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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Tonight it looks as though our armed forces have begun an all-out attack on the Japanese in the Aleutians. They have already begun to take full advantage of the new bases they have seized in the Andreanof group ^{of the Aleutians.} The talk in Washington tonight is

that we are starting a full scale drive to push the enemy out of Kiska. If Uncle Sam's army and navy ^{do} clear them out of ^{then} there, the Jap bases ^{on our islands of} at Attu and Agatu will follow. However, ^{we shall see what we shall see} ~~we must not crow too soon. The drive~~

^{for the drive} has only just begun. ^{the} The Navy informed ^s us this evening

that American flyers, taking off from the new Aleutian

bases, ^{now} are making almost daily raids on Kiska. The

communique adds that weather conditions ^{now} help these

operations and the enemy has been under continual fire.

For instance Our bombers landed both demolition bombs and incendiaries on the Japanese camps and the seaplane hangars at Kiska *recently and* ~~last Thursday and Friday.~~ They shot down five enemy seaplanes. While the Navy did not ~~talk~~

~~specifically of the Jap Zero planes,~~ it is believed that

the aircraft destroyed were ^{Jap} Zeros equipped with pontoons.

HP *The American airmen blasted* ~~Our men landed hits not only on the~~ shore installations *and* ~~and forces but on the~~ Jap supply ships. *as well.*

Observers with cameras, on reconnaissance

flights, took photographs which revealed that two of

the Jap ships had been damaged by bombs. *Raising* ~~That raises~~

our bag ~~the~~ total of Japanese vessels in the Aleutians to

thirteen sunk, three probably sunk, twenty-four damaged;

~~In other words,~~ forty altogether. And at least ~~thirtyxx~~

thirty-four enemy planes have been destroyed in the

Aleutians. On our side, only three planes were

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definitely reported lost, though the count may be a bit higher. At any rate we seem to have been making the Japs pay heavily for their Aleutian adventure.

SIBERIA

Again comes the insistent rumor that the Japs are about to slash into Siberia. The story comes from India this time. We hear that well informed military men there are convinced that the Tokyo warlords are waiting only for winter. Why wait for winter? Well, in this case they say the cold weather will help an invader with a mechanized army. In the summer, heavy tanks would bog down on the soggy plains back of Vladivostok. But soon they will be frozen hard. The same applies to rivers. In a summer campaign, the Japs would have a formidable ~~xxxx~~ lot of bridges to build. But the ice will soon be so deep on Siberia's streams that even the larger vehicles will be able to cross with ease.

On the other hand, that same frost will hamper the Russians. For it will freeze up their submarines at Vladivostok. Also we hear that winter flying conditions will make it difficult for the United States to reinforce the air force of the Soviets in the Far East.

The experts point out that the Japanese army in Kwangtung has been practicing winter maneuvers for years. It overran and conquered the Chinese Province of Jehol in China in the dead of winter, overran it with ease. Perhaps the Japanese did that merely as training for the more serious business of one day invading Siberia. The winter uniforms of that Kwangtung Japanese army are the best in the world - we are told -- an army of more than half a million men, all specially trained for fighting in Siberia.

RUSSIA

As for Russia's problems

in Europe, The Germans have launched a new and ferocious drive on Stalingrad, ^{in which} They are using more than a hundred tanks and many hundreds of planes, storming at the city's defenses right where they are the narrowest.

^{We hear} The City on the Volga is in flames once more, ^{with} Nazi planes ~~are~~ dropping tremendous ^{quantities} ~~volumes~~ of bombs.

Evidently, they are resolved ~~that~~ if they cannot capture ^{it they will} ~~it~~, at least ~~to~~ reduce it to a rubble heap.

For all this, Moscow reports ~~that~~ the Nazis ^{That} have made no progress in Stalingrad. The Red army has driven back more than twelve attacks, ^{and} ~~but~~ has yielded at only one point. That, again, ~~is~~ in the northwest section where the Nazi hordes in overwhelming numbers have driven the Soviet fighters back in the factory districts.

The Germans tell a different story, ~~xx~~ as we might expect. The high command broadcast ⁵⁹ reports that Nazi

infantry and armored units, in close cooperation with
bomber squadrons, ^{have pushed} ~~went~~ further into the northern district
of the city.

Further north, the Nazis ^{are said to have} ~~have also~~ repelled

Russian attacks against a German ~~xxxxxx~~ position at
Voronezh.

