

WEWAK

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Another heavy american air blow against Wewak, the Japanese base on the Northern Coast of New Guinea. One-hundred-and-eighty - eight tons of bombs hit the Wewak airdromes - - in a continuing american air offensive to keep the Japs from using the flying fields there. And still later - another bombing assault on Guam, that American possession seized by the Japs. A navy bulletin just in states that Guam was blasted by a force of liberators, which struck hard, and encountered no air opposition.

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PACIFIC

Indications in the pacific are that the next large objective will be - the Philippines. This - after mopping up of the isolated bases still held by the Japs - bases like the remaining enemy atolls in the Marshalls, Rabaul in New Britain and Bougainville in the Northern Solomons. Then - on to the phillipines; *with MacArthur*  
~~This we hear from Washington, with the further statement that the new drive is likely to be a two fold affair with general MacArthur~~  
striking up at the Phillipines from the South, while Admiral Niemiitz thrusts with naval and amphibious operations from the west.

NEW GUINEA

General McArthur reports the rescue of one hundred missionaries-; <sup>this</sup>  
one result of the great allied landings in the Hollandia sector of Dutch  
of New Guinea. The missionaries had been isolated, for nearly two  
years, in territory dominated by the Japs. Most of them, apparently,  
had taken refuge in the hills, where they hid. Forty are nuns,  
missionary sisters who have been working among the New Guinean  
natives. <sup>TP</sup> Thirteen of the rescued one hundred <sup>are</sup> americans, while  
the remainder are of various nationalities - seven netherlanders,  
three poles, one australian, ~~and~~ one Czech; <sup>and many Germans</sup> ~~also Germans. In~~  
~~fact, the large majority of the rescued missionaries are Germans;~~  
left-over ~~the survivors~~, from the days when part of new guinea  
was a german colony - before the previous world war. And now  
presumably these germans are now subject to internment as enemy  
aliens;- a curious angle in the rescue of the missionaries from  
the Japs.

**BURMA**

India reports a powerful armored thrust against the Japs in the Kohima sector. Imperial forces, led by a spearhead of tanks, cut into the Japanese lines and captured three enemy positions. This successful assault is believed to be the beginning of a general offensive to drive the Japs from their remaining footholds in the area of Kohima - and oust them from India altogether.

## CHINA

The news stories from China today indicate that the Japanese are in possession of an important railroad junction in the province of Honan. This hadn't been revealed before, but tonight 's news indicates that the Japs have been in possession of the railroad center - - called Chenghsien., since last saturday. Also, they seized an important mountain gateway called Hulao Pass, though a chinese counter attack has driven them at least partly out of the Pass.

STETTINIUS

~~late~~ News from London tells us something about the diplomatic mission to London headed by Under-Secretary of State Stettinius. We have heard from time to time that negotiations were going on though there was nothing very definite about what the Stettinius mission was up to. Nor is tonight's official statement any too specific. It says that American and British negotiators have reached, what the statement calls, "a very large measure of common ground." So says the British Foreign Office.

The London story says the scope of the discussions has been wide-range, - things like the matter of neutral nations that carry on trade with Nazi Germany, the status of de Gaulle's French committee of national liberation, the reconstruction of Italy, the post-war German border, and the border dispute between the Soviets and Poland. ~~Such are the much debated themes on which Stettinius and the British have reached that "very large measure of common ground".~~

<sup>TP</sup> The statement issued by London Foreign Office makes clear that both Soviet Russia and China have been kept fully informed of what has been going on. ~~the viewpoints expressed and the decisions arrived~~

at.

## SECOND FRONT

A great guessing game is going on over in Europe - when will the invasion strike. Today's news gives us a whole series of predictions. Stockholm, for example, thinks - some day between May seventh and May seventeenth. A Berlin broadcast today made the surmise - between May sixth and June seventh.

The championship guess comes from Madrid, where the newspaper Arriba puts it this way; "The time will come either at four forty-one AM tomorrow, Saturday, or four-thirty-nine AM on Sunday. Or else - the invasion blow will not strike until the latter part of the last week in May." And that certainly does seem like ~~gawking~~ gazing into the crystal ball.

