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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

With the first Spring weather, the United Nations are fighting back at the Axis powers more ~~vigorous~~ vigorously every day. The Royal Air Force made another raid on the coast of Europe this afternoon. The Air Ministry described it as a big sweep in which the British flights were almost entirely unopposed. That's different from yesterday's ~~dog~~<sup>air</sup> fight, over France, in which the British admitted ~~that they~~<sup>having</sup> lost twenty-five planes.

When the R.A.F. paid a visit to Turin, they found the city quite unprepared for a raid and as brilliantly lighted as though Italy was already out of the war. The Italians claim that the raid did little damage, but the British observers tell another story.

The most serious news of the day was that revealed by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. He informed the Commons that the Japanese have a ~~most~~ powerful fleet in the waters around India. It includes three battleships, at least one of <sup>which is</sup> ~~them~~ a modernized capital ship carrying sixteen inch guns. Also five aircraft carriers; several squadrons of destroyers; plus heavy and light cruisers. In other words, a fleet of major strength. <sup>H</sup> And Churchill used these words:- "It is quite true that, while the attack on Colombo, <sup>Ceylon,</sup> was being delivered by the Japanese, our torpedo aircraft sallied out for an attack on the carriers, from which the Japanese attack had been delivered. But owing to thunderstorms and low cloud visibility, they did not make contact ~~with~~ that day."

Concerning the attack on Tricomalle, Churchill made this admission:- "Practically all our aircraft taking part in the attack were knocked out, seriously

damaged, or became unserviceable."

Churchill also admitted the loss of the cruisers DORSETSHIRE ~~XXX~~ and CORNWALL, and the aircraft carrier HERMES. In spite of these reverses, the Prime Minister expressed full confidence in Admiral Sir James Somerville, the man who carried out the evacuation at Dunkirk.

## AFGHANISTAN

The Japanese are now threatening India, not only from the east but from the northwest. Their agents have been busy in Afghanistan. The Chinese Foreign Office at Chungking declares that there has been a large Japanese infiltration into the Land of the Hindu Kush Mountains, the country of the Amir. That the Japanese Minister at Kabul has a large force of operatives at work, intriguing and spreading the influence of Nippon. To offset that, the Chinese are going to send a diplomatic envoy and a Chinese infiltration across the River Oxus, to Kabul.

And by the way, the drive is on to raise a few million dollars for United China Relief, the leaders of which remind us that China has more than fifty million war refugees, including millions of wounded, and the Chinese are our Allies.

BURMA

A strong Japanese army, with heavy artillery and bombers, ~~was~~ <sup>had arrived</sup> within twenty miles of the rich oilfields of Burma today. It has driven a wedge between the Irrawaddy River and the Sittang, ~~and aimed~~ <sup>aiming</sup> a spearhead at the center of the British and Chinese lines. <sup>#</sup> The American Volunteer Group, the Flying Tigers, are in action again, having received a fresh supply of planes. In conjunction with the Royal Air Force, they are waiting for an all-out battle to ~~get~~ <sup>win</sup> back command of the air over the Burma front. Nevertheless, there's no blinking at the fact that the enemy has more planes. <sup>#</sup> The fact that the Japanese ~~have~~ <sup>are using</sup> heavy artillery means that they are progressing in force and not merely filtering through.

AUSTRALIA

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To make up for the reverses of the United Nations in the Indian Ocean, American flying forces have badly damaged two large Japanese ships at Rabul in New Britain. They <sup>have</sup> ~~we~~ also destroyed or damaged twenty-five planes and spread havoc ~~over~~ all over the Japanese invasion bases north of Australia.

PHILIPPINES

Japanese General Yamashita is using everything he has to break down Corregidor, our last bastion in the Philippines. The island has endured twenty-two bombing raids in the last forty-eight hours. But the hardihood and marksmanship of the defenders have inflicted much destruction on the enemy.



## RUSSIA

The most exciting news about Russia today comes by way of Stockholm. <sup>The Swedish</sup> ~~The~~ dispatch reports that the Red Army has actually fought its way back across the River Desna on the central front; <sup>that</sup> ~~The~~ Nazi Army occupying the City of Bryansk is now practically surrounded, ~~According~~ ~~to that dispatch, and~~ <sup>this is</sup> ~~It's~~ important because Bryansk is a key point in the German line. The Soviets <sup>say</sup> ~~claim~~ that the Nazis <sup>made three terrific</sup> ~~hurled three vehement~~ counter-attacks with tanks, ~~in force,~~ trying to recapture a vital point on that Bryansk front; <sup>that</sup> ~~but~~ all attacks were repelled. It is also claimed that the Red Armies have recovered a town eight miles east of Rzhev and <sup>have</sup> made a deep penetration in that sector.

