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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

What we would all like to have tonight is a detailed story of what is going on in the extreme northern Pacific. We know now that the Japanese raid on Dutch Harbor last Wednesday was just the opening shot for an attack all up and down the western ocean. The biggest and most dramatic part of it being that brilliant engagement at Midway.

There is a lull in that, for the time being at least. We are told that the main battle fleet of the Mikado is in full retreat, presumably towards its bases in Micronesia. In some of those islands there are harbors, safe harbors, enough for ten fleets.

Admiral Nimitz has reported that our fleet has lost contact with the enemy. But this does not mean necessarily that the battle is over. Admiral Nimitz and the Navy High command in Washington are temperately

declining to claim a definite victory. The enemy fleet is battered, sixteen to eighteen ships either sunk or damaged. But it has not been destroyed, <sup>and</sup> it is withdrawing. <sup>TP</sup> ~~And~~ Washington warns us that there is always a possibility that Admiral ~~Yamata~~ <sup>Kamamoto</sup> might throw in warship reinforcements in a strong enough number to shift the balance.

At latest accounts, our men-o-war were pursuing the Japanese. Nevertheless, Admiral King, Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet, declares that our Navy is not going to be drawn into any trap.

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As for that naval and air battle around Dutch Harbor, there is no news to be had. <sup>all</sup> We know <sup>is</sup> that it is going on. <sup>But</sup> ~~It is~~ not on such a ~~powerful~~ scale as the engagement at Midway. <sup>However</sup> ~~But~~ any Japanese move in the direction of the Aleutians is menacing and has to be fought off with all the strength we can muster. We know

nothing about it at present because our forces and the Japanese are fighting in such thick weather that accurate reports are impossible.

Meanwhile, Army and Navy men are wondering how soon the Japanese attack on Vladivostok will begin. *For*  
*e* Everybody is dead sure that the Tokyo high command plans to snatch the Soviet maritime provinces of Siberia *or it can. Which*  
*It* would not require any large naval force. The Sea of Japan is literally ~~that~~, a land-locked sea controlled ~~entirely~~ by Japan. *TP* The Miakdo's generals have been *on the mainland* landing troops and supplies at Dairen in large numbers.

*TP* The Russians guarding Vladivostok are hemmed in between the Japan Sea on one side and strong Japanese armies *(the strongest of all under the flag of the Rising Sun.)* in Manchukuo. *And it is a secret to nobody that the* Japanese generals in Manchukuo have long been aching to avenge the defeats they have suffered at the hands of the Russians in all border fighting for the last few years.

CHINA

We have a grim picture of the theatre of war in  
China tonight. Japanese <sup>air</sup> armadas are attacking <sup>h</sup> Chiang  
<sup>^</sup> Kai-shek's positions on five fronts. The Japanese have  
armies of three hundred thousand fighting men for their  
assaults there. One of them is reported to be storming  
Tungsiang, an important railroad center in the southwest  
of the Province of Chekiang, and there is even heavy  
fighting on a new front in Inner Mongolia, three hundred  
and forty miles west of Peiping.

## AUSTRALIA

In Australia, the authorities have blacked out twelve hundred miles of the coastline of New South Wales. ~~That is~~ <sup>W</sup> where most of the factories of Australia are situated. General MacArthur and the Australian Government are taking precautions to anticipate any attempt of the Japanese to establish an effective blockade of New South Wales.

The bombardment of the suburbs of Sydney and Newcastle by Japanese undersea boats early this morning is believed to mean that a powerful fleet of Jap subs is lurking off shore ready to cut off supplies from America. All <sup>of which</sup> ~~this~~ is believed to be part of the Jap preparations for an invasion of Australia.

Another dispatch from Melbourne reports that the French island of New Caledonia, eight hundred miles off the Australian coast, now has the protection of American troops in great strength, <sup>a force said to be</sup> and splendidly equipped.

One Australian correspondent reports that the most astounding thing about the American troops is their equipment.

## RAIDS

French people along the seashore received a solemn warning from Great Britain today. It was broadcast to France twice, and it said:- "Leave the coast as quickly as possible because the coastal regions of Occupied France are in danger of becoming more and more a theatre of war operations."

The broadcast added, "This will inevitably entail the greatest danger to the civilian population."

The warning said further:- "The only effective precaution is to evacuate without delay all those who have been blacklisted by the Germans. Do not wait until the last minute, it will be too late." Then it repeated:- "Today

*We say again:*

~~we say~~, Frenchmen, get away from the forbidden coastal zones all along the French coast."

This warning created a misapprehension among many French people. They thought the Allied invasion of Europe was about to begin. But soon the Royal Air Force gave a concrete demonstration of what the warning really



meant. A force of more than a hundred bombers and fighters <sup>slew</sup> over the invasion coast, <sup>and</sup> concentrated mostly on the region around Boulogne. Among them were flyers of the American Eagle Squadron who had several dogfights and brought down three German planes. They were fighting particularly ~~ly~~ over St. Omer, and a squadron-leader of the R.A.F. said the Germans were easy meat there.

