

(11) The spirit with which the American troops are invading the Marshall Islands is illustrated by one point of training ~~that~~ they received on their way over ~~on the ships~~ in the convoy. The invading Americans are the Seventh Division of the Army, battle-hardened conquerors of Attu in the Aleutians; and, an outfit of fighting marines. *A late dispatch tells us how* <sup>^</sup>On their way to the attack, the invading troops were given a lot of guidance about the method of fighting that they should use. *For example* ~~Among these~~ <sup>^</sup>*there were* ~~were some~~ instructions in the enemy language - Japanese. The soldiers were taught three Japanese phrases, and three only. They were:

"Drop your rifle".

"Come out of that hole!"

"Put up your hands!"

That's what they expect to make enemy soldiers do - in addition to killing Japs. ~~and~~ They want to take some prisoners, which are useful.

## MARSHALLS

The American invasion of the Marshall <sup>S</sup>Islands strikes right at the heart of that archipelago, which is a fortified system of mid-Pacific atolls. The Japs have five heavily fortified stations in the Marshalls; and ~~of these~~ <sup>— in the middle —</sup> Kwajalein Atoll is perhaps the most important.

~~Kwajalein Atoll~~ <sup>It is</sup> is typical of those strange island formations in the Pacific - a great fringe of small bits of land surrounding a lagoon. <sup>And</sup> The lagoon

~~of~~ Kwajalein Atoll is a big one, forty miles long; also <sup>its</sup> deep - capable of harboring a great fleet. <sup>TP</sup> This ~~atoll~~ includes two larger bits of ~~two larger islands, and a great string of others, are~~ land - each an islet - one called Kwajalein, ~~islet~~ <sup>itself</sup> and another ~~one~~ called Roi. Roi.

The Japs have a modern airdrome on Roi Island. <sup>And</sup> This ~~flying field~~ is the number one American objective being, as it is, of great strategic importance.

The Japs have been using it as a feeder base for their

<sup>fighter</sup> planes in the central Pacific, <sup>a way</sup> a station for short

range fighter<sup>s</sup> ~~planes~~ in their hops from island to island.

The capture of ~~the Atoll~~ <sup>Islet</sup> Roi would mean the removal of  
~~the~~ necessary link of the Jap system of jumping ~~from~~  
 their fighters from one island to another.

The American landings, officially reported by  
 Admiral Nimitz today, are in both Kwajalein Island and  
 Roi Island. And our troops, soldiers and marines,  
 have established beachheads on the two bits of land. --  
~~from beachheads,~~

The amphibious invasion was preceded by a most  
 tremendous bombardment - a huge fleet of ships hurling  
 a hurricane of shells, and bombers from aircraft carrier  
 adding their own tons of high explosive.

~~According to all accounts, it was an~~

<sup>an</sup> overwhelming preparation for the landings. However,  
 the Japs are powerfully fortified in the Marshalls.

In the previous invasion of the Gilberts, they were  
 able to put up a fierce fight - even after they had

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been deluged with high explosive. Yet they had held the Gilberts only since the beginning of the present war, when they took them from the British, ~~while~~ They acquired the Marshalls after the previous war, and have had twenty years in which to fortify and dig in. So it <sup>'</sup>is not surprising to hear that the enemy is putting up a heavy fight against the landings on Kwajalein Island and Roi.

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~~and~~ We can picture the ~~landing~~ boats swarming ashore, and then the sharp bitter conflict along coral beaches and among groves of palm trees. The islets are no more than ten feet above sea level anywhere, ~~fighting~~ and along the beaches and among the trees the Japs have dug in and are fighting from pill boxes and subterranean shelters.

And to all of this we can add the heartening facts stated by Admiral Nimitz:- "In spite of the fierce enemy resistance - our losses have been light."



## PLANES LOST

The Navy tonight reveals a disaster to a fleet of American fighter planes - yet from a human viewpoint it sounds like a triumph of life-saving.

The enemy did not strike the blow. The <sup>villain</sup>~~enemy~~ of the piece was the savage weather that is sometimes ~~encountered~~ encountered in the Central Pacific.

Last Friday twenty-three Corsair fighter planes were on a flight between the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, "a ~~mere~~ routine flight", as it is called. The twenty-three fighters got into one of those fearful storms that sweep the Pacific. And twenty-two of the twenty-three were lost, but all of the pilots, but six, have been rescued. Forced down at sea, they were picked up.

RUSSIA

The Red army has <sup>now</sup> captured the last German stronghold on the road to Estonia - the town of Kingisepp, which is only eight miles from the frontier of that Baltic nation. And it may well be that Soviet patrols have already crossed into Estonia.

