

On the northern end of Leyte the men of the Twenty-fourth Division have fought their way through a tropical gale to seize Mt. Badian, a two thousand foot hill ~~which~~ overlooking the Ormoc plateau where the Japanese are digging in for a last stand.

A large Japanese force, some four divisions, were struggling to hold back the Americans advancing from the South, when another column marched down from the North, and took the mountain which commands Ormoc.

ADD PHILIPPINES

General Kruger's artillery and planes have created large fires which are now raging through the town of Ormoc. But MacArthur reports tonight that the Japanese have rushed a new Army of thirty-five thousand fresh troops into the ~~and~~ northern end of Leyte. *Which means* ~~That means of course~~ that our naval and air forces ~~in~~ do not have sufficient control of the surrounding waters to prevent these reinforcements.

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In order to do this, General Yamashita is withdrawing soldiers from the surrounding islands, Cebu, Mindanao, and even Luzon, weakening his positions there in order to retain his hold on Ormoc. The consolation is that those new thirty-five thousand <sup>of the</sup> ~~of the soldiers of the~~ Mikado <sup>'s best</sup> merely replace thirty-five thousand ~~whom~~ <sup>already</sup> ~~the Yanks have either~~ killed, wounded or captured <sup>by</sup> MacArthur's men. *(treating)*  
*TR* The Japanese are evidently ~~increasing~~ the battle of Leyte as of the greatest importance: *and* are throwing their entire ~~in~~ Thirty-Fifth Army into the fight. This means that they realize if they lose Leyte *they'll* ~~lose their command of all~~ the Philippines.

## CHINA

The Japanese have begun their final all-out advance on ~~Kweilin~~ Kweilin. Some ninety miles to the southeast six Japanese columns are fighting towards Liuchow, from three directions. And at Liuchow, are the last of our air bases in Kwangsi.

All of which serves to remind us how many long hard battles our fighting men have ahead of them.

The headquarters of Chiang Kai-Shek today repeated the charge that the Japanese are using poison gas.

To offset the news about Liuchow, we hear that Chinese troops ~~in~~ in northern Burma took the Japanese by surprise, crossed the Irrawady in rubber boats dropped from planes, and established a beachhead halfway between the two main Japanese bases in northern Burma, on the Irrawady.



JAPAN

The people of Japan are offended -- surprised and offended. It seems that the Soviet Chief of State, shocked them when he described the Mikado's people to the world as an aggressor nation. And today the Tokio radio broadcast a mild threat. Relations between Russia and Japan today are normal, it said, and then added: but they might change.

As a matter of fact, the neutrality pact between Tokyo and Moscow will expire some five months from now.

This, by the way, was not a government broadcast. It was the official Japanese news agency that conveyed the information. So far the leaders of the Mikado's government haven't said a word about Premier Stalin's ~~xxxxxxx~~ birthday-of-Bolshevism remarks.



CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill told <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ people ~~of Britain~~ today that it's high time he and President Roosevelt and Stalin had another triple conference. Diplomats in London believe Mr. Roosevelt will soon go abroad for that meeting.

Churchill spoke at a luncheon given by the Lord Mayor of London, in "the city's" famous Mansion House. He was full of praise for his fellow chiefs of State; <sup>he</sup> rejoiced over the re-election of President Roosevelt, and <sup>he</sup> eulogized Stalin for <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ wise and witty speech <sup>of last</sup> ~~so he expressed it, on~~ Monday.

The Prime Minister's address was principally about the war. But he also paid a tribute to the Republicans over here, saying: "Let us express our gratitude to both great parties for the manner in which the interests of alliance and ~~the~~ prosecution of the war have been held high above the dust of

partisanship," and he continued, "America has given an example to the world of how Democratic institutions can be worked with the utmost vigor and freedom without injury to the permanent interest of State." He also said: "We know that we in Britain have in the Republican Party vast numbers of friends and well-wishers." And he declared: "I am sure everybody will be moved by the sportsmanshiplike manner in which Governor Dewey, in the moment of his defeat, offered his congratulations to his opponent and pledged his party to work wholeheartedly for the world cause."

Churchill then explained why the Allied armies on the Western Front were stopped short just inside the German frontier. A pause in the Allied advance was inevitable, said he, and during the last few months the bringing up of supplies and reinforcements and the improvement of harbors have been the main

occupation of the Supreme Allied Command.