So ~~evidently~~ that warning to the French <sup>may</sup> ~~does~~ not mean that our American-British high commands are planning an all-out invasion ~~there~~ right away. For one thing, ~~we~~ would <sup>they</sup> ~~not~~ tip the enemy off <sup>to</sup> where <sup>they are</sup> ~~we would~~ <sup>going to</sup> invade. But it does mean that the Allies are going to give the Nazi fortifications along the coast a strong taste of what Cologne and Essen had last week.

Something big may be happening in the air over Germany, at this moment. We do not know what it is or exactly where, but the Berlin Radio suddenly went silent.

The R.A.F. has kept the German coastal defenses  
*now for a year and a half.*  
under a series of bombardments. But the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ *partisan raids* at

*on* Cologne and Essen have shown that all previous British  
visits to the invasion coast are nothing to what ~~the~~  
Allied air power can do if it sees fit. It can literally  
pulverize the steel and cement *seaboard* fortifications that Hitler  
has built all the way from Holland to the Pyrenees. A  
raid on Brest, for instance, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ as powerful as that  
on Cologne, would leave the French seaport in ashes.

*TP* Evidently, the British want to give the French  
inhabitants of the seashore as much of a break as  
possible, ~~considering the war.~~



## GERMAN LABOR

We have heard and read stories that, for all <sup>boasted</sup> his <sup>manpower</sup>, Hitler <sup>has</sup> ~~had~~ a shortage of labor in his Nazi Reich, a shortage of half a million. He is using prisoners of war, compelling them to do work behind the lines <sup>and thus</sup> ~~which~~ helps the German army, <sup>which</sup> ~~and that~~ is contrary to the Geneva Convention. Nevertheless, he has drafted so many men out of war munitions factories for the eastern front, that he needs half a million workers.

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There was a suspicion of wishful thinking in that story, but a dispatch from Berlin today seems to confirm it.

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For the Nazi radio announces that fifty thousand more workers are <sup>on their way</sup> ~~going~~ to Germany from Italy. <sup>Making</sup> ~~That will make~~

three hundred and fifty thousand Italians working for

<sup>And</sup> Hitler. <sup>the Italians are</sup> According to all accounts, ~~how they will hate it!~~

<sup>fed up</sup> — don't like it.

## HEROES

When old Father Knickerbocker lifts up the latch to welcome a brave man, he is in no doubt about it. As Father Knick says:- "When I welcome them, they stay welcomed."

Fifteen gallant fellows from across the seas rode up New York's Broadway today and at the present moment are still recovering from the noise and excitement. They are ten Britishers and five Americans, who have been doing men's work against the Nazis. They were awarded the honor because as fighters they have shown themselves intrepid. But some of them visibly quailed at the noise and sights of the New York welcome. It was a triumph of a sort that Old Gotham has not seen since the days after the last World War, a triumph that might even have made a Roman general of old ~~times~~ open his <sup>orbs,</sup> ~~eyes.~~

The fifteen fighters are sailors, pilots and soldiers from the British Commando Service. They were brought over to be part of a show sponsored by Uncle Sam's Treasury, a triumphal tour to stimulate us to buy

*Also — with*  
more War Bonds. ~~Among~~ <sup>^</sup> them was Ensign Donald Mason of  
Uncle Sam's Navy, Mason of Rochester, Minnesota, who  
sent in that classic report to the Navy:- "Sighted sub,  
sank same." After his ride up Broadway, Ensign Mason  
said:- "I feel like a guinea pig or a dog at a prize show.  
But it's grand just the same."

## APPROPRIATION

President Roosevelt wants forty billion dollars more for the war, <sup>!</sup> forty billions in addition to all the skyrocket~~s~~ appropriations ~~that~~ Congress has already made. When Congress allows it, as Congress undoubtedly will, it will bring our total bill, <sup>as</sup> ~~as of~~ that date, to more than two hundred billion dollars. Two hundred thousand million!

Actually, the new appropriation he wants is a trifle under thirty-nine and a half billions, but what is half a billion in this war? He asked that it be voted as part of the regular army appropriation for Nineteen Forty-Three. On the government books, Nineteen Forty-three begins July First.

Out of these thirty-nine odd billions, eleven billion will go to the Air Corps. Mr. Roosevelt does not specify how the money will be split up. Then he allots nine billions nine hundred and forty-three millions to

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ordnance; four billions for pay for the Army; six billions, nine hundred and fifty-four millions for transportation, clothing and equipment of the men. And he asks Congress for permission to transfer twelve billion, seven hundred ~~million~~ million of the new appropriation to our Allies.

While the President's message was being digested, the House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to add two hundred lighter than aircraft, meaning dirigibles, and blimps, for submarine patrol. The Senate had already passed one bill authorizing seventy-two more dirigibles and blimps, but the House raised the ante.