~~Tonight's Moscow announcement states that Kingisepp was captured as a result of what it calls, "a skillful outflanking maneuver." Red Army troops smashed across the Luga River and cut in behind the town - which they thereupon proceeded to capture in a bitter battle with the German rear guards.~~ <sup>TR</sup> We are told of the wiping out of large Nazi forces in the bleak wintry peat bogs and forests along the Gulf of Finland - all a part of the swift drive that today carried the Russians almost to the border of Estonia - and perhaps beyond it.

## RUSSIAN REORGANIZATION

Russia is undertaking what may be a significant reorganization of the Soviet system. Today Foreign Commissar Molotov entered a proposal to permit each one of the sixteen Soviet Republics to form its own relations with foreign powers. This innovation was presented by Molotov, at the Supreme Soviet tonight *in the presence of Stalin,* ~~in Moscow,~~ and was immediately adopted.

Offhand, it sounds like a considerable loosening of the rigid Soviet line-up in Russia - with various segments conducting their own foreign affairs. But **F**rom Washington we have instant comment that the whole thing would increase the Soviet voting power in any future international body - sixteen states of the U.S.S.R. voting independently, instead of one Russian government. Such a plan might act to the disadvantage of the United States, with only one vote. *20 years ago* ~~this~~ this was a line of argument advanced in the

defeat of the League of Nations by the United States

Senate after the last war. Then the British Empire

entered the League, with each British Commonwealth

having a vote, giving Britain <sup>a multiplicity</sup> ~~a number~~ of votes. <sup>Which</sup> ~~and~~

~~this~~ aroused the opposition of Americans. It is to be

noted that tonight's dispatch from Moscow states that

the new <sup>setup</sup> ~~system~~ in Russia will be somewhat the same as

the system of the British Empire, insofar as foreign

affairs are concerned.

Another thing of interest to Americans <sup>at those</sup> ~~was the~~

<sup>Y</sup> Soviet proceedings today was the <sup>1</sup> statement made by the President of the Soviet Lithuanian

Republic, who remarked that about one-third of all

Lithuanians in the world live in the United States.

And they, he <sup>added,</sup> ~~remarked~~ follow with keen interest the

developments in their homeland.

~~and~~ Similarly, the President of the Soviet

Latvian Republic made reference to America. He denounced



certain Latvians in the United States, whom he described as - "Fascist agents". Among these he included the former Minister of the Latvian Government to Washington, Bilmanis, whom <sup>he characterized</sup> ~~the Soviet described~~ as "Hitler's lackey in America."

PAPACY

And ~~It~~ today we have a savage Soviet blast launched against the Vatican. A Russian newspaper prints an article accusing Pope Pius the Twelfth of supporting Fascism up and down the line, - ~~of~~ supporting Mussolini the Italian invasion of Ethiopia, Franco in Spain, the dictatorship in Portugal.

The Moscow newspaper declares that the Papacy thereby has lost out with the masses of the people, especially in Italy.

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We always look for deeper motives in Soviet newspaper declarations, and one wonders - why the ~~ferex~~ ferocious verbal attack against the Vatican?

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The Soviet charge has brought prompt response, with Catholic Archbishop O'Hara of Kansas City stating: "Pius the Twelfth has expressed himself in his attitude toward Fascism adequately." Whereupon the Kansas City Archbishop quotes the Pope as proclaiming, "Whoever considers the state to be the end toward which all is directed and all must bow, is of necessity an enemy and an obstacle to all true and lasting progress among the nations," <sup>declared Pope Pius.</sup> And the Archbishop goes on to say: "My personal view is that there is an unfortunate tendency on the part of Fascism <sup>to</sup> to call all who oppose them 'Communist', and for Communists to call all who oppose them 'Fascist.'"

In Washington, Democratic Leader of the House ~~John W.~~ McCormick of Massachusetts gave his opinion of the Soviet blast in these three words: "The charges are ridiculous."

## ITALY

In Italy, the Allied troops tonight are within fifteen miles of Rome. They drove that near today, when British soldiers smashed into the town of Campo Leone<sup>a</sup>. That place is at the northern end of the battleline that the Nazis have set up. This runs south from Campo Leone along the foot of the ancient Alban Hills, to the town of Cisterna, which is the southern German anchor.<sup>H</sup> The strategy of the Nazi defense line is that it protects the coastal railway, which runs along the base of the Alban Hills. Campo Leone is only about half a mile north of the railroad tracks, and these<sup>may</sup> have already been crossed and cut by the British. At the same time, the Americans have reached the outskirts of Cisterna.

~~These advances have been accomplished only in the face of the bitterest kind of fighting, with the Germans throwing their powerful Tiger tanks into the~~



battle. At one time enemy troops had infiltrated the Allied line and got behind to the rear, but American tanks and mobile guns beat them back.