The Spanish newspaper However, gives some neat calculations for its guess. It explains that the times it names are the hour when high tide occurs at sunrise, and it notes that five British commando landings on the French coast in nineteen forty-two came under just that condition - high tide at sunrise.

DENMARK

Late news from Denmark tells us that Nazi troops are concentrating in the peninsula of Jutland, and danish civilians are being evacuated. This is the latest of a persistent series of reports of intense German military activity in the land of the Danes - so much of this that one is inclined to suspect that the Germans have an idea that the second-front-invasion-blow might strike at the flat coasts of Denmark.



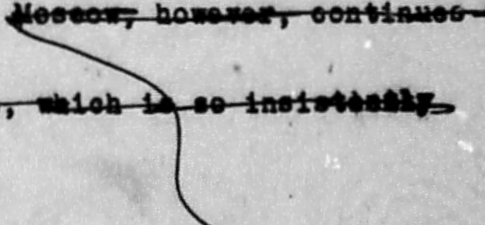
Today's air war news tells of the United States eight air force lashing out with a two-fisted blow. One fist took an explosive sock at Cherbourg - that great port of western France, where trans-atlantic liners used to dock. The other smash was a big airport south of

Paris. The two-fisted assault was delivered <sup>by a</sup> ~~in great power - with a~~ thousand of General Jimmy Doolittle's planes, ~~hitting the seaport and the air base, and that followed the usual night of bombing by the R.A.F., which assailed the Nazis in France, Belgium and Germany.~~

<sup>TP</sup> This was the twelfth straight day of what is universally regarded as the invasion prelude, and london notes that the bombing is now at the rate of five-hundred-tons-an-hour, or eight tons of bombs a minute.

RUSSIA

The Germans continue to tell of a great battle in the former ~~RUMANIAN~~  
Rumanian province of Bessarabia, with the Soviet forces launching an  
offensive along a hundred mile front. ~~Moscow, however, continues to~~  
~~remain silent about its own big drive, which is so insistently~~  
~~reported by the enemy.~~



**FOLLOW RUSSIA**

The only thing that Moscow reports is activity in Southeastern Poland, where the Red forces are described as hurling back German counter attacks.

## POLISH PRIEST

Moscow reports that Stalin has received the American Catholic Priest of Polish Ancestry, who is said to be the first clergyman of the church of Rome to enter the Soviet Union since nineteen thirty-four. He is the Reverend Stanislaus Orlemanski of Springfield Massachusetts. In moscow father Orlemanski today discussed the question of Poland with Stalin and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov.

Meanwhile, on this side of the ocean, it is denied that the Priest from Springfield, Massachusetts, was authorized by his superiors to go to Soviet Russia. His bishop said today that he had not given any such permission, and various polish-americans are denouncing the trip as an aid to Soviet propaganda against Poland.

SUBSTITUTE FOR DEWEY

Tonight we have another ranking republican giving his views on International Policy - - Senator Vandenberg of Michigan. Last night it was governor Dewey of New York, who came out in favor of a world organization, backed by force, to preserve the peace. (Dewey stated his belief in world cooperation in terms of conservative realism, basing his chief criticism of the ~~PRESENT~~ present administration on the contention that our national policy right now may be too much of the President's own personal private affair.)

TP Vandenberg likewise takes a stand in favor of international cooperation to preserve the peace. He backs up the Mackinac republican declaration and advocates american participation in what he calls - - "A postwar cooperative organization among sovereign nations to prevent military aggression." But he adds that this country will not join a world state. He is against any attempt to turn the entire globe into a single political unit.

## UNIFIED COMMAND

There seems to be a decided difference of opinion between the army and the navy on the subject of a unified command. On previous days, Secretary of War Stimson and other high officials of the war department have spoken in favor of a consolidation of the war and navy departments into one single department of national security. Today, the Navy, in effect, said - 'No!' Acting Secretary of the Navy Forrestal appeared before a congressional Committee and spoke in opposition to a unified command for both our land and sea forces. He said; "Size is no guarantee of efficiency." and he argued that too great a size would discourage that personal contact all up and down the line which is necessary for effective cooperation.

