

SPELLMAN

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Peace proposals may soon come, via the

Vatican. Today there were reports all over Rome, reports ^{from} ~~in~~ responsible ^{people,} ~~quarters,~~ that over the weekend the Pope sent out inquiries as to how receptive the ~~like~~ belligerent governments might be towards peace.

Also, Archbishop Spellman of New York has been in conference with the Pope, and today ^{News came from} the Holy See ~~released~~ ~~the news~~ that the Pontiff and the Archbishop ~~have been~~ ^{for four hours} discussing a program designed to bring the war in Europe to an end.

On top of which we learn that the Nazi ~~ambassador~~ Ambassador to the Vatican held a long conference with two assistant papal secretaries of state. And it was reported that they discussed what kind of a government might be able to carry on in Germany after the overthrow of Hitler. ^{The Nazi ambassador was unable to furnish any guarantees,} All of which may be more important than any dispatches from the battle fronts today. Certainly it suggests that the Catholics, not only in Germany, but the world over, are watching closely the swift advances of

the Soviet forces toward Germany, along with the news of approaching chaos in Germany.

The Holy See naturally looks upon the prospect of a Germany dominated by Soviet Russia with little enthusiasm. And, it's significant that the Pope, today, took occasion to rebuke all who call themselves "Catholic Communists." The Pontiff said in effect that nobody can be both Catholic and Communist.

From the Vatican point of view, the Russian advance is all the more ominous because of the pains that Stalin has taken to conciliate captured German officers.

GERMANY

In Germany, Gestapo executioners are combing the country for leaders in the conspiracy. The Nazi radio goes to any length to pretend that the people of Germany are calm. But reports from the Underground indicate the contrary. Himmler undoubtedly has been mercilessly efficient. His Gestapo and the Nazi Elite Guards have arrested and executed hundreds of high-ranking officers and other Prussian Yunkers since July Twentieth, and others involved in the conspiracy ~~xx~~ have taken to cover.

The Nazi Dictator issued a new order to his armed forces today. Henceforth the men of the Army and Navy are to deliver the Nazi salute, the stiff arm held in the air, ~~pre~~ formerly used only by members of the Nazi Party.

This order is taken to indicate that Hitler has parted company for good and all with the Junker crowd. The special decree says that the Nazi salute is to be introduced into the Army and the Navy as a sign of unshakeable allegiance to the Fuehrer and the closest unity between the Army and the Party.

Some
~~One~~ of the most over-worked ~~groups of~~ men in the world ~~today was that of~~ the Nazi ~~radio~~ commentators who *have been trying* to explain to the German people the movements of Hitler's armies in Poland. They started ~~to~~ day by describing how successfully all Soviet attacks had been repelled. The next thing they knew, they had to tell the populace that the German army had abandoned ~~the city of~~ ~~Stalino in Poland~~, an important ~~crossroads~~ junction midway between Warsaw and Brest-Litovsk. Then they had to acknowledge the evacuation of Yaroslav, eighty miles to the south of Lublin, also that the Red armies were storming into the big Polish railway city of Lvov from four directions.

Moscow declares the Germans have lost five hundred and thirty-eight thousand men during the last month.
The Allied military observers in London

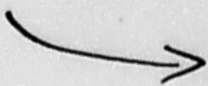
said there ~~is~~ no reasonable explanation for the erratic tactics of the Germans on the eastern front.

The only plausible interpretation is that the Nazi high

command is withdrawing all its divisions to the frontiers of the Reich itself, in the hope of inspiring the army to one last do-or-die stand for the Fatherland.

Stalin, early this afternoon, announced the fall of Lublin, southeast of Warsaw. But the Red army did more than that. Leaving one part of its forces to enter and occupy the city, the rest of them swept by and advanced to within fifty miles of Warsaw. Moscow reports that German generals are surrendering in groups.

7 Some observers in London believe that the German army is collapsing, and will not be able to



withdraw across the River Vistula without suffering a major disaster. At Warsaw the river is narrow and offers but little impediment to ^a~~the~~ victoriously advancing army.

