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**FINLAND.**

We hear that the Parliament of Finland has turned down the Soviet peace terms. This comes in a dispatch from Stockholm which relates that the legislative body of the northern republic today endorsed the stand taken by the Finnish Government. Which stand is that the conditions presented by Moscow are unacceptable.

The story is that in response to the Moscow proposals, the Finnish Government presented a counter-proposition, to which the Stalin Government said- "No!" That left the Fins face to face with the original Moscow terms, and these they feel they cannot accept.

Stockholm adds that Helsinki today buzzed with peace talk- most of it pessimistic.

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AIR WAR.

Today <sup>today</sup> Allied air power struck again at the Nazis in occupied France. And tonight the Germans have launched ~~another~~ another of their retaliation raids against London. Fires are burning in the British capitol right now after what the London dispatch calls- "the biggest fire-attack on London since the nineteen-forty battle of Britain.

German planes that managed to break through to the British capitol showed <sup>red</sup> down incendiary bombs- with only a few high explosives. They set a lot of fires, but, the havee is only a minute fraction of what happens in Berlin when Hitler's capitol is hit by an obliteration raid.

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**IRELAND.**

Nationalist Ireland is to be isolated completely from the rest of the world. This was indicated in London today by Prime Minister Winston Churchill. The measures already taken, like the banning of travel between Ireland and Britain, are to be followed by others.

*TP* Said Churchill: ~~said~~

"These measures are the first step in a policy designed to isolate Great Britain from Southern Ireland and also to isolate southern Ireland from the outer world during the critical period which is now approaching." He meant of course the second front period.

Churchill referred to the possibility of a second front catastrophe which might be traced to the presence of German and Japanese representatives in neutral Dublin. "If that were to occur," *"a gulf"* ~~said~~ Churchill, "would be opened between Great Britain on the one hand and southern Ireland on the other, which even generations could not bridge."



ROME.

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As to the question of the fate of Rome, president Roosevelt today put all the blame on the Nazi<sup>s</sup>. He denounced them for using the Eternal city as a military center. "Everybody knows the Nazi record on religion", he said at today's White House news conference, "Both at home and abroad", he went on, "Hitler and his followers have waged a ruthless war against the church <sup>and</sup> all faiths."

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The President apparently had in mind the latest appeal by Pope Pious the 12 th, asking both the enemy and ourselves now to turn Rome into a battle field- and thereby cause the destruction of the great monuments of antiquity and the middle ages. Our attitude was reiterated today by the President, who said: "we have tired scrupulously, often at considerable sacrifice, to spare religious and cultural monuments. And we shall continue to do so."

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ITALY.

~~There is little war news from Italy - mere reports of minor clashes on the beachhead and at the Cassino front. On the beachhead the Nazis have made some secondary attacks, and these have been beaten off. While in the battered town of Cassino the enemy tried to penetrate buildings occupied by Americans and British and was emphatically repelled.~~

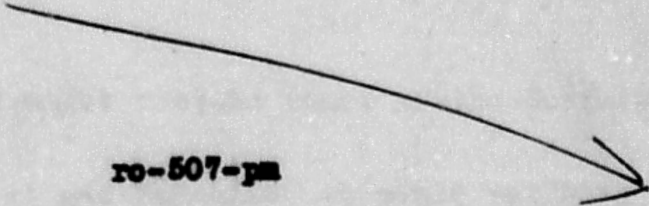
~~in Italy today~~ <sup>in Italy today</sup> ~~air action today mentioned~~ <sup>air action today mentioned</sup> ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> Allied bombings ~~hurling~~ <sup>hurled</sup> today against <sup>these important</sup> Roman railroad yards. And enemy sources add one striking detail - <sup>Virginio</sup> Gayda was killed in the bombing today. <sup>Gayda,</sup> the Italian journalist who for years was in the limelight as the number-one fascist newspaperman and Mussolini's <sup>spokesman,</sup> ~~mouthpiece,~~ The Nazi-controlled Rome radio states that a bomb hit Gayda's house and he perished in the wreckage, a victim of the misfortunes of war that he helped so much to bring upon his country.

