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Sumaco.

INDO CHINA-

LATE NEWS AND SENSATIONAL NEWS FROM INDO CHINA. THE JAPS HAVE DECLARED WAR AGAINST THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT OF THAT PROVINCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. AS A PREPARATION FOR THEIR ATTEMPT TO CONQUER A VAST EMPIRE THE JAPS TOOK OVER FRENCH INDO-CHINA--IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES THERE--THIS AFTER THE FALL OF FRANCE. NOW TOKYO ANNOUNCES THAT THE JAPS HAVE BEGUN HOSTILITIES AGAINST WHAT WE HAVE SUPPOSED TO BE A PUPPET FRENCH GOVERNMENT. AND TOKYO TELLS A MELODRAMATIC STORY OF THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES PERMITTING THE AMERICAN AIR FORCES TO OPERATE A SECRET FLYING FIELD IN INDO-CHINA. THE FRENCH, SAYS TOKYO, CONNIVED WITH THE AMERICANS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SECRET AIR BASE FROM WHICH AMERICAN PLANES FLEW AGAINST THE JAPS.

~~TAP IS PAID~~

~~AP NEW YORK NY MAR 9 1945~~

~~LOWELL THOMAS~~

~~COLUMBUS MISS~~

SUBSTITUTE PHILIPPINES;

THE INVASION OF MINDANAO, THE LARGEST ISLAND OF THE PHILIPPINES  
*in fact may be in progress now*  
SEEMS TO BE AT HAND. TODAY THE JAPS, ~~IN FACT~~ ANNOUNCED THAT

AMERICAN FORCES HAD ACTUALLY LANDED, BUT LATER CHANGED THIS TO

*we have a Japanese*  
STATEMENT THAT A POWERFUL INVASION FLEET ~~WAS~~ BOMBARDING A

SECTOR OF SHORE IN PREPARATION FOR A LANDING. THIS IS AT THE

SOUTHERN TIP OF MINDANAO AND UNDOUBTEDLY MEANS THAT THE INVASION

WILL STRIKE SOON. GENERAL MACARTHUR'S NI

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S NIGHTLY BULLETIN MAKES NO MENTION OF THIS

--MERELY TELLING OF INCREASING AMERICAN ATTACKS AGAINST THE

JAP LINES IN THE MOUNTAINS EAST OF MANILA.

SUPERFORTRESSES.

TOKYO HAS TAKEN ITS HEAVIEST AIR BLOW THUS FAR, WITH THE B29 LAUNCHING THEIR MOST VIOLENT ASSAULT . MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED GIANT SUPERFORTRESSES THE LARGEST NUMBER EVER SENT ON A SINGLE MISSION ASSAILED INDUSTRIAL TARGETS IN THE JAPANESE CAPITAL

TODAY. AND THE HUGE FLEET DROPPED THE HEAVIEST BOMB LOAD PER PLANE. IN OTHER WORDS--MORE B29S, AND A GREATER WEIGHT OF BOMBS IN EACH, AND TOKYO WAS HIT BY A THOUSAND TONS.

THE WORD FROM B29 HEADQUARTRS IS THAT THE BOMBS WERE INCENDIARIES AND VAST FIRES WERE LEFT BURNING. IT WAS CLEAR WEATHER OVER TOKYO AND THE SUPERFORTRESSES BOMBED VISUALLY, BY EYESIGHT. THEY PICKED THEIR TARGETS PRECISELY AND HURLED INCENDIARY DISASTER UPON A FACTORY AREA OF TEN SQUARE MILES.

8 THE LATEST FROM TOKYO IS QUAINLY WORDED, STATING THAT THE JAP FIRE FIGHTERS ARE, IN THE WORDS OF THE TOKYO BULLETIN-- "DISPLAYING BRISK ACTIVITY IN BRINGING THE RESULTING FIRES UNDER CONTROL." BRISK ACTIVITY IS EVIDENTLY A CURIOUS ORIGNAL WAY OF SAYING -- FRANTIC EFFORT.



IWO -- LEAD

That slugging bitter fight for Iwo Jima is still

on. The Marines today drove to a cliff overlooking the sea -  
cutting the Japs on the island right in two.



