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Good Evening, Everybody:

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The Nazi steamroller ~~is~~ rolling ^S on and on towards Moscow. But the Russians say the German casualties are colossal. As in the past, in Holland, Belgium, France, Greece, and Crete, the Nazis are using vast numbers of parachute troops.

There is one hopeful note in today's Russian story. Though the Nazi attack is moving forward, it is being slowed up by the desperate resistance of the Reds. It was by unexpected concentration of superior numbers and greater volumes of machinery at certain points that the Germans achieved their surprises. And that now is wearing off, says Moscow.

Hitler's hope of reaching Moscow before winter closes down depends on his ability to throw in fresh reserves to overwhelm the new divisions brought in by Soviet Marshal Timoshenko.

The latest is that the Nazis are aiming to take Moscow from the rear.

The Nazi High Command put out a special communique ~~in~~ today announcing that they have taken three-hundred-and-fifty thousand Russian prisoners in the Battles around Bryansk and Vyazma. In the regular communique they reported that the Red Army pockets around Vyazma had been almost entirely destroyed. Hitler's troops are now only a hundred miles to the south of Moscow, and driving on East.

In London, military experts admit that the situation around Moscow tonight is desperate. The Soviet chiefs are rushing their evacuation of women and children, apparently preparing for a siege just like what is going on at Leningrad and Odessa.

Even supposing the Russian claim is true that Hitler's fourth offensive has been slowed up, we hear that the Nazis still have huge reserves all set for a fifth and final onslaught within the next week or two.

B.E.F.

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British troops are on Soviet Russian soil. At least, so it's reported in ^a ~~one of the~~ Stockholm newspapers. The Swedish ~~ix~~ rumor has it that an expedition numbering tens of thousands has landed at Archangel. This gave rise to a further rumor that the expedition includes Canadian divisions, probably on the assumption that our neighbors to the north are particularly well qualified to handle themselves in the frozen country around Archangel. During the last World War, a Canadian division was quartered there. And a year and a half ago, a Canadian contingent was about to embark for Norway, though it never sailed because the British were obliged to evacuate.

Ottawa refuses to say anything about that Archangel story. However, there was a good deal of gossip in many parts of the Dominion because of ~~the~~ circumstantial news that Colonel ^s Ralton, Defense Minister of Canada, accompanied by ranking staff [^] officers, had suddenly gone to London.

The purpose of the expedition — to keep the road open for supplies to Stalin's armies.

ROOSEVELT

There is a report in Washington that President Roosevelt refuses to believe the Soviets are on the verge of collapse. His opinion is based on what Harry Hopkins told him when he came back from Moscow. And that inclines him to the belief that even after the Nazis have captured Moscow, the Reds will still be able to put up a strong fight.

All this by the way, doesn't come from the White House but from ^{a member of} ~~somebody in~~ Congress who has been talking to Mr. Roosevelt. The President's inside information leads him to believe that the Red generals will try to withdraw to a defensive line in an arc behind the Volga River. Behind them ^{they will have} ~~will be~~ forty per cent of the war industries of the Soviets, ~~and that's the area they will protect.~~

The story continues that Mr. Roosevelt is waiting for further and later information from W. Averell Harriman, the head of the American mission to Moscow.

If the grapevine reports are accurate, the President is more worried about Japan than he is about Russia. His principal fear is that, at the first unmistakable sign of a Red collapse, the

Nipponese generals will move into Siberia. And there's always the possibility that more spectacular Nazi victories in Russia will prompt the warlike Japanese to continue their thrust southward from Indo-China. If anything like that happens, Washington says the United States will be what the diplomats call ~~existential~~ "seriously involved."

Now for some news about President Roosevelt which does come from the White House. It's a statement from the President himself, and it reads:- "Within the past few days large amounts of supplies have been sent to Russia." ^{TP} The President further stated that all of the ~~xxx~~ munitions, including tanks, airplanes and trucks ~~xxxxxxx~~ which were promised at the Moscow conference for delivery in October, will be sent to Russia before the end of the month. Such supplies, added the statement from the President, are leaving United States ports constantly, and the statement said further:- "The staffs in the army and the Maritime Commission have worked over the past weekend, rushing supplies to the seaboard, and everything possible is being done to send material to Russia to help the brave defense which is being made."

