

CONFERENCE

L.I. - Sunoco. Wed., Jan. 27, 1943.

The two English-speaking Ambassadors to Moscow paid a visit to Soviet Premier Josef Stalin at midnight last night. <sup>Andy</sup> That was the first direct sequel to the announcement of the Casablanca conference.

United States Ambassador Admiral Standley, accompanied by the Councilor of the British Embassy, met Stalin in the presence of Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov.

They handed the Soviet Premier a joint note from

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, which

*he read on the spot.*

*IP Admiral* Standley declined to say whether it had any relation to the Casablanca conference, but he did admit that it concerned the war effort.

Correspondents then asked Standley whether there had been ~~any~~ any negotiations for a supreme joint Allied command. The Admiral replied that he had heard private discussions. But he added: "Personally, I find it difficult to conceive one general staff

which could assimilate data and decide operations throughout the world." And he added: "There has been much misunderstanding regarding such a joint command."

At home, Elmer Davis, Director of War Information, had this to say about the conference:

"It has opened the way for a global offensive against the Axis in all parts of the world." And he repeated:

"A global offensive, not merely local attacks." *Elmer*

Davis went on to say that the discussion was dominated by military ~~concessions~~ *matters*. That, he said, was shown by the ability of General Giraud and General Charles DeGaulle to come to an agreement on the prosecution of the war.

## FRENCH FOLLOW CONFERENCE

Though they agreed about the war, Giraud and DeGaulle did not get together on political issues. With all the cheering over the conference, that fact could not be concealed. However, the British and Americans have not given up hope. They are going to try to bring the two French Generals together again. Military and economic commissions will be exchanged between the French High Commissioner in Africa and the head of the Fighting French in London. However, they will not attempt to settle any political problems.

In France itself, the resistance of the people of Marseilles *did not last long;* could not last long, against Nazi machine-gunners and snipers. The old harbor district of picturesque Marseilles tonight lies in smoldering ruins. The Nazis even brought up field guns. Worst of all, with the soldiers came the dreaded S.S. ~~Troopers~~ Troopers, Nazi Black Shirts trained to cruelty.

AFRICA

The American troops in Africa are beginning a drive that threatens to wipe out Marshal Rommel's retreating force from Libya. *But we are not the ones who are saying this.* ~~That is not official.~~ The news comes from the radios of the Axis, ~~powers,~~ which are not likely to over-emphasize any news favorable to us. <sup>TP</sup> However, we do learn from our side of the battle that <sup>U. S.</sup> ~~United States~~ tanks and infantry have fought a successful engagement in northeastern Tunisia, reconquering <sup>ing</sup> the northern pass into the Ousseltia Valley. <sup>TP</sup> Only the other day, the Nazi tanks and infantry drove our men from those identical heights, and the subsequent reports were that the Germans were entrenching themselves. But evidently the trenches did <sup>not</sup> hold. However, the Germans are still in control of all the mountain territory north of that pass, and it <sup>will</sup> ~~is going~~ take tough fighting to drive them into the sea.

Through Radio Dakar we learn that the main

body of Rommel's Afrika Korps <sup>has</sup> reached the Mareth Line, which, as we heard yesterday, was built by the French as an equivalent to the Maginot Line in France. ~~itself~~  
~~It was~~ Built to keep out the Italians. If it isn't any more useful to the Germans than the Maginot Line was to the French, <sup>then the Allies</sup> ~~our American troops and British~~ ~~Allies~~ will not have much difficulty with that <sup>e</sup> Mareth Line.

*It is interesting that we are getting*  
~~All in all, we have found far more reason for~~  
<sup>more</sup> encouragement <sup>from</sup> ~~in the~~ Axis reports of affairs in Tunisia than <sup>from</sup> ~~in those of~~ our own <sup>communiques</sup> ~~high command~~, which are merely formal and laconic. The Axis radios talk about the situation in Tunisia with obvious fear. <sup>They definitely</sup> ~~They~~ seem to be afraid of an African Dunkirk, with the shoe on the other foot.

While the news of the Roosevelt-Churchill conference was being broadcast to the world, Axis

planes delivered a heavy bombing attack on Algiers .

They were driven off by anti-aircraft batteries and *by*

British Spitfires.

Secretary of State Hull is angry over criticism of the State Department's conduct in North Africa.

