

The Pearl Harbor inquiry, as announced late ~~today,~~ will be made by two boards of investigation. Each will consist of three members -- three Army officers and three naval officers. These will go into the circumstances of the Pearl Harbor disaster - in an effort to place the blame where it belongs.

The Navy group of three will convene in Washington on Monday. The Army group will meet when called by its president - we are not told just when. The proceedings will be secret, and there is no telling when a decision will be made and given to the public - a verdict on the question of why the Japs were able to get in and do so much damage on December Seventh, Nineteen forty-one.

The appointment of these two boards of inquiry is an answer to a demand that has been made more and more insistently - with Congress voting various measures to bring about a Pearl Harbor inquiry. The two commanders in Hawaii on December seventh, Admiral

Kimmel and General Short ~~xx~~ are scheduled for court martial. And Admiral Kimmel has repeatedly asked for a trial, the Admiral stating that all the facts of the case have not been made public.

And now we are to have an official Army and Navy inquiry conducted by two boards which are being called "military grand juries".

NEW GUINEA

Four days ~~xx~~ of desperate assault by the Japs trapped in New Guinea has ended in the beating ~~xxxx~~ back of the enemy force. Several days ago we heard how an outflanking landing maneuver by ~~General~~ MacArthur's men had caught forty-five thousand Japs in a snare - their retreat cut off. They were then massing for an attack to break out. And now we hear how they surged forward for four days. The Americans were not ~~xxxx~~ caught by surprise, and held their ground against one frenzied attack after another. Now the Japanese thrust has exhausted ~~ixxxixxxxx~~ itself and the end ~~ix~~ is inevitable. The big Jap force will break ~~ix~~ up into ~~xxxxxxxx~~ remnants to be hunted down and mopped up.

NAVY

A late Navy communique tonight confirms the fact of another sea and air blow against Guam. This was indicated earlier in the day by the Japs, and now we have our own account - a brief bulletin stating that a fast carrier task force blasted buildings and ammunition dumps on Guam. Also - on Rota Island in the southern Marianas. The communique tells of hitting the enemy, not only with bombs, but also with rockets - indicating some new rocket technique which our task forces now are using.

CHINA

The news from China has turned bad again, after what we heard several days ago. At that time things looked a lot better for the Chinese- at that key point of Hengyang. The Japs, after desperate attempts to take the city - sustained a set-back -- when the Chinese garrison broke through the siege lines, and opened the way for supplies and reinforcements. It looked as if the Japs might have to abandon besieged Hengyang.

But those good prospects have vanished. Today's news ~~xxxxxx~~ tells us that the enemy is again threatening to storm the city. The Chinese ~~who~~ broke the siege have been driven back, and once again Hengyang is encircled. The Chinese renew their claim that the Japs are using poison gas - in that nineteen day siege of Hengyang.

So now the situation has reverted to its former critical ~~condition~~ condition - the Japs threatening to seize the railway line on which Hengyang is an important junction, the railroad from Hankow to Canton. Today's

news from China is that the Japs have all save a gap
of a hundred and sixty miles. They have ^{only} that far to go
to gain complete possession of the railroad. The
control of which by the enemy would cut China in two.

GANDHI

In India, the reaction to Gandhi's latest move is favorable. Various factions are discussing that newest pronouncement by the Mahatma, and the consensus of opinion is that it may have a good result.

It came as a surprise - Gandhi reversing himself so dramatically in his previous stand in opposition to the British and the War. He now pledges himself to support the Allies in their battle against the Japs and the Nazis, and promises that he will not renew his Campaign of civil disobedience as long as the War goes on.

Ghandi suggests a formula for a settlement of the dispute between the Nationalist Party and the British Government of India. His idea is, to set up a Nationalist Government under a British Viceroy - A Viceroy who would have the same constitutional position as the King of England.

One line of today's comment comes from the Moslems - who are traditionally hostile to any Regime

→ dominated by the Hindu Nationalists. The Moslem Newspaper Asab welcomes Gandhi's statement, saying that his latest move may save his political career and give a new lease of life to the Nationalist Congress. The Moslem Newspaper interprets the Mahatma's new declaration as a retracing of steps - opening the way for a settlement.

On the British side, we have some comment in the important newspaper, ^{of Calcutta,} "the Statesman" - which takes a cautious attitude. Its opinion is that, with the War going on, the time does not seem suitable for long political discussions in India. But, adds the British Editor, if a genuine Indian National Government could be formed, it would be worth taking a lot of risks.

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Now Hugh, if you would like to break in for a moment with your Stan. of Calif. message, go ahead.

