

CONFERENCE

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The Allied high command has completed a master plan for the United Nations march to Berlin. At Quebec, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have approved it. That is the unofficial news from the historic old Heights of Abraham tonight.

The plan includes a definite choice of a spot on the west coast of Europe for a beachhead. This *too has* ~~has also~~ been approved by the American and British chiefs of state, and they have agreed upon a general to lead the march.

Naturally, no details have been released. *we are not forbidden to speculate* But ~~there is no objection to public speculation~~ about them. In fact, both the generals and the chiefs of state consider any such speculation to be highly useful as a smoke-screen.

As for the Allied commander-in-chief of the division, the concensus of the guesses in Quebec picks

on General Sir Harold Alexander, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ was chief of land operations under ~~General~~ Eisenhower in the Mediterranean area. The rumor is that Alexander is the first choice of Prime Minister Churchill. <sup>IF</sup> Our own General Eisenhower might be picked for the job, but the betting is that he will be needed where he is now, as commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean, since the attack in the west will probably come upon the Nazis <sup>along with an</sup> ~~at the same time as a heavy~~ offensive from the south.

Another job that <sup>messers</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Roosevelt and ~~Mr.~~ Churchill have to do at Quebec is pick a new commander-in-chief for the Far East to succeed General Sir Archibald Wavell, <sup>new</sup> ~~who is now~~ Viceroy of India.

Large crowds of Quebec people have been waiting around all day, trying to catch a glimpse of the President and the Prime Minister, but they have had no luck. The guessing is that the two leaders have been

putting in all their time conferring with their military  
staffs.

The conferences are not proceeding as quickly as  
they might, because there is a large difference in  
working habits between Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill.  
Our President gets up early and likes to work during the  
day. The Prime Minister, on the other hand, is no early  
bird, *but he burns* ~~and is at his working post~~ under the midnight oil.

ADD CONFERENCE

A later story came ~~down~~ from Quebec a few minutes ago. It reported that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill are drawing up a Declaration of Quebec. This <sup>to</sup> ~~will~~ be a sequel and a climax to the statement they issued at Casablanca announcing that unconditional surrender will be the only terms for the Axis.

~~Newspapermen in Quebec understand that~~ This Declaration of Quebec will promise to lay waste every large city in Germany. And it is reported that British Foreign Minister, Anthony Eden, will fly to Moscow with a copy of the ~~Declaration of Quebec~~, <sup>document, and there</sup> asking for the approval of ~~Soviet~~ Premier Stalin.

This information was given out at Quebec tonight by Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information. <sup>Who</sup> ~~He~~ stated officially that the President and Prime Minister, with their military staffs, are making a military decisions <sup>for</sup> ~~with a view to~~ the complete and ruthless destruction of the Axis.



Brendan Bracken ~~fixed~~ took the occasion to speak a serious warning to the people of America and the British Empire. It 's going to be a ~~very~~ hard war, he said; and, it 's going to last a long time.

Bracken also made a statement to reassure us about the war with Japan. "When we have rounded up Mr. Hitler," he said, "the full might of the British Empire is going to be given over to the task of destroying the Japanese."

## EISENHOWER FOLLOW CONFERENCE

President Roosevelt took time out to send a telegram of congratulation to General Eisenhower, on the conquest of Sicily. "All of us are thrilled," he wired, "thrilled over the Sicilian campaign." And he added that "this is especially true when we realize that the size of the enemy forces in Sicily amounted to a hundred and five thousand men."

The President pointed out further that the results show what can be done by teamwork. He concluded with the words: "To the officers and men of your command, British, Canadian, French and American, my thanks and enthusiastic approbation. Tell them 'well done.'"

## INVASION FOLLOW EISENHOWER

The principal news from the Mediterranean tonight is that American warships have been shelling the mainland of Italy. For the first time in all history. All in all, the tattered toe of Italy is now undergoing a merciless hammering. On the beaches of Messina, Long Tom cannon are firing across the three mile Straits. Also waves of bombers; American and British kept hitting at the toe of the boot today. And they did such damage in the region around Reggio Calabria that they silenced all but a few of the enemy's anti-aircraft guns.

As the Allied raiders flew up along both coasts of the Italian toe, they met with stiffer ~~was~~ resistance. But the Allied aerial attack grew all the stronger, In fact, as savage as it was at the peak of the Battle of Sicily. The Allies are doing their utmost to cut off the escape of the German and

Italian troops retreating northward, or at least to make it as difficult as possible.

In London, military experts are guessing that the Nazi high command has planned to put up the stiffest possible resistance in both Italy and the Balkans.

