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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

By the beginning of next week, ^{or maybe} ~~just~~
~~before that, the really big news may come~~
~~before, so we hear big news blanking~~ from Italy. ~~Word~~
~~came~~ From London today ^{we hear} that officials on the banks of the
Thames believe there ^{will} ~~may~~ be a showdown in the Italian
crisis within the next hundred hours.

For several hours today, the air waves
over Europe were occupied with a message to the Italian
people. "Stop helping Germany, and, the Allies will
bring you peace"! - That was the message. It came from
General Dwight Eisenhower, the Allied Commander-in-Chief
in the Mediterranean.

~~It was~~ Not a long message; ~~but~~
just what you might expect ^a ~~the~~ General to say. ^{It only} ~~it took~~

^{took} time to broadcast ^{this} ~~the General's~~ words because they were

repeated several times ^{and} in four languages - Italian, German, French and English.

Sent out by the way

~~It was broadcast~~ from the most powerful

sending apparatus available. Several continental

radios did their utmost to jam the ^{Eisenhower} ~~message~~ radio message,

prevent the Italians, French and Germans from hearing it.

In fact they did

~~the message~~ They succeeded in jamming the first

broadcast to Italy. But when it was repeated, the

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jamming failed. Eisenhower used these words to the

Italian people: "Your part is to cease immediately

any assistance to the German military forces in your

country." Then he continued: "If you do this, we will

rid you of the Germans and deliver you from the horrors

of war." And he ^{assured} ~~told~~ the Italians that the Allied armies are coming to Italy as liberators.

One remarkable part of Eisenhower's

proclamation was that it was addressed to the Italian

people, ^{to} and the House of Savoy. That was really

significant - the House of Savoy. It means that the Allies are prepared to dicker with King Victor Emanuel as the legitimate head of the Italian people. ^{TP} General Eisenhower congratulated the Italians and the ~~royal~~ ^{reigning} House of Savoy on the overthrow of Mussolini. He went on to say that in throwing the former Duce out, they had removed the greatest obstacle ^{separating} ~~which existed~~ the Italian people from the United Nations. ^{TP} ~~And~~ he told them that if they wanted peace they could have it immediately under ^{the} honorable conditions which our governments already have offered.

GERMANS FOLLOW LEAD

But even if King Victor Emanuel does accept ^{them.}
Eisenhower's terms, the Allies will ^{have a big} ~~not have any~~
^{job to do} ~~any~~ ~~time~~ of it in Italy. The Nazi generals ^{of course}
^{are fully aware} ~~obviously~~ ~~recognize~~ that Italy may ~~drop~~ ^{drop} suddenly out
of the war. ^{So,} ~~and~~ they are already taking measures for
vengeance, ^{for} vengeance and self-protection; ~~that is,~~
If we ^{can} ~~may~~ believe a broadcast overheard from Bern,
^{the} capital of Switzerland. That broadcast reported ^S
that Hitler's troops have been moving in large numbers
through the Brenner Pass. They ^{are} ~~are~~ said to have
occupied all the big Italian bases at the head of the
Adriatic Sea. They have taken ^{over} Trieste, directly opposite
Venice; and Pola, the great base at the foot of the
Istrian Peninsula. They have also seized Fiume, which
faces the eastern side of Istria. And at latest reports
they were taking possession of the entire Istrian
Peninsula as fast as possible. This ~~of course~~ was

All of which was of course the logical thing for them to do. But, it will create a problem for the Allied armies and navies, for all those parts are most strongly fortified and easily defensible. It is possible too, that in moving into northern Italy, the Germans have been able to seize a sizeable portion of the Italian navy. But, we don't know about that. Although most of the Italian grand fleet has been at Specia, we hear that some of King Victor Emanuel's men-o-war have been in harbor at Trieste, and Pola and Fiume.

HULL FOLLOW GERMANS

General Eisenhower's message ^{to the Italian people} ~~was evidently~~
~~was broadcast~~ ^{with the blessing of}
~~no surprise at~~ the Department of State. ^{So} Naturally,

the Washington newspapermen descended upon Secretary

Hull ^{to} ~~ask~~ asked him about it. ^{see.} Hull replied that the

United States Government had expected that the

surrender of Italy would be made to the armies rather

than through diplomatic channels. ^{And he} ~~he~~ went on to say

that the government has the utmost confidence in

General Eisenhower. He repeated once more that the

Allies insist upon nothing but unconditional surrender.

Secretary of War Stimson today is in North Africa. This we learn today from Acting Secretary Robert Patterson. Reporters asked him what the Secretary is doing in Africa, and Patterson replied: "doing his job." The assumption is that the Secretary has been conferring with General Eisenhower, also inspecting the camps of ~~the~~ soldiers in Africa.