Actually, The Red hosts are pushing ahead along their entire seven hundred and fifty mile front. London commentators declare that the whole front has been *by Russia, as though a part of* treated, ~~like~~ a single battle - armies are moving like divisions, divisions like regiments, and regiments are used with the mobility hitherto possible only for companies or platoons.

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Now H. — your Stan of Cal message & then we'll go over to Normandy.

STRIKE

In two parts of the country workers went on strike today for reasons which may appear unusual to laymen. At the factory of a crankshaft company in Cleveland, Ohio, two inspectors refused to be transferred to other jobs. The company discharged them, whereupon some fifteen hundred workers went out on a sympathy strike.

At the Ashland, Kentucky plant of the American Rolling Mill Company, the management changed the hours of one worker. So all the employees in that department went out. Since that was a vital department, the Company shut the whole plant down.

ST. GINGOLPH

We learn tonight for the first time that French Patriots attempted to kill General von Stulpnagel, Commander-in-Chief of the Nazi occupation forces in France. This happened July Twenty-first. Although they didn't succeed, they did wound him, seriously.

On the following day, a group of Maquis, as they are called, came pouring down out of their mountain stronghold in eastern France and attacked the German garrison at St. Gingolph, a quiet, beautiful village on the shore of Lake Geneva, half in France and half in Switzerland. In retaliation, the Nazi forces exterminated the entire population just as they had done at Lidice in Czechoslovakia, and elsewhere. Having wiped out the population, they looted the place, taking away crops and livestock. Then they set fire to it.

The Mayor ~~fx~~ of the Swiss part of the town crossed the border and tried to dissuade the Germans; but in vain. The Swiss had a hard time preventing the flames from spreading to the houses on their side of the border.

INVASION

There was an interlude today on the battlefields of Normandy, no fighting of any consequence to report. The Germans call it the lull before the storm. They are expecting a new offensive from General Montgomery's armies, an offensive on a huge scale; and they expect it any hour.

KING

Allied officers and authorities at Naples had a surprise visitor today. A huge plane, escorted by a swarm of Beaufighters and Spitfires, landed on the field and from it, dressed in the uniform of a British Field Marshal, stepped King George the Sixth. A party of nine officers and aides accompanied ^d him.

King George

He arrived in time to learn that British and

American forces have cleared the enemy from ^{some} forty-nine

miles ^{along} ~~from~~ the south bank of the Arno River. ^{And} They have

fought their way to within twelve miles of Florence.

It will not be long before both the Fifth and the

Eighth armies will be ^{batling} ~~at hand grips with~~ the Nazis on the

much vaunted Gothic Line.

HERO

A story from Washington today says that during the drive on Cassino in Italy, a company commanded by Captain Ralph Fisher of Hyattsville, Maryland, moved forward to establish an observation post on a high hill. Having established it, the captain sent a radio message by walkie-talkie to a battalion commander giving the exact range, distance and position for an artillery salvo. The artillery men made their calculations and found that this concentration of cannon fire would wipe out not only the enemy, but Captain Fisher himself. So, they told Captain Fisher that they couldn't do it. But he replied that the enemy was approaching rapidly and he insisted that the artillery cut loose. He said he would take his chance rather than give up the position. So the salvo was fired, with such success that it wiped out the German counterattack. But, as the artillery →

officers had calculated, it also killed Captain Fisher.

For that reason the War Department has awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross, to be presented to his mother, Mrs. Frank C. Fisher.

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PACIFIC

Northwest of the island of Guam is a smaller island called Kabras, ^{which our} ~~and the~~ shock troops ~~of Admiral~~ ~~Smith~~ have successfully and completely occupied. ~~It~~

Also *Dutrope have*
~~Another object~~ ~~that was accomplished~~ ~~was to seal~~ ^{ed} up all avenues of escape from the Orote peninsula on the northwest of Guam, where a large force of Japanese ^{are} ~~is~~ trapped. *There they'll* ~~They will~~ have to die or surrender. ~~Because~~

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the Seventy-Seventh Infantry. *The Americans are about to close the gap of two and a half miles between their two battalions.* On Orote is the main body of the Japs left alive

on Guam. There the former American naval base is located. *LA Bombing* The enemy on that peninsula are taking ~~it~~ from the land, from the sea and from the sky. Admiral

Connolly's fleet has been steaming around the promontory, throwing heavy shells wherever Jap positions were located.