Who will succeed Frank Knox as  
~~Secretary of the Navy~~ Secretary of the Navy? ~~to be appointed~~, Some  
 in Washington <sup>thought are saying</sup> ~~report~~ - - Forrestal, arguing that the President is  
 likely to <sup>ask</sup> ~~continue~~ the Acting Secretary <sup>to stay</sup> on as full Secretary.

Others, however, think that the President will give the job to  
 Admiral Leahy, his present Chief of Staff. And there's a third  
 opinion, which has a sound of surprise. Some in Washington surmise  
 that the President may name Lieutenant Commander Stassen, former  
 Republican Governor of Minnesota, who is now a contender for the  
 Republican nomination for the Presidency.

It is being pointed out that Frank Knox, who died today, was Secretary of the Navy during a time of crisis and accomplishment unparalleled in our history - the time which began with Pearl Harbor; <sup>our</sup> fleet crippled, American sea power almost knocked out in the Pacific. Then followed a come-back that will stand as a major fact in history. A come-back that raised the United States Navy to its present position of supremacy. <sup>All this</sup> ~~This was~~ accomplished under the Secretaryship of Frank Knox, the newspaper publisher and political figure.

~~But then, this journalist and politician had always been much concerned with matters of war. In his youth, he served in the Spanish-American war, was one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders. And this undoubtedly affected his political slant. He became a Teddy Roosevelt follower, a republican who in nineteen-twelve was a leader in the Rough Rider's unsuccessful bid for a third term. Then in the previous world war, Frank Knox was in battle again; a major in France; he went through some of the bitterest fighting - after which he returned to his interests in politics and a notable career as a journalist. He became a publisher in the Hearst organization, and then acquired his own newspapers, <sup>including</sup> ~~the~~~~



~~Chicago News~~ the immensely successful Chicago Daily News.

TP It is a thing of recent memory, how he ran for Vice-President in nineteen-thirty-six, Landon's running mate in that unsuccessful campaign against President Roosevelt. And then, just before the next republican convention, he became, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Secretary of the Navy - two big name republicans, Knox and Stinson, assuming places in the Democratic cabinet.

TP That was a sensational paradox at time. Yet, from the Knox point of view, it must have seemed not so incongruous. He had begun as a Roosevelt man - Teddy then, and now it was F D R. He had supported the earlier roosevelt <sup>when he tried</sup> ~~trial~~ for a third term, and now he went on into the third term of the Second Roosevelt.

TP <sup>the age of</sup> ~~Now~~ He passes at seventy; ~~He was~~ stricken with illness at Manchester, New Hampshire, where he had gone to attend the funeral of a former business associate. He had a heart attack returned to Washington, and <sup>then</sup> ~~seemed to be recovering~~ but he had another attack <sup>today that</sup> ~~which~~ was fatal. ~~today~~.

TP ~~Who will take his place? The prompt surmise in Washington is that Assistant Secretary Forrester will assume the duties, and act as Secretary of the Navy at least until after the political conventions are held.~~

BOLIVIA

One of the latest things on the wire tonight is a flash from Bolivia.

Nothing surprising - - just an attempted revolution. The government

at La Paz reports the discovery of a plot to overthrow <sup>the new</sup> president,

~~was arrested~~. The leaders have been arrested, and a state of siege

declared.

## MONTGOMERY WARD

There's to be a congressional investigation of the government seizure of Montgomery Ward and Company ~~of~~ Chicago. <sup>So</sup> ~~This was~~ decided today by the Rules committee of the House of Representatives. The committee-meeting was a stormy one, with Chairman Congressman Sabbath of Illinois leading an administration attempt to head off the investigation.

The inquiry was demanded by a coalition of republicans and conservative democrats who argued that Montgomery Ward ~~and Company~~ was a retail merchandising concern and not a war plant. "It's in the same classification as any country store in any hamlet in this country," argued Congressman Cox.

To this Sabbath of Illinois responded; "You are aware," said he, "that Congress gave the President the power to seize property - - also that the President as Commander-in-chief in time of war can seize property."

"That's not true," retorted Congressman Smith of Virginia.