RUSSIA

Yes, there is lot more news!

There's a report tonight that the Russians have crossed the border into East Prussia. That might ~~very~~ well be, because the latest official Moscow ^lbulletins placed the Soviet forces within twelve miles of that portentous ~~far~~ frontier.

However, there's something of a catch in the mention of the East Prussian border. There are two lines of demarkation. One - a new frontier drawn by the Nazis after this war had begun. They incorporated some new territory into their old ~~Prussian~~ province. The other border is the historic line that East Prussia had for centuries, and tonight the Soviet forces were reported to be within forty-five miles of ~~the~~ old East Prussia.

But these are mere quibbles - about exactly when the Russians will crash forward ~~in~~ onto German soil. The impressive fact is that the Soviet advance is sweeping on with a series of stunning successes. Today Moscow announced that Russian forces have broken into Grodno. That's the place which is fifteen miles from the

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new East Prussian border and forty-five miles from the old one. And Grodno is the key to the defense of their eastern German province. And then there's the capture of Wilno in Lithuania, and the storming of Pinsk in the Pripet Marshes. This latter place is on the road to Brest Litovsk, which is in the bastion for the defense of the central plains of Poland.

No wonder the tone of Nazi propoganda grows gloomier, ^{with wild} ~~all the time, with~~ Hitler ^{ian} threats of involving all Europe in destruction - with the downfall of Nazi Germany.

FRANCE

The main Allied progress in France today was along the line from the city of St. Lo to the coast. That's about the distance across the base of the Norman Peninsula, which has ~~figured~~ figured so much in the news.

For days the Americans have been battling for St. Lo, and ^{they} succeeded in pushing to the outskirts of the town against the most desperate sort of German resistance. The city is a formidable fortress, and today's swing was along the line from St. Lo to the sea. There the Americans gained up to three miles today, in a forward movement threatening to outflank St. Lo.

The Germans are retiring, pulling back to the south, but they are doing so in good order and with organized rear guard action. They are leaving behind parties of bitter end fighters, groups of fifty soldiers and a couple of tanks. These fight as long as they can to slow up the advance of the Americans. It isn't clear how far the Nazi ⁵ intends to withdraw.

If the battle line should swing south to any extent, it would get away from the coast, and the Americans would be able to drive out into open country.

On the other end of the Second Front, the British are regrouping after violent German counter-attacks. ~~Today the enemy was able to seize some small area of ground, but otherwise the British and Canadians are holding firm and are preparing for new attacks.~~

AIR WAR

The air war in Europe today was based on Italy - for the most part. The Mediterranean skies were clear, and five hundred American ~~bombers~~ bombers flew from Italy. ~~today~~ They smashed oil ~~ref~~ refineries and railroad yards in Hungary.

Over the English Channel, the weather was bad, and air activity was limited today - though some five hundred planes went speeding through the clouds to smash at the Nazis in France.

We have some ~~striking~~ striking reports about the effect of the incessant bombing of enemy transportation. Allied headquarters states that the blasting of highways and railroads has been so severe that the Germans have been forced even off secondary ~~fr~~ roads. They have had to stop using the main highways, and now even the subordinate roads ^{have} become too hot for traffic. A spokesman at headquarters explains that the Germans are now trying to push heavy ~~m~~ military equipment over dirt roads through the French woods, mere trails meant for peasant's carts.

DECORATIONS

There was a ggrat ceremony today at the headquarters of the Ninth Air Force in England. Decorations were handed out to the troop carrier command, which did the airborne job in the second front invasion. Those airmen took care of the flying end of the paratroop and glider landing - and ^{they} certainly did earn ~~xx~~ decorations!

Well, they got them today - when five thousand, eight hundred and sixteen air medals and oak leaf clusters, were awarded in a mass ceremony. Forty-two of the decorations were given posthumously, honoring men who lost their lives, and eighty-nine were sent to relatives of heroes missing in action.

It was one of the greatest of military ceremonies, that mass award of five thousand, eight hundred and sixteen decorations.

BASTILLE DAY

Cherbourg celebrated the fourteenth of July today, with solemnity and joy - Bastille Day. American guns fired a salute, and there was a parade through the war torn city - And a stately ^{religious} ceremony ~~religion~~ at the Cherbourg Cathedral. This was the first free celebration of Bastille Day that the liberated people behind the Invasion Front have had since the fall of France.

