

MARSHALL

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*one* *item of*  
~~The most~~ important news from Europe today  
records the arrival in London of General George Marshall,  
Chief of Staff of Uncle Sam's Army. He was accompanied  
by Harry Hopkins in his capacity as Administrator of  
Lend-Lease, *also as* ~~He is also~~ Chairman of the American  
Section of the British-American Munitions Assignment  
Board; ~~that's~~ *which* the agency ~~that~~ controls the disposition  
of war materials between our two countries. *TP Gen.* Marshall  
and *Harry* Hopkins were flown across the Atlantic secretly, in  
an American bomber, with a small staff of aides and  
experts. Their first official conference on the other  
side was with Prime Minister Winston Churchill, with  
whom they talked for two hours. About what? The answer *is*  
~~is, confidential matters~~, as General Marshall put it  
himself:- "a highly confidential matter with which the  
President entrusted us."

*Gen.*  
As he left Ten Downing Street, Marshall told

reporters that, I QUOTE "We want to expand to Europe." Which caused newsmen to remember that only a few weeks ago, the Chief of Staff issued a statement to the effect that it's highly necessary for us to prepare for a major offensive against the Axis at the earliest possible moment.

Along with the news of Genral Marshall's visit to London, comes the information that our A.E.F. in Northern Ireland have been going through a course in commando tactics, the hit-and-run forays with which the British commandos have been harassing the Germans at various points along Hitler's invasion coasts.

It was implied that today's meeting with Prime Minister Churchill will be followed by a series of hurried conferences elsewhere, particularly in Cairo.

From this and other reports, one gathers that the Allies are preparing to increase those

hit-and-run raids, increase them to where they will compel Hitler to keep strong forces along the coasts of France, Belgium, Holland and Norway. Which in turn, will be of help to the Soviet armies, because it will prevent the Nazi Fuehrer from hurling his full strength against the Ukraine and the Caucasus.

## BRITISH RAIDS

A late dispatch from London reports that the Royal Air Force has been raiding over occupied France. It was one of the largest raids ever made from Britain. Correspondents ~~xxxxxx~~ stationed on the southeast coast heard the noise of the planes and inferred from that that the number of them sent against the invasion coast was comparable to the huge armadas that Germany sent over England in Nineteen Forty. The roar of the motors could be heard for half an hour. And it is believed that one of the biggest daylight attacks of the whole war was being delivered.

A significant report from the Air Ministry says the R.A.F. fighter planes encountered almost no resistance and saw but few of Hitler's air force. The inference from that is, that the Nazis have been detaching most of their planes for service in Russia and the Middle East.

RUSSIA

*come heartening*  
Out of Russia ~~brave~~ tales ~~come~~ tonight. For one thing, the Soviet high command reports that the Red Army has caused casualties to the number of five hundred and thirty-seven thousand among the Nazis in the last two months of winter war, *(including one hundred and thirty seven thousand killed.)* On top of that, ~~say~~ *claims* a report from Kuibyshev, the Soviet armies have smashed the German lines in White Russia and are now only a few miles from the old Polish border. Reports that reach Moscow indicate that the border of White Russia has been crossed at several points and fighting still is under way.

*story*  
If that ~~report~~ is accurate, ~~and not wishful thinking or propaganda,~~ it would mean that the Red forces have pushed the Nazis back two hundred and eighty miles from Moscow, ~~and that in a vital sector of the second front.~~

As for the Ukraine, Washington has received

word that Stalin has concentrated a hundred and twenty-two divisions of new troops to cope with the Nazi offensive that Hitler promised for June. The British have information that the Nazis, for their part, have massed a hundred divisions, somewhere between one million and one million and a half men, for the drive through the Ukraine. The British claim that Hitler has been forced to make heavy demands upon the Rumanians, Italians, Hungarians, Finns and even Bulgarians to reinforce his army in Russia.

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Yesterday we heard an admission by the Nazis that the Reds had broken through on the northern Leningrad front. The Soviet government newspaper today explains that this was made possible when the Spring thaw melted the fortifications which the Germans had built out of ice and blocks of snow. And it adds that at one point the Russians found fifteen hundred dead Germans in ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup>

melted ice.