**BADOGGIO.**

In Washington today secretary of state Cordell Hull declared that he had some information about the Soviet recognition of the Badoglio government in Italy, but that he did not want to make it public now. Nor would he comment on the stories <sup>by</sup> that Badoglio has asked the United States and Great Britain for recognition. That, he indicated, is something for the future.

Meanwhile, in Italy, the "left<sup>ist</sup>" parties today reasserted their opposition to Badoglio and King Victor Emanuel, in spite of the Soviet recognition.

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The Italian communists of course, are turning somersaults-; but then the Soviets have a way of making the reds in other countries go head over heels. Today a leader of the Italian Communist party put it in these words:

"Recognition", said he, "does not mean that the Soviets have put their stamp of approval on the King and Badoglio. On the contrary", he explained, "it is a gesture of friendship to the Italian people."

To which the echo might respond that, if the Soviets had declared against the King and Badoglio, it would not have been a gesture of friendship to the Italian people. But then- why ask for logic when Moscow pulls the props from under the Communists in other lands ?

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PACIFIC.

News from the Pacific gives us bits from far scattered islands. Allied warplanes have hit the Japanese base at Wewak in New Guinea, hurling two hundred and ten tons of bombs. *With* ~~and~~ sixty Japanese planes were shot down near Wewak during the past three days.

There has been a new American landing on New Britain, where our troops are fighting to dominate that island, the major objective of which is the big Japanese base at Rabaul.

And on Bougainville, in the northern Solomons, things have quieted down after a series of desperate attacks by the Japanese who are in a trap. They made suicidal attempts to break through, but were beaten back- and are still trapped.

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## COMMUNICATIONS.

It was stated in Washington today that this country is handicapped by the British Monopoly of International Communications. As the cables for the world are laid out, London dominates the transmission of news from one country to another, and this recets badly for the United States in the fields of news gathering, business and diplomacy. The statement was made by chairman James L. Fly of the Federal Communications Commission who was testifying before a Congressional committee.

~~He went on to say that the British communications monopoly imposed what he called, "handicaps in time and costs", these at the expense of American news services, the British monopoly operating in favor of Reuters, the British news agency.~~

What to do about it ? Chairman Fly had a suggestion. He said he thought that all American communications companies operating abroad should be unified and <sup>or</sup> consolidated in one system. As they work now, they compete with each other- while if we had just one big American system, it could deal with the British monopoly on more nearly even terms.

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Chairman Fly said that some people think that unified American communications with foreign countries should be owned and operated by the Government. But <sup>with</sup> this he did not agree. ~~with~~

~~He said that what we need is a consolidated system, privately owned - which, <sup>he added</sup> he added, "the government could support in foreign countries".~~

"A privately owned unit, he <sup>thinks</sup> ~~thought~~, could become what he called <sup>s</sup> - an instrument of national policy in International fields".

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**PRIMARY.**

We have some early returns from the primary election in New Hampshire, which has been considered a test between Wendell Willkie and New York's Governor Dewey. Only a light vote was cast today, a mere fifteen percent of the possible total. And tonight delegates favoring Willkie are in the lead. They are unpledged, because of a quirk of New Hampshire law, but are known to favor Willkie. In the primary is a small group of delegates- five- who are pledged to Dewey, but without his consent. And in the early vote they are said to be showing surprising strength. All of which leaves the meaning of the early New Hampshire count in a state of doubt.

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## GOLDIER VOTE.

The Senate passed the Soldier-vote-compromise this afternoon, a compromise mostly in favor of state rights. It was opposed by administration supporters, who argued for a Federal Ballot to be issued for men and women in service.

The vote was forty-seven to thirty-one, with the majority made up of approximately equal proportions of Republicans and Southern Democrats.

The lower House <sup>will</sup> voted next, and is certain to say okay. The Congressman all along have been in favor of the states having control over the soldier vote.