In one place, the celebration was stern and dramatic - in the Town of Valonges. There the local people had a ceremony of punishment. In a courtyard, a chair was placed, a common kitchen chair. And, one after another, nine women were brought out. They were collaborationist^s - who, in their own fashion, had been pro-nazi. Young women who had consorted with enemy soldiers. Each was taken to the chair and made to sit down, and there her hair was cut off - a pair of scissors snipping off the long braids that are the fashion in Normandy. Then each, after she had had the hair-cut of dishonor, was turned loose - And she went her way, humiliated and virtually bald-headed.

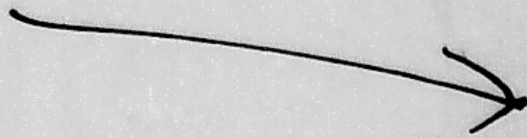
ROBOTS

Yesterday's news about Nazi robot bombs blasting on the invasion front is given a new turn of explanation today. ~~Our previous account expressed some doubt that the robot plane, which cannot be aimed at any specific target, could be employed effectively in battle.~~ The ^{rocket} ~~robot~~ bomb is essentially a terror-weapon for indiscriminate attacks against civilians.

And now we have the belief that the rockets that landed on the beach-head area of Normandy were not meant to go in that direction at all. This opinion comes from Headquarters, from General Eisenhower himself. Today's news dispatch quotes the second front Commander as saying that the Robots ^{that} came down in Normandy had probably been aimed at England - But ^h ~~something~~ had gone wrong with their mechanism for steering. While in flight, the rudders of the rockets had gone haywire, and ~~the rudders~~ ^{the Robots} had gone off on the wrong course altogether - heading west ^{into} ~~of~~ Normandy, instead of north ^{to} England.

General Eisenhower added that the Rockets that had landed in the Battle Zone had done no particular damage.

Meanwhile, the Robots are still flying to Southern England, but not as many as before. The terror campaign continues on a decreasing scale - And perhaps the reason may be found in a statement made by British Home Secretary Herbert Morrison. He said the defense against the Rockets was having what he called - "An important measure of success."



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However, there is another theory to account for the decreasing number of robots sent across at night. According to this, the Germans realize that a majority of the people in London sleep in shelters at night, and so they do their ~~xxxx~~ rocket shooting by day, when people are engaged in their normal activities - this in accord with the ^{is}atrocious tactics, specialized bombing of civilians.

JEWS

Blistering words were spoken today by Secretary of State Cordell Hull. He spoke of the mass murder of Jews in Hungary, a million doomed. His protest simply blazed with indignation.

He said: "The puppet Hungarian Government, ~~is~~ ^{by} its violation of the most elementary human rights, and by its servile adoption of the worst features of the Nazi racial policy, stands condemned before history. It may be futile", the Secretary went on, "to appeal to the humanity of the instigators or perpetrators of such outrages. But let them know", he warned, "that they cannot escape the inexorable punishment that will be meted out to them when the power of evil men who in control of Hungary has been broken."

VICE PRESIDENT

Here's the latest on the much debated question of the Democratic nomination for the Vice Presidency. In all the talk that the Vice President may not get second place on the ticket again, mention is often made of Sam Rayburn, the Texas Congressman, who is speaker of the House of Representatives. And today **S**peaker Rayburn was asked - would he accept the nomination for the Vice Pr^esidency if it were offered to him. He declined to answer, wouldn't say either yes or so. He merely remarked that he might make a statement on Sunday or Monday.

This follows action by a fellow Texan, Senator Connally, who has also been mentioned for Wallace's present job, ^{and who} ~~he~~ declares he is not a candidate. ^{Connally} says he prefers to stay in the Senate, ~~and does not want to run for Vice Presidency.~~

Well, here is one who is a candidate - Governor Broughton of North Carolina. It was announced ~~thx~~ today that his name will be placed before the convention for the Vice Presidential nomination. His hat ^{is in}

~~is~~ the ring.

All of the personalities that I have mentioned are southerners, which is a reflection of the fact that the opposition to the renomination of Henry Wallace comes largely from the south.

After which -- here's a northerner. Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania, one of the most ardent of New Deal Democrats, declares for Henry Wallace. He stated today that the Vice President's record, in the Senator's own words, "justifies and calls for his nomination".

What ^{is} the president's attitude? That's a subject for the usual guessing, the most frequent surmise being that he will issue a statement to the Democratic Convention saying that if he were a delegate he would vote for Wallace. Thus the President will indicate his views, but will not try to force them ~~in~~ on the convention -- so we're told.

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Now H - what more are we going to be told by you?

