

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I'm broadcasting from an old block house in Pittsburgh tonight - actually underground but I'll tell you about that in a few moments. First, the news about the invasion. The battle is in a state of greater fury than ever tonight with the Germans making what looks like their do or die attempt to smash the second front. One of the prospects, you can form your judgement according to a message that General Eisenhower sent his troops. He told them - "Your accomplishments in the first seven days of this campaign have exceeded my brightest hopes." Well, the news from that battle front in Normandy indicates that the Nazi command is throwing into the fight now, one fourth of all its forces available in France and the low countries. That's how big the counter-offensive is and it's being hurled with particular violence at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula, where Allied advances have been ~~certainly~~ *threatening to cut*

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off all enemy highway and rail connection with the city of Cherbourg. In the Caen area, British tanks staged a brilliant advance today. An armored column found a soft spot in the enemy defenses and jabbed southward for several miles. At another place on the Orne Canal, British airborne forces have reached a point six miles east of Caen and only 112 miles from Paris. An early flash today ~~stated~~ stated that American troops had captured Montebourg 14 miles below Cherbourg. This was followed by subsequent word of the powerful German counter-attack drove into the town and at last reports desperate street battles were raging in Montebourg, which is a key point on the highway system. And the same thing goes for that other highway junction - Carentan. The morning's word was that this place had been captured but later came the news that our soldiers had been forced back. (Carentan ~~being~~ another focus of the Nazi counter-offensive and the town is still a bitter battlefield tonight.

## ROMMEL

The story we had yesterday about a disagreement between the two top German commanders is followed today by a report that one has lost his job. Rommel - one time fox of the desert. Our story last night stated that Rommel's theory was to put emphasis on the defense of the beaches against Allied landings. Concentrating forces on the shore to smash the amphibious operations. His superior Field Marshall von Runstedt on the other hand, had the key to the more fluid defense - full forces in reserve and hurl them against the Allies after landing. Obviously Rommel's plan didn't work out. The Allies got ashore, they smashed through the defenses and were not disorganized by the resistance they encountered, so Rommel was wrong and maybe von Runstedt's ~~military plan~~ plan was right. ~~Maybe~~ maybe! On ~~the~~ top of this we hear that Rommel monkeyed around with von Runstedt's military arrangements. This is stated by a correspondent of the London Evening Standard who writes -- "It is now known that when Rommel was in Normandy, shortly before the



invasion, he moved forward the coastal defense troops that von Runstedt has posted some distance behind the front lines." In other words Rommel took it upon himself to change the line-up which von Runstedt had planned to meet the invasion and this brings the appearance of still another General, Montgomery. It was a dramatic thing to find those two facing each other. Rommel, the old fox of the desert and "Monty" of El Alamein who defeated the fox on the North African sands. The London word is that Montgomery guessed just what Rommel's plan would be. He surmised that his former North African adversary would depend upon a massive defense to disorganize the landings with the idea of then hurling his Panzer divisions to smash the invasion into the sea. Anticipating that plan, Montgomery was ready for it and checked it. In consequence, Rommel has been removed so it would appear.

The two-way bombardment of Nazi Germany was resumed today when the usual one-two punch was launched



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LAUNCHED FROM Britain and from Italy. British base bombers hurling 1569 tons of explosives on a big German gasoline refinery, hitting at motor fuel, the life blood of Hitler's military machines.

## BOY

When Churchill visited the invasion beachheads yesterday, British officers told him this story - how under a bush, inside their headquarters area, they found a German soldier - a boy of sixteen, scared pink. Hiding there for three days, ever since the beachhead invasion had swept along. Too frightened to come out when he found that the British had built their headquarters right around his hiding place around that bush.

## ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt intimated this afternoon that there will be other thrusts into the Nazi European fortress. The President has the word from General Eisenhower how states - "Through the openings now made and those yet to come, the flood of our fighting strength must be poured." Where will the other openings be? Eisenhower gives indication of it in the following words -- "Our operations, vast and important as they are, are only part of the combined assault against the fortress of Germany. By the great Russian armies from the East and our forces from the Mediterranean.

As for the Soviet drive into Finland, it goes on with the Red Army forces pounding their way forward on the Karelian Isthmus, that's so powerfully fortified. We hear from Swedish sources, the Finns are preparing to evacuate the city of Viipuri, the Karelian gateway to the heart of Finland. The Finns are fighting hard but things look tough for them.



## PACIFIC WAR

The U. S. Navy today gives us an account of the huge naval and air blow launched against the Japs over the weekend. The story pictures one of the most powerful of task forces ranging far and wide, blasting the Japs at a whole series of bases - Guam, Saipan, Tinian, Rota and other atolls in the Marianas. 13 enemy ships sunk and 16 damaged, four of the sunken and 9 of the damaged were combat vessels and 144 Jap planes shot down. The American losses 15 planes - the climax of the strike came on Sunday when a big convoy was sighted. Jap ships trying to escape from Saipan. Planes from our aircraft carriers hit the convoy with devastating results, sinking a destroyer, 3 corvets, a big Jap oil tanker, a large cargo ship and four smaller ones not counting the vessels damaged. The Japs made an attempt to assault American warships. An air raid during the night. The ships were lined off a group of islands ready to resume the assault the next day when Jap planes flew in. They were beaten off by ant9-aircraft fire. Altogether it was another

