

From the headquarters of General MacArthur, we have new word of the bombing of the Japs in the Philippines - powerful air forces hitting enemy positions on the island of Mindinao. Likewise, new air assaults have been launched against the Japs on the island of Celebes in the Dutch East Indies.

Out at sea - new successes for the American submarines. A Navy dispatch today gives the biggest single list of enemy craft sunk thus far, twenty-nine more sent to the bottom by the American undersea fleet.

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## PACIFIC

Tonight the news announces an event that may sound like a joke - "the capture of bloody nose". But there's no comedy about it.

On the island of Pelelieu in the Palau Group, which our forces have now invaded, there is a string of coral fm cliffs - with many caves. The Japs fortified the caves - and turned the cliff into a stronghold. - And that's what the Marines out there are calling "bloody nose".

Today they captured it, after savage fighting in which the Japs made their usual suicide defense. They had to be dug out of the caves of ~~the~~ "bloody nose" blasted out. In some of the strong points, dead Japanese have been found chained to their posts. On lookout duty, they were shackled to keep them there, in the face of the tremendous naval and air bombardment that preceded the landings.

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many fewer - unexpectedly light. In fact, half of the small island has now been taken - with the Marines still battling their way among coral caves, to wipe out the rest of the Japs.

On the other island of the Palaus, that we have invaded, the bit of land called Angaur, United States Army troops are having an easier time. Opposition is called moderate, and they are rapidly gaining ground and driving the Japs into small pockets.



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## FINLAND

~~In Europe~~ armistice was signed today between Soviet Russia and the Republic of Finland; which brings <sup>ing</sup> to an official end a state of hostilities that had become another one of those paradoxes of war - the Finns <sup>already</sup> being engaged in savage fighting against their former Allies, the Germans.

The armistice terms proposed by Moscow are <sup>fairly</sup> ~~very~~ severe.

Finland loses territory, and the Soviets take control of the railroads and waterways of the country, dominating all communications. This - for the duration of the war. Moreover and more important, Finland has to grant Moscow a fifty year lease on large sections of the coast of Finland and on many islands along ~~the~~ that shore. This lease will put Red Army troops within twenty miles of the capital city of Helsinki, and the fifty year term sounds fairly permanent. In other words, the Soviets take over the most important parts of Finland under the form of a lease.

The Soviet offensive in the Baltic states is on in full blast - with three Russian armies of a million men storming forward. They have scored advances of twenty-five miles on a front seventy-four miles wide, and today captured the city of Valga. That was a Nazi stronghold, which for weeks had been holding up the Russians, and its fall opens the way to Riga, one of the principal ports on the Baltic Sea. At last reports the Russians were only ~~twenty~~<sup>eight</sup> miles from Riga.

Further to the south, in the sector of Warsaw, the Russians are reported to have forced the crossing of the Vistula River - north of the city. This is related by the Germans, who indicate that a new great Soviet offensive is on, designed to capture Warsaw.



WARSAW FOLLOW CHINA

More aid has come to the Polish patriots in Warsaw -  
aid from the sky <sup>again.</sup> Several weeks ago the same thing  
happened - with British planes dropping food and munitions  
to the partisan forces of General Bor. ~~And now this has~~  
~~been~~ <sup>Now</sup> repeated on a larger scale - with American Flying  
Fortresses shuttling from Britain to bases in Russia.

~~The operation had been carefully prepared  
in before hand, with the Fortresses practicing the task  
of hitting targets with bundles of supplies - instead  
of bombs. And now they have done the job with high  
success - dropping tons of badly needed ammunition,  
food and medical supplies to the patriot poles who for  
so long have been defending sections of Warsaw against  
the mechanized power of the German war machine.~~

## DENMARK

Open fighting has broken out in Denmark, in which Nazi-occupied country things have been seething for a long time. Tonight in the capital city of Copenhagen, a battle is on between the Danish Police and German troops

We hear that the Danes are guarding the Royal Palace,

*and that*  
~~though it is not known whether King Christian the Tenth~~ *has been*  
*forced to seek refuge in the spaces*  
~~is in the palace as the conflict rages~~  
*under the palace because of the*  
*violence of the gun fire.*

The trouble broke out when the Nazis moved to disarm the Danish police, whom they accused - probably with reason - of giving support to the Danish patriots. All over Denmark the Germans struck today and occupied police stations and disarmed the police - or tried to. At Copenhagen, the attempt met with open resistance, and the battle in the city was on.