COURT MARTIAL

Late news from Washington tells of action in the case of the Pearl Harbor court martials. The departments of war and navy discloses that special courts of inquiry have been appointed to investigate the circumstances of the Pearl Harbor disaster. These courts will form conclusions about what is called - "dereliction of duty". This is the accusation made against our Pearl Harbor commanders on December ~~Sixth~~^{7th} ~~Seventh, Admiral Kimmel and General Short.~~

And this is a final message from you.

CHILD

The story of the sensational kidnapping in New York reveals another case of a woman ~~longing~~ longing for a child and stealing one. Barbara Ann Goggin, six months old, was found today unharmed and well cared for. The police got a tip, and walked in. They found the baby in the possession of a twenty-nine year old woman, who thereupon admitted that she had sneaked into the hospital and taken the child. She said she had desperately wanted one, had been ~~drinking~~ drinking, and had acted on impulse.

And now H - a final message from you.

ITALY

The battle in Italy is raging around two historic places, Leghorn and Arezzo. Both are important military points. Leghorn, as has been repeated time and again, is a number one port, while Medieval Arezzo is the main highway-hub south of Florence.

In both sectors the Germans are fighting it out with determination, and the Allied strategy is to strike around and flank the two cities, Leghorn and Arezzo.-
~~instead of fr storming them with fr frontal assaults.~~
~~Today, in the sector of Arezzo, French troops captured~~
~~a road junction only twenty-six miles from Florence.~~

nothing doing, he wouldn't step out as Ambassador.

All of which left things in a paradoxical state. *However*

now he has agreed to go, and has vacated the Yugoslav Embassy.

At the same time, ~~now~~ he informs Secretary Hull that he intends to remain in the United States - and act as spokesman for General Mikhailovich. So now both factions ^{will} have representation in Washington - Marshal Tito through the Yugoslav Embassy, and Mikhailovich in the person of Fotitch.

All of which coincides with word that a full fledged civil War is likely to break out in Yugoslavia. ~~Mikhailovich refuses to recognize Tito as the Chief of the exiled government and announces that he is going to form an independent Yugoslav government of his own. And London hears that this is likely to be followed by large scale hostilities between the two factions all~~ of which should give comfort to the Nazis.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Today we were reminiscing about Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, whose death in the invasion battle zone was announced last night. I was talking with Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, a long time friend of his. And what we recalled might seem to be out of line with the news - Ted Roosevelt's part in the war.

The eldest son of the Rough Rider President had, indeed, played a brilliant part in the turmoil of battle. In the first World War he distinguished himself as a young man, decorated for bravery. And in this present conflict, Ted Roosevelt won honors for valor as the commander of troops in action. But, Roy Andrews and I were talking about something else.

Having always been interested in travel and exploration, I remembered the scientific expeditions the younger Theodore Roosevelt had led. And Roy Chapman Andrews, the paleontologist of far journeying adventure had collaborated with him in planning trips into the remote regions of the Earth.

There are two things for which the world of science will remember Ted Roosevelt. One - his successful quest for a rare specimen of the giant panda. For the Field Museum in Chicago he led an expedition into the remotest depths of Western China, - the desert of Taklamakan - among the fierce tribes on the border of Tibet. And he brought back an example of one of the least known of animals. Roy Andrews told me that this was indeed an arduous and perilous exploit. And Andrews should know - because he became familiar with the wilds of China during his own expeditions, which resulted in the discovery of the petrified eggs of the dinosaur.

Ted Roosevelt's other achievement in the realm of ~~and~~ science and adventure was even more dramatic. From the towering Pamirs of Turkestan he brought back a specimen of the Ovis Poli - Marco Polo's sheep. For centuries, people though Maarco Polo had told a fabulous lie when he described a king of sheep with enormous horns bigger than anybody would believe. But Marco Polo was right, and Ted Roosevelt proved it by going to the

wilderness of the High Pamirs and bringing back an Ovis Poli.

Roy Andrews remarked that those Ted Roosevelt expeditions were no mere jaunts for thrill and excitement. He said they were perfectly planned to accomplish a definite purpose - the giant Panda in one case and Marco Polo's Ovis Poli on the other.

Oh yes, and we got around to the present day also, and the war - with Dr. Andrews reciting a thing told to him recently by war correspondent Quentin Reynolds. Having observed General Theodore Roosevelt in action in the present war, Quent said he thought the bravest man he ever saw was Ted Roosevelt. He told how he had watched him directing his troops in the front line - standing up under enemy fire and talking to his men while bullets were zipping around. Quent Reynolds said he couldn't tell whether Ted Roosevelt had learned how to conquer fear or whether he simply didn't understand what fear was.

And now he has died of sheer over-work in the invasion - heart failure brought on by unremitting labor in the stress and strain of the campaign.