~~(The battle for Rome, which began in such easy fashion with the landing on the beaches, seems now to be~~

~~— Just as in the case of —~~  
~~developing into as stubborn a fight as the battle further~~  
~~to the south in the area of Cassino.)~~ Allied headquarters

report that the Nazi commander, Field Marshal Kesserling, is bringing large forces down from the north to bolster his positions in the vicinity of Rome. These reinforcements are arriving rapidly, we hear.

Farther south, along the battleline just above Naples - the conflict is raging with undiminished violence. Allied troops have <sup>now completely</sup> ~~almost~~ surrounded that bitterly fought for town of Cassino, which has been evacuated by the enemy, <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ is under the fire of enemy guns.

And across the peninsula, on the Eighth Army side,

the Canadians have started an attack - renewing hostilities in that Adriatic area, which has been quiet for some time.

The one implication in it all is that the Germans intend to make a fight for it everywhere - in spite of earlier rumors that they ~~intended to make~~ <sup>planned</sup> a hasty withdrawal from the south because of the threat to their communications near Rome. Apparently they intend to hold their southern battleline and to do everything they can to hold in check the Allied forces that made the surprise landing on the beaches near Rome.

## MONKEY

Out in Los Angeles today, a monkey was chattering with the shrill monkey <sup>gibberish</sup> ~~shrill~~ familiar among tropical trees; ~~A lot of airplanes fly around over Los Angeles,~~ and every time the drone of the motor sounds from the sky - that simian breaks <sup>with</sup> ~~out~~ into shrieking <sup>cf</sup> ~~gibberish~~, which is okay - because in the war overseas that money-talk saved an American soldier's life <sup>several</sup> ~~four~~ times.

Private Floyd Steward was in battle over in North Africa, ~~the desperate struggle at Kasserine Pass,~~ when he felt something crawl up his sleeve. He investigated, and found it was a tiny African monkey, terrified by the noise of battle. Whereupon the soldier adopted the monk as a pet, and ~~he~~ named her "Boudgie." Thereafter Boudgie accompanied him in further fighting - Tunisia, Sicily, Italy. And <sup>the monkey</sup> ~~Boudgie~~ became a good soldier - a heroine in fact.

In North Africa, Private Steward was one of



fifteen men far out in the desert and very thirsty.

They came to a water-hole, and were about to drink eagerly - when Boudgie started to chatter ~~wildly~~ <sup>and scream,</sup>

With the instincts of the wild, she could tell that the water was not right. They investigated - and found it was poisoned.

Another time, Private Steward was lost in the African wilderness. He was hungry - and might have starved to death. But Boudgie was hungry too, and she started her monkey talk and led the way to a clump of bushes. The soldier followed her, and soon they were both eating wild fruits and berries - which <sup>her</sup> ~~the~~ monkey instinct had located.

~~That was no exception. Private Steward was in an airborne outfit, and took Boudgie down with him, the parachute way. And more than once she guided her master~~



~~and his paratroop comrades to fruits and berries.~~

In Sicily, she saved his life all over again.

The explosion of a mortar shell killed a comrade and buried Steward in the debris. Boudgie was thrown clear, and she proceeded to set up so screeching an uproar that other American soldiers investigated - found her master and dug him out.

Now Private Steward is back home, and Boudgie is with him - wearing a miniature G.I. uniform, decorated with a North African campaign ribbon. And she still screeches whenever <sup>anything goes wrong,</sup> ~~an airplane passes above - reminiscent~~  
~~to her of the enemy air raids in the war zones.~~

SPAIN

*Take  
out*

There is a late rumor that in Spain, Franco is soon going to call a general election. If this were true, it would mean a long step toward restoring democracy, which was abolished in Spain as a result of the Civil War.

## SOLDIER VOTE

Today the House of Representatives turned down President Roosevelt's challenge on the subject of the soldier vote. In making his demand that the distribution of ballots to the troops be handled by the federal government instead of the states, the President said to Congress - "Stand up and be counted."

He meant <sup>make</sup> ~~that in voting~~, the lawmakers go on record <sup>in casting their votes.</sup> ~~mark down officially how each one stood on the subject of federal or state control. This, according to congressional rules, is not necessary, <sup>This instead of</sup> if they have <sup>ballots</sup> what is called a teller vote, in which - the ~~votes~~ of Congressmen are counted but their names are not put on record.~~

Today, a motion was made supporting the President's demand; <sup>and</sup> ~~a motion requiring that the Representatives and their votes should go on record.~~

It was defeated, a hundred and sixty to two hundred and thirty-three.

This ~~vote~~ is taken to indicate that a majority of the House is in favor of state control of the soldier vote, instead of federal control.



