

From the southwestern Pacific MacArthur reports a new American landing on still another island Wardo. That bit of land lies off the northern coast of New Guinea in the direction pointing to the ^{Philippine} ~~the~~ Islands, and represents still another step in the MacArthur New Guinea mop-up -- in preparation for a drive toward the Philippines.

At the same time, we hear about more bombings of the Bonin and Volcano Islands, which are over ~~XXXXXX~~ toward Japan itself. It is no news that these islands are being assailed. In fact tonight's dispatch uses that war flyer's term -- "milk run". We are told that the bombing of the Bonin and Volcano groups has become so regular as now to be routine -- "milk runs".

LEAD NORTHERN FRANCE

It looks as if Paris might soon fall to the Allies. That's the impression that one draws from the latest news. American armored forces are in the outskirts of the capital of France. Earlier today they were placed at a point only twelve miles from the Eiffel Tower, and since then they have been rolling on. One dramatic account tells of an American armored column storming into Versailles, the suburb of Paris made historic by the fabulous palace of the Bourbon kings of old. ~~The Nazis had a huge thrill, etc.~~

NORTHERN FRANCE

The great question tonight is - how near are the Americans to Paris? Here's one way of ~~gi~~ figuring! - The tank forces farthest in advance are within, what a military spokesman calls - "Half an hour's ride of the Eifel Tower." They are riding in General Sherman tanks, and these do twenty-four miles an hour. So, that places the Americans within twelve miles of the center of the city on the Seine. They are well within the outskirts of Paris right now.

Another story places them at Versailles, - the fabulous palace of the Bourbon kings of old.

The Nazis had a huge thrill when they seized that historic place over four years ago. And no wonder - for it was at Versailles that the Germans had to sign the treaty ~~which~~ ^{that} sealed their disaster in the previous world war. And now the Americans are at Versailles, ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{at glorious} palace built by Louis the Fourteenth.

These mentions of the picturesque are only a reflection of the headline military fact - that at least four American columns are converging on Paris,

and they ~~are going~~ ^{are moving in} pretty much as they please. Enemy resistance seems to have disintegrated, and General Patton's tank columns are just slashing about, looking for any focus of enemy opposition.

It isn't clear whether the Germans will attempt a bitter and destructive fight for Paris, or whether they will abandon the city, but the latter seems to be the ~~best~~ best guess. Efforts are being made to have Paris spared - with one story stating that Pope Pius has intervened as he did for saving Rome from the havoc of modern war.

The "battle of the pocket" is now in the mopping-up stage, with the allied forces rapidly eliminating what remains of the German Seventh Army. The enemy troops left in the trap are surrendering without too much trouble.

The part of the Seventh Army that got out, escaping through the bottleneck, is still in danger. Another trap was threatened today when Canadian and American forces swept around to the east of the previous

bottleneck, throwing another net encirclement. At the same time, the escaping German armor is simply being murdered from the air, its tanks and vehicles knocked out by the incessant bombing and gunnery of swooping Allied planes.

Tonight a spokesman at Allied Headquarters stated: "Germany's power of resistance in France is now gone."



ADD NORTHERN FRANCE

The latest tonight is word from the British forces ~~who are~~ pursuing the remnants of the German Seventh Army. We are ~~informed~~ informed that the Germans now face their greatest defeat in western Europe as the Allies close in with a new encirclement. In other words the Nazi Panzers, having escaped from one trap, now find themselves in another.

The state of affairs in northern France is well reflected by the attitude of German prisoners. One captured enemy soldier is quoted as saying: "Those who are ~~in~~ still fighting are mad men. They have not the slightest hope and they know it is futile to fight any longer".

The latest summary gives the opinion that the ~~cap~~ capture of Paris will soon occur, and that the destruction of the German Seventh Army will soon be complete. What will be the result? These two catastrophes for the Nazis may ~~knock~~ knock Germany out of the war in the West. - So says the latest from the war front.

SECOND ADD NORTHERN FRANCE

The latest of all, a German news agency
dispatch stating that the Nazis expect American tanks
to roll into Paris at any hour. German propaganda
in preparing the German people for the fall of the
capital of France.

SOUTHERN FRANCE

There is one bit of news tonight that seems to summon the vision of a young man, pale, thin, and clad in an archaic military uniform - an almost juvenile artillery lieutenant standing on a hill and surveying the great harbor. Napoleon Bonaparte, twenty-four years old, about to begin his fabulous career of battles and campaigns. The harbor is Toulon, which an army of the French Revolution is besieging. And the young Bonaparte plans its capture - by showing where to place the cannon, so as to drive out a British fleet. Today that shadow of the past may have been looking down - as another siege of Toulon began.