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Hugh, there is more big news from the Western Front. But first let's hear from Stan. A Calif.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD WESTERN FRONT

The latest about the battle of Germany is a London report that British troops, driving on in Holland, have reached the Rhine. This would place them just across the River from American airborne units that landed near the town of Arnhem, on the other side of the Rhine.

Battle action in Holland consists largely of junctions between airborne units and the rapidly advancing British, and all that remains now, along that line, would be for a ground thrust across the river to reach the paratroop forces that landed on the other side. And that seems about to be accomplished by the British forces ~~that~~ have swept for forty-four miles across Holland and today captured the city of Eindhoven, one of the big industrial centers of Holland.

The aerial thrust across the Rhine threatens to establish a spearhead for a drive to outflank the entire German position along the river. This might be a swift lunge down the lowlands into the Ruhr Valley, which would make the line of the Rhine as useless as





~~German troops~~ are there - in a closing trap. All of which is important; but, the main thing would seem to be the outflanking of the Rhine ~~if~~<sup>if</sup> it can be accomplished.

More and more it becomes clear that the Nazis intend to make the final desperate Hitler stand along that River. Today, we are told of captured German documents ~~which~~<sup>ing</sup> reveal ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> civilian populace of the Rhineland was ordered to evacuate - get out of the part of Germany west of the River. Two million people directed to move east, cross over behind the Rhine. They were commanded to do so under pain of death, but plenty of Rhineland civilians have refused to obey - despite all the threats of the Nazi storm troopers. They are staying where they are, ready to accept the Allied occupation.

The order for evacuation can only mean that the Nazis intend to make the river their line of defense, and submit the German Rhineland to the destruction of a delaying battle and maybe ~~in~~ of a scorched earth policy.

One significant point is this - today robot bombs fell among Allied positions, the first apparently that were intended for such a destination. And the supposition is that the Nazis intend to use the robots in the Rhineland battle. Since these cannot be directed accurately at targets but hit more or less indiscriminately they are about as much danger to the German civilians as to the Allied troops - another possible reason for the reported evacuation.

To the south, <sup>along</sup> the Moselle, General Patton's armour, after days of stubborn battle, have broken through the German defenses and have driven to twenty miles beyond the city of Nancy, while tightening a ring around the great fortress of Metz.

And, Brest was captured today, the seaport way back on the tip of Brittany, the city left so far behind the Allied advance. Berlin today announced the fall of Brest, saying that the German garrison, which had been fighting so long and stubbornly, had evacuated the city - withdrawing to outlying points of land.



## CORRESPONDENTS

The way the news correspondents are out in front of things over there in those European battles is illustrated by today's word concerning ~~a couple of radio friends of ours - taken prisoner by the Germans.~~

~~One is Edward W. Beattie, a ~~well known war correspondent~~ of the United Press, ~~whose flashes from the battle zones have been heard on this program time and again.~~ The other Wright Bryan, Managing Editor of the Atlanta Journal, ~~who is also war correspondent for the National Broadcasting Company. The radio audience ~~has heard him constantly in broadcasts from Europe, and he was the first to give a radio account of D Day, he flew with the Army over the beaches, as the landings were made.~~~~~~

~~They were captured six days ago, but their story only now comes to light.~~

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~~Ed~~ Beattie and ~~Wright~~ Bryan set out in a ~~jeep~~ to cover the surrender of twenty thousand Germans in southern France. ~~With~~ With them was John Meklin of the Chicago Sun. The going was okay, until suddenly they ran

into a force of Germans. A hail of bullets swept upon them and they hit the dirt. Two soldiers with them were killed, and Wright Bryan was wounded in the leg.

They were captured, and were treated all right, then Beattie and Bryan were taken away, bound for Germany - while M~~W~~kl~~in~~ remained behind with the group that had seized them.

Later on Meklin got free and today he returned to the Americans, and filed the story that I am relating. Apparently the Germans who had him prisoner were attacked by Americans, and he was released.

