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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I had sort of hoped that the news would be light tonight, light so that I could hold forth for at least a few moments on one of the reasons why I am glad to be on the air over a western network, for Standard Oil of California. I had half way planned to tell why, if you spend a large part of your life, especially your childhood ~~■ ■ ■ ■~~ in the West, it gets in your blood and you feel that that's your country.. And, so it was with me, because I spent nearly all of my youth at ten thousand feet on top of a mountain, ■■ in the West, and everything I have ever done has been colored by that.

But, there just isn't time to say more about it. There is big news tonight, some of the most important news of the year. And let's plunge into that.

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One declaration was followed not in Moscow but in Washington; ~~that one was~~ signed by Josef Stalin, Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt. It pledges the governments of all three countries to punish all individuals responsible for atrocities. No ~~refer~~ reference was made to the savageries committed by the Japanese, as Russia is not at war, not ~~not~~ yet at war, with Japan. In this atrocity document the three powers vowed to punish what they call the "massacres, cold-blooded executions, brutalities, terror, ruthless cruelties, monstrous crimes of Hitlerites -- and Huns". That's

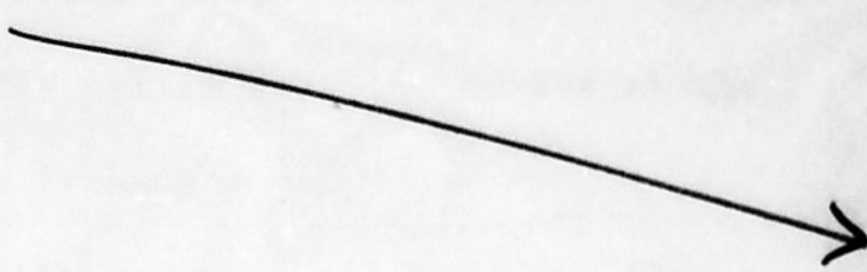
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RUSSIA

How about the war? The Nazi army in the Crimea
is cut off! So Moscow announces, and there is no
reason to doubt the claim because place names bear
it out. The spearheads of the Red Army have broken
through the German lines which guarded the approach
to the peninsula. They fought their way past Perekop,
at the head of the isthmus which separates the Crimea
from the mainland. But they did not stop there;
they stormed and captured Armiansk, three miles to the
south of Perekop. At latest reports they were ten
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In southern Ukraine, Hitler's armies are retreating
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NAPLES FOLLOW ~~INVASION~~

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One of the spectacular events in Italy today was the evacuation of five hundred thousand people from Naples. Since the Germans were pushed out, the ^{lights} ~~lights~~ had been shut off all over the great city, owing to the destruction of the power plants. American engineer units have been busy for the last month rebuilding the plants and preparing to turn on the power again, but the high officers had to be on their guard lest the Germans had prepared mines which would be touched off by the turning on of the lights. So they evacuated those five hundred thousand Neopolitans and sent them off into the hills overlooking the city. Those unable to walk were taken in American jeeps, driven by ~~soldiers~~ soldiers.

For all of four hours, one-half of Naples was like a dead city. Not one of the civilian population was left in that part of it. American

soldiers, Italian police, and Italian firemen were left on the spot to guard it. There were American ambulances at all important points. When everything was clear, the electricians turned on the master ~~xi~~ switches. The current then started flowing over the cables into one section after another, fashionable residential districts and tenement areas, all the way from the waterfront to the principal boulevard of Naples. From ten o'clock in the morning until two in the afternoon, ~~shxxxx~~ the lights were blazing.

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To the relief of everybody, there were no explosions, and not a soul was injured. However, our authorities calculate that they still have to be on their watch, in case the Nazis have set time-bombs.

INVASION

The best news from Italy tonight is that the Little Rommel Line across the center of the peninsula is on the verge of breaking up. This is the first rift in the clouds of dull news that we have had from that front ⁱⁿ ~~for many~~ days. ~~All that while, the United States Fifth Army could make only slow progress across the canals and the network of Nazi defense lines and physical obstacles, plus terrible weather. Also, we cannot forget that Rommel's columns were putting up a really tough resistance, fighting for every inch of the way.~~

Tee-achano

The break came with the capture of Tenna ¹ by General ~~Clark~~ Clark's men. ^{This has} ~~it~~ enabled his army to spread out in ^{its} ~~the~~ advance on Rome. ^{Also} ~~and~~ it heralded the collapse of ^{the} ~~that~~ Nazi line which had been constructed along the strongest natural position that could be found below Rome.

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Both the American and the British armies are now converging on Isernia, which is the center of the German line; and they are less than ninety miles from Rome.

FOOD

President Roosevelt sent a scorching message to Congress today, demanding support for his program of farm subsidies to ~~xx~~ keep down food prices.

This message replied sharply to the farmer organizations and the Congressmen from the farm states who object to the whole idea of subsidies. He told the ~~law~~makers they must accept his program or accept the responsibility for higher wages, higher living costs, in a word--inflation~~xxx~~. He asks Congress for 800,000,000 to pay such subsidies for one year.

His message was the longest he ~~xx~~ has ever sent, ~~xxxxxx~~ twelve thousand words. The President maintained the attitude he has had from the first-- that the subsidy program is essential to victory. He acknowledged that food was one of the most important weapons in the war. His arguments in favor of subsidies were virtually what they had been all along

The President sums up by claiming categorically that the food effort in this war is a far greater success

than that of the first World War.

The first reaction to this message was that anti-administration Congressmen pronounced it a political document. Democratic Senator Lee O'Daniel of Texas said the President sowed a lot of words to try to reap a lot of votes. Republican Senator Aiken of Vermont remarked that it is significant the message should come only a day before the elections. Senator ~~xxx~~ Aiken is the leader of the farm bloc in the Senate.

COAL

Secretary Ickes lost no time tonight in obeying the instructions of the President to take over the coal mines. The moment he received the President's order he signed one himself. In this he announced that every mine producing fifty tons a day or more is now under the control of the Federal Government as of Wednesday morning and he ordered that the stars and stripes be flown over the properties.

In the same document he announced that the Presidents of the companies were appointed Operating Managers for Uncle Sam. The President not only ordered Ickes as Coal Administrator to seize the mines, but authorized the use of troops if necessary to protect miners who want to work.

The President declared that the grievances of the miners have been heard and that they have been offered fair treatment but refused. The Government he says now offers the miners a fair contract. In wartime they have no right to refuse to work under it.

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The President said further that the coal must be mined. That the enemy does not wait. That the failure to mine coal at this moment is impeding the prosecution of the war, endangering the lives of our sons and brothers, the sons and brothers of the miners themselves on the battle field.

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