The anti-administration argument prevailed - - and the Committee put their Okay on a resolution by congressman Dewey of Illinois, a resolution demanding an investigation.

And in the senate, a move for an inquiry was made, with Senator

Byrd of Virginia demanding that the Senate judiciary committee take action.

He wants the committee to look into the part played by attorney General Biddle who directed the military seizure of the company and the ejection, by soldiers, of ~~the~~ Montgomery Ward president Sewell Avery. Byrd of Virginia delivered a scathing denunciation, saying that ~~xxxx~~ Biddle had acted, in the senator's words - - "as a generalissimo, taking personal charge of military forces, to seize a non-war plant without approval of the courts."

Meanwhile the company was making an appeal to a federal court - ~~an appeal~~ that was ~~rejected~~, turned down.

## TIRES

Motorists will now be able to buy sythentic rubber tires. That is  
- - the holders of B and C gasoline books. The news was announced  
today by the Office of Price Administration, which stated that  
sythentic rubber production has been stepped up so much that new  
sythentic tires will be available to B and C ration book holders  
- - beginning on Monday, May 1st.  ~~Holders of A books will be allowed  
purchase tires - they haven't been able to get any since last  
June.~~

Late Show .

Lead

POLYGAMY

From the Polygamy trials. gives a  
Late news ~~however, gives another~~ version of domestic life in a  
polygamous household, <sup>that is</sup> Not so idyllic - - <sup>according to</sup> ~~says~~ the prosecution.

The federal attorney says he has positive knowledge that in Utah  
plural marriage establishments there occurred what he called -  
"agitation, quarreling and fighting." ~~To which the cynic might~~  
~~respond that Polygamy sounds a lot like monogamy.~~

And furthermore, the prosecution attacked the contention of the  
defense that the system of many wives was altogether a matter of  
religion. The united states attorney pointed out that the sect  
practising polygamy had been excommunicated from the mormon church,  
which years ago outlawed the doctrine of plural wives, so therefore  
there was no religious excuse.

# POLYGAMY

~~anybody who has followed the news of the Polygamy trials out in Utah, must have wondered~~ <sup>TP</sup> How do the plural wives, themselves, feel about it?

This was answered today by interviews with three wives of polygamists interviews obtained by Dr Rulon C Allred, the tall blonde husband of six wives. He is one of the defendents in the polygamy trial.

The plural wives in their statements, declare that polygamy is okey and they are quite enthusiastic about it, with one of them saying "Our husbands are more faithful to several wives than most husbands are to one." That sounds reasonable enough, after which she goes on to say; "Our love for him and each other expands in preportion to the number we share it with."

"My husband, " she continues, " has as many wives as you can count on the fingers of your hand, and a score of children. No woman ever had a more loving husband," she explains. "He is a scholar in every line, and neither drinks smokes nor uses profane language." In other words, a model polygamist husband.

"I am convinced." says the plural wife, "that he loves any one of us far better than the monogamist knows how to do." And she concludes; "For myself, my capacity of love for my husband increased

a thousand fold when I gave him another wife."

Another plural wife presents an ideal picture of the polygamist household. "We cooperate together, caring for each other's children, and each other in times of illness and need," says she. "We do nearly all our own sewing, cooking and house work. in spare moments we crochet, knit, embroider, write or play the piano, and sing -- any number of things which make us gay and cheerful."

Which certainly does sound like wedded plural bliss and domestic polygamist harmony, now doesn't it Roger?



DEWEY

Today's comment on last night's address by Governor Dewey of New York is, in general, favorable. Everybody had been waiting for the time when Dewey would come forth with a statement ~~wxx~~ about international policy, world cooperation and such. And now he comes out in favor of a world organization, backed by force to preserve the peace. All of which he states in terms of conservative realism. His chief complaint with the administration is that our national policy right now may be too much of a president's own personal affair.

Today at Los Angeles, the beautiful Sylvia Jones was ousted from her glamorous pinnacle as Queen of the pin-up girls. Why? What did Sylvia do? But that's not the question. The query can best be framed by quoting Shakespeare's famous Lyric, "Who is Sylvia? What is she?"