JAP PREDICTION.

THE JAPS APPEAR TO HAVE A FAIRLY CORRECT IDEA AS TO HOW THE  
WAR IS GOING, BECAUSE TONIGHT WE ARE TOLD THAT THE TOKYO  
MINISTER OF WAR TODAY MADE THE STATEMENT THAT--AN AMERICAN  
INVASION OF THE JAPANESE ISLANDS <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ INEVITABLE, ~~SAID HE~~.

WESTERN FRONT.

~~WHILE WE ARE TRYING TO RECOVER FROM OUR ASTONISHMENT OVER THE UNEXPECTED AMERICAN CROSSING OF THE RHINE, LET US GO BACK NEARLY FIVE YEARS TO SOMETHING STRANGELY SIMILAR--THOUGH IN~~

~~REVERSE.~~ THE SWIFT AMERICAN DASH ACROSS THE <sup>Rhine</sup> ~~RHINE~~ THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SUCH A FORMIDABLE MILITARY BARRIER OCCURRED AT A PLACE CALLED REMAGEN, SOUTH OF COLOGNE. AT REMAGEN THERE'S A BRIDGE ACROSS THE RHINE, A DOUBLE-TRACK RAILROAD SPAN-- ONE OF THE KEY BRIDGES ACROSS GERMANY'S LEGENDED <sup>river.</sup> ~~STREAM~~ ITS IMPORTANCE IS INDICATED IN A WAY BY ITS NAME. <sup>named</sup> ~~ITS GALLEY~~

AFTER GERMANY'S FAMOUS GENERAL IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR-- LUDENDORF BRIDGE. AND IT WAS NOT DESTROYED. AS THE GERMANS RETREATED ACROSS THE RHINE THE LUDENDORF BRIDGE WAS NOT BLOWN UP, AND <sup>an</sup> AMERICAN COMPANY JUST WENT SPEEDING ACROSS THE GREAT DOUBLE-TRACK RAILROAD SPAN.

~~NOW LET'S THINK BACK TO THE TIME OF THE FALL OF FRANCE, WHEN HITLER'S BLITZKREIG CRASHED THROUGH WITH A DRIVE THAT WRECKED THE FRANCE-BRITISH ALLIES. REMEMBER HOW THOSE GERMAN PANZERS PLUNGED AHEAD AT BREAKNECK SPEED, CUT THE ALLIED ARMIES IN TWO~~

AND FRANCE FELT<sup>?</sup> ONE KEY FACTOR AT THAT TIME TIME TOO--WAS A BRIDGE, A BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER MEUSE. THE GERMANS WERE AMAZED TO FIND IT INTACT, NOT BLOWN UP BY THE RETREATING FRENCH, AND THE PANZERS WENT RIGHT ACROSS--WHICH SAVED PRICELESS TIME FOR THEM. THE FAILURE TO CHECK THE ENEMY RUSH BY BLOWING UP THE STRATEGIC BRIDGE WAS AS VITAL A SINGLE FACT<sup>or</sup> AS ANY OTHER IN THE ALLIED CATASTROPHE. AND AT THAT TIME THE FRENCH PREMIER SPOKE IN BITTER TONES OF WHAT HE CALLED--"TERRIBLE" MISTAKES". AND ONE OF THE MOST TERRIBLE OF THESE MISTAKES WAS THE AFFAIR OF THE BRIDGE.

~~SO WHAT WE HEAR TODAY--ITS ALMOST LIKE AN ECHO. THE NEWS OF~~

*The news of*

THE AMERICAN CROSSING OF THE RHINE DIDNT COME FROM OUR SIDE.

ALLIED MOVES WERE CONCEALED BY A SECURITY BLACKOUT, HEAVY CENSORSHIP. THE GERMANS REVEALED THE CROSSING AND TOLD HOW THE AMERICANS, REACHING THE RHINE, HAD SIMPLY GONE ON ACROSS VIA THE GREAT LUDENDORF RAILROAD BRIDGE.

