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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~Hats off to~~ General ~~Bernard~~ Montgomery

and the British Eighth Army: ~~They~~ have done it again, <sup>They</sup>

<sup>have</sup> given Nazi Marshal Rommel and his Afrika Korps such a going-over that the Germans have <sup>taken</sup> ~~run~~ to the hills back of the Mareth Line. In fact, the latest from Algiers tonight is that two of Rommel's tank divisions were so badly crushed that hardly anything remains of them.

Rommel had prepared and planned a mighty blow for the Eighth Army. And he intended to attack in such force from the Mareth Line that Montgomery's ~~army~~ <sup>Army</sup> would be smashed. Instead, ~~of that, the German caught it~~ <sup>Rommel</sup>

~~himself.~~ He is back in the Matmat hills, <sup>nursing</sup> ~~beaten up~~ his wounds — having lost <sup>some</sup> ~~with a loss of~~ thirty-three tanks. Better still, the

8th Army ~~itself~~ did not lose a single tank and held all its positions intact. The Virgil Pinkley of the United Press reports that the battle begins to shape up as the most clear-cut triumph the British, and Americans, have yet won in the Tunisian campaign. Allied officers allow that Rommel may be reforming his lines and gathering strength for a new attack. But so

mauled badly, was his Afrika Korps that the chances are greater that he is now ~~centering all his thought on~~ defense.

*concentrating on plans for*  
*more difficult,*  
To make Rommel's position ~~worse~~ American

flying fortresses and Mitchell bombers hit a hard blow at the Nazi supply line, which is precarious at best. They caught a convoy plying the narrows between Africa and Sicily, sank two ships, left four in flames, and damaged the seventh badly.

North of the Mareth Line, one ~~United States~~

mobile patrol was caught unawares. Rolling through a

pass, it ran unexpectedly into a much heavier force of Italians. The badly out-numbered American gave it all they had, and attacked the Fascisti ferociously, with the result that they took them all prisoner.

And here comes a late dispatch from Madrid, with news that almost sounds as important as the defeat of Rommel. French and American troops, advancing from the south, have captured Gafsa; ~~That is~~ an important highway and railroad junction in southwest Tunisia, north of the Mareth Line, and not far from Gabes.

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Gafsa is most important to Rommel as it is a crucial point in his line of communications. With ~~that in~~ <sup>Gafsa in</sup>

Allied hands, his problem of supplying his troops will become ~~even~~ <sup>much</sup> more difficult, ~~and it isn't easy even~~

~~now~~ What is more, the Allies have also captured the crossroads of El Karr, not far away from Gafsa and part of the narrow gage railway running to the coast.

The capturing was done, according to the story from Spain, by mobile guns and tanks of the United States Army, supported by <sup>some of</sup> the Fighting French ~~Army~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~which has~~ fought <sup>their</sup> ~~its~~ way north from Lake Chad, way down in the interior. That Fighting French Army now forms a serious threat to the rear and right flank of Rommel's army.

FIRE POWER

One thing our men in Africa have to face is the increasing improvement of German artillery. So *tremendous is* ~~far is~~ the improvement, that many weapons turned out brand new in Nineteen Thirty-Nine are obsolete; even some made as recently as Nineteen Forty-Two are out of date.

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That comes from a German expert, the chief engineer and head of the artillery and armament division of the great Krupp Works at Essen. The fire power of German artillery has doubled since the war began, and the armor on Nazi tanks is three times as heavy as it was in Nineteen Thirty-Nine. *So he says.*

## SUBMARINES

The Nazi naval command admitted today that the British and Americans had dealt some hard blows to German submarines but --

Yes, there is a "but" in it. We have not got the U-boat menace licked yet.

~~The announcement was made by~~ Admiral Fricke, <sup>Fricke</sup>

Nazi Chief of Staff of Naval Warfare, ~~he~~ acknowledged that <sup>allied</sup> ~~British and American~~ aircraft had forced German submarines to <sup>revise their</sup> ~~adopt completely new~~ tactics. The British,

he said, had developed new tactics, new means of

locating and fighting the U-boats. Nevertheless, <sup>he</sup> ~~the~~

<sup>added that the</sup> Germans are building more and more submarines all the time.

<sup>Admir. Fricke</sup>

Fricke said further: "The Battle of the

Atlantic is a race between the number of ships built

and the number sunk, a dogged, bitter contest. Germany

by no means under-estimates the possibilities and

determination of the British and Americans. But these possibilities are not unlimited, and Germany is confident of victory," <sup>said he,</sup> ~~he added,~~

Meanwhile, a high British official, ~~Lord~~ <sup>again reminds us</sup> ~~Winstor,~~ <sup>reminded the world,</sup> that "the U-boat danger is indeed ~~very~~ grave." We shall need all our resources and all our courage and fortitude to stand up to all-out submarine attacks," <sup>warns Lord Winstor,</sup> ~~said A~~

WALLACE

One of the <sup>interesting</sup> ~~amazing~~ events of the day was that speech at Ohio Wesleyan <sup>Delaware, Ohio,</sup> by the Vice-President. "We shall have a third world war," said Mr. Wallace, "if" <sup>---</sup> then he listed several possibilities:

If we allow Prussia to rearm either materially or psychologically.

If we double-cross Russia.

If we fail to give full employment to everybody after the war - and he inferred that this would enable Fascists motivated by a hatred of Russia to get control of the government. <sup>our government.</sup>

The third <sup>world</sup> war will also be sure if Russia revives the Trotzky idea of inciting worldwide ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ revolution; or

If British interests again encourage anti-Russian activity in Germany and elsewhere.