The Nazis, on the other hand, claim that the Russians made only weak and isolated attacks, which were easily repulsed.

The Communist newspaper PRAVDA, reports that



Hitler has been sending hundreds of fighter and bomber planes to reinforce his air power on the eastern front. But, says Pravda, "the Germans never again will obtain any superiority or the element of surprise. Russian planes," declares the Party newspaper, "are qualitatively superior to the Nazi air arm."

In an editorial, PRAVDA today threw out a warning in the direction of Japan. ~~It was~~ <sup>a</sup> warning to what PRAVDA calls "Japanese militarists, whose heads have been turned by success. They should be aware about prattling of an annexation war in the north. All such ballyhoo," says PRAVDA, "can harm Japan first of all and most of all. If the neutrality pact is to continue," <sup>it adds,</sup> "Japan must have the same attitude as the Soviet Union."

SERBIA

The Nazis in Jugoslavia find it so difficult to conquer the Serbian guerrillas, that they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ going to kill the women and children of the <sup>Serb</sup> ~~the~~ leaders. Only last week Hitler's men announced that they had sixteen thousand hostages and that they intended to <sup>execute</sup> ~~kill~~ them <sup>all</sup> unless General Mikhalovitch called off the Spring offensive he had planned with his guerrilla troops. They also threaten to wipe out entire towns and villages.

Mikhalovitch's generals defied that threat, whereupon the Nazis today seized the wives and children of Mikhalovitch and fourteen other of his commanders. The Germans will shoot them all. When Mikhalovitch's family was arrested he promptly radioed to Belgrade that he was going to carry on his fight until either he died or until the last Nazi is <sup>blotted from</sup> ~~wiped away from~~ Serbian soil.

LIBYA

In Libya, the offensive by Nazis and Italians, which has been expected for ~~ix~~ two weeks, has not come off. Instead of that, Field Marshal Rommel has withdrawn his column, considerably to the surprise of the British high command in the Middle East. So far there is no explanation of this, ~~more~~, but doubtless its meaning will be evident soon.

## COMMANDOS

Bigger and better raids by Commando forces is the New British motto. When General Marshall, our own Chief of Staff, arrived in Longon, it was prophesied that the Churchill cabinet would adopt that strategy as the equivalent to a Western Front, to help Russia. Already the Commando raids have obliged Hitler to strengthen and reinforce the European seashore line all the way from the French shores of the Bay of Biscay to the fjords of Norway.

All this has been re-emphasized now. Because

Today the British War Council announced that the chief command over all the Commandos has been given to Captain Lord Louis Mountbatten cousin of King George the Sixth, and son of Prince Louis of Battenburg, who was First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty in Nineteen Fourteen. The family changed the name of "Battenburg" to "Mountbatten" during the last war.

The appointment of Lord Louis Mountbatten

means far more than the fact that a member of the royal family has been given one of the key commands in the fighting forces, and one of the most dangerous operations in the war. In his new job young Mountbatten succeeds Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keys, one of the veteran sea dogs of the British Navy.

Lord Louis has the distinction of having survived the bombing or torpedoing of four ships, of which he was the commanding officer.

It was announced today that he has been attending all of the strategy conferences during the visit of General Marshall to London.

RICKENBACKER

Here's a prediction from an Army officer and a flying ace of twenty-five years ago, that this war is going to last at least five years.

This may ~~be~~ startl<sup>e</sup>ing, and, ~~even~~ shock~~ing~~ to ~~a number of people,~~ *some of us,* particularly ~~people whom I've heard~~ *those who have been* saying glibly that it will be ~~all over next year. The~~ *over in a year or so.* ~~The man who allows it~~ *The man who says it will last* at least five years is Eddie

Rickenbacker, President of Eastern Airlines and a Colonel in the Army Air Corps Reserve. He made that prediction at Mitchel Field today to the combat unit in training there. At the request of General ~~Hap~~ Arnold, Chief of the Air Forces, Rickenbacker has been visiting *all over* combat units ~~in~~ the United States. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

He went even further than his five-year prophecy and told the pilots ~~at Mitchel Field that~~ there's a possibility ~~that~~ this war may last ten years.

~~XXXXXX~~ But even at five years, we will need at least

three hundred thousand pilots, he said, ~~and~~ One hundred thousand of them ~~would be needed~~ for instructors.

At the same time, he told the men in these words:-

"Man for man, and plane for plane, Uncle Sam has the greatest aerial fighting machines in the world today."

Then he pointed out that, "If you have any doubts, just turn your eyes to wherever American pilots and American made planes are doing their stuff in the theatre of war."