PAY

The lowest pay for soldiers and sailors will be fifty dollars a month, <sup>after all. And</sup> that we may take as final. The

House insisted upon it and today the Senators agreed, <sup>ing</sup> voted for that figure as the minimum base pay. It

passed the Senate by a vote of fifty-eight to twenty.

Some of the Administration Senators, including <sup>Sen.</sup> Barkley,

the majority leader, were against it, <sup>also</sup> and the economy bloc

<sup>including</sup> ~~such as~~ Byrd of Virginia and Tydings of Maryland. But <sup>the</sup>

<sup>50</sup> ~~that~~ figure is <sup>definite,</sup> ~~final~~ unless, <sup>indeed</sup> the President, <sup>should</sup> ~~would~~

veto it, which is considered <sup>unlikely.</sup> ~~improbable.~~

But there are also provisions in that bill of particular interest to soldiers' and sailors' wives.

The spouse of an enlisted man in the lowest grades will have fifty dollars a month. Of this, the Government will contribute twenty-eight, and take twenty-two out of the

husband's pay envelope. The wife of a man with one child

<sup>if she has two</sup> will have sixty-two dollars a month; <sup>two</sup> children, <sup>she will</sup> ~~get~~ <sup>seventy-two.</sup> There are also allowances for parents, brothers and sisters.



ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt evidently has made different plans for the coming summer than in past years. Mrs.

Roosevelt has found a little cottage <sup>somewhere</sup> near Washington. *And*

That <sup>s</sup> is where the family will go to escape the torrid heat of the capital. In previous years he has gone

cruising or to Hyde Park. Evidently <sup>the President</sup> ~~he~~ finds it necessary

to take his occasional days of recreation ~~some place~~ <sup>closer to</sup> ~~nearer~~ the capital <sup>this year.</sup> Where it is, remains a secret.

Mrs. Roosevelt would not say whether it was in Maryland or Virginia; only, that it is not far away.

At a factory in Detroit, there is a strike in which the Army is taking a hand. <sup>It is</sup> ~~It is~~ a factory working entirely on orders for the Army and Navy. The Army Air Corps Procurement officer has issued an order which recalls a phrase from the last war -- "work or fight." If the strikers do not go back to work, they will be drafted.

GASOLINE

The President ~~will probably~~ <sup>to</sup> give us a fireside chat about gasoline and rubber. ~~That was given out after~~ <sup>— maybe. that was the word after today's</sup> a special conference at the White House, ~~today~~. A special committee of Congressmen went to see the President on behalf of their colleagues who ~~will not consent to~~ <sup>say they will not agree to</sup> nationwide gas rationing until they know all the reasons. The salient facts, they declare, have not been clearly presented yet. ~~so~~ <sup>When</sup> the delegation left the White House, its Chairman ~~said Mr. Roosevelt~~ <sup>stated that the President</sup> would tell the people the whole story after he has made a complete investigation and acquired a complete picture.

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Governor Holland of Florida today advanced a proposition for bringing oil <sup>in barges</sup> to the Eastern states through the inland waterways, along the Atlantic coast. <sup>He presented</sup> ~~He told~~ <sup>his plan</sup> to a sub-committee of the Senate, and the State Petroleum Coordinator of Florida backed him up. The two Florida officials declare that there are three hundred and

six tugs and four hundred and forty-one idle barges in Florida. Senator Pepper of Florida chimed in, ~~and~~ urged <sup>ing</sup> ~~ed~~ that we ~~ought to~~ use a bit of the British Dunkirk technique,

~~employed~~ employ any form of transportation we can put our hands on. In other words, do something, and hurry up about it.

## RATIONING

Here is news about rationing, and it comes from an official of the War Production Board direct. That makes it useful because there have been so many alarming and conflicting rumors. Joseph Weiner, Deputy Director of Civilian Supply, says that coffee, tea and cocoa probably will be rationed but he would not <sup>set a date,</sup> ~~prophecy~~

~~when~~ When you go to buy, you probably will have your choice of either coffee, tea or cocoa, not all three.

Rumors that clothing and shoes would be rationed are ~~quite~~ premature. Deputy Director Weiner says no immediate curtailment of shoes is in sight. As for clothing, inventories are high and believed to be enough to meet the country's needs for this year.

The use of wool may be restricted to certain materials.

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~~As for~~ food, there is no danger that staples will run short or that we will have to go without anything that we really need for <sup>a</sup> balanced diet. Maybe we will

8 1/2 have to revise our menus, however. There is a scarcity of bananas, but there will be no rationing. He urges people, - Do not hoard; do not over-buy; do not waste food. Eat all the fresh fruits and vegetables you can, to save tin, and eat vegetables grown near where you live, to save transportation.

9 And here's a further interesting <sup>note</sup> ~~item~~ on transportation from Hugh. In fact very interesting!