German divisions have been roaring down the Brenner Pass for ~~nix~~ weeks in large numbers. There are already six or more of those Nazi divisions in the peninsula. The best guess in London is that there are twelve of them in the valley of the Po River, two or three scattered through various parts of the peninsula, and the battered remnants of the three that escaped from Sicily and one from Sardinia. But London has no information as to the full Nazi strength in Italy.

It is believed that the Nazis have more than twelve divisions in the Balkans. There Field Marshal Rommel is in command. There are also eighteen Bulgarian,

and twenty-five Italian divisions, but they are not very well equipped.

The German plan, as the London military observers believe, will be to fight delaying actions on a large scale so as to make the Allied advance as costly as possible.

Allied headquarters in North Africa reveal tonight that the fighting in Sicily had liquidated practically the entire <sup>Axis</sup> Sixth Army, some three hundred thousand men.

And That enabled <sup>5</sup> us to estimate how many Nazis escaped from the island to the mainland. President Roosevelt has told us that there were four hundred and five thousand of the enemy altogether in Sicily. The Axis lost a hundred and sixty-seven thousand as prisoners or casualties. In addition to that, a hundred



and fifty thousand Italians deserted. That leaves eighty-eight thousand of the enemy who may have escaped to Italy.

The Berlin radio today broadcast a spectacular claim about our casualties in Sicily. According to the Nazis, a large number of British and American prisoners were taken, and one-third of the Allied armies there ~~were~~ killed or wounded. This of course we know to be false, as General Eisenhower announced yesterday that the Allies in Sicily had only twenty-five thousand casualties. The Germans claim also to have destroyed sixty-one of our transport ships, mostly loaded with men and war materials. That appears to be another piece of Goebbels propaganda.

RUSSIA

Today's reports from Russia bring news of another Soviet advance on the Kharkov front. There the Red army took more than ~~xxx~~ thirty towns and villages and advanced up to seven and a half miles at some points.

Around Bryansk, they took more than twenty inhabited places, and are still forging ahead.

Moscow is exceedingly elated over the capture of Zmief, that Nazi bastion twenty miles to the southeast of Kharkov. The Russian military commentators declare that in taking that spot, the Red army has broken the entire line of the Nazi defenses based on the Donets River. Furthermore, ~~after capturing~~ ~~Opeshnya~~, they drove ahead to within twenty miles of Poltava and ~~broke across the Vorsklia River.~~ They are now advancing along <sup>a</sup> the line of <sup>that</sup> ~~that river~~ and drawing <sup>Σ</sup> tighter ~~the line~~ around the Germans in Kharkov.

GERMANY

That a report that the Nazi government has left Berlin. The second in two days.

The rumor was considerably nourished by the information that the wives of both Goering and Goebbels are now in Switzerland, at Basle, and the explanation is that they are on a shopping expedition

## PACIFIC

Reports from General MacArthur's headquarters in Australia tell us that the Japs can no longer hope to save their positions in the southwest Pacific.

The crushing attack on the Nipponese airfields at We-wak settled that question. After the first raid, formations of heavy Liberators and Flying Fortresses, supported by lighter bombers and fighting planes, finished the job yesterday. They have destroyed a total of two hundred and fifteen out of a total of tow hundred and twenty-five planes that the enemy had in the We-wak area.

An Australian broadcaster was overheard saying that photographs taken by reconnaissance planes showed that the devastation was literally chaotic.

In fact, I it is reported as the greatest disaster ever inflicted on any enemy air force in one single action.

~~In the Solomons, a United States task force~~

encountered a Jap convoy. It was attempting to hurry reinforcements to Vela Lavella Island which our soldiers and marines took on Sunday. So far, Admiral Halsey's headquarters has received no reports of any land action on Vela Lavella.



## KENNEDY

There is happiness today in a seaside home at Hyannis, Massachusetts. <sup>That's</sup> ~~It is~~ the home of former Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph B. Kennedy. Their son John is a junior grade lieutenant in the Navy on a P.T. boat in the South Pacific. <sup>The boat was</sup> ~~They were~~ in a scrap last week, the boat went down, <sup>and</sup> ~~Joe~~ Kennedy's son and ten of his mates were given up for lost. It happened this way:

Three torpedo boats from a New Georgia base were patrolling the strait west of Kolombangara Island. Lieutenant John Kennedy's boat was in the lead. Along came a Jap destroyer, making forty knots, and cut that lead boat in two. Everybody aboard was flung into the water, and some men were painfully injured from the gasoline that caught fire. Lieutenant Kennedy was stunned, but one of his shipmates was Machinist Mate Patrick H. McMahon, who used to be a backstroke swimmer on a Harvard team. McMahon was badly burned

himself but he towed young Jack Kennedy for three miles. Lieutenant Kennedy and the ten enlisted men drifted through the night and the current was taking them close to an island that had a <sup>big</sup> ~~big~~ Japanese garrison. But luck was with them -- the current shifted and they landed on a small unoccupied island.

