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In a late broadcast Tokyo indicated that the Imperial Japanese High Command is quite aware that Admiral Nimitz, ^{in the Central Pacific,} is challenging the Japs to a decisive battle. Late this evening U. S. radio monitors heard the Nipponese radio telling the Mikado's people that the attack on the Marianas was nothing short of astonishing. The attack, incidentally centered on the Island of Saipan. That broadcast told the Japanese that this cannot be considered as merely a rash attempt. And it added that the Japanese people must bear in mind that if they had still more aircraft they could have engaged this strong enemy task force and sunk it. Those words are worth considering. ^{Does it} ~~they seem~~ to mean that the Japanese ^{are beginning to run short} ~~are beginning to run out~~ of planes?

Admiral ~~but~~ Halsey has his bit to add to ^{all the recent good} ~~the~~ news from the Pacific today. On Saturday he sent out more than two hundred bombers ^{from} base ⁱⁿ ~~on~~ the Solomon Islands, ^{for} ~~is~~ the twenty-fourth consecutive raid ^{on} ~~against~~ Rabaul. They dropped ^{on} ~~on~~ hundred-and-sixty-four tons of bombs and destroyed or damaged some twenty-nine Jap planes. ~~Just~~ One American plane was lost. ^{Low} ~~the attack~~ ^{airmen also} They destroyed fourteen barges, four jetties, and an ammunition dump. Leaving Japan's NO-I South Pacific Base a shambles.

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Tokyo today, in giving out the Japanese version of the attack on the Mariana Islands last week, said that in the U. S. Task Force were more than ten aircraft carriers and no fewer than eight battle ships, plus two hundred planes. And the Hirohito's naval high command announced that in that one engagement they sank one of our aircraft carriers and three large sized war ships, besides damaging one carrier. The Japs say also that they believe two of the three "large sized warships" were also aircraft carriers. The Japs declare that all this was accomplished by air units of the Imperial Japanese Navy fighting all night on the twenty-second of February, -- fighting until dawn of the twenty-third.

But the Emperor's Naval strategists seem to have things garbled. For here is what actually happened, according to Admiral Nimitz: "One large Jap ship sunk, one heavily damaged and apparently beached, one small

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patrol craft blown up, seven small ships damaged, and a hundred and thirty-five planes destroyed. With no loss or damage whatsoever to the U. S. Task Force and with only seven American planes lost.

In the War news from Burma ^{there is} ~~again~~ a note of triumph, from Allied headquarters at New Delhi, India. Not a very loud note; ^{just a modest} ~~still a gentle~~ triumph. An official communique reports a disaster ^{to} the Japanese forces in ^{the} Arakan, ^{region.} The Fourteenth Army won a ~~resounding~~ victory, and Lieutenant General Christison, commander of ~~that~~ that Army used these words; "For the first time British and Indian troops have scored a major victory over the Japanese." And he added: "I cannot be too proud of their magnificent courage and devotion during the long and difficult battle." The report says further that the Fourteenth Army decisively broke and flung back the biggest Japanese offensive in ^{the} Arakan, ^{area,} an offensive which at one time threatened to open the way for a Japanese invasion of India. Instead of that, the Jap force itself has been destroyed, with at least three thousand casualties. Christison adds that he had important help from the Tenth United States Air Force and Royal Air Force fliers of the Eastern Air Command.

On another part of the Burmese front, West African troops are advancing, having captured a stronghold which the Japanese held,

But the Jap resistance is becoming stiffer. More over, ~~our own~~

~~Lieutenant~~ General ~~Vinegar~~ ~~See~~ Stilwell reports that North and South of the Tanai River, Chinese troops have captured more than one thousand square miles of Territory.

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Finland out of the war. ~~They are~~ in three weeks! That is the latest ~~news~~ from Stockholm and London. As frequently happens with ~~news~~ stories, ^{of this type it's} ~~this one is~~ ascribed to that well known spokesman called "Diplomatic quarters." But the story has an exceedingly confident tone and considerable circumstantial detail: It goes on to relate that British diplomats will sit in on the Armistice discussion. Russia, however, will dictate the terms. The explanation of this is the Anglo-Russian agreement provides that neither government may sign a peace treaty or an Armistice without the consent of the other.

