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DUTCH GUIANA

Soldiers of Uncle Sam on their way to Dutch Guiana! When they get there it will be the second time since the war started that we have sent troops to foreign soil, Iceland being of course the first.

The reason is a solid one: Dutch Guiana has large deposits of bauxite vital to the defense and lend-lease program.

In fact, ^{White House Secretary Early} ~~Secretary Steve Early at the White House~~ estimated ^s that the Surinam bauxite mines provide more than sixty per cent of what the entire aluminum industry of the United States needs.

Until today, there was nothing to indicate that ^{these deposits} ~~those bauxite~~ deposits were threatened ~~by a hostile power~~. Perhaps the

questionable attitude of the Petain Government of France is at

^{Uncle Sam's move. For} the bottom of ~~it~~ Dutch Guiana is next door to French Guiana, ^{which} ~~and that~~ colony still adheres to the ^{Vichy} ~~Petai~~ Government. Thus,

if the recent moves in France mean that Petain is going all-out for collaboration with Hitler, those bauxite mines close to

French Guiana might be in danger. There ^{have become} ~~have~~ been numerous rumors that French Guiana as well as Martinique ~~was~~ a hot-bed for Nazi and Fascist agents.

Surprisingly enough, this ^(Dutch Guiana) news was broken first at Rio de Janeiro, announced by the Brazilian Foreign Office. That ^{of North America} because the Government of the United States is acting in concert ^(the United States of) with the Government of Brazil. It was quickly confirmed at Washington; and ^{then} a few minutes later by the Government of the Netherlands in exile at London. The Netherlands Government announced that ^{it} ~~this~~ was being done by an agreement with the United States to assure protection of the bauxite mines at Surinam and that Brazil had been invited to take a hand. No Brazilian troops will enter Dutch Guiana, but they will, as the announcement goes, "contribute to the common aim by exercising special military vigilance in the frontier zone next to Surinam." Brazil will also send a mission to Paramaribo, ~~that is~~ ^{there} the capital of Dutch Guiana, on the cost ^{to} to exchange information.

Reporters asked the White House whether American troops were not already in Dutch Guiana? The question remained unanswered. There are already American soldiers in British Guiana, next door, in accordance with ^{the} ~~that~~ agreement made last year, by which we gave Great Britain fifty destroyers and obtained in return

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bases on British territory in this hemisphere. Neither the White House nor the War Department would reveal how large a force of our soldiers will be sent to Surinam, but it is believed the expedition will be sizeable in order to protect all the bauxite mines. ^{IP} It seems ~~as if~~ ^{a weather} we've had ^{the fate of} our eye on Dutch Guiana ^{IP} ever since the Nazis captured Holland. The White House was at pains to emphasize ^{that} we are not in Dutch Guiana for keeps, only so long as the present crisis lasts, or until the Netherlands Government can send a sufficiently strong force to take charge.

This action by ^{Uncle Sam is} ~~the government~~ was ^{up} approved by ~~at least~~ one important member of Congress, ^{Tom} Senator Connally of Texas, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, ^{who adds} ~~He added~~ that before it's all over we'll probably have to ^{do the same in} ~~be taking over~~ Martinique and French Guiana, ^{that is if} ~~as well as if the Vichy Government~~ yields to Nazi pressure.

It's interesting to recall that the Netherlands acquired Dutch Guiana in Sixteen Sixty-Seven by trading New York for it.

It's divided from British Guiana and French Guiana by rivers.

~~that is Dutch Guiana~~
The total area of Surinam is some fifty-four thousand square miles,

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and there are only a hundred and forty-three thousand people there, that is, not including the forest tribes. Those bauxite mines are the most important things in the whole colony, though it also produces sugar, coffee, cacao, bananas, gold and rum. There's lumber there to burn, and the coastal lands are extremely rich.

MACHINISTS

A strike at St. Louis threatens to hold up defense orders worth something like one billion dollars. Some four hundred ~~factories~~ factories are involved. It's a strike of machinists who have no complaint whatsoever against their employers. ^{It's just} another ~~one~~ of those ^{Not is} jurisdictional squabbles. ^a This ~~is a~~ fight between the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O., ^{It's} ~~however,~~ Two different ^{that} A.F. of L. unions are at loggerheads. The men who are out belong to the International Association of Machinists, who are disputing with the hoisting engineers. ~~It's all~~ Over a matter of some twenty-two workers at a T.N.T. factory in Weldon Springs, Missouri. The machinists' union says it should have jurisdiction over those twenty-two, and the hoisting engineers declare, "No, No, they belong to us." There's the cause of your strike, which even went so far as to call out twenty-seven machinists in the City water department of St. Louis.