## CIO

Today the CIO political action committee enters its formal denial that its activities are in violation of the corrupt practices act. The law limiting contributions to political campaigns. Sydney Hillman, chairman of the action committee, appeared before a Senate committee on campaign expenditures and stated that the committee had shelled out money amounting to one hundred ninety thousand dollars to May 31st for the purposes he described as follows: "Bringing the issues at state to the attention of the voters. Urging them to go to the polls. Stimulating wide-spread consideration and discussions of the qualification of candidates." He denied that the CIO committee has a purge list of Congressional names. Legislators whom the CIO is determined to defeat at the polls. He added that the committee has refrained from endorsing any candidate excepting the case of the President. He declared that the CIO was supporting President Roosevelt for a fourth term because said he

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"of what he thinks the Republican Party is going to do." And that's an obvious reference to the nomination of Governor Dewey of New York. Another CIO witness was asked about CIO posters advocating the President's reelection. Posters displaying the portrait of FDR with this legend - "A-1 in our Draft" - was this non-political activity in the sense of the law. Did it not involve the contribution of money to a political campaign within the meaning of the corrupt practices act. The CIO official replies - "No" it was not a contribution to the campaign because there wasn't any campaign - nobody nominated yet, he explained and he added - "I would say that this comes under the heading of an expenditure rather than a contribution. In other words, when is an expenditure a contribution and when is a campaign a campaign."



## WAR BOND RALLY

As I mentioned a moment ago - I'm at a War Bond Rally tonight - in fact, I'm talking to you from the historic old block house in Pittsburgh at what is called "The point of the Golden Triangle."

In pre-revolutionary days, this was a wilderness and then a young British Colonal Major- remember his name? George Washington, suggested to the English Royal Governor - Dinwoodie who sat at fashionable Williamsburg that a fort be built here. At Pittsburg point as it is called now - a junction of the Alleghany Monongahela Rivers. Yes, I'm standing at the beginning of the Ohio River. Well, Governor Dinwoodie sent 40 men to start the constructions but when the fort was almost completed on an April evening in 1754, a silent flotilla of canoes and small boats manned by French, Canadians and Indians landed at the ports and captured the fort without a single shot being fired. And then our own Geroqe Washington, at that time a Colonel, was ordered to retake this fort and as Voltiare wrote concenning the first shot fired by

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Washington - "It was the shock that set Europe ablaze for it started the Seven Years War." And the French and Indian wars here in America too. Yess, if this old block house could talk, it certainly could tell exciting tales about fights and fires and floods and fortunes and famine, and the great struggle between the British and the French for the possession of this continent. Just as tonight, I've been telling you of the fighting in Normandy, Italy and in the Pacific that will decide perhaps, the fate of the whole world. Anyhow, I'm in that old block house actually underground at this moment. From my press wire at the William Penn, I dashed down here to this old fort in the company with members of the committee in charge of the campaign in this part of Pennsylvania. For the Fifth War Loan and with a number of ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution. And we've just been talking about it - of ~~xxxx~~ how the coincidence of that Second Front headline breaking upon the world

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just a week ago, and then the new War Loan Drive beginning yesterday - all of which means that the ccideny of events has dramatized this Fourth War Loan in the most vivid way. It has dramatized our duty to buy bonds and do it now. We are all given the most opportune ch chance we have ever had to support this great invasion and do it by buying bonds.



## ITALY

From Italy tonight comes a story hither to kept secret about a guerilla leaders who has been cooperating with the British forces in the Apennines. He led a battle of local irregular fighters in attacks against the Nazis and gave the British such ~~eff~~ectiv help that they sometimes put their own troops under his command. They call him "Nicky Williams" - a translation of his real name Nicola GGuillmo and he turns out to be a former resident of Pittsburgh which seems an odd thing to tell here at old Fort Pitt. Nicy was a boy when he left Italy and drifted to the United States. Oger here he worked in the Pennsylvanian coal mines and also in a gas workd and a rubber factory here in Pittsburgh. And he did some rize-fighting, boxing at Pittsburgh fight clubs. Later he drifted back to Italy, served in Mussolini's army and finally he settled down in his native town of Cazzoli way up in the mountains, and today a United Press correspondent interviewed Nicky, the guerrillay and procurred the story of how he went to war against the Germans of rather the

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Gerhonies as Nicky calls them. In spite of his years in the United States, here in the classical city of Pittsburgh, Nicy's English is not so classical. He talks with kind of dialect which some Pittsburghers might find not entirely unfamiliar. Nicky told how the British advance, the enemy sent the men of his town out in the hills on some pretext or other and when they returned they found their homes in flames, the town destroyed by the Nazis to keep from sheltering the British. Whereupon the Nicky from Pittsburgh procured a rifle and some hand grenades and declared war against Germany. "I had my rifle and three or four hand grenades and I go to a ridge overlooking the road. Pretty soon along come a truckful of Germanies. I throw hand bomb to bust just over that truck. I kill three Germanies and hurt two more, and now I get four more rifles and I like my machine gun. And with this armament he recruited a part of his fellow-townsmen and began systematic attacks, hitting in contact with the British forces and working out joint

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plans with them, and they send him food and ammunition, and they send him more guns and sometimes they aided his operation without artillery shells. Fired according to Nicky's instructions. Parties of British troops were sent to join his band in the mountains, he aguided and advised them. They were virtually under his command and now the Germans have been chased out of that sector and the secret is revealed, the story of Nicky the guerilla from Pittsburgh. And not let's hear from Hugh with the golden voice from New York.