SOLOMONS FOLLOW LEAD

And ^{more} ~~here we have~~ news from the Solomons. The Japanese have landed still more reinforcements on Guadalcanal. The Navy reports that "in spite of our determined air attacks, it has not been possible to prevent the enemy from landing small additional troop units under cover of darkness." Nevertheless, Uncle Sam's marines are maintaining their positions there. Meanwhile, our air forces are constantly attacking the enemy over a wide range.

Part of the Navy's latest communique about the Solomons is a bit delayed. It refers to engagements that occurred as long ago as the Twenty-Ninth of September. On that day, a small group of Japanese heavy bombers with small fighter escorts, raided the United States positions on Guadalcanal. Our fighters shot down four enemy fighters and compelled the bombers to throw their bombs before they could get

near their objectives. At about the same time, dive bombers of the Navy and marine corps, assisted by army pursuit planes, raided small ships of the Japanese that were carrying supplies to troops on Guadalcanal. They also bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops put ashore. Japanese installations at Rekata Bay were bombed and machine-gunned by our search planes. Two enemy seaplanes were destroyed and after the raid was over, ~~there were fires in~~ *observers reported* the Japanese positions *on fire.*

On September Thirtieth, Navy dive bombers ~~xxxxxx~~ attacked the Japanese at Rekata Bay, ~~that is~~ *of the Solomons.* on Santa Isabella Island. ~~They damaged~~ *Two* two enemy aircraft and set fire to a munitions dump.

On October First, army pursuit planes continued to attack the enemy ground forces on Guadalcanal. On the same day, dive bombers of the Navy and Marine Corps, with torpedo planes, attacked four Japanese

destroyers to the south of the New Georgia group of islands. The Jap ships were believed to have been covering a small landing which the enemy made on Viru harbor on the night of September Twentieth. One Jap destroyer was hit and damaged and when last seen was dead in the water.

Meanwhile, army flying fortresses were setting fire to a small boat off the Greenwich Islands, southeast of Malaita.

On October Second, the Japanese ~~xxxx~~ again attacked Guadalcanal with a small group of bombers heavily protected by fighters. Our interceptor planes bagged four enemy fighters and the ^{Tap} bombers were unable to drop any bombs.

GRUNION

The Navy also tells us that we have lost a submarine in the Pacific. It ~~is~~ ^{was} the ~~submarine~~ ^{good ship} GRUNION. There is no positive knowledge that the enemy sank her. But she has been overdue for some time and, says the Navy, we must presume that she is lost. Unfortunately, ~~there were~~ ^{some stout lads} ~~a number of good men~~ ^{For} went down with her. She carried a complement of sixty-five, including ~~the~~ officers.

The GRUNION ~~was a good~~ ^{as a} ~~sub~~ ^{was}, one of the newest. She was launched only last December, and had a speed on the surface of twenty-one knots. ~~That~~ ^{This} makes five submarines of the United States Navy that have disappeared since the war began. One was blown up in drydock at Cavite in the Philippines, ~~she was~~ destroyed by her own crew to prevent her from falling into the hands of the Japanese. Another was lost in a collision off Panama. Three just failed to come back.

So far our subs have a score of seventy-four
Jap ships including men-o-war and merchant vessels.

They probably sank nineteen others and damaged

Which would give them
twenty-two. ~~That gives~~ a total bag of a hundred and
fifteen. *enemy ships.*

MANPOWER

The Congress has begun work on a law to mobilize ^{the nation's} manpower. Two sub-committees of the Committee on Military Affairs are considering measures that have been offered. One of them was introduced by Senator Lister Hill of Alabama as an amendment to the Selective Service Act. ^{It} ~~This~~ would give the President power to issue a decree which would say in effect to every citizen, man or woman, over eighteen years old, "work or fight." The other measure was offered ~~by~~ Senator Austin of Vermont, ^{and} ~~that~~ is like Senator Hill's except that it applies only to men.

Out in Peoria, Illinois, Secretary of Agriculture Wickard made public an idea. He was making a speech to the National Catholic Conference on Rural Life. One way to settle the shortage of manpower on farms, he said, would be to move some two million under-employed farm families to better land.

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~~That~~ would also have the effect of abolishing what he

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~~called~~, "the rural slums of America."