The answer is as follows; at the University of Southern California they held their annual "Queen contest" selecting a Campus Pin-Up girl. Pictures of cuties were printed in the college newspaper, and the Under graduates voted to select the most beautiful.

The competition inspired an idea in Cal Nixon a campus jokster.

He went to Hollywood's ace make-up man max Factor, who proceeded to produce one of those Hollywood miracles.

On Cal Nixon's head he fitted a gossamer gold wig with the softest of waves - the Veronica Lake type. He arched Cal's eyebrows and lashed on a pair of eyelashes half an inch long. Then he painted on one of those square mouths, which are now the fashion.

Next the sweater properly filled out. All dolled up like that, Cal had his picture taken and entered it in the college competition - under the name of Sylvia Jones. And Sylvia's picture did all right. It was printed along with those of twenty other ravishing cuties,

and in the vote that was taken - ballots piled up for gorgeous Sylvia Jones. She was hailed as the college queen and pin-up girl.

Today, alas, the truth became known. And you can imagine the chagrin and mortification. Sylvia Jones was ignominiously kicked out of competition, and reduced to the rank of a mere male. And no doubt the more scholarly of the students who know something about shakespeare are humming;

"Who is Sylvia?

What is she?"

To which the echo responds - "She's a man"

All of which sounds like good clean fun, but what worries me is the fear that one of those Sylvia Jones pictures may find its way to some army camp in a distant jungle, where a lonely soldier may pin - up the picture - and look at it with a sigh for Sylvia Jones, his pin-up girl.

PORTLAND - SHIPS.

Dropped from late.  
Fri. Apr. 22 '44

Here in Portland, Maine, today, I have been spending part of my  
time at the huge New England Ship Building Yards - watching  
them turn out Liberty ships; and, attending a ceremony at which  
the latest Liberty ship was turned over to the British.

Many of the Liberty ships here are built for the British. <sup>TP</sup>To  
indicate that they were built in this country the British use  
part of the name Uncle Sam in naming each ship. They are all

'Sam something.' At first they names<sup>d</sup> them after rivers, like Sam  
Thames, Sam Mersey, Sam Ganges, <sup>Sam Hoogli,</sup> <sup>(Zambesi - No, I mean</sup>  
<sup>Sam Irrawady,</sup> Sam Zambesi, and so  
on. Now they are naming them for places made famous by the war; -

Sam Moresby, Sam Buna; and the one involved in the ceremony I  
<sup>today? It's</sup>  
attended ~~was~~ named Sam Wake, - after Wake Island.

<sup>TP</sup> There are 25,000 working in this vast yard. Maine farmers, French  
Canadians, Indians. people from everywhere. Some make a round  
trip of over 100 miles each day to get to work. And the women  
welders and others on outside jobs earn as much as the men.  
One of the officials wanted <sup>me</sup> a <sup>with</sup> photographed a woman worker. So  
he went over to a blonde, with her welders hood pulled down, hard  
at work. At first she objected. "I haven't time she said! This

ship is needed in a hurry!" And that's the right spirit. She was Rosamond Verrill from Auburn, Maine. And she told me she earned \$92. this week. <sup>And she averages around \$80 a week,</sup> And she looked as though she'd know ~~how~~ <sup>They tell me</sup> what to do with it. <sup>And</sup> they need more workers like her up here.

TP Portland, Maine is booming. The population has doubled.

TP When I went in the front office at the Ship Yard there on the wall was a huge picture of the Liberty <sup>S.S.</sup> ship Webb Miller; named after an old pal of mine, Webb Miller, European head of The United Press, <sup>killed early in the war,</sup> We were cub reporters together in Chicago, 30 years ago.

TP Good looking young women drive the cars that take you along the miles and miles of streets in this vast shipyard. The one who drove me, before the war was a girl Baptist preacher. ~~conversionist~~ <sup>convert or</sup> And just the type to talk almost any man into anything. The water front, ship-yards, and docks, are where you hear <sup>some of</sup> the saltiest and most colorful profanity. <sup>So</sup> I asked the lovely Reverend Miss Madelaine Kearney, if she was doing anything to change this. She said she hadn't tried, because it seemed hopeless. And now Hugh how about a word of hope from you.