Of course in this case Great Britain is only technically at war with Finland. There has been no fighting between Finnish and British soldiers. So when it comes to discussing an Armistice, the Russian Foreign Office will do the talking, the British will merely sit by as a matter of form and say yes.

~~According to reports from Stockholm, the People of Finland are becoming more and more impatient. They want to know what is going on, what is behind all the stories of the officials of their government suing for peace.~~

The Berlin radio continues to deny, by implication, ^{that} the Soviets ⁱⁿ ~~have~~ recapture ^{of} Krivoi Rog. Today's ^{Berlin} official [^]communique states that on both sides of the great iron city, the Red Armies attacked all day with infantry and tanks but were repulsed, ~~and several penetrations were sealed off.~~ The German news agency ^{did say} ~~admitted~~ that the heaviest fighting of the whole Eastern front was now going on in the area around Krivoi [^]Rog, and Nikopol.

~~On the Northern front, the Russian tactics of the day remind us of the fighting in America in the old days of the Indian frontier wars. Soviet soldiers are making their way in single file through the forests and marshes of Northern Russia. Plodding along through that difficult terrain, they have reached the first German defense line outside Pskov, the gateway to Southern Estonia and Latvia. So says Moscow-~~

The London radio reports that Adolf Hitler has given out one of his characteristic orders, ^{to his troops on the Northern Front, that} ~~his~~ army must hold Pskov at all costs;

~~must~~ fight to the last man. [^] A few weeks ago we heard that he had given the same order about Vitebsk, telling his men that if the

Soviet forces recaptured Vitebsk, it would not be long before they were on German soil.

The front on the battle for Pskov is now almost entirely in the region of Innumerable Lakes marshes, streams and deep pine forests. Around the city itself, the Germans have erected a series of their hedgehog defenses. But the Red units, fighting Indian fashion through the forests, have worked their way in behind ^o these ~~hedgehogs~~, taking advantage of the peculiar nature of the ground and throwing the Germans off balance. ~~Nevertheless, the Soviet high command admits that in spite of heavy losses, the German resistance is as determined as ever. According to the British radio, Soviet tanks have crossed Lake Peipus on the ice and attacked the Germans established on islands, in the middle of the lake.~~

So successful have the Soviet soldiers been at Indian style warfare that they fought their way to within seven miles of Pskov. ^{And} Moscow claims that they have recaptured more than six hundred and fifty towns on that Northern front, ~~a front which stretches for a~~ ^{of about a} ~~hundred and fifty miles. Two armies are closing in on Pskov. One of the places they retook was Tereshino, only seven miles to the North~~ ~~of that gateway to the Baltic.~~

Here's an echo of that

~~You may recall the~~ mutiny of the Japanese internees in the war relocation camp at Tule Lake, California, late last year. A sub-committee of the House has been investigating, and tonight recommends that two officials of the War Relocation Authority be dismissed. One member of that congressional committee dissents and charges his colleagues with bias and with refusing to allow him to read their report. They wanted him to sign without reading, says Congressman Eberharter, of Pennsylvania.

The report recommends further that the Tule Lake center be placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, and that all Japanese relocation and segregation camps be policed by white men.

President Roosevelt has asked Congress for more special authority. He wants the have power to set aside certain government jobs to be filled only by war veterans. He wants to have this power not only now but for five years after the end of the war. Mr. Roosevelt has also written to the President of the Civil Service Commission and heads of the executive department ordering special consideration to be given to veterans.

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~~And by way of rubbing it in, Mr. Justice Frankfurter even went so far as to accuse his colleagues of larceny.~~

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~~is a flat three flat percent for everybody.~~

The White House today denied the rumor that ex-Judge Samuel Rosenman of New York wrote that scorching veto message which had such dramatic results. Rosenman, "Sammy the Rose" as the President calls him, is now legal aide to Mr. Roosevelt, as he was in Albany when the President was Governor of New York.