People who think the government is wrong should wait

until they know all the facts before they ~~say so~~ <sup>start throwing</sup>

*their weight around*

^ said the Secretary. He pointed out that during the

last ten days the abuse of the State Department reached its most violent pitch. During those days, he said,

the Roosevelt-Churchill meetings were going on at

*Secy*, Casablanca. ^ Hull said further that he believed <sup>s</sup> that

some of the Administration's critics ~~are~~ <sup>do</sup> not want

accurate information. *do not want the* "Some persons," ~~he declared,~~

*facts at all.*

~~"had previously not tried to obtain all the facts."~~

RUSSIA

The guns of the Red Army ~~today~~ continued to blow to smithereens what is left of the German Army

at Stalingrad. *Where only a few weeks ago* ~~Not so long ago,~~ they were the

besiegers of the great Russian ~~factory~~ city on the Volga, Today they are a dwindling, starving, frost

*From a quarter of a million to* bitten remnant. ~~Yesterday they were twelve thousand,~~ *yesterday, And today less than 12,000,* ~~Today there are still fewer. For~~ An entire Nazi infantry

*today* regiment surrendered, and part of another ~~one~~ was blown to bits including all the staff officers.

*are still trying to hold out are now* Those who ~~held out are now themselves the~~

~~besieged,~~ clinging hopelessly to a few blocks of shattered buildings inside the city. Outside

*we are told that* Stalingrad, ~~no~~ Germans are left. *And* ~~Instead,~~ the Sixty-

Second Russian Army under Lieutenant-General Vassily Chuikov is hammering away at ~~the~~ *Hitter's* ~~deserted~~ *and trapped* ~~German~~

soldiers. If the Russian accounts are ~~completely~~

*— and we presume they are —* accurate, the only officers they have left are *Nazis*



subalterns. The Russian paper ISVESTIA says the higher officers abandoned their men and have gone back to the

main German army by transport. ISVESTIA <sup>even names</sup> ~~goes as far~~ <sup>some of the Nazis</sup> ~~as to name the three~~ <sup>took it on the</sup> ~~generals who thus fled so long ago~~ <sup>run - several weeks ago.</sup> ~~as early in January.~~

British military <sup>experts</sup> ~~historians~~ today were talking about the abandonment of that German Sixth Army as the greatest military sacrifice ever made by a

<sup>and</sup> Commander-in-Chief. All sorts of speculations are <sup>rife</sup> ~~being made~~ to explain Hitler's failure to relieve his beleaguered divisions; ~~Undoubtedly it will be the~~ ~~XXXXX source of debates by armchair strategists for~~ ~~many years to come.~~ It is the biggest major disaster

that has befallen the German Army <sup>so far in this</sup> ~~in this entire~~ war.

<sup>Which</sup> The German high command <sup>virtually</sup> ~~itself practically~~ admits. ~~It.~~

A communique from Berlin uses these words: ~~XXXXX~~ "Such parts of the Sixth Army as are still able to fight have

entrenched themselves in the ruins of Stalingrad."

Then, putting the bravest complexion possible on their plight, <sup>Berlin</sup> ~~of what remains of the Sixth Army, the German high command~~ adds that "They are using every means of defense and holding up the forces of several Soviet armies." ~~Of course, that is exaggerated, but it is at least partly true.~~

The Nazi high command says further that its troops are moving according to plan in the Kuban River area, meaning the northwestern Caucasus. Well, the ~~area~~ <sup>area</sup> ~~The~~ plan must have been for a large scale retreat, for the Germans are moving backwards toward the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. <sup>W</sup> The Nazis admit that the Soviets have been able to reinforce <sup>r</sup> <sub>^</sub> their armies.

Berlin also announces that the great winter battle in Russia is going on with unabated ferocity and spreading to new areas. What that means is that the

Germans who were thrown out of Voronezh are trying to dig in on a new line, with the Russians doing all they can to harass them. <sup>H</sup> The Red armies are also pressing hard in the Battle of Lake Ladoga. *So says Berlin.*

A spokesman for the Nazi high command ~~xxxxxxxx~~ admitted that what was going on at Stalingrad was irrevocably the last phase of that battle; <sup>and</sup> admitted also that nearly the whole city ~~was~~ <sup>now</sup> back in the hands of the Russians. <sup>H</sup> Correspondents of Swiss and Swedish newspapers report that the German public has been tremendously shocked by the news from Russia, *with the* controlled Nazi press ~~is~~ doing its utmost to play up everything possible about ultimate victory.

