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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Imperial Government of ^{Tokyo}~~Japan~~ admitted tonight that our fleet had dealt ^{Japan} a blow in the Battle of Midway Island. At the same time, the list given out by the Tokyo high command is different from the announcement of our own Navy; which was only to be expected. One aircraft carrier sunk, thirty-five planes destroyed, ^{that's} ~~is~~ what the Japanese acknowledge. They also admit that two other war vessels were damaged.

On the other hand, the Jap high command announces that it has established beachheads in northern waters, footholds in the western islands of the Aleutian archipelago. They say western islands, and then add that they are near Dutch Harbor. Dutch Harbor is in

Unalaska at the eastern end of the Aleutian archipelago. In any event, if this is true, it will enable the Japanese to attack Dutch Harbor, ^{also} our big base on Kodiak Island, and the Alaskan peninsula ^{attacks} with ^{air}planes flying from land bases.

According to the Japanese account, the Tokyo strategy is now clear. The attack on Dutch Harbor last week was a preliminary, a reconnaissance flight. The Battle of Midway Island appears to have been in the nature of a feint, a movement to mask the principal objective of Admiral Yamamoto, which was to seize the northern islands and plant his outposts on bases there.

All this is in line with what had been expected by our own high command in Washington. It is no secret that both our Army and Navy foresaw that the Japs would be obliged to ^{try and} seize at least some of those islands. The Japs, for their part, admit freely what

their object was. ~~It was~~ ^{To} knock out any chance of
our bombing Japan proper from bases ^{Alutian} ~~on those islands.~~

7P The principal Tokyo newspaper goes further and declares
that Japan is now ^{doing the} threatening ^{Yes, threatening} the continental United
States. ~~The principal Tokyo newspaper~~ American forces
have now been driven from the western Pacific, they
say. A spokesman for the Japanese Navy announces that
in the future Japanese naval operations will be marked
by further increased activity. ^{Which} ~~That~~ hints at attacks
on the mainland.

Returning to the Battle of Midway, Tokyo
goes even further in its claims. The Japanese declare
that they ~~have~~ destroyed two United States aircraft
carriers in that battle, one of the ENTERPRISE type,
and another of the HORNET type, each of nineteen
thousand tons. The Japs declare that the United States
fleet has now only two aircraft carriers left.

Of course this is an enemy communique, and we have to remember ^{that} ~~it~~ and so consider it.

At Washington, a spokesman for our own Navy made light of the Japanese landings on the Aleutians. He said, in these words:- "None of our inhabited areas, islands or rocks are troubled with uninvited visitors up to this time." And he adds that the Navy has no information about the presence of any Japanese on Alaskan soil. Those islands are rocky, desolate for the most part, and uninhabited. There are so many of them that it is extremely difficult to defend them ^{all} and prevent an enemy with a strong naval and air force from obtaining a foothold there.

From Melbourne, comes talk of a counter-offensive against the Japanese from bases in Australia. ~~The~~ Australian War Minister, Forde, declared that the American and Australian forces are prepared for

offensive action. If such a movement were carried out, it would seem to be an attempt to draw ~~the~~ more of the Japanese naval strength down into southern waters and weaken them for any further operations in the direction of Alaska.

MacARTHUR

From Australia, General MacArthur reports ~~a~~ ^{the}
~~useful little bag~~ ^{shooting down} of thirteen Japanese planes. ~~This~~
~~happened~~ ^{over that wild island of} In an air battle ~~that was fought over~~ New Guinea.

Allied pilots went raiding against the Japanese invasion
bases on the island, but the Japs were on the alert and
gave the American and Australian flyers a hot reception.

There were scores of Jap fighter planes including some ~~of~~
^{their} swift Navy Zeros. But our men came off best, evidently,
for eight Zeros were shot down, two others probably
destroyed, and three damaged.

CHINA

The latest exploits of Chiang Kai-shek's army sound impressive, with the Burma Road cut off, and the Japanese swarming in through south China. On account of the height of the mountains it is virtually impossible to send munitions to the Chinese by air transport, from India. Nevertheless, Chiang's divisions are fighting the invaders every foot of the way. And they now report that they have killed and wounded eighteen thousand Japs recently in addition to all previous casualties.

