

The news from Guam tells of a junction of forces, a linking ~~up~~ up of two beachheads. From each of these, one on the north and the other on the south, American troops drove toward each other along the shore and were aided by a stupendous bombardment from sea and sky. Warships stood off the coast and hurled ponderous salvos against the Japanese positions that separated the two American beachheads, while the bombers collaborated with tons of their own high explosive. The Japs were pounded so heavily that, when the curtain of fire was raised, American ground forces were able to drive through and meet each other - linking the beachheads.

We have figures tonight for American casualties in Guam thus far - three-thousand-and-eighteen. Four hundred and forty-three killed, two thousand,-three-hundred-and-sixty-six wounded, and two hundred and nine missing in action. The Japs have lost twenty-four hundred killed - that many counted for only part of the total.

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In New Guinea, the story still concerns the fore^e of twenty-five thousand Japs who were trapped weeks ago by a flanking move, one of those brilliant MacArthur amphibious operations. Ever since then the Japs have been trying to break out of the trap, making incessant attacks. All have been repelled, and tonight's MacArthur ~~xxxx~~ communique informs us that the trapped enemy force is now retreating, pulling inland, away from the coast, trying to get organized for another attempt to break out, presumably.

CHINA

In China that city of Hengyang is still holding out, the isolated Chinese garrison still beating off Japanese assaults. ~~Chixingking~~ Chungking declares that, as a result of the bitter resistance at Hengyang, the Japanese drive in ~~xxxxx~~ Hunan Province has been checked the enemy offensive designed to seize the railroad from Hankow to Canton and thereby cut China in two.

RUSSIA

The Red Army tonight is driving to the gates of Warsaw. Moscow dispatches state that horse-riding-Cossaks are speeding across the Polish plains, ~~and~~ drawing near to the Polish capital. At the same time, a story from Madrid relates that the German command is evacuating Warsaw.

The Russian sweep across the Polish plains has outstripped the more methodical progress of the troops attacking the key fortresses of Lvov and ^{Brest-Litovsk.} ~~Bxxx~~. Tonight's late dispatch from Moscow states that the Russians have broken into the city of Lvov, where savage street fighting is going on. And earlier we heard that the mighty fortress of Brest-Litovsk was now under Russian siege.

Every bit of news from the eastern front emphasizes the dizzy ~~xxx~~ pace of the Russian advance, and gives indications of a German rout - the Hitler forces broken and fleeing. Of course we must expect they are retiring in some fashion or other to make a stand. Either that, or they must launch a counter-attack.

The mere surface appearance of utter disaster must be to some extent deceptive. If it isn't, the Russians are on their way into Germany - and the European war is in its final stages.

POLAND

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The news tells of what apparently constitutes the final break between Soviet Russia and the exiled government of Poland. Moscow announced today that the Red Army has begun what Moscow calls: "the liberation of the brotherly Polish people". This liberation takes the form of establishing the authority of the Polish group in Moscow, the ~~new~~ newly formed Polish committee of liberation, which supports the policies of Stalin.

The Russians announced that as they occupy ^{Polish} ~~Russian~~ territory, they are recognizing the committee as the legal civil authority.

This Moscow Polish committee has previously denounced the exiled Polish government in London in the bitterest of terms. At the same time, the exiled government calls the committee "a puppet". Today the Polish Ambassador in Washington used these words - "a typical puppet government imposed by Moscow". And Polish sources declare that Stalin is applying to Poland the policy of unconditional surrender.

HITLER

It may be that, when History is written, one headline event of today will be marked down as the beginning of the final stage of the downfall of the Nazi Monster. I mean - that latest decree issued by Hitler, which orders the mobilization of everything in Germany and in the conquered countries, every human being and every material thing, for the purpose of war. It's all out now in the final desperate struggle of the cornered Nazi. Which is not surprising. The logic of things indicates that a condemned outfit like Hitler's gangsters would grab everything and make the most ruthless use of it, for a merciless convulsion as doom approaches; trying to drag everything into the last fight, before they perish.

These latest developments in Naziland were touched off by the revolt of the Junkers, the attempt by the Generals to assassinate Hitler and overthrow the Nazi Regime. The first answer to that was the creation of a Dictator for suppression - Himmler, the Master Murderer, with absolute powers of life and death in

→ the effort to crush the opposition inside Germany. And now the next step follows- ~~Creation~~ of a Dictator for absolute mobilization in the face of defeat. Goering gets the job of forcing everybody and everything into the fight. The Hitler Decree puts it in these absolute words: "To adapt in every respect the entire public life ~~for~~^{for} the necessities of total warfare."

In this, Goering gets a Lieutenant- Goebbels

"The Propaganda Mouthpiece." Goebbels ~~is~~ to be Chief Assistant to Goering in the dragoning of all things into the Hitler War. ~~Yet these two Chief Nazis are known to be enemies mutually hostile. I suppose the answer is that now, in the face of destruction for all of them, all, even such enemies as Goering and Goebbels have decided they ha~~ve~~^{ve} better hang together in a last ditch effort to delay the inevitable prospect that of hanging anyway.~~

This, though, is a mere detail of the large and portentous fact that Hitler, having first established a murderous Himmler Dictatorship of

→ suppression, has now added a Goering-Goebbels Dictatorship for the forcing of everything into the Nazi War- thus organizing for the final desperate struggle against doom, a battle which may be waged inside Germany itself.