Sixteen days ago, the Soviet high command sent an ultimatum to Nazi General von Paulus, German Commander-in-Chief at Stalingrad. This ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ultimatum offered von Paulus the last opportunity to

surrender and warned him ~~that~~ his position was hopeless. Von Paulus rejected it, relying on the promise made by Fuehrer Hitler on Christmas. Hitler had ordered the ~~&~~ German Sixth Army to fight till the last man and promised help.

According to the Russian account, von Paulus was then in a hopeless position, though he didn't know it. He had only seventy or eighty thousand men left. Their food rations were so low that they had already eaten all their cattle, horses, dogs and cats.

Nevertheless, Hitler prevented that encircled Sixth Army from realizing what ~~it~~ a trap it was in. Up to January First, he ~~was~~ lost more than six hundred <sup>big</sup> <sup>air</sup> transports trying to feed the Sixth Army. ~~And that is~~

More than any country at war can afford to lose.

*Fred Marshal*

Von Paulus is not mentioned as one of the German

generals who made good their escape from Stalingrad.

ADD RUSSIA

One Swiss newspaper said today that Hitler has ordered total mobilization. That means not only the nineteen, eighteen and seventeen year old youths are called to the colors but those of sixteen and even fifteen.

WICKARD FOLLOW RUSSIA

Food Administrator Wickard said today that he was proud to think that American food helped ~~to~~ break the siege of Leningrad and Stalingrad; ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> helped ~~to~~ crack the Nazi lines <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ the Caucasus. Wickard was talking to a meeting of the National Association of Wholesale Grocers at Chicago, <sup>and</sup> they gave him a rousing cheer. ~~For~~ ~~the~~ words.

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He went on to explain that by the end of last year, the trend of shipments to Russia took a ~~sharp~~ sharp turn upward. In December, for the first time, the food ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> to Russia was more than the combined consignments to the United ~~Kings~~ <sup>Kingdom</sup> and other British destinations. All of which went to the Red Army.

The Food Administrator went on to say that in the coming year, our armed forces and our Allies will need almost a quarter of everything we produce in the way of things to eat. "We must have food ready to ~~follow~~ follow our advancing armies," he said.

~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:~~

Ever since our <sup>airmen</sup> ~~fliers~~ first ~~went~~ acrossed  
the Atlantic, they have been <sup>eager</sup> ~~trying~~ to get at Germany.  
<sup>And now</sup> ~~At last~~ they have <sup>had</sup> their wish. ~~Our~~ Flying Fortresses  
<sup>making</sup> ~~made~~ their first raid over ~~the soil of~~ Hitler's Reich.  
In broad daylight, they heavily bombed Wilhelmshaven,  
one of the biggest naval bases, <sup>possibly the</sup> ~~in Germany, perhaps the~~  
biggest. It can take ships of any size. <sup>TP 50</sup> ~~That~~ was the  
~~the~~ first sequel to the declaration of Casablanca,  
the announcement by President Roosevelt and Prime  
Minister Churchill that they planned an attack on the  
Axis which <sup>can</sup> ~~would~~ end only in the unconditional  
surrender of Germany, Italy and Japan.

Three of our big bombers failed to return

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from the raid. One token of its effectiveness was a message from British Air Marshal, Sir Arthur Harris. It read:- "Greetings and congratulations from the British Bomber Command to all americans who participated in the first raid on Germany." The message continued: "This opens the campaign the Germans have long dreaded, another ominous sentence in the handwriting on the wall." Air Marshal Harris said further: "To the Bomber Command it is complete and the most welcome proof that we shall no longer be alone in carrying the war to German soil."

While the Fortresses were making <sup>that</sup> a round trip flight of about eight hundred miles to Wilhelmshaven, mostly over water, Liberator Bombers attacked other Nazi targets in northwestern Germany. A broadcast by the Berlin Radio indicates that one of these targets was the harbor of Helgoland, the strongly



fortified island near the mouth of the River Elbe.

The ~~small loss~~ <sup>loss</sup> only three planes did not

~~return,~~ shows the ~~daring~~ <sup>nature</sup> quality of this daylight raid,

~~which~~ took the Germans by surprise. One consequence

~~was that some of our men came back feeling rather~~

~~coky. One of them said: "It's a cinch over Germany."~~

They ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ met only a few fighters, and the

~~anti-aircraft fire was light.~~

First Lieutenant Charles Jones of Chicago

said he had never seen such beautiful bombing and many

of his mates agreed ~~with him~~. All the bombs appeared

to drop ~~in the center of~~ <sup>right on</sup> the target, they said.