NAVY

The Navy revealed today that our submarines in the Pacific have sunk or damaged no fewer than fifty-eight

Japanese vessels. ~~They~~ <sup>include</sup> seventeen warships, —

<sup>ranging</sup> from destroyers to <sup>airplane</sup> carriers. The best part of it is

that this has been done at a cost of only two American submarines. Miraculous, the Navy men call it, and they add that this has appreciably weakened the power of Japan in the southwest Pacific.

As for the <sup>eastern ocean,</sup> ~~work of the Navy in the Atlantic,~~

Secretary Knox told the country today that the Atlantic coast inshore patrol has been reinforced by more than a hundred planes and a hundred small craft. <sup>See.</sup>

Knox admitted that we can never reach perfection in anti-submarine warfare; but <sup>that</sup> we have taken measures to protect shipping.

And he added that by May the First, the damage done by enemy submarines off <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ eastern coast will be negligible.

*of the Navy ~~also~~*

The Secretary <sup>1</sup> said all this in Boston where he

is on a tour of inspection. He admitted that Boston,

like Philadelphia, is in perilous condition. <sup>That</sup> both ports

need more adequate protection against fire and sabotage.

*That both need*

~~and particularly~~ more patrol boats.

## TORPEDO

Two hundred and ninety people were rescued after a large British passenger ship was torpedoed somewhere off the Atlantic coast on Saturday. Ninety-five of the two hundred and ninety were passengers, including thirty-seven women and twenty-four small children, to say nothing of a cat and three kittens. There were ten lifeboats to save them.

WALLACE

Vice-President Wallace will soon take over an important part of the job of Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones. That's a prediction ~~that~~ just <sup>in</sup> ~~came~~ over the wire from Washington. The Vice-President is in line to <sup>have</sup> ~~become~~ <sup>full authority over</sup> ~~our of the field of~~ raw materials imports. The word from Washington is that an executive order to that effect has already been drawn up and is only waiting to be signed by <sup>Vice Pres.</sup> President Roosevelt. <sup>1</sup> Wallace, as head of the Board of Economic Warfare, will then have complete ~~authority and~~ responsibility for obtaining such commodities as tin and rubber ~~substitutes~~ from Latin-America, tungsten from the Orient, and so forth.

<sup>Vice Pres.</sup> <sup>his board</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> Wallace and ~~the B.E.W.~~ <sup>1</sup> will also be given some of the functions of the Lend-Lease Administrator, such as the job of arranging to get raw materials in return for shipments of munitions under the Lend-Lease Act.

CONGRESS

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Congress has been asked to stabilize by law the relations between management and labor in order to stabilize production. The request was voiced by Admiral Emery S. Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission. The simplest way to increase production, he said, would be some bill that would freeze the relationships between employers and employees. That, said Land, would "terminate agitation both by labor agitators and capital agitators." A man, he pointed out, can't have his heart in his job when agitation is going on.

The Chairman of the Maritime Commission

*stated*  
~~admitted~~ that the production of ships is being impeded *deliberately.*  
~~by a deliberate slow-down and by loafing.~~ Only a few men are doing it, he said, but, ~~that's~~ enough to slow down the whole job. He added that there <sup>*is*</sup> too infernally much ~~xxxx~~ loafing going on in the shipyards right now, and <sup>*that*</sup> a good deal of it is ~~being~~ caused by uncertainty in the relationships between management and labor.

## INDIANS

Through all the years, the members of the famous American tribes known as the Six Nations, have contended that they are an independent people. As a matter of history, the United States never conquered the great Iroquois Confederacy. That was officially acknowledged by treaties into which the Six Nations entered in Seventeen Eighty-Four, Seventeen Eighty-Nine, and Seventeen Ninety-Four. But now they are citizens of the United States, entitled to all privileges of citizens and also their duties, including military service. That was decided today by the Supreme Court of the United States.

All this came up in a case brought by the family of Warren Eldreth Green, an Onondagan who was caught by the draft at Syracuse, New York. His mother sued for a writ of habeas corpus asking his release, and claimed that all the acts of Congress which made the

members of the tribes into American citizens were unconstitutional.

The Second Circuit Court of Appeals found itself obliged to rule against Green, but did so, as it said - "reluctantly." The Supreme Court today refused to interfere with that decision, and that makes

it final. ~~They~~ <sup>The Iroquois - including the Onondagans,</sup> were the most highly organized of all

the aboriginal peoples north of the Rio Grande, and today their descendants <sup>are being called upon,</sup> ~~have~~ to take their part in

~~the world wide war for the fighting Uncle Sam's wars.~~  
freedom of man.

And now Hugh.

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Onondagans,

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