The importance of the strike is not because of the number of men who are out but because many of them have key jobs and their absence will throw others out of work.

BRIDGES

The case of C.I.O. leader Harry Bridges came up today before the Board of Immigration Appeals. ~~You may recall that a~~
a Special
~~special examining officer~~ examiner of the Department of Justice recommended that Bridges should be sent back to Australia, where he came from. One of Uncle Sam's attorneys told the Board today that Bridges had served the Communist Party, cooperated and associated with it from Nineteen Thirty-Two until the closing hours of the hearings at which it was decided that he should be deported. The Government lawyers said further that the MarineWorkers Industrial Union, with which Bridges was associated, was chartered "to disseminate Communist the propaganda and organize revolutionary overthrow of the United StatesGovernment."

STRIKES

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There is going to be a big pow-wow at the White House tonight over a new law to control strikes. President Roosevelt has called Speaker Rayburn and other leaders of both Houses of Congress to meet and discuss new labor legislation. Speaker Rayburn announced that the House will start debating the new law next week. ~~Of course~~ ^{he to} the meeting at the White House tonight will decide what form it shall take, how strict it should be.

There are several bills in the hopper offered by Senators and Representatives, but the Administration is going to walk a wary path. One of these is offered by Senator Tom Connally of Texas, and that one has the okay of the War Department and the Navy. Senator Thomas of Utah, Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, has another, which would permit the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals to ~~x~~ stop strikes by injunction in defense industries.

SUPREME COURT

Former Senator ~~Jim~~ Byrnes of South Carolina has written his first opinion as a Justice of the Supreme Court, and it will raise quite a hubbub in California and twenty-seven other states. It's a decision that knocks out the so-called Okie Law, the law passed by California to prevent poor people from the Dust Bowl areas like those in Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" to cross the state line.

Most of the so-called Okies trekked to California because they thought it the best place to get a job. But twenty-seven other states also passed laws against poor migrants, including all of New England, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.

The law was attacked on the ground that it was a violation of civil liberties and of the constitutional right of every citizen to move freely throughout the Union. If it had been upheld, it would have enabled all the legislatures to pass laws that would change the United States into forty-eight economic concentration camps. That was one argument against the Okie law. California, on the other hand, declared it was a proper use of police power. To that the Supreme Court said "No."

Justice Byrnes's opinion ^{states} ~~declares~~ that this law "is not a valid exercise of the police power of California, and ~~thereby~~ imposes an unconstitutional burden upon interstate commerce." So it's out.

FARMERETTES

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Farmerettes in the U.S.A., lady field hands to reap our harvests and bring in our crops. That's the prospect for next year, says Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. She made the announcement from her office as Assistant Director of Civilian Defense. The C.C.D. is about to organize a woman's land army.

~~It seems curious that~~ ^{So} in a country of a hundred and thirty million people ^{with} and some millions of jobless men, ~~are~~ ^{getting ready} ~~should have~~ to train women for farm work. Mrs. Roosevelt explains that young men are streaming away from the farms to work in the factories. And by next year, she estimates, we'll be in the same plight as the British and the Germans, who have had to organize lady farm workers long since.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~of course~~ ^{still} The big story of the hour is ^{that battle}
^{where the legions of the Caesars once marched and fought}
in the Libyan desert. As usual in this Twentieth Century war,
it is impossible to know exactly what is going on. Berlin says
the Nazi and Fascist troops have now taken the initiative and
are inflicting heavy losses on the British. The British spokesman
at Cairo talks about a gigantic non-stop tank ~~battle~~ ^{dog-fight}, the outcome
of which may decide who shall control Libya. Both sides admit
~~that~~ the fight is raging with extreme fury.

The British spokesman ^{quote} says, "The Jerries have everything
at stake and are fighting like hell!" Another British account
described ^S the battle as one tank dogfight after another, herds
of tanks and swarms of fighting men mixing it up all over the map.
Because the battle has become so fluid, there arises the difficulty
of telling exactly what has happened. The British spokesman says
each side is becoming the poorer in the number of tanks available;

therefore

~~and~~ infantry has come into the picture more and more. ~~The outcome~~
~~may depend upon whether one side or the other may obtain either~~
~~momentary superiority.~~

fighting is inland,

The principal ~~battles are~~ in the sector around a place
called Sidi Rezegh. ~~That's only a few~~ *Some* miles to the southwest of
Tobruk, ~~and~~ *with* the British Imperial garrison of Tobruk ~~are~~ trying
to break through and join the main invading column. ~~As late as~~

This afternoon, the British admitted that so far neither side
had the advantage. But a late report from British advanced battle
headquarters in the western desert carries the account of a British
pilot who flew over the scene of battle. According to that version,
almost an entire German panzer division must have been wiped out.
The pilot says he flew over the wreckage of innumerable enemy
vehicles. Then he adds these words:- "I saw burned out German tanks
everywhere. Others," he adds, "were bogged down or damaged. A
few stragglers may have escaped, but those [†] saw were finished
so far as the tank battle is concerned. Almost an entire division
must have been eliminated."

