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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Decidedly this is Eisenhower week in the U.S.A. He began today running the gauntlet of a series of welcomes in the hearty ~~and~~ vociferous American style. Every community in the country that has any claim on him puts on a big show for Ike. Today it was Washington, tomorrow New York, and Friday is to be Ike's day in Abilene, Kansas.

At noon today hundreds of thousands in the national capital lined Pennsylvania Avenue. The Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force rode slowly along the triumphant way once ridden by Grant, Sherman, Admiral Dewey and Pershing.

In front of both Houses of Congress President Truman presented the great General with his Second Distinguished Service Medal, while Senators and Representatives cheered him to the echo. It was

characteristic of Ike that in his speech of thanks he said nothing about himself. He spoke, instead, of the men under his command. The three million American <sup>men</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ and women who took part in the expedition, he said, should properly be in his place to receive that medal and the tribute of Congress. No battlefield in Africa or Europe ever saw a more worthy soldier than the trained American. Never have soldiers been called upon to endure longer sustained periods of contact with a vicious enemy, said Ike. Never have they withstood greater punishment from weather and terrain.

General Eisenhower made a touching acknowledgment of all the services that helped ~~the~~ win the European War. He mentioned the contributions of the workers on the ~~the~~ Home Front, also the magnificent job done by the services of supply.

He told how he had drawn constant support and confidence in the solution of his problems from the late President Roosevelt. Eisenhower added that in Winston Churchill, Roosevelt had a worthy partner. And

he used these words: "These two God-given men were my joint Commander-in-Chief".

He then expressed his thanks to the combined British and American Chiefs of Staff who were his direct military superiors. And he added, "in no place was vital unity ~~more~~ more strikingly shown than among the individuals who served as my principal commanders and on my staff. British and Americans, ~~and Americans~~, "forgot differences and customs and methods, even national prejudice in their devotion to a common cause. Teamwork" ~~was~~ "was equally strong among the several services, air, ground, navy and supply". And General Eisenhower did not ~~neglect~~ neglect to speak ~~feelingly~~ feelingly of the contribution of the Soviet Russian Armies to Allied Victory.

The Washington testimonial to General ~~Eisenhower~~ Eisenhower will end this evening with a state dinner at the White House. As for little old New York, the folks on both sides of the East River are talking of little else today than tomorrow's show for Ike.

Everybody is canvassing his list of acquaintances trying to discover those who have offices or apartments along the line of parade. This one promises to be the biggest of all time. The betting is that precious little business will be transacted in the financial capital of the country.

Abilene, Kansas, today was ringing to the noise of hammers and ~~drums~~. They are building floats and grandstands for the wildest welcome that former center of frontier history has ever seen. There are six thousand inhabitants of Abilene, but they expect to entertain no fewer than fifty thousand on Friday. Not only Abilene, but all Dickinson County are agog for the coming of Ike. The Mayor of Abilene said, "we figure Ike has had enough military ceremony. Our floats are going to show various stages in his career and scenes from the history of the country".

It's a great homecoming for a great soldier, and a great American. <sup>also</sup> ~~It~~ must be ~~quite~~ quite an ordeal for a man who is essentially ~~quite~~ diffident and retiring.

## OKINAWA

Tonight we have reason to expect most welcome news from Okinawa. At almost any hour we may receive word that Lieutenant General Simon Bolivar Buckner's divisions have finished the three thousand remaining Japs on the island. Three thousand out of eighty-~~two~~ five thousand. The Yanks have killed at least eighty thousand, four hundred and fifty-nine and captured only sixteen hundred and eighty. The Okinawa campaign will therefore go down in history as unique. Never has such a colossal proportion of a conquered force been slain.

The remaining enemy surrounded by the American Tenth Army are beaten, disorganized and crazy with thirst. But at last reports which were dated Tuesday morning, they were still resisting. One group of them was holding on to a series of ridges barely two miles away from the clifflined tip of the island. Most of the groups are losing contact with one another. They are squeezed into a pocket of less than seven square miles, - a pocket of death.

ADD OKINAWA

Radio Tokyo today admitted that the remnants of the Jap garrison on Okinawa are doomed. It broadcast a statement that the American Commanding Generals have been withdrawn from the island, the campaign being virtually over. And the Tokyo radio used these words: "The next American campaign, ~~xxxxxx~~ needless to say, will be directed against the Japanese homeland".

The Japanese government has issued a handbook entitled SURE TO KILL. It contains instructions to defense units throughout Japan, instructions on how to kill Americans.

## AIR WAR - FOLLOW OKINAWA

By the time autumn comes around the U. S. Twenty-First bomber command will be staging attacks on Japan with fleets of a thousand superbombers each. So said General Hap Arnold today at Manila. If the war lasts until the end of Nineteen Forty-six, he added, there would not be anything left of Japan. Then he explained that the targets on the Japanese homeland are only a tenth the size of those in Germany. He added that we are bringing every plane into the Pacific as fast as we can build them and base them.

## CHINA

The news from China gets better all along. The latest that the Armies of Chiang-Kai-Shek have done is to capture Wenchow, an important ~~an~~ treaty port only four hundred and forty miles west of Okinawa. That gives the Allies a second possible bridgehead for a landing on the Asiatic mainland.

This news is all the better because it comes less than a month after the Chinese took Fuchow away from the Japs. In the interval the Chinese divisions pushed north more than a hundred and fifty miles. They drove the Japanese garrison at Wenchow north toward Shanghai.

In the interior too the Chinese armies are doing better. They have opened a two-headed flanking attack against the Japanese who are trying to widen their corridor from Canton to Hangkow.