Secretary Steve Early denied categorically the story that he had written that message. ^{Steve} Early used these words: I QUOTE: "Judge Rosenman had nothing to do with it, he had no part whatever in writing the veto message." They Early continued : "as a matter of fact, Judge Rosenman didn't even see the message."

The discord in the Supreme Court of the United States seems to ~~be~~ growing no better ^{fast.} Today another dissenting opinion by Mr. Justice Frankfurter was published, in which he wrote in acid and ironic terms about his colleagues on the high bench.

It's all about a lawsuit over death taxes in states where there is a community property law. The nineteen forty-two revenue law of the United States provides that if either husband or wife dies, the death duties must be computed on the entire community estates of both of them, not merely on the estate of the one that died. The Louisiana Supreme Court said that clause was unconstitutional. The Treasury took ^{the} case up to the Supreme Court and a majority of the Justices dismissed the case on the grounds of a lack of jurisdiction.

~~That decision was written by the Chief Justice himself. So it was Chief Justice Stone's own opinion, backed up by five colleagues which Frankfurter criticized, ^{saying that} he said the Chief Justice had adopted a doctrine in which apparently a cloud of unreviewability is compounded by intermingling doubts on several scores.~~

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~~I should hate to have to translate that
sentence into plain United States, and my only reason
for repeating it is that it sounds like a nasty crack.~~

That decision was written by none other than
the Chief Justice of the United States himself, As-
sociate Justice Frankfurter accused Chief Justice
Stone and five of his colleagues of laxity, said they
were trying to sidestep the intention of Congress.

DANIELS

An administrative assistant to President Roosevelt today defied a committee of senators. The Hero of this drama bears a historic name; he is Jonathan Daniels, son of Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, ^{and} former Ambassador to Mexico.

A sub-committee of senators on agriculture are investigating The Rural Electrification Administration. The head of that administration, Harry Slattery, has testified that Daniels tried to force him to resign. In fact, said he, Daniels put before him a draft of a letter of resignation, and asked him to sign it. Slattery refused.

So the committee's counsel asked Daniels about it, asked him whether Slattery's testimony was true or false. The President's assistant replied: "I have no comment to make."

Then he explained further: "It is a statement of the facts which I do not want to discuss." When he was pressed for a reply, he said his position with the President was confidential and that he declined to answer, in the public interest.

The Senators now are discussing whether they have the right to cite him for contempt. There is a federal statute which provides

that refusal to testify before Congress is a misdemeanor, punishable
by fine and imprisonment. The senators are obtaining expert legal
advice ^{as to} whether that ^{or does} does not apply ~~also~~ to officials of the executive
branch of the government.

~~Suggest you use Daniels story with this addition. The~~

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^{quite} independent attitude of the Son of Josephus Daniels promptly aroused
 a hubbub in Congress. Senator "Cotton Ed" Smith, like Daniels, a
 Southerner, described the Daniels performance as the most dangerous
 doctrine ever expressed in American history and ~~he~~ ^{that} added, it would
 destroy any investigation. "Cotton Ed" is chairman of the committee on
 agriculture and announced that he would hold a closed session
 tomorrow morning to decide what action to take about Daniels. On
 the other side of the ^{political} fence Republican Senator George Aiken of
 Vermont, another member of the committee said that if Congressman
 cannot require an official of the executive department to give
 information to the Legislators, the sooner we know it the better.

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The folks in Southern California were graphically reminded tonight of the big fifty-seven which adorns a hill to the south of the movie studios at Culver City, California. Two members of the Heinz family appeared in a Los Angeles court today. They were Mrs. Elizabeth Heinz, Mother of four year old Clifford Heinz the third, who is heir to the fifty-seven varieties, and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah MacLean.