The Allied invasion in southern France swung to the west today - as ^{everyone}~~indeed we~~ had expected it to do. To the east of the beaches of the Riviera are the high Alps. To the west lies the ^{wide,}~~great~~ open valley of the river Rhone, ^{up} which the invasion drive will undoubtedly be thrust. And the first ^{prime}~~great~~ objective to the west is the great naval base of Toulon. The latest word tonight places American forces ~~as~~ within

These are almost incredible - that small. For the first two and a half days of the southern campaign, the Allied forces have lost fewer than three hundred killed, wounded and missing. That is, casualties of all sorts, fewer than three hundred. This amounts to less than one-tenth of the losses incurred by one American division alone in an attempt to cross the Rapido river in Italy - the battle for Cassino.

Now Hugh will you give us your item before I continue with more news.

RUSSIA

The news from Russia tonight focuses ~~attention on three sectors. One~~ -- East Prussia.

Where the Red Army has crossed the border, and Russians are on German soil. ~~So says a story from Moscow.~~

The second sector is Warsaw. ~~Yang~~ Tonight's bulletin pictures the Russian Army smashing toward the Polish capital from the south.

And third - a blow toward Poland's number two city, Krakow. Stalin announces the capture of the Great German base of *Sahn do-myesh* Sandomierz, and Krakow is the objective -- the city that is a key to the German industrial province of Silesia.

WARSAW

One of the great heroic angles of the air war was disclosed today - in connection with the Polish uprising in Warsaw; ~~we are familiar with the news of great ~~big~~ bombing squadrons flying to assail Nazi Germany, and today another armada struck at vital centers of enemy war production. But the headline of heroism tells how British bombers based on southern Italy are flying supplies, weapons and ammunition to the Polish patriots in the distant city, ~~of Warsaw.~~~~

~~That means -~~ ^a round trip of seventeen hundred and fifty miles; which takes the R.A.F. pilots across some of the most heavily defended of Nazi territory. Then at Warsaw they have to fly low to drop their cargoes accurately, so the Germans won't get them. ~~They have to place the supplies in the section of the city held by the Poles. And, flying low, they are in the greatest danger of enemy anti-aircraft fire.~~

Thus far a hundred planes have flown the trip from Italy to Warsaw, and of these twenty have been lost. So no wonder an official statement today declared:

"The courage and endurance of the crews against such odds will rank with the outstanding actions of heroism in the war."

ROOSEVELT

At the White House today, President Roosevelt held his first news conference since his return from his wartime trip to Hawaii. And the comment by the United Press man who attended is that the President looked a bit tired. "Today he smiled only rarely" writes correspondent Milton MacGruder. "He couldn't be heard back of the first few rows, to begin with - and was interrupted by calls of 'louder'." So says the newsman at the White House conference today, and he adds that the President was in, what he called - "a snappish mood", not so many smiles.

He often refused to answer questions asked, and sometimes spoke words of reproof - saying that he was not in the White House to answer fool questions.

One query that provoked a sharp retort concerned the Presidential trip for war conferences in Hawaii - were there any ~~political~~ political angles to the trip?

The President replied that a query like that had obviously been planted - the reporter instructed to ask.

~~It was one of those things, he added, that have to be asked in a ~~xxx~~ campaign year. It was a fool question, said he, and ^{that} the reporter knew it, and was reluctant to ask it.~~

~~Several important things were disclosed in the press conference - one being that an agreement has been reached for the ~~xxx~~ military occupation of Germany.~~

The President stated that the Allied control of Naziland had been discussed between the United States, Great Britain and Soviet Russia, and that the three powers have come to an understanding. That is - in general. He added that they have not yet worked out details about what parts of Germany shall be occupied by the respective Allied armies, - ~~American, British, and Russian~~

And the President spoke out likewise, on another subject much discussed - compulsory training after the war. He's in favor of it ^{and} ~~and~~ said he thought that about a million boys ^{a year} should be taken in for a service period of twelve months. ~~This training, however,~~

would not necessarily be military said he, and such a program could not properly be called compulsory military training.

The President pointed to the huge training facilities that have been developed by the armed forces, and said that ^{these} ~~these~~ should be used for a compulsory training of youth.

What kind of training - if not military? Well, this was indicated more or less by a presidential remark as he looked over the assembled gathering of newsmen. He spoke in effect as follows: "This crowd is muscularly in a very bad shape. I see people here who couldn't even wield a spade, people who would have an awful time digging a ditch - even a ~~shallow~~ shallow ditch".