The Chinese have been counterattacking in particular strength near Nanchang, the capital of the Province of Kiangsi. And they are resisting desperately in the center of the Province of Anhwei, where two Japanese columns are advancing along a vital railway line.

RUSSIA

From Russia, grim news tonight. The Battle of Sevastopol has reached a fury even greater than that of last week around Kharkov. Evidently the Nazis are nearly in possession of that great Crimean fortress.

So we gather not in the news from Berlin, but from the Moscow dispatches. The plight of the Red Army at Sevastopol grows more serious every hour. The fighting there has been going on now for six days, an offensive supported by a vast sky armada.

The Reds admit that the Nazis are advancing, but declare that they are doing it foot by foot over the dead bodies of thousands of their comrades. The Germans have stormed the approaches to the great fortress. And the besieged garrison is fighting back against overwhelming odds. The battle has reached the hand-to-hand stage, and the Soviet defenders are putting up a last ditch resistance. They have been withstanding siege for five months now, but this is the fiercest attack that has been hurled against them.

The Nazi high command for its part admits that the Red Army is counterattacking outside Sevastopol and that it may be some time before the city falls into German hands. [The Nazis acknowledge that the Russians are putting up a strong resistance.

The official communique states it in these words:-

"The struggle around Sevastopol probably will last for some time because the city is exceptionally strongly fortified and Soviet defense positions are built deep in cliffs. Hence it is necessary for the German and Rumanian troops to capture each individual bunker and other nests of resistance in succession."

SUBMARINES

The enemy submarines on the Atlantic coast are being forced to operate further out. They are now lurking some fifty miles off shore instead of within actual sight of the coast. This we hear after a secret session of a special committee of the Senate at which Navy Secretary Knox told the Senators what was going on. Knox himself refused to tell reporters anything except that he had explained ^{certain} ~~the~~ activities of the Navy Department, ^{to the Senate Committee.} ~~also what measures were expected.~~ The reporters tried to ^{find out from} ~~trap~~ the Secretary ~~and asked him~~ whether he had reported progress. He replied cagily:- "We always look for improvement, but don't quote me as claiming that the submarine menace is over."

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Senator Kilgore of West Virginia, ^{Chairman} ~~Secretary~~ of the Committee, told newspapermen, as proof that the Uboats have been forced ^{farther} ~~out~~, that no ships have been sunk within fifty miles of the coast for two weeks now.

INTRO TO RICHARD DUPONT

How would you like to fly a glider?

Uncle Sam is calling for glider pilots. Apparently here's a field that stands a chance of opening up into something big after the war. America's foremost glider enthusiast, and one of the best-known glider pilots in the world, is sitting beside me. His name is Dick DuPont. Yes, he comes from that big DuPont clan in Delaware.

The army has sent out word that some men who have failed to pass certain tests for regular combat service in the army air corps, may be eligible as glider pilots. Dick DuPont is helping the Government in connection with its glider work. And, by the way, he ought to know a lot about it, for he was President of the Soaring Society of America, for three years. And at one time he held the world's long distance record for manoeuvring through the skies in a powerless plane -- just a man flying with wings, and no motor.

Dick DuPont, why is the War Department calling for glider volunteers, what age men do they need, and what after the war future do you see in being a glider pilot?

MR. D.:- One reason Uncle Sam wants glider pilots, Mr. Thomas, is this:- We are now busy experimenting with glider trains. That's my job, right now. And, I have just come from Dayton, Ohio, where we have been experimenting with power-driven planes that swoop down, take hold of a loaded glider and tow it off into the air, without ever stopping. The glider experts have discovered that they can be used to great advantage for carrying cargo. We expect to have trains of gliders going back and forth across the continent. And in each one there must be a glider pilot.

L. T.:- And after the war, then what?

MR. D.:- Then the age of aviation is really going to open up wide -- with only the sky for a limit!

Trains of gliders will be winging their way through the skies in all parts of the world., And I believe that the young man who volunteers now for service as a glider pilot will be all set for an interesting life when the war is over. And by the way, I know of no sport that is more exhilarating and more fun, than piloting a glider, silently swooping about the sky, all on your own, and with no roar of motors -- except when your glider, is being towed.

