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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Japanese are ready to strike on three different fronts. In fact, they have already moved in <sup>on</sup> one of them, southern China. They are also poised for an attack through Burma. And so serious is the situation of the Americans and Australians in New Guinea, that Lieutenant General Kenney, Commander of the Fifth Air Force, has <sup>just rushed</sup> ~~gone to the heart of the~~ ~~back there.~~ ~~theatre of war himself.~~ Kenney reported <sup>3</sup> today that the air force of the Allies is heavily out-numbered by the Japanese <sup>5.</sup>. To keep the score straight, he added, American and Australian fliers will have to shoot down at least four or five Jap planes apiece.

~~Kenney said categorically:~~ "The Japs have too

many airplanes around these parts for comfort. ~~And~~  
~~he said further.~~ "We are outnumbered, and I do not like  
being outnumbered. The thing to remember, " he <sup>went on</sup> ~~explained~~  
"is, that if we shoot down one of the enemy's aircraft,  
he replaces it within a few days. <sup>That is</sup> Their planes can  
reach the islands <sup>in</sup> three days from the factories. <sup>While</sup> ~~ours~~  
must be shipped, <sup>and</sup> it is a long haul from the States.  
~~All of which,~~ he continued, ~~"puts a heavy burden on~~  
~~our men."~~

<sup>also spoke out:</sup>  
The Australian Air Minister, ~~said it~~

Melbourne today: "There looms the pending menace of  
a great onslaught with all the savagry of which the  
Japanese are capable," <sup>he said. and he went on: -</sup> "In three raids in the last four  
days around New Guinea, the Japanese have used at  
least two hundred and fifteen, possibly two hundred and  
forty-five planes." <sup>TP</sup> A spokesman at ~~General~~

MacArthur's headquarters announced <sup>S</sup> that the enemy <sup>now</sup> has

two hundred and fifty thousand tons of ships <sup>going just</sup> around  
 on the island of New Britain. With a big  
 Rabaul, ~~and~~ Japanese battlefleet ~~is lurking in the~~  
~~standing by at~~ ~~Truk~~ Truk, the main  
~~Truk Islands.~~  
 Jap sea base.

There continues to be ~~a direct out and out~~

<sup>any</sup> difference of opinion <sup>it appears,</sup> between our Army and our Navy

high commands <sup>all</sup> on this ~~point~~. High officers of the Navy

~~are sticking to~~ <sup>stand behind</sup> what Secretary Knox maintained last

week, that the Navy has no information <sup>on</sup> ~~of~~ those heavy

Japanese concentrations in the southwest Pacific <sup>if</sup>  
~~they exist.~~

But the Army takes a different view. Secretary

of War Stimson today made a definite promise that

strong aircraft reinforcements would be sent to

General MacArthur. He used these words: "There will be

a steady and increasing flow of military supplies,

particularly aircraft, to that theatre. We will keep

our Army and Australian fliers provided with enough

planes to replace our losses," he continued, "and to

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build up our aircraft on account of the increasing strength of the enemy." And he reminded newspapermen that in point of quality, though not of quantity, our air forces in that part of the world are superior to those of the Japs.

CHINA FOLLOW LEAD

~~As~~ for the fighting on the Asiatic mainland,  
The Japanese are driving westward from ~~their strong~~ <sup>a big</sup> base  
in northern Hunan. ~~Province~~. They have advanced nineteen  
miles in twenty-four hours, and in so doing ~~they~~ <sup>have</sup>  
recaptured an important town in southern Hupeh, which  
the Chinese took from them ~~only~~ last week.

~~By the same token,~~ <sup>The</sup> Chinese ~~army officers~~ <sup>also</sup> attach  
a great deal of importance to the recent appointment of  
a new Japanese Commander-in-Chief in Burma. The news  
of this came at the same time as reports that the Japs  
have been working day and night to finish a railway from  
Bangkok to Rangoon. The inference that the Chinese  
high command draws from this is that the Mikado's  
generals are all set for a big offensive all along the  
Asiatic line.

AFRICA

In Africa, the British First Army tonight is only twenty-six miles away from Tunis. Sir Kenneth Anderson's troops have <sup>now</sup> recaptured all the ground that ~~Colonel General~~ von Arnim's Nazis took during their ~~strong~~ attack in March. ~~In fact,~~ The British are now only fourteen miles away from Tebourba, ~~as a matter of~~ *which once before they* ~~fact,~~ the Allies had reached ~~Tebourba~~ last fall. But there they were brought to a halt and thrown back.

Nazi units are still powerfully entrenched in the hills to the northwest. From these they will have to be thrown out before the actual battle for Tunis begins. Military spokesmen uttered the warning today that there is much hard fighting ahead of the Allies before they can begin the attack on the capital.

