war. The Germans think otherwise - and probably they are right.

Today's event was a savage diplomatic defeat for Hitler, one that threatens to throw the entire Balkans into confusion - with satellites like Rumania and Bulgaria trying to get out of the war. Turkey, holding the Southern Tip of the Balkan Peninsula, may break the Balkans open to the Allies.

**ADD TURKEY**

News just in states that more than ~~a~~ hundred Nazi intelligence officers have been arrested by the Turks - that many directors of Nazi espionage.

We also hear that the Turks are releasing Allied political prisoners - Russians in particular. Among those to whom this applies are two Russians who were convicted in Turkey a couple of years ago of an attempt to assassinate Hitler's Ambassador Von Papen.

## CHURCHILL

Words of high hope were spoken today in London, with Churchill doing the talking. The Prime Minister made a report to the House of Commons, and took what he called, "A sweeping glance at a World War approaching its closing phase." And he summarized in the following measured words: "I fear greatly to raise false hopes," said Winston Churchill, "But I no longer feel bound to deny that victory may perhaps come soon."

In contrast to this hope of speedy victory, he spoke with grim realism of the Robot Bomb Assault on London. He stated that thus far the Germans have launched five thousand, three hundred and forty rocket bombs against Britain and have killed four thousand, seven hundred and thirty-five people and injured fourteen thousand more. In the face of this menace, a million persons have been evacuated from the British Capital, and Churchill said that more should go, because Britain may be hit by much bigger rockets -

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new enemy weapons, which the British are not taking lightly. Churchill said that the net result of the Robot Assault would be that Germany would be punished more severely.

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latest news from the War with  
Japan.

## FOLLOW CHURCHILL

Later news tonight brings an account of a new ~~new~~ German secret weapon, the existence of which has just been discovered. They are calling it a pig-a-back doodlebug, because it consists of one plane riding another. An old-fashioned Junkers ~~xxxxxxx~~ carries another plane loaded with several tons of high explosive. This second plane has no pilot. It is released from the Junkers and then is guided toward its target by radio control.

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## GUAM

Tonight's late Navy bulletin tells of American progress in the fighting on Guam, The capture of an airfield. This was accomplished in an advance of more than a mile, the captured airfield representing a new large step toward the complete conquest of the island.

## NEW GUINEA

The news tonight from New Guinea tells of new progress in the business of clearing out the big force of Japs trapped East of the Driniumor River. The doomed enemy thousands have launched still another attack. Trying to break out. This was repelled, and at last reports American troops were driving deep into the heart of the territory once dominated by the Japs who are now in the trap.

## **CHINA**

China sends us ~~more~~ more word about Jap attacks on that ~~heroic~~ heroic city of Hengyang, which for weeks has been beating off desperate enemy assaults - ten more assaults, as recorded in today's news. All repelled. The Japs report that United States Army officers are in Hengyang - directing the monumental defense.

## **CRASH**

It is disclosed tonight that the airplane crash which took the life of Rear Admiral Charles E Cecil was fatal likewise to a number of others. Eighteen men are dead or missing in the accident to a big transport plane in the Pacific. It was taking off for an undisclosed place when it crashed. Most of the victims are listed as Navy and Army officers - including Admiral Cecil.

## WILSON

It isn't often that a Motion Picture Premiere qualifies as political news, but such is the case in the first showing of that latest Darryl Zanuck Feature - "Wilson." ~~Coming at this Presidential Campaign time, a Motion Picture presentation of the life and tragedy of Woodrow Wilson would naturally arouse the supposition that it might have a political propaganda angle. In fact, Rumors have been around for weeks, rumors that "Wilson" would turn out to be a fourth term argument. And people were waiting with the sharpest kind of curiosity for the Premiere was it propaganda?~~

~~So let's take a look at what the New York Newspapers have to say today. They all agree that "Wilson" is spectacular entertainment, and here are some of their slants on whether or not the picture is angled in favor of President Roosevelt.~~

~~The Daily News: "In pointing up the analogies between that Era and this, the present administration is no more favored than the Party opposed to it."~~

~~The Herald-Tribune: "There is very little~~

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P.M. → Headline: Wilson Wartime Wisdom

May Help Win For F.D.R.!"

~~So there's the round up of critical opinions~~

For my part, I thought the picture presented the  
contrast between Woodrow Wilson's superb ideals and  
his failure in trying to do a lone one-man job.

## CLARK

Today's repercussions after yesterday's primaries brought a series of angry accusations - one from Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri. He was defeated for the Democratic nomination; and today blamed it on the political Action Committee of the C. I. O. The Senator put it in these words: "The election represents a notable temporary triumph for the Communist-controlled C.I.O., in its efforts to take control of the Democratic Party."