Then what will the President do? He has announced that if the bill passed by Congress permits fewer service men to vote than in the last election- he will veto it. And today the Contention of the administration supporters was that the measure as passed, ~~So would permit fewer soldiers to vote. So a veto would seem to be not unlikely. One interesting thing today was the fact that among the Senators who supported the White House was- Barkley of Kentucky. That same Senator Barkley who broke with the President on the tax bill and voted to override the White House veto. At that time,~~

LABOR.

~~A late story informs us that~~ the A.F. of L. refuses to share representation with the C. I. O. at the big International Labor Conference- scheduled to be held in Philadelphia next month. This was announced ~~HTS~~ today by A. F. of L. president William Green, and it constitutes a rebuff to President Roosevelt- who had asked the A. F. of L. to share representation with the C. I. O. The Federation now saying, no.

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## INVITATION.

In London today, both Houses of Parliament, the Commons and the Lords, voted an invitation to the Congress of the United States. Our national legislature is asked to send a delegation of Senators and Congressmen to visit the "Mother of Parliaments" and get acquainted.

In the House of Peers, Lord Christopher Addison reminded the assembled aristocrats that the British Parliament and American Congress are, what he called "the world's greatest embodiments of free institutions and bastions of liberty." So the two, he argued, should get to know one another better; those "bastions of Liberty."

In the commons a conservative leader stated that President Roosevelt approves of the visit.

I suppose that Congress in Washington is likely to accept, and send a deputation to go over <sup>to</sup> and say Howdy to the British Lords and Commons. And ~~there will~~ <sup>then no doubt there'll</sup> be an exchange of ideas and customs.

American lawmakers from Iowa, <sup>Arkansas and Wyoming</sup> ~~and Alabama~~ will learn to drink afternoon tea- with crumpets. While the British Lords and M.P's will have a chance to learn about such matters as filibusters, "taking-the-stump" and politics of the crackerbox variety. And who

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*From say Oklahoma, may*  
knows some bucolic Congressman ~~might be able to~~ initiate an  
Earl or a Duke into the uses of <sup>a</sup> plug of chewing tobacco.

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AUSTRALIA.

In Australia today, Prime Minister John Curtin declared that he will not ask the United States Government to reduce the pay of American soldiers and sailors in Australia. The suggestion had been made- that the wages of American fighting men should be reduced to the level of Australian army pay.

There has been a good deal of talk in the Continent-<sup>"</sup>down-<sup>"</sup> under" of the way the Americans, with their larger incomes, are able to out-spend the Australians. This has applied particularly to that age-old puzzle and problem- the girls. Soldiers and sailors of the U. S. A. seem to have the inside track <sup>with</sup> the ~~loss of~~ <sup>of</sup> the southern hemisphere- much to the disgust of the Australian servicemen who say it is mostly a matter of cash, Americans being able to spend more on the outlets under the southern gross.

The average Australian soldier philosophically <sup>says</sup> ~~sees~~ that the heart of a woman inclines fondly to the dollar-sign or the pound-sterling, or, <sup>well it's</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>a</sup> theory not unfamiliar in other lands- ~~So if the pay of the Americans goes out down to the~~

~~Australian level it would put the diggers and the doughboys on even terms with the local legion of honey sticks and their girls~~



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~~even terms with whatever the Aussies Keratin  
of Honey Chile is. Maybe they say Honey Bear,  
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since Australia is the Land of the Koala, the  
honey-bear. At any rate the~~

<sup>The</sup>  
The whole thing came to something of a crisis yesterday

when a solemn Australian judge, presiding over the administration  
of the law, issued a portentous declaration condemning the  
lavish spending of money by American troops in Australia.