Acting Secretary Patterson went on to say that the Sicilian campaign ~~was~~ ^{is} almost over. ^{with} The battle ~~is~~ in its final phase and ^{with it} ~~it is~~ only a matter of days ^{until} ~~before~~ the entire island is in our hands. However, there is no sign of any weakening of the resistance of either the Germans or the Italians in northeast Sicily so far. At least three mobile Nazi divisions and three Italian divisions are fighting back for all they're worth.

INVASION

In Sicily, the fighting men from Canada have had a bitter ~~hard~~ fight, ^{with} ~~they are facing~~ some of the toughest German units. But they ^{have} broken through, and ~~take~~ ^{took} the place called Leonforte, which means strong line ~~which is~~ ^{which is} what it turned out to be. ~~But~~ The place called strong line is now in Canadian hands, and a useful place it is too, ~~because it's~~ an important center of communications. The ~~fellows from~~ ^{stalwart sons of} Canada did not stop there, ~~to rest, but went ahead across~~ ^{though. They smashed on to} the headquarters of the River Dittaino, along which the Axis generals had built themselves a line of defense. They smashed through that one too, and were threatening Nicosia, seven miles to the north of Leonforte. Nicosia is a strong point at the western end of the Axis defense line that runs north of Mt. Etna. In German hands, it stood right in the way of the Allied drive eastward toward Messina.

~~But~~ Meanwhile, General ~~George~~ Patton's American Seventh Army ^{was driving} ~~was at work.~~ It forged ahead along on a twenty-five mile front, ^{Advancing} ~~running inland from a point~~ on the northern coast of Sicily. The Americans advanced from seven to nine miles and ^{taking} ~~took~~ three towns, Pollina, Castelbuno, and ~~a place called~~ Gangi, ^{on the high} ~~all of them on~~ ^{road} ~~the highway~~ to Messina. This made Nicosia untenable for the Axis, and the Allies took not only Nicosia but ^{another town} ~~also~~ ^{all of} ~~that~~ seven miles east of Leonforte. ^{which} ~~success~~ is admitted by the Nazis. The official German news agency phrased it that the Axis forces had evacuated Nicosia..

~~It is quite apparent that~~ Acting Secretary Patterson knew what he was talking about when he said the capture of all Sicily was only a matter of days. For ^{we} hear through a Swiss radio that the Germans at Catania are destroying ~~off~~ their military installations.

~~Meaning~~ ^{Meaning} they are getting ready to evacuate.

Meanwhile, however, ~~there~~ three German and three Italian divisions are holding ^{up} ~~General~~ Montgomery's ~~British~~ Eighth Army; ^{with} ~~there has been~~ hand-to-hand fighting in the suburbs of Catania, and ^{with} the Germans ~~are~~ putting up the stiffest kind of resistance. (A German prisoner, captured by the Canadians, told them that a lot of Italians had ~~just flatly~~ refused to fight and the Nazis ha^d ~~ve~~ shot them.

The enemy are not only demolishing their defense works but ^{are} sowing the roads ~~heavily~~ with mines, ^{to} ~~which naturally~~ slows up the Allied drive. ~~Nevertheless,~~ General Patton's men are now ^{about} ~~only~~ seventy-^{five} ~~eight~~ miles, ~~as the crow flies,~~ from Messina.

As to The war in the air over Europe, ~~is becoming~~
~~more and more spectacular.~~ a dispatch from London
~~this evening~~ adds up the results of the last few days.
 Since last Saturday, ^{U.S.} ~~the~~ Flying Fortresses ~~of the~~
~~United States Air Force~~ have attacked no fewer than
 ten ^{vital centers} ~~different places~~ in Germany and two in Norway.

On Sunday they raided Kiel, at the head of
 the Canal from the North Sea to the Baltic, also
 Warnemunde. Today the giant bombers made another
 daylight attack on Kiel and Warnemunde, ^{with} ~~they have done~~
^{important damage to} ~~most satisfactory usefully damage at~~ the big Nazi

U-boat base at Kiel. At Warnemunde there are aircraft
 factories which the Flying Fortresses laid waste.

^{TT} The big bombers had difficult going, ^{fighting} ~~they fought their~~
~~way~~ through ~~heavy~~ clouds of German fighters all the
 way from the seacoast of Germany to the targets and
 back. ~~It must have been a sizeable force that attacked,~~

~~for~~ Ten ^{of our} ~~big~~ American bombers were lost. ^{with} ~~However,~~ a
~~large number~~ ^{many} of Axis aircraft ~~was~~ shot down.

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In five days and nights, British and American bombers have dropped nine thousand, five hundred tons of explosives on Germany.

RUSSIA

From the Russian front? Moscow claims that the Soviet forces have advanced another three to six miles. And captured more than forty fortified villages.