Meanwhile, ~~our two radio friends, Ed Beattie~~  
and ~~Wright Bryan~~ are presumably in Germany, ~~waiting for~~ <sup>prisoners,</sup>  
~~their liberation, which is not likely to come until the~~  
~~Nazis collapse - at an early date, we hope and believe.~~

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## PREDICTION

Well, here's the big day, next Wednesday, September the twenty-seventh. That's the day the war in Europe will end - according to the latest prediction; ~~it is~~ based on numerology and astrology. <sup>Q</sup> And let's see how completely you are convinced.

The prognostication was made in Washington today by Frank Henius, a learned professor who knows fourteen languages and has recently completed eight dictionaries in eight languages, for the use of soldiers overseas. He points out that Hitler goes in for numerology. He believes that his unlucky number is three - and that makes next Wednesday the fatal day. September, the ninth month, which is three times three. And the date - the twenty-seventh - which is three times three times three. Than add the figures of nineteen forty-four together, and they total eighteen which is two times three times three. So next Wednesday has just too many threes. And Hitler will figure that his number is up.

Der Fuehrer also believes in astrology, and the stars will be just as unlucky for him next Wednesday.

We are not told just how the planets and the constellations will be arranged, but I suppose that Uranus will tangle malevolently with Mars somewhere among the glimmering stars of the Pleiades.

So Hitler will never get by next Wednesday, outnumbered and ill-starred, he'll quit. "He will either lay down his arms or flee Germany"<sup>So</sup> says the Professor in ~~English~~ one of his fourteen languages.

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~~How in your one and only language what say you Hough?~~



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To which he responded sharply: "I would not".

He was asked whether Joseph Curran, President of the ~~Six~~ C I O national maritime union was a communist.

"Why don't you ask him", retorted Browder.

As for Communist activities in the present election campaign, Browder stated that, instead of running a presidential candidate this year, the communists ~~are~~ were supporting a candidate who was, in Browder's words - "endorsed by the broad labor movement". To which he added that this candidate was President Roosevelt.



DEWEY

~~Now one item of news here at  
before turning to the night in camp.~~

In The wreck of the Dewey train today ~~was one of~~  
~~at Castle Rock, Oregon, the~~  
~~these bedeviled things. Nothing too serious, the~~

<sup>the</sup> Republican candidate and his wife <sup>were</sup> shaken up a bit - and  
a few ~~new~~ newspaper people <sup>were</sup> injured, but not gravely.

The main thing about the collision of trains was the  
ironical twist of the accident.

Last night the Dewey campaign special, bound  
from Seattle to Portland, was delayed because of a wreck  
down the line - two freight trains in a collision. Then,  
when the wreck was cleared, the Dewey train started out.

Everything was okay, until the special came to  
the place where the two freight trains had run into  
each other during the night, and ~~there~~ there the  
accident happened - the Dewey train running into a  
regular passenger train.

The engineer, rounding a curve, saw the danger,  
and slammed on the brakes - so the special was going at  
only twenty <sup>some</sup> miles an hour when it hit, But even so there  
was a tremendous crash, and the baggage car of the  
special climbed up on top of the locomotive in front.

Aboard the Dewey train people were flung the length of cars, and in the candidate's own coach, one man was tossed through a glass window. Dewey himself was uninjured save for a bump when a piece of baggage fell on his head. And Mrs. Dewey was jarred a bit.

*P* Many newspaper reporters on the train got quite a tossing about, some of them sliding the length of the ~~train~~ dining car. And in the regular passenger train that was hit, a couple of people were injured, but <sup>we are told not</sup> ~~not~~ seriously, ~~we hear~~.

Well, it certainly is a compounding of mishaps, when a train is delayed because of a wreck, and then has a collision at the same place the previous wreck occurred.

~~At last reports, the Dewey party was taking automobiles to get to Portland for the big speech at ten thirty tonight. Will they make it in time? It will be interesting to listen ~~in~~ in and find out.~~

~~In the meantime let's listen to Hugh and find out what he has to say.~~

SUBSTITUTE LAST PARAGRAPH OF DEWEY

There was a question of whether or not Dewey could get to Portland for his big speech at ten thirty tonight. His party took automobiles, and the latest is - they've made it. After a ~~highly~~ highly exciting campaign day, the Republican candidate will go on the air in a few ~~minutes~~ moments, according to schedule 2

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And also according to schedule here's Hugh.