A follow-up to the story of the Generals' revolt comes in a dispatch from London- stating that Field Marshal von Busch has committed suicide. He was one of the leading Commanders on the Eastern Front and is said to have been one of the Generals in the plot to kill Hitler and overthrow the Nazis. ~~The~~ Word comes from the Polish Underground, ~~which states~~ that Von Busch, just before his final act, sent a telegram to Hitler stating that the German Military situation was hopeless, and urging that the war be ended at once.

Another High German General linked to the Anti-Nazi Movement! There certainly are a lot of them! especially if you count the High German Commanders made prisoners by the Russians. They constitute one

GERMAN GENERALS

of the curious phenomena of the
~~One of the most curious and probably~~
~~significant things in this war is the way high German~~
~~Generals turn right around, upon being made prisoners~~
war!
~~by the Russians.~~ With the greatest of ease, apparently,
they change sides, declare themselves against Hitler and
join Stalin's German Committee in its propaganda to
overthrow the Nazi Regime. In Moscow there is an
imposing line-up of captured German Commanders who are
shouting their heads off against Hitler.

~~Today a new appeal was issued — this following~~
~~the attempt to kill Hitler and overthrow the Nazis,~~
~~the General's Putsch, attempted by high ranking Prussian~~
~~Militarists.~~ Stalin's German Committee quite naturally
wants to take advantage of the near state of Civil
War in Naziland, and ^{today}~~this time~~ we hear from sixteen
German Generals. The list of their names as given in
today's Moscow dispatch sounds like a roll call of top
ranking leaders in the Prussian Military Caste. They
make the strongest kind of plea to their comrade officers
in Hitler's Army, and tell them that their alternative

→ is as follows: "Either to wait until Hitler leads the German Army to catastrophe and drags the whole German People down to the grave, or to answer with force, resist Hitler, refuse to carry out orders, break with the Hitler Regime, thus finishing off the war." And they add: "Don't wait until Hitler brings you to disaster. To fight Hitler, is to fight for Germany."

The sixteen Generals go on to blame the Nazi Fuehrer for Germany's Military Defeats. They say that Hitler made a blunder when he ordered the advance into the Caucasus in nineteen forty-two, a drive which stretched the German Lines too far, and brought about the disaster of Stalingrad. ^{also} They ~~criticize~~ another offensive ~~of~~ last year, ~~ordered by Hitler in spite of the fact that he was informed of Soviet preparations for a big offensive. Der Fuehrer insisted on sacrificing forces that were needed to repel the Red Army offensive, which crashed through the line that had thus been weakened.~~

I don't know what effect this anti-Hitler

→ propaganda of German Generals will have on the German Fighting Forces - A good deal, maybe. But certainly one can only wonder about the way the High German Military Commanders go over to the side of Soviet Propaganda, as soon as they are made prisoners. We don't observe that sort of thing in the case of German Generals captured by the Americans and British. They don't come rushing out against Hitler. It's a curious contrast, and makes us wonder - How come? A point for speculation - and dinner table argument.

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Now Hugh, your Stan. of Calif. message and then the late news from France, Italy and So. America.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD FRANCE

The latest tonight states that in the new offensive on the invasion front in France, American troops today scored gains up to one and a half miles, while the British drove ahead for two miles. This - in some of the most savage fighting in the entire war.

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FRANCE

~~In France, Allied attempts to break out of the narrow invasion area, were resumed today with powerful drives launched at both ends of the line. The Americans thrusting in the vicinity of St. Lo, the British in the Caen area.~~

Today's new offensive was preceded by the usual thing - a violent air bombardment. It was unusual, however, in point of magnitude. The sky forces included the greatest fleet of American heavy bombers ever to hit ~~hit~~ a single objective. Fifteen hundred Flying Fortresses and Liberators blasted the German positions with five thousand, five hundred tons of bombs. The German lines were raked with flaming explosions, and then the infantry advanced.

Both the Americans and the British report the fiercest kind of ~~xxx~~ resistance. British veterans state that they have never known the Germans to fight so bitterly, so stubbornly, holding every position ~~xx~~ to the last. This might seem to argue top-notch morale - rather unexpected, after the Prussian

militarist ~~plot~~ plot against the Nazis. It had been expected that German morale at the fighting front would be weakened, the soldiers knowing that high German Generals ~~and~~ had turned against Hitler. But now, in today's news, we find the Germans in the invasion line battling more ferociously than ever.

The British, however, take this as a sign of decreasing enemy morale. They think the strife inside of Germany has actually cracked the disciplined spirit of the German forces and that, in consequence, the enemy command has hurried to the front ~~and~~ the most fanatical Nazi outfits - being compelled to throw into the battle the ~~crazy~~ type of Hitlerite ~~in~~ whose faith in Der ~~Führer~~ Fuehrer is proof against anything.