WHY WASNT IT BLOWN UP? THE GERMAN RADIO TODAY ASKED THAT QUESTION IN BITTER TONES. A GERMAN MILITARY SPOKESMAN DENOUNCED ANGRILY WHAT HE CALLED--"THE ACCIDENT". OTHER EXCITED COMMENT WAS THAT "THE LUDENDORF BRIDGE", IN THE WORDS OF THE <sup>Nazi</sup> ~~Radio~~ RADIO;—



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"ACCIDENTALY HAD NOT BEEN DESTROYED."

~~COULD IT BE THAT, IN THE FINAL CATASTROPHE FOR THE GERMANS IN  
THE WEST, A KEY FACTOR WILL TURN OUT TO BE THE FAILURE TO  
DESTROY A BRIDGE, JUST AS A SIMILAR FRENCH FAILURE WAS SO  
IMPORTANT IN THE FALL OF FRANCE? TODAY'S WRATHFUL GERMAN  
TONE ABOUT "THE ACCIDENT" CERTAINLY REMINDS ONE OF THE FRENCH  
PREMIER'S DENUNCIATION OF "THE TERRIBLE MISTAKES" FOUR YEARS~~

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HOWEVER ALL THAT MAY BE, THE ASTONISHED AMERICANS, HAVING SURPRISED  
THEMSELVES AS WELL AS THE OBFUSCATED ENEMY, JUST ROLLED ACROSS  
THE LUDENDORF SPAN AND PROCEEDED TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE  
HAPPY ACCIDENT. BERLIN PROMPTLY REPORTED THEM DRIVING FORWARD  
AND NEARING THE IMPORTANT FACTORY TOWN OF LINZ. AND LATE TODAY  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, CONFIRMING THE CROSSING OF THE RHINE,  
STATED THAT AMERICAN TROOPS WERE STEADILY WINGING THEIR <sup>Bridge</sup> ~~SO~~ HEAD.  
THEY HAVE NOW DRIVEN FIVE MILES BEYOND THE RHINE AND OCCUPY A  
BRIDGEHEAD OF FIFTY SQUARE MILES. AT THE SAME TIME ANOTHER  
AMERICAN CROSSING OF THE RHINE SEEMS TO BE IMMINENT, THIS ONE

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NEAR BONN. GENERAL HODGES'S FIRST ARMY TROOPS DRIVING SOUTH FROM CAPTURED COLOGNE, HAVE <sup>now</sup> ~~VIRTUALLY~~ OCCUPIED THAT OLD ~~UNIV~~ UNIVERSITY CITY, AND WE HEAR THAT FIRST ARMY SOLDIERS ARE MASSING FOR A PUSH ACROSS THE RIVER AT THAT POINT. THE CROSSING MAY BE LAUNCHED AT ANY MOMENT, SAYS A DISPATCH. — *may be on now.*

ALL ALONG THE FIRST ARMY FRONT TODAY, AMERICAN HEAVY ARTILLERY WAS MASSED-- THE BIG GUNS BROUGHT UP BY THE SCORE. THEY ARE NOW RANGED ALONG THE BANK OF THE RHINE FOR BOMBARDMENT OF AREAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIVER, AND THESE AREAS ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE-- INDUSTRIAL GERMANY, THE RUHR.

HUNDREDS OF GIANT AMERICAN CANNON ARE BEGINNING A TASK OF SMASHING THE CONCENTRATED FACTORY AREAS JUST ACROSS THE RIVER, AND THESE INCLUDE ESSEN--THE SEAT OF THE GREAT KRUPP WORKS.

IT IS HARD TO THINK OF MILITARY GERMANY WITHOUT KRUPP TURNING OUT THE CANNON. WE ARE TOLD THAT BOMBARDMENT FROM ACROSS THE RHINE WILL KNOCK OUT A SUBSTANTIAL FRACTION OF GERMAN WAR PRODUCTION IN THE RUHR--WITH EMPHASIS ON ESSEN AND KRUPP.