~~Right you are, Mr. President, - I know the White House correspondents in Washington, and the kind of exercise I've usually seen them take had nothing to do with spades and digging ditches.~~

Anyway, the President's idea about compulsory

non-military training would seem to be to prevent American youth from developing the brand of muscles and type of athletic figure that you find so often among newspapermen - not to mention a lot of others who have never smelled printers' ink.

Another subject of news discussion ~~xxx~~ today was the rumor of a Wendell Willkie visit to the White House. The President was asked about it, and replied that there was no basis of truth in reports that he has invited Willkie to the White House for a discussion of foreign policy. ~~That's the way the answer was framed. The newsmen were of the opinion that the key to the whole thing lay in the words - "discussion of foreign policy". The President was asked whether he would like to talk to Willkie, to which ~~xxx~~ he replied: - "that was a personal matter."~~

DEWEY

Republican Candidate Thomas E. Dewey has replied to the invitation extended by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. ~~This follows the Dewey statement, day before yesterday, in which the Republican Candidate warned against any plan for world domination by the four big powers, the other nations left with little say in the post-war set-up.~~

~~To this the Secretary of State replied yesterday by declaring that no such thing was being considered - no plan whereby the big boys would rule the roost. And, at the same time, he invited Dewey to come down to Washington and discuss plans to be put before the forthcoming international conference.~~

Dewey's reply is to accept the invitation - but not in person. He will send a representative, his advisor on international matters - John Foster Dulles, The Dewey letter states: "Mr. Dulles, who is well known to you and to President Roosevelt, has given a lifetime to studying constructive action in the field of foreign affairs. I consider him one of the very

ablest of American authorities on international relations. [»]

Dewey goes on to state that Dulles is fully acquainted with Dewey's own views, and can speak ~~for~~ ^{for} him. And the candidate adds that his motive is to make the question of a post-war arrangement a bi-partisan matter - out of politics.

Here's the latest - Secretary Hull's reply. He says he will be delighted to confer with Dewey's representative, John Foster Dulles.

ADD DEWEY

Governor Dewey's spokesman in international matters is a student of world affairs well-known in circles that have to do with international relations. Last January, as a member of an organization set up by the Carnegie Endowment to study the possibilities of world peace, he signed a report ~~■■■~~ on post war planning. This advocated an international air force, the personnel of which would ~~■■~~ swear allegiance to an international organization. Foster Dulles ^{also} has been prominent in efforts that the churches have made in behalf of peace, and the rumor has been that he will become Secretary of State if Dewey is ~~■■■~~ elected.

INTRODUCTION TO MCCORD

An old friend of mine came into the studio tonight. An old old friend you might say because we were in Alaska together exactly thirty years ago. And he has been there most of the time ever since. He is known in the North as "Sourdough Jack", Jack McCord, from Citkalitic Island. Sourdough Jack's home is the only habitation on that island. He runs cattle there, and sells them ~~xi~~ now to our military forces up there in the North. But Sourdough Jack McCord roams all over Alaska, for he is interested in furs, gold, and the rarer metals too.

Jack, since those days of long ago when I was up there with you, what change has taken place in Alaska?

Well, Lowell, Alaska more or less went to sleep for a number of years after you left. But it sure has come to life now, because of the war. Although one fifth the size of the United States, when you were there the population was only about thirty-five thousand whites. You should see it now! I can't tell you the war-time population for security reasons. But, the Territory is criss-crossed with highways, and the hum of airplane motors fills the skies. But the big thing about Alaska, to ~~me~~ my mind, is just this:- Right after the war, and then on for as long as men fly, Alaska is going to be the cross-roads of the world. It lies right on the main route between America and Asia. So it is going to be an extremely busy place -- just as it is now. You ~~must come~~ ^{will be coming} up to Alaska again ~~passing that way.~~ ^{coming there.} Lowell. The whole world will be

Yes, Jack, from what we hear, both Alaska and Siberia will be in for a boom after this war -- with passenger planes flying back & forth.

FATHER COUGHLIN

Today in Detroit, an organization was dissolved. It came to an official end silently and without comment. Yet the time was when that organization made a great stir in this land - Father Coughlin's National Union for Social Justice.

Back in the depression times of 1936, the Detroit radio priest had a huge following, and his Union for Social Justice had a membership of five million. It went into national politics in a large, loud way, and endorsed a third party, Lemke of North Dakota, running for President. But 1936 was the great Roosevelt year, greatest of all, and the third party got nowhere. After that, the League for Social Justice declined, was under attack and today it was dissolved -

The dissolution document signed by Father Coughlin - without comment. A silent end.

And now Hugh will you
end this broadcast for the week.
But not silently, ^{Hugh} Not silently,