However, that may be, the conflict raged today ~~with the wildest fury~~ - as the Allies hurled another offensive to pick up where they had previously left off - ~~that is, the~~ *Montgomery's* break-through ~~which the British~~ ~~achieved~~ last week, only to have the promising operation ~~come to a halt. The failure was largely because of~~

ITALY

American and British troops in Italy ^{Tonight} ~~are~~ are
~~now~~ within ten miles of Florence, the principal city
before the main defenses of the German Gothic Line
are reached. The Nazis are described as fighting
fiercely to halt the drive against Florence, and all
along the line across the peninsula the resistance of
the ~~xxx~~ enemy is stiffening. This is particularly true
at Pisa, where the Americans have pushed into the ~~city~~ ^{city}.
The Germans hold powerful positions on nearby mountains,
and are launching determined counter-attacks. However,
the Americans at Pisa improved their positions today -
in fighting designed to outflank the Germans and complete
the capture of ^{that fine old} ~~the~~ city with the Leaning Tower.
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ARGENTINA

Both Washington and Buenos Aires agree that tension between the United States and Argentina has reached a critical point. Today the Argentine ~~government~~ government ordered ~~its~~ its Ambassador to return home, this because of charges made by Secretary of ~~the~~ State Hull. In a memo to other American governments, the Secretary charged that Argentina has been remiss in cooperating with the United ~~States~~ Nations. The South American Republic has broken relations with Nazi Germany, but has ~~not~~ done nothing to make the break count for anything; so declared Secretary Hull. The Argentine politicians declare that their feelings have been hurt by this, and so they have ~~re~~called their Ambassador home.

SLEEP

Step forward, Folks, and meet the sleeping-champion, the Champ of Slumber and Sweet Dreams. He is Thomas Wilshinski of Chicago - And when he's tired, he certainly can hit the hay.

Today Wilshinski was in a Barber Shop having a shave, when a couple of robbers entered, and held up the place. Their purpose was to get at the jewelry store downstairs. And all they did to Wilshinski was to tie him up in the back room, together with the Barber, whose name is ^A Jesus Martinez. They lashed the two together, back to back, and left them there. Barber Martinez was frightened and agitated, but Wilshinski just dropped off to sleep. He was tired, and when that man is fatigued, he simply has to have his slumber - whether lying in bed or tied back to back.

The two remained that way for six hours, with Martinez driving and writhing to get free, but all his twisting and squirming never disturbed Wilshinski. He just slept on. Finally Martinez did get loose and

called the Cops, and they succeeded in waking up Wilshinski, although they had to shake him vigorously to get him awake.

Great Scott, my broadcasting has put Hugh to sleep. Wake up! Hugh! Wake Up!

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Yes, let's keep awake, let's help prevent forest fires, and s-l-u-tomorrow

Today we have a new meaning applied to that familiar phrase - the dogs of war. We are told of a new use to which faithful fido is being put in battle, a new branch of the canine service. Pooches called - "M" Dogs. "M" standing for - Mine, land mines that the enemy lays. These are one of the most perplexing dangers that our troops have to face in driving forward against the Nazis - fields of land-mines that blow up when stepped on. It's a ticklish job to detect them, a task that is usually done with an electrical device. This works with mines made of retals, but the cunning Nazi also uses explosive traps made of wood, which do not have any electrical effect. So now the latest - "M" dogs.

These we are told have been developed by the Quartermaster's Corps, which devised a way to train the dogs. Apparently, the system is based on that old canine instinct - which enables Fido to find a buried bone. The M-Dogs work at the end of six foot leashes, and stop and signal when they are within from

→ one to four yards of hidden danger. *And*

They are so well trained that they cannot be induced to cross over a charge of buried explosive. They simply balk and signal:- mine!

Yes, a new recruit in the ranks of the Dogs of War - The "M" Dog.

PACIFIC

Word from the latest invasion in the Pacific is that the Japs have been making wild counter-attacks on the island of Tinian, near Guam. There, the Marines today captured Ushi Point Flying Field, after beating back crazy charges by the enemy. Shortly before dawn this morning, the Japs came in headlong with wild yells and screams and the flashing of Samurai swords. They were simply mowed down.

On Guam, the American progress is steady, with the isolation of an airdrome and methodical advance ~~xxx~~ toward the ~~xi~~ chief city of the island. The tone of the news conveys the impression - all going according to plan.

Today in Washington we had a word of warning about the war with Japs - warning about the fall of Tojo. This can give us - "no aid or comfort", said Admiral King, Commander of the American fleet. He advanced the opinion that the ousting of Tojo will change Japanese war tactics, but these won't be any the weaker. "The Japs will continue to wage war with all they possess", said the Admiral.

the weather, heavy rains bogging down the whole thing.
Now, the skies have ~~turned dry~~ ^{cleared} and the offensive is
renewed - with the Americans at one end of the line
and the British at the other, hurling their forces
forward.