VETERANS

The two major labor organizations of the United States have agreed to preferential treatment for demobilized war veterans. The leaders of both the ~~AMERICAN~~ American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. have ~~RENDERED~~ consented that veterans shall be admitted to full membership in any union at a cost no greater than the admission fee which was charged before January First, Nineteen Forty. And veterans will not have to pay any higher dues than other members.

~~The~~ Veterans who belonged to a union before they went to war, will have the years of their military service added to their seniority. Furthermore, the unions have agreed that no veteran may be disqualified because of physical disability.

This agreement was brought about by a long conference between the heads of the unions and the

heads of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States
~~(For God's sake don't mention the design again)~~ S

The announcement was made from Washington by Carl Schoeninger, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

COAL

The shortage of coal during the coming winter may be even more serious than it was last year. A gloomy report ~~xxx~~ issued today from the office of Harold Ickes, as Administrator of Solid Fuels. The reduction in the Southern Appalachian Mines for three months was a hundred and forty-eight thousand tons a week less than the country needs.

This shortage may strike not only into the home but into the war effort. That particular type of soft coal is essential for many war industries.

RUBBER

The commanders of our armed forces no longer have ^{serious need} to worry about rubber. It looked disastrous for us when the Japs captured Singapore, captured all the rubber-producing islands in the Malaya Archipelago. We ^{have} managed to scrape through without denying the fighting services ~~in~~ any of ~~the~~ that essential material. And we put on a program for synthetic rubber such as industry never even ~~is~~ dreamed of.

Tonight we heard that the shortage has been licked. For that we have the word of no less an authority than Harvey Firestone. But he added that civilians must not look for a plentiful supply of tires. The reason is that there is a shortage of man-power. Many more expert tire makers are needed if we are to provide our men on the battle line with the tires they must have.

POST_CARD

An ambitious young girl named Loraine got
a contract in Hollywood, ^{the dream of most ambitious girls.} One of the first things
they did to her was to put her on a white fur rug
dressed in black lace underclothes and photograph ^{her.}
^{And now she is mad!} ~~her~~ She does ^{the costume or background.} not complain about ~~that~~ What she
objects to is that somebody without asking her
permission put the photograph on a picture post card,
captioned it " Sam Goldwyn's' most cuddlesome blonde "
and put it on sale. Maybe she could have stood for
that, if they had not put another girl's name to it,
a girl named Diana somebody or other.

The young girl named Loraine says that
picture post card with Diana's name to it is on sale
at news stands, stores and other places of business
throughout the world. So she wants Fifty Thousand
Dollars damages. A nice sum if you can get it. Hitherto
there has been no complaint from the young lady named
Diana.

HUTTON

Mrs. Cary Grant, the former Barbara Hutton, has begun an all-out struggle in the courts with her former husband, the father of her eight year old son Lance. She has begun action in California courts asking for the complete custody of Lance and charging that the Danish count with the German name is a man of ungovernable temper, and wants money more than anything else. Her complaint used these words: "The defendant has by various means endeavored to obtain vast sums of money from the plaintiff without any legal or moral consideration."

The Five-and-Ten heiress went so far as to charge that the noble Count exerted a hypnotic influence over her. She said that after their marriage she transferred to his account a sum amounting to ~~xxx~~ almost one million and a half dollars. She said further that after their separation, she gave him an equal sum.

She charges that he refused to return Lance to her, and took him to Vancouver, British Columbia. She said he treated Lance harshly and unkindly, knocked him down, called him vile names in the presence of school companions, and she added: "The defendant is of German birth and ancestry and he is impressed and indoctrinated with the idea of the superiority of himself."

And Hugh, what do you say.