THE NEWS OF TROOPS AND SHELL FIRE ACROSS THE RHINE TEND TO ECLIPSE OTHER MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WESTERN FRONT,

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BUT THESE ARE IMPORTANT TOO. WHILE THE FIRST ARMY IS  
PUSHING SOUTHWARD ALONG THE RIVER, GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD  
ARMY IS DRIVING NORTHWARD ALONG THE BANK OF THE HISTORIC  
STREAM. THEY HAVE EFFECTED A JUNCTION--THAT'S THE LATEST,  
A JUNCTION THAT WILL TRAP THE REMNAN<sup>ts of</sup>~~ts of~~ TEN GERMAN DIVISIONS,  
BETWEEN FIFTY AND A HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND MEN. THESE,  
HAVING FAILED TO GET BACK ACROSS THE RHINE, ARE NOW POCKETED  
IN A HUGE AREA OF A <sup>2</sup>TOUSAND SQUARE MILES, WHICH REACHES ALMOST  
BACK TO THE BORDER OF BELGIAM.



NEW ARMY

~~WESTERN FRONT~~ THE PRESENCE OF A NEW AMERICAN ARMY ON THE WESTERN FRONT, STILL ANOTHER, WAS DISCLOSED TODAY-- THE FIFTEENTH ARMY. WE ALREADY KNEW ABOUT THE FIRST, COMMANDED BY GENERAL HODGES AND PATTON'S THIRD ARMY. ALSO--THE NINTH, COMMANDED BY GENERAL SIMPSON, AND GENERAL PATCH'S SEVENTH ARMY. THAT MADE FOUR IN THE OVERPOWERING OFFENSIVE THAT HAS CARRIED TO AND ACROSS THE RHINE. AND NOW ONE MORE, THE FIFTEENTH--GIVING US FIVE AMERICAN ARMIES DRIVING FOR THE FINAL DEFEAT OF NAZI GERMANY. THE FIFTEENTH HAS BEEN IN ACTION FOR SOME TIME NOW, BUT ITS EXISTANCE HAS BEEN HIDDEN BY MILITARY SECRECY. ONE WHOLE AMERICAN ARMY HAS BEEN FIGHTING GREAT BATTLES ~~WITHOUT~~ <sup>with</sup> OUT OUR KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

THE NEWS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY IN THE COURSE OF A STately CEREMONY.

FRENCH LEGIONS OF HONOR WERE BESTOWED ON AMERICAN COMMANDERS--

ON GENERALS BRADLEY, HODGES, PATTON, SIMPSON, DOOLITTLE, <sup>of the Air -</sup> AND

OTHERS. AMONG THE OTHERS WAS LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEONARD GEROW,

WHOSE NAME <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ NEW TO THE NEWS. WHO ~~was~~ HE? ~~THAT QUESTION~~

~~BROUGHT THE DISCLOSURE~~ <sup>Well,</sup> LIEUT GENERAL GEROW <sup>turned out to be the</sup> ~~was~~ COMMANDER OF THE

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NEW AMERICAN FIFTEENTH ARMY, WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING ON THE WESTERN FRONT. HE IS UNDER GENERAL BRADLEY, WHO DIRECTS THE AMERICAN TWELFTH ARMY GROUP.

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GENERAL GEROW ~~IS~~ A WEST POINTER. LIKE CHIEF OF STAFF

*V.M.I. -*

GENERAL MARSHALL HE IS THE PRODUCT OF ^ VIRGINIA MILITARY

INSTITUTE--WHICH IS SOMETHING ~~CALLLED~~ *imes called the* WEST POINT, *of the South.* GENERAL

GEROW, A NATIVE VIRGINIAN, GRADUATED FROM V.M.I. AS PRESIDENT OF HIS CLASS AND HONOR MAN AND HAD THE DISTINCTION OF BEING DIRECTLY COMMISSIONED INTO THE UNITED STATES ARMY WITHOUT

AN EXAMINATION. HE SERVED IN THE PREVIOUS WAR UNDER GENERAL

PERSHING AND NOW ~~TAKES~~ *rates* A HEADLINE, AS THE NEWS REVEALS A NEW

AMERICAN ARMY ON THE WESTERN FRONT--WHICH IS BAD NEWS FOR THE

GERMANS.