Speaking about Italy, he ~~declared that~~<sup>said</sup> the Allies there have surmounted the terrible barrier of the Apennine and the Gothic Line, and ~~this~~<sup>that</sup> has carried us into the Valley of the Po.

~~He warned the world that in Europe great efforts must be forthcoming to protect the full exertions of the three great powers to crush down the desperate resistance they ~~must~~<sup>still</sup> expect.~~

Hugh — before we talk about the Western Front — and what's happening here at home, let's hear from Stan ~~Italy~~<sup>Italy</sup>



## WESTERN FRONT

On the Western Front, the heavy guns of ~~General~~  
Patton's Third Army <sup>have been</sup> engaged in the heaviest bombardment  
of the German lines since the break-through at St. Lo.  
This ~~is~~ the prelude to the advance of seven of his  
divisions along an eighty-seven mile front. Patton ~~seems~~  
<sup>to be getting set for</sup>  
~~a pincers~~ a pincers movement on the great fortress  
of Metz, the fortress that never yet has been taken  
by assault.

In spite of heavy early snows our troops <sup>so far</sup>  
have ~~not~~ captured nine more towns, making a total of  
thirty in two days; and they have advanced to a ~~depth~~  
depth of six miles -- crossing the Moselle at two  
points, north of Metz.

Hodges' First Army also ~~has~~ lashed out today,  
fighting through the snow, to take back ground they had  
lost.

The Eighth Air Force, which generally has been engaged in strategic bombing, today turned to tactical work, raiding Nazi defense positions along the Moselle.

Meanwhile, the R.A.F. pounded the Ruhr -- Lancasters escorted by Spitfires and Hurricanes. Two bombers were lost, and none of the escorts. The pilots reported that they flew through air so cold their eyelashes froze.-

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The British tell of a Polish infantry division taking a strategic point vital to the control of the bridges over the canals and tributaries of the River Maas. The German official communique denies this, and says the Nazis are still there. The British-Polish account tells how the Germans were caught napping when Polish troops, and tanks suddenly appeared among them. The Poles had marched five hours in the dead of the

night, part of the time through marshes. They were wet to the waist when they finally broke through the German defense lines.

For eleven days Montgomery's Army has been trying to capture this strategic point.

The Poles tell how the Nazis came rushing out with their hands up; so many prisoners it was difficult to handle them.



## NO U-BOATS

The Nazis today announced that they had given up building U-boats, and instead are turning their production resources to the manufacture of tanks and artillery.

That may be a false lead. Maybe they are concentrating on their big new robots, the type we hear they intend to launch from planes and submarines.

On the night of October Twenty-fifth the folks along the north shore of Massachusetts distinctly felt earth tremors. Earthquake experts declared that these were not the repercussions of an earthquake elsewhere. Their diagnosis was that the slight shocks probably came from the discharge of depth bombs or heavy firing at sea. The Boston Traveler today speculated on whether Nazi robot bombs, aimed at Boston or some other city, had landed nearby.

Nazi propoganda was busy today publicizing the V-2 long distance robot bomb, the latest weapon devised for a fresh attack on Britain. Berlin made the claim that a lot of V-2's had been hurled against London last night. The British officially are saying nothing.

The principal information the Nazis are handing out is that the V-2 has a much greater range than the V-1. And they add that it's no use trying to guess where the launching sites are, and that they have invented an improved mechanism for aiming and directing these high flying missiles.

A British broadcast claimed to have information that the V-2 is not launched ~~fxm~~ from the ground. A Swedish paper reported that it was a robot bomb released from a plane and so dangerous that the Nazis were using only old planes in the operation.

## RUSSIA

Today the Second Army of the Ukraine has been battling the Nazis in the southeastern suburbs of ~~the~~ Budapest.

The Germans say that other Soviet divisions are being held up on the west bank of the Danube, forty three miles south of the Hungarian capital.

And, the Nazi High Command tells us that another Red Army has crossed the Danube and established a second bridgehead in Jugoslavia. Also, one Russian force is advancing northeast of Budapest - threatening to split the German armies.

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More news from the Arctic:- A Swedish newspaper says the Germans have abandoned Hammerfest, Norway, northernmost city in Europe. Withdrawing without a fight before a column of Russian troops advancing across the top of Norway - via Lapland.