After a few days, they managed to swim over to another island, one that was inhabited by friendly natives. An islander volunteered to take a message, but the Americans had no paper on which to write. So Jack Kennedy scrawled a call for help on a piece of coconut shell. The native carried this hidden in his G-string -- carried it through the enemy lines to a U.S. Navy base on New Georgia Island. The following night Lieutenant Hank Bantingham of Fayetteville, Arkansas, took a P.T. boat to the rescue. Even that was a perilous venture, for the waters they traversed were infested with Japanese. Anyhow, he picked up Lieutenant Kennedy, Machinist's Mate Pat McMahon, and their mates. Eleven men saved.

And, that's <sup>the</sup> good news that reached former Ambassador Joe Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy at Hyannis today.

RICKENBACKER

A correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES, out in India, tells of the impression made by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker on his recent tour of the Chinese-Burma-India theatre of war. He cables that thousands of American soldiers in those parts were having a dull time until Rick's visit -- they were fed up because they didn't know what they were there for and apparently hadn't been given much information about home and the world in general. Visiting generals came and went in a cloud of hush-hush.

But wherever Captain Rickenbacker went, he called in the press, and answered anything they asked. It was like a breath of fresh air sweeping across Asia, said the TIMES correspondent.

# GOLDFISH

We have been accustomed to talking about people being silent as a clam or dumb as an oyster. <sup>But it's all a</sup> ~~It is a~~

mistake! <sup>So say</sup> ~~take it from~~ the Navy, and, the Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior. Not only oysters and clams but several kinds of fish can be as noisy as <sup>monkeys.</sup> ~~oagefull of school boys~~

<sup>bit of useless</sup> This knowledge is one of the by-products of the <sup>war.</sup>

<sup>Not so useless either, for</sup> ~~was~~ the crews of submarines had difficulty in

distinguishing between the sounds they heard under water, <sup>i.e.</sup>

submarine noises and fish noises. So the Navy investigated

with the help of the Fish and Wildlife <sup>Bureau</sup> ~~Service~~ of the

Interior Department. ~~They took~~ <sup>ings were</sup> phonograph records ~~and~~ <sup>made, and they found that</sup> ~~found~~ fish are far from ~~being~~ voiceless. For instance,

the toad fish, ~~to be~~ found in the waters of the Atlantic

coast, can make a noise as loud as a steamboat whistle. <sup>t</sup>

<sup>And</sup> When you hook a croaker in Chesapeake Bay, his complaint

can be heard through twenty feet of water. <sup>And so forth.</sup>

Anyhow, With the phonograph records of fish noises, *our*

~~under sea~~  
submarine  
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sailors are being trained to distinguish

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between the sound of a U-boat engine and <sup>^</sup>offended fish.

~~Even the fish have lost their privacy.~~



STOVES

The next thing to be rationed <sup>is to be the kitchen</sup> ~~is the cook stove~~ <sup>^</sup>  
<sup>^</sup> stove.

By August Twenty-Fourth, you will not be able to buy a  
stove for either cooking or heating <sup>unless you have</sup> ~~without~~ a certificate  
from your rationing board. Electric stoves are <sup>to be</sup> exempt <sup>for</sup>  
<sup>the present</sup> —  
<sup>^</sup> also any equipment that burns only charcoal or alcohol.

<sup>^</sup> But anything that burns coal, wood, oil or gas, goes on  
the ration list <sup>next week</sup>.

STRIKE

The War Labor Board used its new powers in Cleveland, Ohio, last night with such effect that it ended a strike in short order. The workers of four plants of the American Steel and Wire Company had walked out. The Board of the region told them that if they did not ~~go right back~~ <sup>return</sup> to work <sup>immediately</sup> their names would be submitted to the draft Board. By eleven o'clock last

night most of them on the night shift were back on the <sup>job</sup> ~~sub.~~ It was <sup>by the way that was</sup> a strike not authorized by the union.

## GIRL FOOTBALL COACH

A woman football coach! Where? Bell Township High School, Salina, Pennsylvania; this Fall. The new ~~xx~~ coach is described as a good-looking young blonde named Miss Pauline Rugh. The first girl football coach in history, I suppose. She has always liked the game and followed it closely, though she never intended to qualify as a coach. An athlete herself? Well, she once was badminton champ at Penn State. And, she holds a degree in "physical ed."

Miss Pauline hopes to improve on the technique of men coaches. That is, she intends to develop a system of her own -- a system that will be a surprise to everyone, including herself -- and to opposing teams, maybe!

Hugh, if we could only go back to school -- and play football, with a girl named Pauline for a coach!