The word also is, that the Cossacks, the hard riding cavalry - men of the Steppes are on the gallop. Considerably slowed up by rains and mud, Timoshenko sent in his cavalry, to speed things up a bit.

Evidently Orel will not be another Stalingrad after all. The Germans are moving out fast - both men and material, with the Cossacks right on their heels.

COMMITTEE FOLLOW HULL

The anti-Nazi committee in Moscow - which calls itself the Free Germany Committee - was busy again today. It broadcast an appeal to the people of Germany, which was recorded by Government monitors over here. The Committee urged the Germans to do three things:- Throw out Hitler and his government, end the war, and set up a new government strong enough to avoid chaos in Germany, a government fit to represent the German people. One part of the broadcast was addressed specifically to the officers and soldiers of the Germany army. It also announced that the Free Germany Committee was composed of officers and soldiers, workers and bourgeoisie, Catholics and Protestants, trade unionists and politicians.

PACIFIC

From the Pacific good news too. The fighting columns of American soldiers and marines are now within three-quarters of a mile of Munda airfield, and still advancing, although heavy fire has ~~been~~ held them up.

The Japs are fighting hard. Even heavy artillery fire has failed to blast them out. So there may still be several days of heavy and costly fighting ahead, before we get Munda.

CHINA

The report from China is that Chenault's air force has obtained mastery of the skies on a thousand mile front. All the way from Hankow to the island of Hainan. This is official, from the headquarters of General Stilwell who announces that in the last five days, our fliers have shot down fifty-seven Jap planes and destroyed, they believe, some forty-two others. Three American planes were lost, with one pilot killed.

PLANE CRASH

About that
~~another shocking~~ plane crash, *in which* ~~in the east,~~
twenty ~~people~~ *were* killed. It happened at Trammel, Kentucky.
Only two ~~people~~ *one:* - First Lieutenant Glenn Fellows
of Dallas, Texas, and S.K. Hoffman of Williamsport,
Pennsylvania, an employee of ~~the~~ American Airlines.
Lieutenant Fellows was badly injured but managed to walk
three-quarters of a mile to a farm, where he reported
the crash and obtained aid.

How it happened we do ^{not} yet know, but ~~xx~~
officials of the Civil Aeronautics Board, including
photographers, are investigating at the scene of the
disaster. ~~There was a number of army and navy men
among the passengers killed.~~

GASOLINE

~~People in the east may be of good cheer because~~

Gasoline for driving is in sight. ~~But~~ This comes ^{not} from
~~only~~ one source in Washington, ^{but from several,} ~~no~~ ~~would~~ ~~doubt~~ ~~it,~~ because

~~different agencies do not always agree.~~ This time they

^{all} ~~seem~~ to be in accord. Secretary Ickes as Petroleum

Administrator has always been ~~completely~~ frank and

~~conservative,~~ and has never held out any false hopes.

Today he ^{went} ~~unbent~~ so far as to say he is fairly confident

that enough gas can be brought east to enable people to

do a little driving. Of course he qualified by saying

that essential requirements have to be fulfilled first.

But what the authorities are doing now is equalizing

the supplies between the east and the midwest.

MUSSOLINI

The downfall of Benito Mussolini occurred just four days before his birthday. ~~For~~ ^{For} the one-time Duce, ~~is today~~ ^{if still alive, is today,} sixty years old, ~~and~~ ^{and} the only people to recognize the date were ~~take any cognizance of it are~~ ^{take any cognizance of it are} the Germans. ~~It was~~ ^{announced by} D.N.B., the official Nazi news agency, ~~D.N.B.~~ paid flowery compliments to the dethroned dictator, saying that what is happening now in Italy has not lowered the stature of Mussolini as a statesman.

We still do not know exactly where he had his cake with the sixty candles, ~~But we may presume that~~ ^{— or if he ate cake today, or if he heard anyone sing "Happy Birthday To You Dear Benito."} ~~It was in the villa where he is being detained near~~

~~Some~~ The Germans denied specifically that he had gone to Switzerland, and a Hungarian radio declared categorically that he still is in Italian territory.

A newspaper in Algiers reports the reaction of the Italian prisoners in North Africa to the news

about their former Duce. According to that paper, they heard it with great satisfaction and rejoiced that the end of the war was at hand for Italians.

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Meanwhile, the Badoglio Cabinet set at liberty all

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~~the~~ political prisoners ~~that the Fascisti had~~ thrown *by the once Castor-oil minded Fascisti,* into the calaboso. It also forbade the wearing of all emblems of the Fascist Party. The only emblem that Italians are allowed to wear today is the tricolor, the national emblem.

At the same time, Badoglio and his Ministers announced that there will be a return to democratic processes once the war is over. *That*

^ Four months after hostilities have stopped, there will be elections for a new Chamber of Deputies.

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And now Hugh.