Hitherto, the ~~xxxxxxx~~ raids of American

fliers have been confined to targets in Nazi-occupied

France and Belgium. <sup>TR</sup> The first American bombers to fly

over Germany was a plane nicknamed the BANSHEE. At

the controls was First Lieutenant Edward J. Hennessey ~~of~~

of Chicago, who said:- "We didn't see a thing except some flack."

First Lieutenant James A. Downing of Philadelphia was even more vernacular. Said he: "We caught them with their pants down and it looked like we gave them a hell of a plastering."

The British and American offensive against the Japanese <sup>in Burma is moving along,</sup> ~~positions in Burma is going on steadily but~~ ~~not spectacularly~~. According to some ideas, this is in the ultimate analysis one of the most important military operations now going on <sup>anywhere,</sup> ~~throughout the world~~. For, if the Allies clear the Japs out of Burma, they can re-open ~~the~~ the Burma Road, <sup>and then get on with</sup> ~~once more, hasten the process of~~ the ~~sub of~~ throwing the Japs out of China, <sup>— after which will</sup> ~~and prepare the way~~ come the next and we hope final bombing for the bombing of the heart of Japan, the Island of ~~of Japan.~~ <sup>TP</sup> ~~Honsu~~ Only the other day, General Douglas MacArthur insists that is the way really to get ~~declared this to be the most effective and quickest~~ at the vitals of the Japanese Empire, ~~method of conquering the Japanese Empire; not the slow~~ and not by any slow South Sea island-by-island process, ~~that others have favored.~~

It was announced today that American bombers raided both Rangoon and Mandalay, <sup>returning to</sup> ~~scored damaging hits,~~ India — unscathed, ~~and came back without loss or injury.~~ Bridges were seriously damaged, Japanese traffic interrupted,

Japanese rolling stock destroyed. Meanwhile the

~~British~~ Royal Air Force bombed a Jap airdrome

southeast of Akyab, ~~that~~<sup>the</sup> port on the Bay of Bengal

*that is the immediate*  
~~which is the first important~~ goal of General Wavell's

army ~~in Burma.~~ *advancing into Burma.*

SOLOMONS

The Navy tells us today that the Japanese have established a new airfield in the Solomon <sup>S.</sup> ~~Islands~~

This we learn because <sup>a</sup> ~~xxx~~ formation of our Flying

Fortresses paid it a visit and bombed ~~that~~ <sup>e</sup> new Jap

~~airfield~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~It~~ is located on Ballale Island in the

Shortland area, some three hundred miles northwest

of Guadalcanal. It is believed ~~that~~ the enemy made

<sup>2</sup> ~~the~~ field ~~in order~~ to supplement the <sup>5</sup> Munda field on

New Georgia Island. <sup>all</sup> ~~this is~~ in preparation for a new

and stronger series of operations against American

positions in the southeastern Solomons, especially

Guadalcanal.

However, the Navy officers do not believe

the Japs have been able to make much use of that

field at Munda ~~because~~ it has been under <sup>almost</sup> ~~virtually~~

daily attack from American bombers.

The Navy also tells us that a formation of

*our planes*  
~~United States aircraft~~ has paid a visit to Wake Island,

8/12 a reconaissance flight. Eight Jap Zeros flew ~~into~~ up

~~the air~~ to meet them and two of the <sup>Zeros</sup> are believed to

have been destroyed. <sup>All</sup> ~~But none~~ of the American planes

~~was lost,~~ returned.

FLYNN

Edward J. Flynn of the Bronx is one step nearer to becoming Minister to Australia and President Roosevelt's personal Ambassador to the Pacific Ocean.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate <sup>has</sup> approved his nomination, ~~approved it~~ by a vote of thirteen to ten. ~~That was fairly close. Three Democratic Senators~~ *and s-l-u-t-m*

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joined the Republicans in voting against him. They were Senators George of Georgia, Van Nuys of Indiana, and Gillette of Iowa. The opposition was rather ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ astonished that Bob LaFollette of Wisconsin was among those who okayed the President's nomination.

Of course, the shouting is not all over yet. The report of the Committee still has to be approved by the Senate as a whole and there will be fireworks. But the all-round betting in Washington is that Flynn will be approved, though by a strictly party vote.