EASTERN FRONT;

MOSCOW NEWS <sup>cent</sup> ~~CON~~TRIBUTES ON POMERANIA TODAY, THE GERMAN PROVINCE ALONG THE BALTIC, WITH RUSSIAN DISPATCHES TELLING US THAT RED ARMY TROOPS HAVE STORMED INTO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE GREAT PORTS OF STETTIN AND DANZIG. ~~STALIN ANNOUNCES THE CAPTURE OF A BIG RAILROAD JUNCTION ON THE ROAD TO DANZIG, AND INDICATES THAT POMERANIA IS BEING MOPPED UP RAPIDLY.~~

THE WORD FROM BERLIN IS <sup>over</sup> MORE SENSATIONAL, WITH STATEMENTS THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE CRASHING THROUGH ON THE FRONT NEAREST TO THE GERMAN CAPITAL. THE FOCUS IS ON THE FORTRESS CITY OF KUESTRIN. BERLIN INDICATES THAT THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED THAT ALL IMPORTANT STRONGHOLD. THIS IS DISCLOSED IN A CURIOUSLY WORDED NAZI-DISPATCH WHICH ON THE FACE OF IT TELLS OF A RUSSIAN DEFEAT. IT DECLARES THAT AT KUESTRIN A SOVIET FORCE HAS BEEN WIPE OUT, WITH MERE REMNANTS GETTING AWAY. "THESE," SAYS THE NAZI STORY "THEN WITHDREW INTO THE INTERIOR PART OF THE TOWN, WHERE THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO FIERCE GERMAN ARTILLERY SHELLING."

ALL OF WHICH WOULD SEEM TO MEAN CLEARLY THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE IN KUESTRIN, HAVE <sup>Taken</sup> ~~TAKE~~ THAT FORTRESS, WHICH IS NOW BEING SHELLED BY THE GERMANS.



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THE <sup>news</sup> ~~WHOLE THING IS AN~~ INDICATION <sup>ca</sup> ~~OF~~ THE DESPERATE STATE IN WHICH THE NAZIS FIND THEMSELVES ON THE EASTERN FRONT, AND THEIR PROPAGANDA NEWS REVEALS THE DESPERATE STATE OF MIND TALKING FRANTICALLY OF THE ENORMOUS POWER THE SOVIETS HAVE MASSED FOR THEIR FINAL VICTORY-DRIVE ON BERLIN.

ONE ANGLE IS THAT SAME OLD STORY--HITLER AT THE FRONT. BERLIN STATES THAT THE NAZI FUEHRER HAS GONE TO THE FIGHTING LINE ON THE ODER, TO BOOST MORALE AND TO CONVINCHE HIMSELF OF WHAT THE GERMAN DISPATCH CALLS--"THE FIGHTING SPIRIT OF THE SOLDIERS AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEFENSE MEASURES."

I AM AFRAID THE FUEHRER WILL HAVE TO CONVINCHE HIMSELF OF A WHOLE LOT IF HE IS TO ACQUIRE ONE GLEAM OF HOPE, (AND I DONT IMAGINE THE GERMAN ARMY MORALE WILL BE BOOSTED TO ANY EXTENT BY THAT OLD CHESTNUT--HITLER AT THE WARFRONT.)

NAZIS--GAS.

IN GERMANY THEY ARE HAVING AN EPIDEMIC OF--GAS JITTERS. THIS IS REPORTED FROM SWITZERLAND, WHICH STATES THAT A WILD SCARE IS SWEEPING GERMANY--AFTER AN ORDER ISSUED BY HITLER. THE NAZI FUEHRER IS SAID TO HAVE SENT OUT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRECAUTIONS AGAINST GAS ATTACK--ELABORATE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY APRIL FIRST. THE GERMANS INTERPRET THIS TO MEAN THAT AN ALLIED ATTACK BY LETHAL VAPORS IS TO BE EXPECTED. WHY SHOULD IT BE EXPECTED? ONE ANSWER MIGHT SEEM TO BE THAT THE NAZIS THEMSELVES INTEND TO START GAS WARFARE, AND ARE ORDERING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE INEVITABLE ALLIED RETALIATION.