Meanwhile, ~~Sir Bernard~~ Montgomery's Eighth Army <sup>is now</sup> ~~had reached a place called Enfidaville, only~~ fifty miles ~~to the~~ south of Tunis, ~~from~~ where they

~~found~~ the enemy lines <sup>are</sup> strongly defended. Montgomery is attacking, ~~now~~, and the French <sup>have</sup> struck the center of the Axis defenses, ~~and~~ <sup>is</sup> drove a wedge into them. The French colonials are attending to ~~all that part~~ <sup>the center</sup> of the Axis line, ~~They are~~ cleaning the enemy out of the ridges and the hills near the key town of Pont du Fahs. ~~and they captured a strategic point in that neighborhood.~~

~~Our air force~~ For three days in succession the U.S. air force and the Allies ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> been allowing the enemy ~~pilots~~ no rest. Flying Fortresses <sup>have</sup> carried out ~~the~~ <sup>now</sup> three raids on airdromes, dropping thousands of fragmentation bombs on hangars and parked aircraft. They <sup>have</sup> blasted planes to bits; ~~also~~ <sup>also</sup> ~~burned~~ hangars, and ~~even~~ <sup>have</sup> destroyed seaplanes anchored in the harbors.

According to stories from Madrid, Hitler has ordered his armies in Tunisia to fight to the

last man.

*Another Stalingrad?*  
~~and remember the heroic feat of the German~~

*Perhaps. But we will*  
~~Sixth Army at Stalingrad. But it is pointed out that~~  
*have to wait and see*  
~~this order may be a fake, a ruse to cover an attempted~~

~~evacuation.~~

▲ A broadcast by the radio at Dakar reported

that Hitler has <sup>*now*</sup> <sup>*over*</sup> taken the entire Italian army and fleet.

~~From accounts we have heard, that would hardly be news.~~



AIR WAR

R.A.F.

The latest ~~was~~ target in the wild air war over

Europe was the City of Stuttgart, formerly the capital

of the old kingdom of Wurttemberg. <sup>TP</sup> Stuttgart of late

had been built up into one of the big industrial

centers of the Reich. The Allied command <sup>again</sup> sent over ~~one~~

~~an immense air armada of~~  
~~of the most powerful fleets ever launched against~~

~~Germany.~~ Both British and Canadian bombers, poured

death and destruction on the <sup>Stuttgart</sup> factories <sup>that have been</sup> turning out

engines for U-boats and airplanes. The fact that

twenty-three bombers were lost indicates ~~of itself~~

that it must have been a particularly large force.

They dropped <sup>more of those</sup> ~~their most deadly explosives,~~

two-ton and even four-ton blockbusters, <sup>plus</sup> ~~as well as~~

tens of thousands of incendiaries <sup>that</sup> ~~to~~ turned Stuttgart

into <sup>an</sup> ~~a~~ blazing inferno. Smoke rose eight thousand

feet and hung in a dense cloud through which the

pilots <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ their four-motored Halifax bombers ~~were~~

*saw the bursts of their 2 and*  
~~able to see plenty of two-tonners bursting~~  
*4 ton bombs.*

We are told that some of the bombers were so close together over the target that they were caught in each other's slip streams. *Apparently* ~~It was~~ one of the heaviest ~~attacks ever~~ made on Germany *so far.*

GERMANY

Observers have been speculating on the probable shortage of labor in Germany. That shortage will soon be relieved in spectacular fashion. By one stroke, Hitler <sup>now been</sup> has given the services of a million and a quarter men, a million and a quarter French war prisoners. The men themselves were not asked about it, they have no choice. If they refuse, they will be court-martialled. Their <sup>have been</sup> services ~~were~~ placed at the disposal of the German Fuehrer by ~~Premier~~ Pierre Laval. <sup>TP</sup> The first contingent of two hundred and fifty thousand French prisoners is already being put to work in Hitler's war plants under Nazi foremen. French officers under the rank of major have been given permission to volunteer as overseers in labor camps of French prisoners. They will work under the command of German officers.

## RUSSIA

On the Russian front, the situation ~~again is~~ <sup>seems to</sup> ~~remain~~ <sup>materially</sup> unchanged. ~~Evidently~~ <sup>But</sup> the mud is beginning to dry out, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> we hear of German soldiers ~~being~~ on the move. ~~They did not get any place, but they tried.~~ ~~Both~~ Infantry and tank units ~~were~~ trying to find a weak spot in the Russian line on the Donets <sup>o</sup> River. ~~So~~ Obviously ~~all~~ <sup>a</sup> the movements ~~were~~ on a small scale.

The Nazi high command, however, reports fierce attacks by the Soviet army on the Kuban bridgehead. Moscow says nothing about this. According to the Germans, the Red Army sent several divisions, including many tanks, to try to capture that bridgehead. It is held only by the remnants of the once large Axis army in the Caucasus. Berlin claims all the attacks were repelled.