~~In New York City, similar charges are made by a defeated candidate for Congress - who lost out to Congressman Marcantonio. A leader of the left wing American Labor party and accused of Communist affiliations, Marcantonio won in both the Democratic and Republican primaries, he nominated on both tickets. The defeated Democratic Candidate declares that Marcantonio had the secret support of powerful Tammany elements, and vows that he will run as an independent.~~

Another primary that attracted attention, produced the renomination of Republican Congressman

Hamilton Fish in New York State. He was opposed by a candidate who, at the same time, won the Democratic nomination and will oppose Fish in the regular election.

{ This time Hamilton Fish won the Republican nomination by a reduced majority, but he claims that in the election he'll get a lot of Democratic votes.



## DUEL

In Cuba today a matter of International import was discussed in the good old Latin way, with a Duel. Two leading lights of Havana stood on the Field of Honor, pistol in hand - all because of a question that concerned relations between the United States and the Cuban Republic.

There have been charges in Havana that the United States Ambassador has tried to interfere with Cuban Newspapers, that Ambassador Braden has sought to infringe upon the freedom of the Cuban Press. The accusation was made by a prominent Editor, Senor De Sosa, who protested in a vigorous article. He was answered by a Former Mayor of Havana, Senor Belt, who defended the American Ambassador.

The argument grew so hot that a challenge was issued - a challenge to a duel. The preliminaries were arranged with all formality, and the Duel took place today, like a clash between two mighty ideals - The freedom of the Press and the Propriety of the American Ambassador.

The two Duelists faced each other <sup>at</sup> twenty-five Pesos -- I mean paces -- apart. ~~The Arbiter, Major Alonzo stood nearby, then he called: "Ready, Prepare, Fire!"~~

~~Only one shot was fired.~~ Senor Belt took aim, pulled the trigger, and a pistol shot rang out -- but he missed. Senor Belt was not too good as a Marksman.

~~What, thereupon, did Senor De Sosa do?~~ He refused to fire, he later explained that he did not shoot because he is recognized as an excellent Marksman. Very good, Senor, very magnanimous. In other words, one was not good enough, and the other was too good as a Marksman -- So nobody was hurt. Instead, the two duelists, announcing that an honor had been satisfied rushed to each other and embraced.

So that settles the question of whether or not the United States Ambassador has been interfering with Cuban Freedom of the Press.

## CAT

At Dedham, Massachusetts, a Tom Cat has inherited a hundred thousand dollars, while nine relatives fail to inherit twenty thousand. This according to a will filed for probate today.

The lucky Tom Cat is a large Feline named Buster, a pet of the late Woodbury Rand, a millionaire lawyer. The hundred thousand dollars is bequeathed for the maintenance and care of Buster -- for the rest of his nine lives. And the testament also wills to the Tom Cat the following: "Any personal property of mine which would add to the comfort of Buster, such as my radio, sweaters, blankets and three electric fans."

The relatives who failed to inherit twenty thousand dollars are nine cousins. They were cut off because of their lack of affection for Buster. Or, as the will expresses it -- "Because of their contemptuous attitude and cruelty toward my cat."

I'll bet those cousins now wish they had been kind to Buster, stroking his fur and murmuring

fondly -- "Nice Kitty". That would have been worth  
twenty thousand bucks <sup>or more</sup> and I suppose the moral is -

Be kind to your Uncle's Tom Cat, especially if

Uncle has twenty thousand dollars to bequeath.

"Nice Kitty." And <sup>Roger</sup> ~~what~~ what have  
you to unfold to the listening world?

CANADIAN AIRMEN

Canada announces that eighteen Canadian Fliers have been killed by the Nazis - willfully murdered, says a court of inquiry at Ottawa. These atrocities are part of the Nazi killing of some fifty prisoners of war in an escape. Canada announces its own victims - nineteen, murdered by S.S. Troops of Hitler's Private Army.

## STRIKE

Philadelphia is awaiting possible action by the Government in the Transport Strike that produced sporadic outbreaks of rioting today. The trouble is racial, with street car, bus, subway and elevated workers resenting the employment of negroes.

Transportation has been tied up for two days and today at various places there were clashes between white and blacks.

Federal Labor Agencies have taken up the question, and there is some surmise that the Army may move in and operate the City's transit facilities - the stoppage of which has cut down war production. The latest is that a report on the Philadelphia strike has just gone to President Roosevelt.

## HURRICANE

The Southeastern States are estimating their damage - from the Hurricane. Only one life appears to have been lost, but property damage is estimated at a million - as a result of the devastating blast of wind which roared up the East Coast and turned inland.

Along the Beaches of North Carolina, Martial Law was declared today, with soldiers put on guard over sections wrecked and ruined by the destructive power of the wind and by the smashing of waves as high as sixty feet.