~~NOTE--IN THE WESTERN FRONT STORY, STATE THAT ALL GERMAN RESISTANCE AT BONN HAS BEEN CRUSHED. THATS THE LATEST~~

**AIR WAR.-- WESTERN FRONT.**

**BRITISH PLANES ARE BOMBING BERLIN TONIGHT--MOSQUITOS. THOSE  
FAST AND SPEEDY BOMBERS ARE SMASHING AT THE NAZI CASPITAL,  
FOR THE EIGHTEENTH TIME IN SUCCESSION--BERLIN ASSAILED FOR  
THE EIGHTEENTH STRAIGHT NIGHT.**



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CRUCIFIXION

HERE'S NEWS FROM CHICAGO, A STORY WHICH, IN THE TELLING, SOUNDS LIKE FANTASTIC FICTION TOO WEIRD AND IMPROBABLE TO BE ~~REALLY TRUE~~. <sup>True.</sup> LAST NIGHT TWO CHICAGO POLICEMEN IN A SQUAD CAR, WERE CRUISING NEAR THE NORTH SIDE ELEVATED RAILROAD, WHEN THEY HEARD CRIES OF DISTRESS. THEY INVESTIGATED AND CAME UPON AN INCREDIBLE SIGHT-- A GREAT 'CROSS, NINE FEET HIGH; AND ON IT, A MAN, ~~WAS~~ HANGING.

HIS HANDS WERE NAILED TO THE CROSS, AND ON HIS HEAD WAS A CROWN OF THORNS. IN HIS LEFT SIDE WAS A WOUND, FROM WHICH BLOOD WAS STEAMING. THE CROSS WAS FIXED TO A PILLAR OF THE <sup>Chicago "L" R</sup> ~~ROAD~~ GROTESQUE DUPLICATION OF THAT SUPREME SACRIFICE AND SYMBOL OF RELIGION, THE CRUCIFIXION.

ABOVE THE MAN, ON THE CROSS, WAS A PLACARD, A CRUDELY PRINTED SIGN NAILED JUST ABOVE HIS HEAD. IT BEGAN WITH THE WORDS, "PEACE ON EARTH," AND CONTINUED WITH SOME HALF ILLITERATE MUMBO JUMBO. THE PLACARD WAS SIGNED: "UNKNOWN WORLD CONTROLLERS."

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THE POLICE REMOVED THE MAN FROM THE CROSS. HE WAS STILL CONSCIOUS, BUT SOON LAPSED INTO A COMA-- FROM WHICH HE WAS RECOVERING TODAY IN THE HOSPITAL. THEY SAY HIS CONDITION IS SERIOUS-- AFTER BEING CRUCIFIED.

HE IS FRED WALSCHER A PORTER WHO WORKED IN A TAVERN. HE STATES THAT LAST NIGHT, WHILE HE WAS IN HIS ROOM IN THE BASEMENT OF THE TAVERN, A MAN AROUSED HIM AND TOLD HIM THERE WAS AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT DOWN THE STREET-- AND TO COME AT ONCE AND HELP. HE FOLLOWED THE MAN OUT INTO THE STREET AND THERE WAS CONFRONTED BY A COUPLE OF OTHERS WITH PISTOLS.

"THERE WERE," RELATES THE PORTER, "THREE MEN ALTOGETHER. THEY ASKED ME IF I WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR WAR OR REVOLUTION. I TOLD THEM," HE ADDS, "I WAS WILLING TO DIE FOR MY IDEALS."

"WE WILL NOT KILL YOU," THEY TOLD HIM, "IF YOU WILL SUBMIT TO CRUCIFIXION." THEN THEY TOOK HIM AWAY, LASHED HIM TO THE CROSS AND DROVE SPIKES THROUGH HIS HANDS-- FIRST GIVING HIM SOMETHING TO DRINK WHICH DEADENED THE PAIN.

TODAY IN THE VICTIM'S ROOM THE POLICE FOUND COPIES OF LETTERS THAT THE CRUCIFIED PORTER HAD WRITTEN TO PROMINENT PEOPLE.

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IN THESE HE CLAIMED THAT HE ALONE KNEW HOW TO SOLVE THE  
PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD. THE LETTERS INDICATED THAT HE WAS <sup>the</sup> HEAD  
OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT HE CALLED--"AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL  
DEMOCRACY". <sup>But</sup> OF THIS ORGANIZATION THE PORTER HIMSELF APPEARS  
TO BE THE ONLY MEMBER.