## ELECTION

No, there is no change ~~in~~ of any consequence in the election figures. The latest returns give the President an electoral vote of four hundred and thirteen, and Governor Dewey one hundred and eighteen,

In case it's any consolation to the Republicans, Mr. Roosevelt wins this time with the smallest plurality of any President since Nineteen Sixteen,

And the voters have also piled up a record.

~~The way returns are coming in the total will be~~ around fifty million -- a staggering vote. *And so far*

~~By five o'clock this afternoon, forty nine million, eight hundred and fifteen votes had been tabulated. And that's only~~ *Twenty eight* percent of the

<sup>to in</sup> total. This includes the ballots for Socialist Norman Thomas; Socialist Labor Edward Teichert, and

Prohibitionist Claude A. Watson. Or had you forgotten they were running?

Of the total, Mr. Roosevelt by <sup>eight</sup> ~~five~~ o'clock  
 had twenty-<sup>four</sup> ~~three~~ million, <sup>forty one</sup> ~~nine~~ hundred and ~~seventy-six~~  
 thousand, <sup>one</sup> ~~seven~~ hundred and <sup>ninety six</sup> ~~nineteen~~ ~~seventeen~~;



Mr. Dewey twenty-one million, ~~two~~ <sup>seventy eight</sup> thousand, ~~seven~~ <sup>nine</sup> hundred and ~~forty eight~~ <sup>twelve</sup>. In other words, the President's total vote, 53.3 percent, is some three million more than Mr. Dewey's 46.7 percent.

This evening the New York Governor still is lagging in his home state, Michigan, which Wendell Willkie carried in Nineteen-forty. That, due to the terrific CIO pro-Roosevelt vote in Detroit and the other war plant centers. Aside from that the New York Governor has twelve states. So he made a considerably stronger race than Mr. Willkie.

The Democrats captured four Governorships from the Republicans, in Massachusetts, Ohio, Washington and in Idaho; and at ~~xxxx~~ latest reports they are leading in Missouri.

On the other hand, the Republicans won two away from the Democrats in Indiana and North Dakota.

~~Some of the contests for Congressmen are still undecided, but there is no doubt that the President~~



DORSEY

There will be no public trial of the *quiet*  
*lywood 'at home'; at the*  
~~trial at the home of trumpeter~~ Tommy Dorsey, ~~at the~~  
*little party at*  
which handsome Jon Hall left with the tip of his

*There'll be*  
nose in a sling -- no public show. The ~~Deputy~~ *Deputy* District

Attorney ~~has~~ *recommened* that the curtain ~~be~~ not be

raised any ~~more on the~~ *further on this cheerful* drama. The District Attorney *himself*  
was exceedingly curious about who cut off the end of

Jon Hall's nose, but his assistant says the case will

not hold up in court, *that* three of the key witnesses

are out of the state, and refuse to come back, *So,* a

trial would be just a waste of tax payer's money.

It is consoling to know that somebody is anxious about  
the tax payers money.

## BABY

A story from Seattle tonight has two elements interesting to ~~eg~~ everybody, a mystery and a baby. The cops have not yet been able to establish the identity of blue-eyed little "Jackie" parked in a Seattle hotel yesterday. As he is described he is amazingly like a little boy of the same age kidnapped from his home in Dayton, Ohio, last October, ~~an infant~~ ~~boy~~ named ~~Rita~~ Ronald Thompson, twenty-one months old. The little ~~subson~~ ~~boy~~ abandoned in a Seattle hotel has a dimple in his left cheek. So had ~~little~~ Ronald Thompson. However Ronald had brown eyes and the little boy left at the Seattle hotel is blue-eyed. A young woman brought him in, said she was his Aunt,

left him on the bed in a room, without any clothes, — ~~and never came back. A maid found~~  
~~There he was found all naked and abandoned when a maid~~  
~~him playing with his toes, and~~  
~~went into the room. And that is all we know about it~~  
~~tonight.~~ that's all we know  
about him.

## NUDISM

There will be no more parades in birthday garb in British Columbia. This is the decision of the Doukhobors, themselves, who used to astonish and shock the neighbors, even if some of them were entertained. Twenty-four Elders of the sect have been deliberating forty days and nights. Their nudism, they explain, was a political weapon that they now find no longer effective. In future they will take off their clothes only during their religious ceremonies, which will be in private.

And now Hugh will you "take off" and say a few final words.