The young pickle heir up to three weeks ago was in the custody of his Mother, ^{Mrs. Heinz,} in New York. She complains that the husband from whom she is estranged took the boy away, ^{and} put him in charge of his ^{Mrs. MacLean,} mother in Los Angeles. Mrs. MacLean was taking little Clifford for a walk when suddenly she was confronted by Mrs. Heinz, and, so Mrs. MacLean said, Mrs. Heinz jumped on her "like a wild cat, blacked her eye, pulled her hair and kicked her shins." ^{TP} But evidently Mrs. MacLean is of pioneer stuff. She told the judge that she and her daughter-in-law went to the sidewalk and Mother-in-law got a half-Nelson on the younger woman and won the fight. And so today, they

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were in court, Mrs, Heinz to recover custody of her child, Mrs,
MacLean to accuse her daughter-in-law of assault and battery.

~~Fifty-seven varieties of Fighting~~

And in that pickle ^{Family} story we have
several varieties - if not 57 varieties -
of fighting.

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Many ~~Several~~ years ago, a Vice-president ^{Marshall} ~~of the United States~~, announced that what this country needed most was a good five cent cigar. Today a gentleman in Washington says what the country needs most is a good bathtub made of concrete, cheap.

The bath tub situation, ^{apparently} ~~as many people know~~, has been ~~mighty~~ serious ever since nineteen forty-two. Soon after Pearl Harbor, all cast iron tubs were frozen, just about the time when the demand for new housing was reaching to the sky. Since then experts have been at work, and they have turned out a new kind of tub made of concrete ^{to} ~~which could~~ be manufactured cheaply, ^{which} ~~is~~ is now being tested by the Bureau of Standards.

So far the tests have shown just one drawback. You mustn't fill it suddenly full of too much hot water, because that might crack the concrete; ^{out would go the water, through} ~~and there is one thing about these concrete bath~~ the floor, into the room below. ~~tubs which will make housewives groan. You still have to scrub off~~ It makes me groan to think of it, ~~that highwater ring.~~ And now Ben, a groan or a chuckle or — well, what do we get from you.

In the year nineteen forty-three, the Sun Oil company made a long list of contributions to the war effort of the nation. Among them, ~~was~~ the completing of a new aviation gasoline plant at Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, costing thirteen million ⁵dollars, financed by the company. Altogether, my sponsors almost tripled the quantity of aviation fuels they had produced in nineteen forty-two. At Marcus Hook they turned out enough of it to fuel five-hundred flying fortresses from England to Berlin and back.

This news comes from a report to the stockholders of Sun Oil, by ^{the} ~~its~~ president, J. Howard Pew.

He reported that all the Houdy ^{or} Catalytic cracking units were converted to maximum efficiency. ~~Sun Oil~~ ^{that Sun had} also completed a butadiene plant at the Toledo refinery for the ^{nation's} synthetic rubber program of ~~the nation.~~

Two more ships of the Sun ~~oil~~ tanker fleet were lost. ~~as a~~ result of enemy action. Eighty-eight men perished, making a total of a hundred and thirty of Sun's marine department who died as a

result of enemy action.

J. Howard Pew also reports that in nineteen forty-three the petroleum industry went a long way toward solving the transportation problems of nineteen forty-two. ~~This was partly accomplished~~ by the excellent job done ^{via} by the railroads; also by the completion of the "Big Inch" pipe line, a further reorganization of existing pipelines, greater use of inland waterways, and more efficiency in all these forms of transportation.

The report does not give us any glowing prospects of more petroleum supplies for civilian use. In fact, says J. Howard Pew, the situation may grow worse before it becomes better.

On the other hand, he denies that we are faced with any shortage of petroleum. He points out that in the last two decades we have consumed almost three times as much as the pessimistic prophets of the 'Twenties said we possessed. And we still have the highest known developed reserves in the country's history. It is not true said ^{he} ~~J. Howard Pew~~, that ^{our} ~~of~~ annual consumption has exceeded the amount of oil reserves resulting from new pools discovered.

The shortage of oil ^{being} ~~is~~ due in considerable measure to the shortage of manpower. ^{TP} The report adds that Secretary Ickes, as petroleum administrator for war, is entitled to high praise for his understanding and cooperative attitude. But one judges from ^{V. Howard} ~~from~~ Pew's report that this cannot be said of the office of price administration.