OBVIOUSLY, THE WHOLE THING IS TIED IN WITH SOME TWISTER OF  
RELIGIOUS FANATICISM, THE VICTIM HIMSELF AND THE ONES WHO  
CRUCIFIED HIM, BEING CRACKPOTS WHO HAVE GONE WACKY APPARENTLY  
OVER THE TROUBLES AND PROBLEMS OF THIS WORLD AT WAR. ~~and now~~

~~Bob McReaney, who is the only member of the~~  
~~Stan. CP~~



FOLLOW CRUCIFIXION.

THE LATEST IS THAT THE POLICE SUSPECT THAT THE CRUCIFIED  
TAVERN PORTER MAY HAVE INSTIGATED THE WHOLE THING HIMSELF--  
AS A WAY OF PUBLICIZING GOOFY IDEAS ABOUT WORLD PEACE. THEY  
EPLAIN THAT HIS HANDS WERE NAILED IN SUCH FASHION AS TO DO  
A MINIMUM OF INJURY--A CAREFUL SKILFUL JOB. ALSO--THE WOUND  
IN HIS SIDE WAS ONLY A SCRATCH. FOR A CLINGER THEY POINT TO  
A MISSPELLED WORD IN THE COCKEYED SCREED ABOUT THE CROSS.  
MANKIND  SPELLED WITH AN E INSTEAD OF AN A. AND WHEN  
THE TAVERN PORTER WAS ASKED "HOW DO YOU SPELL MANKIND" HE  
MISSPELLED IT IN THAT SAME WAY.

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And now Bob McRaney, the voice of  
Mississippi - Bob, will you give  
us your message for Stan. & Cal.

FOLLOW IWO JIMA-

~~I'VE HAD OCCASION ON PREVIOUS DAYS TO NOTE THE GREAT NEWS REPORTING  
JOB THAT'S BEING DONE BY THE COMBAT CORRESPONDENTS OF THE MARINES,  
AND TODAY BRINGS ANOTHER REMINDER OF THIS-- IN THE FORM OF A DISPATCH  
FROM THE FIGHTING FRONT ON IWO JIMA. SERGEANT DICK DASHIELL,  
NOW <sup>a</sup> COMBAT CORRESPONDENT <sup>with</sup> OF THE LEATHERNECKS, WAS IN CIVILAIN  
<sup>^</sup> LIFE A NEWSPAPER MAN DOWN <sup>here in the South,</sup> IN NORTH CAROLINA-- AND HE CERTAINLY  
SHOWS THE EVIDENCE OF HIS TRAINING AS A NEWS REPORTER, ~~AND WRITER,~~  
~~HIS DISPATCH FROM THE FLAMING VORTEX OF BATTLE ON THAT ISLAND  
INFERNO IS SO CLEAR AND SUCCINCT AND TO THE POINT THAT I CANT DO  
ANY BETTER THAN READ IT AS HE SENT IT.~~~~

"FOR DAYS, " HE RELATES "A BIG JAP ARTILLERY PIECE HAD MADE THE  
NORTHERN HALF OF THE MOTOYAMA-AIR-STRIP-NUMBER-ONE AN AREA OF  
DEATH, DANGER AND DESTRUCTION. MARINE FIELD PIECES WERE CALLED  
UP, BUT OBSERVERS WERE UNABLE TO SPOT THE NIP GUN FOR HOURS.  
THEN," WRITES DICK DASHIELL, " A MARINE HAPPENED TO FOCUS HIS  
FIELD GLASSES ON A CERTAIN SPOT OF THE <sup>o</sup>WODED SECTION FROM WHICH  
<sup>^</sup>THE FIRING CAME--JUST AS TWO HUGE STEEL CAMOUFLAGED DOORS OPENED  
AND A GUN POKED OUT ITS SNOUT AND FIRED."

THE STORY ENDS WITH THIS BRIEF PARAGRAPH; "FOURTEEN ONE-NUN<sup>ered</sup>  
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AND FIVE MILLIMETER GUNS AIMED QUICKLY AT THE BIG GUN, WAITING FOR A REAPPEARANCE. THEY WAITED PATIENTLY FOR TWENTY MINUTES. THEN THE DOORS SLIPPED OPEN AGAIN. FOURTEEN SHELLS LANDED ON THE GUN, AND BLEW IT TO BITS."