Add to all this is a statement by Admiral Standley, our Ambassador to Moscow. American promises to Russia will have been fully <sup>met</sup> ~~met~~ by the end of April, says the Admiral Ambassador. And he adds the statement that "Russia is the vital front and America will do everything to overcome the obstacles to supplying the Soviet Army." We are all partners and must see this conflict through to the end," *said Admiral Standley.*

*Harry*  
At the same time, Hopkins in London announced that supplies to Russia <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ moving ~~very~~ rapidly.

LIBYA

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The campaign in Libya has come to life in the last few <sup>days</sup> ~~hours~~. One sign of this is the growing frequency and ferocity of the attacks of German bombers on the strategic island of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ Malta. An American correspondent ~~on that British~~ <sup>in Malta</sup> ~~island base~~ reported that while he was writing, the bombs were falling with <sup>thundering</sup> ~~terrible~~ regularity for the third time that day. Nazi planes have been coming over day after day in spite of a heavy loss in aircraft. The indications are that the Nazis are trying to break down civilian morale in Malta; but, the report adds that they have not succeeded.

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Meanwhile, the Germans have been rushing convoys across the Mediterranean to Libya. The Royal Air Force reports increased aerial activity throughout the entire war theatre of the Middle East, <sup>and</sup> bombing attacks on Alexandria.



The Rome radio broadcast a claim that British forces in the desert have retreated from some of their advance positions. ~~The claims were repeated, though in different terms, by the Berlin radio. The British high command has nothing to say about this.~~

Simultaneous with these reports <sup>from</sup> ~~about~~ Libya, come indications that Hitler may be planning the long anticipated attack on <sup>the ancient isle of</sup> Cyprus. Invasion barges have been reaching Crete and other islands of the Aegean Sea in large numbers. Also, there have been heavy reinforcements of German planes in Crete, <sup>as well as in</sup> ~~also in~~ southern Greece. There is a report that the Nazis have two parachute battalions in Crete, under ~~the lead~~ of a veteran commander of parachute troops.

Added together, these bits of news from various points in the Middle East point to the possibility that Hitler is planning a pincers move on the British Imperial

forces there, one pincer being an offensive through

north Africa, the other <sup>advise</sup> on Cyprus and the Syrian

mainland. <sup>Which</sup> ~~This~~ would throw upon the Army of the

Middle East the principal shock and burden of

sustaining the Nazi Spring offensive aimed at the

oil fields of Iraq and Iran, Mesopotamia and Persia.

<sup>2</sup> ~~That~~ <sup>That way also leads the road</sup>  
~~There also leads one way~~ to India, to synchronize with

the Japanese attack from the East.

INDIA

The news from India today is none too optimistic, though there <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ one ray of sunshine. ~~through the clouds.~~

Early today, the word from New Delhi was that Sir Stafford Cripps had sent the British War Cabinet in London the reply of the Working Committee of the All-India Congress, a reply that means No. In other words, his mission had <sup>proven</sup> ~~become~~ a failure, barring something unexpected at the <sup>eleventh</sup> hour. <sup>and</sup> That unexpected development now appears <sup>quite</sup> possible. There was a report around New Delhi today that the Indian leaders, with the help of President Roosevelt's envoy, Louis Johnson, have worked out a formula which they hope will be acceptable to the Churchill Cabinet. ~~It is a~~

<sup>a</sup> formula that has been accepted by the leaders of the All-India Congress as well as by <sup>Sir Stafford</sup> Cripps.

Meanwhile, the Nazi radio was broadcasting a Tokyo claim that the Japanese had sunk twenty Allied

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ships in the Indian Ocean and that radio messages for help were being overheard constantly. The newspapers in Tokyo are prophesying a big naval battle between the British and Japanese fleets in the Indian Ocean, a naval battle that might take place at any moment.

~~So the Japanese claim~~ It may already have taken place.

## AUSTRALIA

The word from General MacArthur's headquarters today is that the air forces of the United States and Australia now have an eight-to-one advantage over the Japanese. Unofficial reports credit them with having destroyed more than a hundred Japanese planes in the last few days.

The Japanese claim to have occupied Lorangu on the island of Maus in the Admiralty group, some hundred and seventy miles off the north coast of New Guinea. The Australians evacuated the island some time ago, and applied the scorched earth policy to such effect that the Japanese, expecting to find an airdrome there, found nothing but burned installations. However, Prime Minister Curtin of Australia declares there <sup>is</sup> no confirmation of the report that the Japanese have Lorangu. If true, it means that the enemy are established in a defensive arc north of Australia.