However, the Australian Government won't do anything about  
it, with Prime Minister <sup>2</sup>Curtin stating in formal terms, "I see  
no more reason why I should make representations to the American  
Government on the pay of their forces, than I would welcome a  
suggestion from the British Government as to the pay <sup>that goes to</sup> Australian  
who are in Britain."  
airmen ~~of the United Kingdom should receive."~~

So, maybe the Yankees will continue to  
~~which may sound a bit stiff and stuffy - but the Prime~~  
have the inside track with the fair damsels  
Minister's pronouncements will receive the applause of the  
in the Land of the Duck-billed Platypus, ~~the~~  
American troops in the southern continent. Imagine the howl  
~~Wallyaby~~ and the jumping kangaroo.  
they'd raise if their pay were cut to the Australian level!

WOMAN.

In Washington today a lady went to the district attorney and said:

"I don't think he loves me".

Whereupon she illustrated this pathetic statement with a few details. "He hit me with his fist," she said, <sup>"Then he</sup> threw me into the bathtub and struck me on the head, face and body with a brick." As I ran out into the street, "she went on, "he shot at me with a pistol,- and then threw the brick after me, <sup>and</sup> ~~then~~ he missed. So," she added plaintively, "I don't think he loves me."

No, she doesn't think he does; but apparently she can't be sure- because he didn't say so.

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~~And now, I can't be sure either, because Hugh is in New York and Jim is in Indiana; but I think Hugh <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ something to say after I say~~

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And now Jim Campbell of ~~the~~ The Blue Network who has something that he is sure about. But wait a minute, here's something else:—

**GASOLINE.**

In Washington today, the value of the "A" gasoline ration was fixed for the entire nation. The "A" ration is to be the same everywhere- two gallons a week.

And, at the same time, the Office of Price Administration opened a drive on the black market. The O. P. A. speaks of what it calls- "the worst gangs in the country," who rob hundreds of motorist of what are estimated at two million, five hundred thousand gallons of gasoline daily." The O. P. A. says that such gas by the operations of the black market.

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Now Jim, what were you going to say?



## PARIS MURDERS.

The great Parisian murder mystery becomes more and more fantastic. It turns out now that the Doctor who is said to have murdered twenty-seven women, is not a modern blue-beard, with the legendary list of slain wives. A number of the twenty-seven victims reported in Paris turn out to be men. And today's story uses another literary figure- Dr. Jekell and Mr. Hyde.

The Bizarre killer is a physician, a Dr. Petiot, who for years was a respectable practitioner of medicine- a perfect type of the excellent Dr. Jekell. What turned him into the fiendish Mr. Hyde ? Accounts from Paris say that the transformation came about when the Esteemed Physician started to fool around with narcotics. He got mixed up with forbidden drugs, and this made him known in the undercover realm of the Parisian underworld. Characters of the underworld began to come to him for what was called-treatment. He administered drugs to them. And then apparently in one case or another he resorted to dope that killed. He became a sadist- Mr. Hyde.

The weirdest angle in the story is that, after committing a couple of murders in that fashion, the Doctor set out to remove

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all persons who knew of his dealings with narcotics. Such persons would come to him to have drugs administered, and he would suggest that this could be done better at his villa- a house on a fashionable street near the Bois de Boulogne. At the villa he would persuade them that the narcotics could best be given in a strange cabinet that he had, in the cabinet he would give them injections, which they thought were narcotics but which were really drugs of death. *And*  
*then he*  
He would dispose of the body with practised surgical skill.

It has been noted that most of the victims discovered thus far were persons who knew about the world of narcotics. One of these was a tailor's wife, another the son of a prominent author- both aware of the Doctor's dealings in drugs.

The police are busy- both the Paris sureté, so famous in times gone by, and the Nazi Gestapo, so infamous right now. They are searching for the physician, but thus far have not been able to find him. And all Paris is talking of the case of Blue Beard who turns out to be Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. *H* With Paris under the Nazi heel, the Parisians have plenty of other things to worry about;

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but they can't get over their old habit of relishing a new crime sensation. The story comes over the German<sup>^</sup>-controlled Paris radio, and that leads Frenchmen in allied countries to be doubtful about the whole thing- they are skeptical about anything Nazi. But others who know Paris well think it's all probably true. They point out that the Germans would have no reason to trump up a fake crime story and agitate France still further; there being too much agitation for their own comfort, as it <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~.

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