NEUTRALITY

Officers
Three Cabinet ~~Ministers~~ appeared as witnesses before the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House today. They were there to persuade *the* congressmen to repeal two of the articles in the Neutrality Law.

Secretary of War Stimson ~~used~~ the word "humiliating", to describe that *part* ~~provision~~ of the act which forbids the arming of American Merchantmen. He said it ought to be repealed to reestablish the self-respect of the United States on the ocean. Stimson even went so far as to say that this Neutrality Law is actually hamstringing national defense. That provision, he said, should be repealed at once and eventually Congress should also do away with the clause which keeps American ships out of combat zones.

Secretary of State Hull told the Committee that the German Government has committed complete breach of faith on the high seas, *and* disregarded all the rules of sea warfare. In the Atlantic Ocean, he said, submarines, armed raiders and high power bombing planes are inflicting death and destruction in a manner which would put to shame the most ruthless pirates of earlier days.

Hitler, he declared, is desperately seeking to control the high seas. And the Neutrality Law, he added, makes it impossible for American vessels to defend themselves against lawless forces that are seeking world domination.

Then came Secretary of the Navy Knox, ^{with} ~~he used~~ even stronger language, ^{Knox} urged the Committee to put a period to this ~~peace~~ of national hypocrisy, meaning the entire Neutrality Act.

Admiral Emery Land, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, also put in his word, ^{that} ~~and it~~ sounds important. Some people have claimed that it wouldn't do any good to arm merchantmen, ^{or} ~~because~~ ^{that} they couldn't catch submarines anyway. Admiral Land said that, nevertheless, it would give the freight ships a chance against surface raiders, and, ^{submerged,} ~~it~~ would oblige the submarines to stay ~~under~~ ^{under} water. Also, said the Admiral, it would have an invaluable effect

upon the morale of the crews of merchantmen. ^{They at least want to do something besides make faces when they are attacked.} Senator Wheeler of Montana returned to Washington today,

after a ^{tour of} ~~tour of~~ lecturing in the far west. He announced that he's going to make a strong fight against the ~~repeal~~ repeal of any part of the Neutrality Act. He's against arming the merchant ships.

"You will remember," he said, "that twenty-one days after President Wilson armed merchant ships, he asked for a declaration of war.

R.F.C.

Another billion and a half ^{for} ~~is given~~ the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The bill authorizing it went through the House a few weeks ago, and today the Senate passed it by a voice vote. So now it goes to the White House to be signed.

One billion ^{of this} ~~alone of the amount~~, is to be lent to the steel corporations so that they may expand their capacity by ten million tons of steel a year. ^{It} ~~And that's~~ ^{was} what aroused the anxiety of Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming. ^{Who} ~~He~~ said there was great danger that control of steel production would be given over to those who in the past have been more interested in keeping the price up and the production down. Senator Barkley, the majority leader, assured the Wyoming Senator that ~~as far as possible those funds would be protected,~~ and he need ~~not~~ ^{no} entertain ~~any~~ fears on that score.

~~At any rate, it only remains now for the President to sign it.~~

PLANE CRASH

Two airplanes crashed in Java, and fourteen people were killed; One of them was Lieutenant-General Berenschot, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Dutch East Indies. Both of the planes were American built. The one in which the General was riding was aflame when it crashed into a group of native houses, near the airport at Batavia. Seven of the natives in the houses were killed.

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of the United States has consented to review a couple of cases that will make history in the labor world. One of them comes from Wisconsin. That state has a law on its books called the Employment Peace Act. ^{It} ~~This~~ declares that if workers or unions try to intimidate other workers, that's an unfair labor practice, likewise mass picketing. It also forbids any strike that hasn't been approved by a majority of the workers in a plant, in a secret ballot.

This law has been bitterly fought in the state where it was passed, but the Supreme Court of Wisconsin ^{pronounced it all} ~~announced it good.~~

^{right. so,}
^{will} If the Supreme Court of the United States does the same, ~~it will~~ ^{that} mean ~~that~~ the states will have wide powers to control ~~strikes~~ strikes.