Incidentally, that pilot was the leader of a squadron
flying Tomahawk planes built in the United States.

He reports further: "Our Blenheims ^{laid} ~~see~~ a number of ~~— bombs —~~ two hundred and fifty pounders dead center on top of small tank groups which apparently were grounded because of a lack of petrol and other supplies." And then he adds: "That division is smashed and full of holes. Yesterday," he declares, "we smashed a long line of Axis transports on the road due west, undoubtedly carrying supplies intended for this division."

According to ~~a grapevine story from~~ ^{talks in} London, the purpose of that campaign in the desert is not only to sweep the Axis armies out of Libya, but to drive them out of all northern Africa, ^{TP then over} from the Atlantic to Suez. Flying fortresses based on Libya, ^{strike across into} ~~it is calculated,~~ will be able to ~~attack most of southern~~ Europe. ~~and all of northern Africa.~~ That's the talk in London tonight.

CANADA

An entire Canadian armored division has been landed safely
in Great Britain. ^{This is} ~~It's~~ the Fifth division of Canada's army ^{to arrive}
including mechanized infantry, tanks, troops, ordinance, artillery,
and everything. ^{TP} Ferrying ~~the~~ division across the Atlantic was a
formidable convoy job. ^{Running} ~~It ran~~ the blockade of ~~the~~ Nazi submarines
and long range bombers. According to the announcement, ^{the Canadian Division} ~~it~~ sailed
^{for days} ~~part of the time~~ through waters patrolled by warships of the
United States Navy.

RUSSIA

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Today's reports from the Russian front make it clear beyond question that Moscow is in extreme peril. *There is now the temporary capital.* admitted by the Soviet spokesman at Kuibyshev. He acknowledges that a supreme assault by six hundred thousand fresh Nazi fighting men and spearheads of as many as two hundred tanks apiece are grinding slowly towards the Kremlin. The Germans have smashed four main wedges into the lines of the Red Army and the northern flank of the arc defending the capital is gravely threatened. The heaviest pressure comes from the north. There the Nazis have crashed their way east to the railway line between Kalinin and Moscow, and are battling against the Klin sector. That's halfway between Moscow and Kalinin, barely fifty-one miles north of the Kremlin. The situation may be even worse, for the Germans claim to be only thirty-one miles away in that region.

However, there's a heavy snow falling, which may save the Soviet capital. Radio Moscow broadcast that the streets of the City were heavily covered and that the weather is getting colder and colder with many German soldiers dying from exposure.

However, even the cold of Russia hasn't seemed to prevent Hitler from organizing a fresh attacking army of six hundred thousand.

JAPAN

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Uncle Sam's Consulate at Saigon in French Indo-China,
has been wrecked by a ~~high explosive~~ bomb. Nobody lost his life,
but ^{- comes as} ~~that was~~ a bombshell in more sense than one. For it
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happened in a seaport occupied and controlled by the Japanese
and just at a time when the two high envoys of the Mikado are
in Washington at a crucial stage in their negotiations with the
United States.

remains! —
The Consulate was pretty much ~~wrecked~~, walls and doors
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blown down and much furniture damaged. Consul Sidney Brown wired
the State Department that the explosion was caused by a high
explosive bomb placed on the floor just outside the entrance, and
he added that so far there is no concrete evidence of the
perpetrators.

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Of course the big question was, how would this
affect those delicate negotiations in Washington? Apparently
they haven't been affected at all; Secretary of State Hull told
the newspapers today that he would see Ambassador Nomura and
X Special Envoy Kurusu any time they desired. So far, he added,
the negotiations have been just talk, no definite proposals or

arguments.

There was an important meeting at the State Department late this afternoon, not with the Japanese diplomats but with delegates from the four other important Pacific powers - the A B C D powers, Australia, Britain, China and the ^{Dutch.} ~~Netherlands.~~ Australian Minister Casey, British Ambassador Halifax, Chinese Ambassador Hoo-Shi and ^{Netherlands} ~~Dutch~~ Minister Loudon went to the State Department to discuss with Secretary Hull the negotiations with Japan.

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