## BORNEO

Uncle Sam's PT boats are now striking the Japs close in shore along the coast of northwest Borneo. Last week our Navy mine-sweepers were cleaning out enemy mines ~~so that~~ <sup>so that</sup> the P T boats ~~could~~ <sup>could</sup> run in and observe how badly the Japanese shore installations near the oil fields have suffered from Allied attacks. Huge fires are burning in one district. There more than twenty wells are on fire. Those incidentally are some of the richest fields in the British Empire.

On shore the shock troops of the Ninth Australian division are pushing southwest from Brunei City toward the coast. They have met very little enemy resistance. Consequently they've been able to go ahead and build air strips at top speed.

General MacArthur has just reported that his Australians have made a fresh landing on the eastern shores of Brunei Bay. They are moving inland and not finding much opposition from the Japs. The landing operation was carried out twenty-four miles from Labuan Island at the mouth of the Bay.

## POLES

What a sensation that trial of Polish leaders produced in Moscow today. Out of sixteen men on trial fifteen pleaded guilty. Some of them acknowledged all the charges against them, others acknowledged partial guilt. The charges, of course, were acts of terror against the Red Army.

General Okulicki, leader of the Polish Home Army, ~~was~~ was one who pleaded to all accusations. Okulicki admitted that he had ordered his Polish Home Army to take no chances against the Germans, but to keep itself intact so as to fight the Red Army. Okulicki also admitted to having operated twenty-five secret radio stations in Poland and ten in the Ukraine throughout Nineteen Forty-four.

All this admits to an international bomb-shell. The arrest and detention of those sixteen Poles by the Soviet Government have seriously impaired relations between the Russians and the rest of the United Nations. Now all the indignation of the Allies against Moscow evaporates into thin air. People who

charged the Soviet government with being high-handed  
and unfriendly today have red faces.

## ADD POLES

At the same time American lawyers point out that this latest wholesale confession in the Russian criminal ~~xxxxxx~~ court reawakens our curiosity. They point out that the defendants, while admitting their guilt, offer no justification for their actions. The Poles, ~~the~~ lawyers ~~and~~ might have ~~offered~~ in their own defense that they were patriots acting in behalf of their country. They might have pleaded that they intended to oppose the permanent seizure of Polish territory by Soviet Russia. But, so far as we are told, the fifteen pleaded ~~ing~~ guilty today offered no such ~~defense~~ defense.

## GERMANY

In Germany thousands of Nazis are sneaking quietly back to their homes. These are fellows from the upper circles of Nazidom. Many of them have plenty of money; they can afford to buy black market food and live comfortably. Some of them are dodging registration and fear they may be forced to work. Others are hiding out in the country. All this we learn from officers of the Allied Military Government. The information came to light through complaints of Germans who are anti-Nazis. The returning Nazis are trying to turn out the Germans who moved into their apartments or offices after they fled last October.

ADD GERMANY

The Allied authorities today revealed a German plot to assassinate British Field Marshal Montgomery. This was to have been pulled off in Copenhagen last month while Montgomery was there. A Nazi conspirator was posted in an apartment on the road from the Copenhagen airdrome to the center of the city. He had a hand-grenade all ready to throw into Montgomery's car. Fortunately, the Danish police had an extra heavy guard all along the route and the plot failed.

Harry Bridges may stay in the United States as long as he pleases. The West Coast Labor Leader from Australia today won a fight in the Supreme Court that has lasted seven years. By a vote of five to three the court said there was no evidence to show that Bridges is a member of the Communist Party. But the court did not contradict the description of the Communist Party by Attorney General Biddle. That description is that the Communists constitute an organization that believes in, advises, advocates and teaches the overthrow by force and violence of the government of the United States

Chief Justice Harlan Stone dissented, also Justice Felix Frankfurter and Owen J. Roberts.

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Another decision by the high court today was against the Associated Press. It declared that the bylaws of the A.P. regarding the admission of new members constitute a violation of the country's anti-trust laws.

Again a five to three decision put Chief



Justice Harlan Stone and Associate Justice Roberts in the minority. Justice Frank Murphy also dissented.

With the food crisis, the bill was sent out by Governor Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut and Governor Thomas A. Dewey of New York.

Governor Dewey at Albany this afternoon revealed that there is a very critical shortage of food grains. If it is not solved, New York State will be without both milk and eggs by all September. At Buffalo, New York there is a daily shortage of one thousand cars of grain. Buffalo is the principal distribution center for the northeastern states. The lack of grain is due mainly to transportation difficulties. Some of the thirteen Governors invited have already accepted.

## FOOD

Governors of the northeastern states will meet at New York Friday to discuss measures to cope with the food crisis. The call was sent out by Governor Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut and Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

Governor Dewey at Albany this afternoon revealed that there is a most critical shortage of feed grain. If it is not relieved, New York State will be without both milk and eggs by mid-september. At Buffalo, New York there is a daily shortage of one thousand cars of grain. Buffalo is the principal distribution center for the northeastern states. The lack of grain is due mainly to transportation difficulties. Seven of the thirteen Governors invited have already accepted.

ADD FOOD

A story from Washington tonight reports that the teamsters union is striving to organize every channel for bringing food from the farm to the market. Robert Taylor in the New York World-Telegram says the Union wants to control the transportation of fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the industrial East. This, of course, will raise the price to consumers. Already union rules have forced markets ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> New York, Newark, New Jersey, and Philadelphia to close on Saturdays because the teamsters will not work Saturdays.

*And now Goodnight*