There has been a report that serious difficulties exist between Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information, and Playwright Robert Sherwood, who is in charge of the Overseas Department of the O.W.I. We have been hearing that Davis has threatened to resign if the President sides with Sherwood *who is a White House intimate.*

The trouble all arises from a demand by Elmer Davis that Sherwood fire three members of his staff -

(~~James Warburg, Deputy Director of Psychological Warfare;~~  
~~Joseph Barnes, Deputy Director of Atlantic Operations,~~  
~~and Ed Johnson, Chief of the Overseas Editorial Board.~~)

*H* Today President Roosevelt was asked about it, and he confirmed the fact that there was a grave difference of opinions between Davis and Sherwood. What is he going to do about it? One report has been that the White House might solve the problem by removing both Davis and Sherwood and merging the O.W.I. with the Office of

Censorship under Byron Price. But this afternoon the President gave no support to this nor any other surmise. He said he was working on the problem of the O.W.I. dispute, but has no news about it at present.

Today Britain had another blast from George Bernard Shaw, - ~~but~~ This time he holds forth on the subject of the income tax. It hurts him as much as it does us. "The more I earn," Shaw writes to the LONDON TIMES, "the faster my means vanish." And the man of great wit, and equally great whiskers, adds that he is afraid of going to the poorhouse. "My haunting dread," he explains, "is that some of my admirers by dying and leaving me a million or so, may consign me to the almshouse."

Of course, some prosy soul may explain to G.B.S. that he is only paying his part of the expense of waging <sup>the</sup> war. But that <sup>is</sup> exactly ~~is~~ what hurts him.

He feels he should not have to pay anything for the war. "Since Nineteen Thirty-Nine," he growls, "I have had to give the Exchequer twenty Thousand Pounds a year to pay for a war which would not have occurred - if my advice

had been taken in Nineteen Nineteen."

And that would seem to suggest quite an idea.

Suppose that everybody whose advice was not taken at

the end of a previous war, were to be exempted from

paying anything for the waging of the subsequent war --

well, there just wouldn't be any wars would there?  
or would there? Roger, I'll put it  
up to you



## SUITCASE

In Los Angeles, Charles E. Prince was a seabee, one of those battlefront workers of the Navy who construct things under fire. He was about to push off overseas, and needed a suitcase to carry along some of his extra effects. So he went out to buy one - nothing elaborate - you don't need fancy luggage when you're off to land on beaches under fire and construct things in a hail of bullets. He found an auction, where they were selling articles left at a storage place, articles on which the charges had not been paid, ~~and which were being disposed of~~. There he spotted exactly the right <sup>thing</sup> ~~article~~, a battered old suitcase - cheap. He bought it; ~~He~~ took it away, opened it - and <sup>gasped!</sup> ~~guessed~~ The suitcase was crammed with gold and jewelry. The gold amounted to more than eight thousand, five hundred dollars' worth, and the jewelry consisted of a diamond stick-pin, a diamond lavalier, and some expensive

watches. There were also medals left over from the previous World War - producing a reminiscent flavor in these war-time days.

The storage company, according to regulations, had sold the bag without opening it, and now an investigation discloses that the suitcase had been put in storage nine years ago by a mining engineer, who was last heard of in Mexico - and seems to have vanished from sight.

The seabee who bought the battered suitcasefull of treasure, is in a <sup>quandary.</sup> ~~puzzle~~ The government has impounded the gold because it was stored in Nineteen Thirty-Five - after the private ownership of gold had been made illegal. And as for the other valuables - does he own them, their previous owner having vanished?

"My wife and three kids could sure use that money," he said today. But he doesn't know what <sup>he</sup> ~~they~~

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can do about it, if anything - ~~doesn't know~~ as he sails  
to some warfront ~~ix~~ with the seabees.



Today's news follows the ~~almost~~ daily bombardment of the Marshall Islands for weeks, what we were told was a softening-up process preparatory to invasion. During the past few days, the smashing of the Japs out there was intensified to the hurricane stage, and yesterday Tokyo intimated that American forces had landed. Now we have it officially from Admiral Nimitz, who states that the purpose of the landings on Kwajalein Atoll is the seizure of the entire Marshall group.

And here's <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ latest ~~statement~~ statement by President Roosevelt <sup>who says</sup> ~~today~~ that the invasion of the Marshalls <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ in the words of the dispatch, "going along quite well."

Still later, naval officers in Washington expressed the opinion that the landings on Kwajalein Atoll represent such a threat to the Japs, that their fleet may come out of ~~hiding~~ hiding and fight.



## QUAKE

Turkey has had another earthquake, that country where the ground so often trembles and buildings tumble into ruins. This one hit sixty-five miles northwest of Ankara. The dispatch says it lasted for fifty seconds and caused great damage.