## SPELLMAN

The head of the Roman Catholic Diocese of New York was on the much bombed island of Malta today. Archbishop Spellman stopped off at embattled Malta on his way to the Holy Land where he will pass Easter week. His arrival at Malta coincides with a red letter day in the Maltese calendar. Just a year ago, King George conferred a high honor upon all the people of Malta - as a tribute to their bravery in withstanding almost unceasing bombing - day in and day out - for two years.

This was the first time in British history that any part of the Empire had been so honored.

Malta so far has been the victim of more than two thousand five hundred air raids.

## CONFERENCE

The Senate Committee on Agriculture is going to be represented at the International Food Conference in Hot Springs, Virginia, next month, one of the two conferences over which the Press has been somewhat stirred up.

The President has ruled that newspapermen may attend only the opening and the closing meetings, which meetings will be formal. Moreover, there will be no hotel accommodations at Hot Springs for the Press. All available space having been taken over for delegates.

The Senators of the Committee on Agriculture voted unanimously to ask the State Department to be represented at Hot Springs. Not that they want to take part in the conference, so they say. But ~~ix~~ just so they are not excluded.

"This request," said Senator Aiken of Vermont, "may be interpreted as a warning that if the Senate is not represented at the conference, it may not approve the legislation required to carry

out what the conference decides.

The Agriculture Committee of the House has introduced a similar resolution calling for a subcommittee of five from that body to be at Hot Springs. This resolution was offered by Congressman Clifford Hope of Kansas, who spoke acidly of the secrecy and mystery surrounding the conference.

DRAFT FOLLOW MANPOWER

One out of every three employees of the federal government is a man young enough to be in the army. That news was established by a sub-committee of the House. It published a report today charging that government departments are setting a poor example to the country, <sup>in that</sup> They hire men of draft age and then demand that they be deferred. The <sup>heads</sup> ~~command~~ of the selective service system, said the Committee, should tell the local draft boards that a man in government service is not necessarily doing anything essential.



WELLES

The Government's good neighbor policy south of the Rio Grande has produced results. ~~So said~~ Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, <sup>said as today in an</sup> ~~today. He told the~~ address to the New York Rotary Club. <sup>^</sup> In seven years, exports from the United States to fifteen American countries have risen from a hundred and sixty-eight to about five hundred million dollars, <sup>said Mr. Welles</sup> ~~He~~ Welles attributed a large measure of this increase to Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade agreements.

Three-fifths of our export trade to these countries, <sup>consisting of</sup> ~~he proclaimed, it is~~ items covered by those trade agreements. Before those <sup>^</sup> ~~trade~~ agreements were concluded, the high tariff policy of the United States prevented the other American countries from buying our exports, <sup>added Sumner Welles;</sup> ~~and~~ he concluded that if those principles of international cooperation are extended, the American republics can make faster strides toward a higher standard of living and greater individual security.

FIRE

~~That fire is~~ <sup>The</sup> Boston night club <sup>fire is in the</sup> ~~will not go~~  
news again. <sup>^</sup>

~~unpunished~~ The owner of the Coconut Grove where  
four hundred and ninety-one people perished, <sup>has been</sup> ~~has been~~  
convicted of manslaughter, <sup>^</sup> and today the court ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

gave him a prison sentence of from twelve to fifteen

years. <sup>TP Proprietor</sup> ~~The man~~, Barnett Welansky, was convicted on

nineteen counts; <sup>but</sup> ~~his~~ his sentences are to be served

concurrently. ~~He could have been given twenty years.~~

<sup>TP</sup> His lawyer will appeal to the Supreme Court of  
Massachusetts.

All through the trial Welansky's face was  
~~completely~~ stoical. But as he walked from the courtroom  
today, there were tears in his eyes.

## CANNIBAL

An Australian soldier who wandered in the wilds of the Dutch end of the vast island of New Guinea came near leaving his head behind him. The natives of New Guinea -- many of them, are cannibals - headhunters. Generally they eat each other -- their fellow Melanesian neighbors who are their enemies of the moment.

Well, this Australian came near being a candidate for the stew pot when he happened to demonstrate his Aussie sense of humor. It was this way: He did a conjuring act for his black hosts, using principally his own false teeth. First he would pull out his "uppers", then the "lowers," and then both together. In other words remove his mouth! The black Aborigines looked on in awe and thought this Australian must be a god of some sort. The climax came when the Aussie took his teeth in both his hands and clapped them together like castanets.

All of which was okay -- ~~mx~~ just an entertaining show. But presently the natives bethought themselves

that among all the heads they had collected  
never was there one with removable teeth before.  
So they decided it really would be an act of  
New Guinea piety to collect that head. And the  
humorous Australian, so the story relates, escaped  
by an eyelash -- just in time to keep from losing  
both his teeth, and his head, Hugh.