## PHILIPPINES

General Wainwright and his tiny army in the Philippines are being pounded more and more fiercely. The Jap commander, General Yamashita, has thrown more and more fresh troops into the drive, and waves of heavy bombers have been pounding General Wainwright's bases on the southern tip of the Batan Peninsula through which supplies are fed to him from Corregidor.

Early today, the War Department announced that the American and Filipino armies had withdrawn to a new line, a defense position previously prepared. This in order to rectify the lines in Batan already penetrated by the Japanese. The Japs were able to push our little army back because Yamashita had received such heavy reinforcements. Tonight's communique from the War Department, just in, tells of still more fresh battalions of Japs thrown into the battle.

In addition to having to fight off the

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Japanese shock troops, the Americans and Filipinos are being bombed and machine-gunned by dive bombers and attacking aircraft. Waves of shock troops have been attacking almost continuously without regard to casualties. The Japanese have no regard for life.

The American and Filipino troops, including naval and marine contingents, have stubbornly resisted every attack.

JAP REPORT

An interesting document came to light in Washington today, brought into the limelight by a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Immigration.

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As long ago as Nineteen Twenty-Four, the Department of Labor issued a report on the Japanese in Hawaii. That report of Nineteen Twenty-Four, used these words:-

"When this Japanese race has reached the point for action, the cloud will break and America will wake up to the fact that it has developed within its territory a race / ~~through~~ whose maintenance of Asiatic ideals and solidarity / will sweep everything American from the islands."

The report was made by a commission which had been investigating a series of racial strikes that had been holding up the agriculture in the <sup>Hawaiian</sup> islands for six months. Seventeen years ago that Commission pointed out that the Japanese aliens systematically



made their homes and established their communities

near vital power plants, forts and harbor entrances. *Also*

*that* The Japanese *were* dominated *ing* stores, restaurants, taxicabs,

automobiles and virtually every strategic facility

and service *throughout* the islands. All *that* in Nineteen

Twenty-Four; *and nothing was done*

*about it.* ~~The~~ report was kept secret, not a word

of it allowed to become public. By ~~whose~~ order *of*

The State Department, ~~is~~.

## FLOOD

Here's the first of this year's flood stories. It comes from Connecticut. The Connecticut River is already swollen and may be expected to be above flood stage some time tomorrow morning. That's the warning from Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau. The warning didn't say when the crest of the flood may be expected.



Dress lengths are to be frozen in the prevailing fashion of today, that is they ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> not to be any longer.

Evidently it's up to the individual woman whether she wants to make them shorter or not.

Then here's an order that's rather alarming.

If you wear slacks, ladies, you ~~must~~ may not wear belts.

The W.P.B. does not explain how you're to keep ~~the pants~~ <sup>them up.</sup>

*Maybe by magic.*

~~from falling down.~~ Looking a bit further, we find the

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same rule applying to skirts: No matching or contrasting

belts. No suit skirts ~~may~~ <sup>to</sup> be longer than twenty-eight

*Which will* inches. ~~That's going to~~ <sup>^</sup> make it interesting for tall

women. <sup>TP</sup> The War Production

~~Board~~ <sup>TP</sup> ~~W.P.B.~~ had nothing to say about hats. And,

it is explained that these rules shall not apply to

wedding dresses, maternity clothes or burial gowns.

<sup>TP</sup> *They figure*

~~It is calculated~~ that this order will bring about a

fifteen per cent saving in the number of yards of cloth

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used. <sup>Meaning</sup> ~~That means~~ a hundred million yards of cotton,  
rayon, wool and mixtures.

RUTH

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Babe Ruth, the old Bambino, the one-time Sultan of Swat, is in the hospital at Hollywood. ~~He was~~ Taken there from his hotel, on a stretcher, we learn, and put immediately into a pneumonia jacket. What's more, the doctor says ~~he's~~ <sup>the Babe is</sup> a very sick man. After several years of taking it easy, ~~the Babe~~ <sup>Babe Ruth recently</sup> went to work strenuously, lost too much sleep, <sup>too</sup> dieted rigorously and lost forty pounds' weight. ~~And~~ <sup>So</sup> now he's in a pneumonia jacket.

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And now a final word or two from Hugh.