COURT

The Supreme Court took time out today to pay tribute to the memory of a distinguished predecessor. The President of the American Bar Association presented the Court with a bronze bust of the late Mr. Justice Brandeis who died a year ago today. The bust will be placed in the library of the court. ~~Harlan Fiske Stone,~~ ^{Stone,} ~~the~~ Chief Justice, in paying tribute to him, spoke of "all those qualities of mind and heart which made Justice Brandeis a great lawgiver and an inspiring leader in the thought of men."

The Court also paid a tribute to the late Justice George Sutherland of Utah.

The high tribunal was one member shy today, because ^{of} Mr. Justice Byrnes ^{ing} ~~resigned~~ to become Director of the new office of ^{the} Economic State of the Nation.

The Chief Justice remarked from the bench:- "We are reconciled to his leaving us only by the realization

that he is moved by a sense of duty to render a needed service in a time of great national emergency."

UNION

There is a new association of labor unions in the field, an association which throws down the glove to both the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. It is called the ~~XXXXXXX~~ Confederated Unions of America. It is an association of independent unions. According to the claims of its leaders, it has already two hundred and fifty thousand members. ^{TP} The President is Matthew Smith of Detroit,

who is also President of the Mechanics Educational

Society, ^{who} ~~The Federation~~ ^s issued a statement ^{saying the} ~~that it does~~

^{new union setup does} not intend to declare war on either the A.F. of L. or the

C.I.O. But, Smith also said that the Confederated

Unions would ~~XXXXX~~ seriously compete with and maybe

supersede existing federations. The delegates adopted resolutions pledging complete support to the war effort.

Meanwhile, in Toronto, the A.F. of L. is holding

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its Six-Second annual convention. William Green, its

President, spoke to assure the President of the United States in the name of six million workers, that ~~the~~ standards of production will be exceeded before the end of this year. Green derided people who have been saying that the United Nations are losing the war. It will not be long before we are ready to strike, he said. Our Canadian and American soldiers will win the war for us. He pointed out that practically every ship that has been sent down the ways has been a long time ahead of schedule. *For instance* The battleship IOWA[^] was launched seven months ahead.

Green repeated the invitation of the A.F. of L. to the C.I.O. for peace and unity. "One or two units," he declared, "have reached the point where they are about ready to knock at the door and ask to be permitted to come home." And he added: "There may soon be interesting developments along this line." In other

words, Green appeared to hint that the C.I.O. is breaking up.

It was intimated that Green meant by this, that he expected John L. Lewis and the United Mine Workers to return to the fold. The Mine Workers are beginning their annual convention at Cincinnati tomorrow. ^{And,} They have paid no dues to the C.I.O. since early this year.

BASEBALL

In the stadium of the New York Yankees this evening -- "the House that Ruth built" -- a couple of brown attendants were performing a sad job. They were hauling down a large flag which had been fluttering bravely in the breezes all season, and for more than one season, the flag which proclaimed the Yankees World Champions. Some day later this week that flag or one like it will be hoisted at Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, for the World Champions as you no doubt know are now the St. Louis Cardinals.

And they earned it. By playing brilliant ball against a powerful, hard-hitting team, a team that opened the series favorites by a wide margin. Even the Yankee rooters, depressed as they were when the game was over, admitted that they had seen three marvelous games of ball in the Bronx.

In the opening inning ex Mayor Al Lang of St. Petersburg, Florida, came to where I was sitting. Mayor -- or ex-Mayor Lang, has been present at every

World's Series, hasn't missed a single one since Nineteen Hundred Three -- forty years. A Florida enthusiast, it was Al Lang who was responsible for persuading so many of the big league clubs to train in Florida.

Well, he brought me a present that would delight any good fan. One was a baseball autographed by every member of the Yankee team. Another with the signatures of all the Cards. The third with the autographs of all six umpires. Anybody who tries to get these mementos away from me will have as hard a time as the Yankees did these last three days trying to beat the Cards.

And just as Mayor Lang was given them to me Phil Rizzuto, first man up for the Yanks, hit the third ball pitched to him for a stinging home run into the lower left field stands. So it looked like a Yankee day. But it wasn't. But it did put the Yankees one run ahead. However the game ended much

like yesterday's. In the second half of the ninth inning the Yankees, with not a man out had the trying runs on base. Sure a tough spot for young Jim Beazely of St. Louis. You would have thought that only a miracle worker could pitch himself out of that one with the Fence-Busting Yankees at bat. It was not any miracle but it was beautiful, shrewd and accurate pitching. And I should add fielding, because when an infield picks a smart runner like Joe Gordon off second base, that's something! I haven't time for more, but you know all about it. And here's Hugh.