L.T.:- And if you want to be a glider pilot, how do you go about it?

MR. D:- First, you must be somewhere between eighteen and thirty-five years of age. And then the next thing to do is simply to apply to the nearest army recruiting station, or to the office of the C.A.A., the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

MURPHY

A Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Army! That sounds decidedly new. Mr. Justice Murphy today went to the office of General Marshall, Chief of Staff, without benefit of advance publicity. There he received a commission as Lieutenant-Colonel ~~xxxxxx~~ in Uncle Sam's land forces.

There have been army officers on that high bench before -- or at least one. That great judge, the late Oliver Wendell Holmes, was a Major in the Civil War, wounded in three battles and later was on the staff of General H. G. Wright. But that was before Mr. Holmes was even admitted to the bar, long before he became a judge whose opinions are now esteemed as classic in the literature of law.

Lieutenant-Colonel Frank Murphy is not leaving the Supreme Court to give his entire energy to soldiering. He will report for military duty in a few days; but when the fall term of the court

opens, he will be in his usual place on the bench. It is no novelty for him to wear a uniform -- he served as a captain in the last war. The next four months he will put in at intensive training, mostly with an armored force. But he will also take a six weeks' course in the advanced infantry school at Fort Benning, Georgia.

KING

President Roosevelt had a royal visitor today, King George the Second of Greece. At present he is a King without a throne, at least he has to carry his throne around with him since he is in exile from his kingdom.

It was a visit in state, the Greek King having his Prime Minister in his train. Three companies of soldiers, sailors and marines were drawn up as a guard of honor when ^{the King} ~~he~~ entered the grounds of the White House. There he was met by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, on the lawn, off the south portico. The President was dressed in a linen suit and Panama hat, the King in the uniform of a field marshal of the Greek Army. The President introduced the King to members of his Cabinet, to the Vice-President, to Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone; to Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House; ~~to~~ Senator Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Congressman Sol Bloom of the

{ Foreign Affairs Committee of the House.

It was the most picturesque and ceremonious

affair ~~that had been~~ at the White House since we ~~were~~

became involved
~~thrown~~ into the war.

RUBBER

Senators today were told of still another method of relieving the gasoline shortage in the eastern states.

Briefly, the idea is this:- ^b Bring it up through the Great Lakes, then through New York State by the Erie Canal and the Hudson River. ^{Those who presented} ~~Witnesses told~~ this to a Senate

sub-committee on inland waterways, pointed out that wooden barges and concrete barges could be used. One

~~witness, an~~ official of the New York Port Authority,

^{applauded} ~~backed up~~ the idea. He declared that by properly mobilizing the barges and motorships plying along the

New York State canal and Great Lakes, the movement of

petroleum east could be stepped up from fifty thousand

barrels to at least a hundred and fifty thousand barrels a day.

^{And,} There was another ^{rubber} conference at the White House,

about ~~not only gasoline but rubber.~~ Petroleum

Coordinator Ickes ^{attended;} ~~was there,~~ also Production Chief

Donald Nelson and Price Administrator Leon Henderson.

GROCCERS

The grocers of America are annoyed. Three thousand of them are at a convention in Chicago ^{where} and they denounced Price Administrator Leon Henderson. They object to what they call his proposal to turn loose an army of snoopers on the retail merchants of the United States.

Leon Henderson protests that ^{such} is not his idea.

His enforcement staff of a hundred thousand inspectors

^{says he,}
is to help businessmen, not to spy on them. The idea is

not, what can ^{the O.P.A} ~~it~~ do to you, but what can it do for you.

^{Nevertheless}

~~But~~ the grocers are mad.

GIRLS

The Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Australia, is much concerned. The worthy citizens of that fair city have been needling His Worship because they have been shocked by the sight of the cream of Melbourne's girlhood talking to Allied soldiers, airmen and sailors -- on the streets. His Worship, the Lord Mayor, therefore suggests a midnight curfew for Melbourne, to apply to women only. The idea, says His Worship, is to protect the soldiers from the girls. And vice versa, he adds.

The pious residents of Melbourne cherish the idea that a soldier's place is on a battlefield and a woman's place is in the home. The ladies, we are told, approve of the curfew idea. The Allied soldiers? Their views are not given.

And now Hugh, what are your views?