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Another interesting case concerns the New York Local of the Teamsters Union. The officers of that local were prosecuted by the Department of Justice on charges of having violated the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, also the federal law against racketeering. The Government charged that the Teamsters Local held up trucks that were coming into New York City and prevented them from entering

unless they either hired a member of the New York Local or paid the Union a day's wages. The operator of a large truck had to pay nine dollars and forty-two cents to drive into New York; a small truck eight dollars and forty-one cents. The Union declared that only members of Local ~~Eight~~ 807 could drive trucks within the City of New York. The Government ^{said} ~~declared that~~ this was done by threats of violence, also by force.

The Union was convicted and the conviction was appealed. In the Circuit Court the Union won half a victory. The judges on the Circuit Court said unanimously that the Sherman Act had been violated, but they were divided on the question of the anti-racketeering law. Some of the Circuit Court judges declared that this anti-racketeering law did not apply to labor disputes and that it wasn't a crime for a labor union to get jobs for its members even by threats of violence.

The high judges are also going to review a case most important to members of the Communist Party, likewise to Harry Bridges, the West Coast C.I.O. boss. The case in question concerns William Schneiderman, also of the West Coast, who admits to being a

Red.
~~Communist~~ The government cancelled his naturalization. He
appealed, and the lower courts upheld the government, said that
a Communist has no right to be a citizen because the Party is
fundamentally against the American form of government and in favor
of its being thrown ^{over-}over by force.
argument is that while
Schneiderman's ~~case is that~~ he is a member of the Communist
Party, ~~but~~ that neither he nor his Party is in favor of overthrowing
the government. And that's what the high court is going to decide.

MANVILLE

Here's an item that belongs in a gossip broadcast rather than mine. But as it came in over the wire, you might as well have it. Tommy Manville engaged again. But this time not to a secretary nor a lady of the chorus. This time she's an heiress, a ham heiress, in fact the Smithfield Ham heiress, Miss Barbara Bannister. The rich young lady of the hams has admitted to reporters that she adores the now bald-headed, every-green Tommy.

WINDSORS

For the length of four miles, the streets of Baltimore were crowded today. Banners fluttered and flags bedecked the ^{buildings.} ~~houses.~~ Never in ~~the~~ memory ~~of its cops,~~ had there been such a ^{the noble city named for the Lord Baltimore.} celebration in ~~the city.~~ There were ^{some} five thousand ~~people~~ wedged like sardines in front of the City Hall alone.

And what was the occasion? Was Baltimore so out-doing itself to ^{praise} ~~raising~~ the memory of Christopher Colombo? Not at all. The Baltimoreans turned out to cheer a Baltimore ^{girl} ~~gal~~ who had become Duchess of Windsor, ^{and} for the sake of whom the sovereign of a great empire had given up his throne. The former Wallis Warfield got a reception in her home town ^{today} that any empress might have envied.

Oh yes, and there were cheers for H.R.H. also. But it was Wally whom the multitude greeted by name. In a white dress with a fur neckpiece, the Duchess ^{with} ~~and~~ her Duke went to the City Hall, and received an official welcome from the Mayor of Baltimore, to which the Duke replied briefly.

But that wasn't the end of the day's activities. From the City Hall they drove to the Baltimore Country Club. And there they found an intimate little party being given in their honor, ^{attended by just} just eight hundred of Baltimore's Four Hundred, ~~servicing tea.~~

COLUMBUS

8/2 In these United States, we've been celebrating the virtues
of Christopher Columbus. ^{But} In his own country they've been lampooning
him. The newspaper REGIME FASCISTA, declared that all Colombo ^s ~~had~~ ^{did}
~~done~~ was ~~to~~ found a paradise for Jews. ^{An Italian} ~~A humorous~~ magazine published
a cartoon showing an Italian standing before a statue of Colombo,
and scolding him.

Radio Rome broadcast a ditty which runs:-

"Colombo, Colombo, of famous name

Is it you who must take the blame

For America today

And its war-like way."

9 In case Editor Virginio Gayda is listening in, I might
add that there's a verse in the classic American ditty about
Columbus which runs:

"In Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-Two

Colomo he ~~said~~ set sail-o

And if he'd known what he would ^l find

He'd surely have turned tail-o."

9 1/4 And now let's turn to Hugh-O
~~The chorus going,~~

"He knew the world was round-o", etcetra.