The Vice-President used these words, "Unless



the western democracies and Russia come to a satisfactory understanding before the war ends, I very much fear that World War Number Three will be inevitable." Then he explained: "Without a close and trusting understanding between Russia and the United States, there is grave possibility of Russia and Germany sooner or later making common cause." And then he urged, "We must decide some time in Nineteen Forty-Three or Nineteen Forty-Four whether to plant the seeds for World War Number Three."

There was a strong evangelistic note throughout Vice Pres. Wallace's discourse, <sup>which was not</sup> ~~which was broadcast over a national hook-up~~ <sup>(un)</sup> This was natural, since the occasion was a conference ~~at~~ <sup>es</sup> at Ohio Wesleyan on "Christian Bas~~is~~" of World Order."

~~The amazing part of~~ The speech was <sup>amazing</sup> not so much

<sup>for</sup> the warning that the Vice-President uttered. Those ideas have been thought by a huge majority of thinking

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people, and not a few have said them publicly. The curious part of it was that a member of the Government of the United States, in fact the second in command, should so broadly have spoken like that about an allied power.

The Vice-President made a second speech at Columbus, Ohio, <sup>in which he</sup> ~~and~~ went still further. He declared that new forms of isolationism, subtle and dangerous, <sup>and that</sup> are flooding our country. <sup>^</sup> If they win over the majority of the people, they will lead straight to World War Number Three. "We cannot have national security if we follow an isolationist or an excessively nationalist policy," said ~~he~~ <sup>the Vice President,</sup>

<sup>Whereupon</sup>

~~Then~~ he proposed a five point program:—

First, place the full influence of the United States behind worldwide attempts to prevent a new war.

Second, help the suffering nations of Europe,

help them to develop their industry and agriculture.

Third, wipe out utterly the teaching of Nazi ideas in Germany.

Fourth, establish fair international trade relations.

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Fifth, cooperate with other nations in aviation and shipping, <sup>and not</sup> ~~don't~~ try for <sup>any</sup> imperialistic American supremacy over air and sea. The people who want the United States to have sovereignty in the air, he declared, are laying the grounds for an imperialistic fight. — another World War.

RUSSIA

The Soviet armies have been on the march again.

Two of ~~the armies have carried~~ <sup>them them carrying</sup> out a crushing pincers drive in the advance toward Vyazma. They met at ~~a place~~ <sup>Sychevka,</sup> ~~called Sychevka,~~ <sup>due</sup> north of Vyazma, and now the Germans are not there any more. The Russians announced that they took the place by storm, killed <sup>ing</sup> ~~ed~~ eight thousand Nazis, and ~~grabbed themselves~~ <sup>seizing</sup> a huge store of booty including three hundred Nazi tanks.

The Nazi high command has a different tale.

They evacuated the town of Sychevka, so they say. The ~~Berlin~~ <sup>Berlin</sup> high command ~~to~~ <sup>communicate</sup> claims that this was done without enemy pressure and "in conformity with the planned shortening of the front which has been taking place for the past days." In other words, Berlin puts up a show of retreating deliberately, a strategic withdrawal. ~~However, the Russians claim to have bagged~~ ~~eight thousand Nazi soldiers as well as all those tanks.~~

British observers in London accept ~~this~~ <sup>the following</sup> interpretation of the Russian plan:- Field Marshals Zhukov and Voronov - the top notch strategists of the Red Army, are ~~planning~~ <sup>preparing</sup> a tremendous drive on Bryansk and Orel. ~~This~~ <sup>all of which</sup> is borne out by ~~the~~ Red Army movements ~~and the~~ <sup>and the</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>of</sup> recaptured numerous inhabited places west and northwest of Gzhatsk. Russian mobile troops are now cutting ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> deep back of the Nazi front lines. ~~Several~~ <sup>And</sup> German units are threatened with being surrounded.

At the same time, the armies that captured Sychevka are moving south on Vyazma. Thus two armies are advancing north from Kursk, two others advancing south from Sychevka. The ultimate goal, ~~of course, is~~ <sup>being the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>important</sup> City of Smolensk. To make the recapture of Smolensk easier, the Red strategy aims at taking Orel and Vyazma first. If this chain of operations turns out well, the Russians will once more be in possession of

the railway line from Moscow to Vyazma to Smolensk.

At the same time, the Communist Party newspaper PRAVDA warns the Russians against any excessive optimism. It says the Germans, ~~are~~ "taking advantage of the absence of a second front, are pouring in reserves from France, Holland and other occupied countries.

*And*  
~~They are~~ feverishly carrying out total mobilization and planning to create new armies to avenge their defeats."

*So* There we have it again, the plea for a second front. *all of which* ~~is~~ was backed up in London today by an appeal from a spokesman for the Fighting French *who* said that every hour the Allies delay their landing of troops in France, means the death of French children and the slavery of French lads. The Germans, he declared, are trying to exterminate the French people, *with* Frenchmen are being dragged into slavery in Germany at a

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tremendous rate and the food situation is becoming steadily worse.

FRANCE FOLLOW RUSSIA

The same spokesman for the Fighting French announced that guerrilla warfare has broken out in France on a growing scale. French partisan fighters ~~are~~ openly attacking the Germans and fiercely resisting the Nazi slave labor hunt in France. <sup>And -</sup> The underground movement is growing all the time, <sup>with</sup> the number of guerrillas ~~has~~ <sup>ing</sup> doubled ~~and~~ <sup>ing</sup> trebled <sup>in</sup> in recent weeks. Infant mortality in France is frightful. The majority of children in French towns are threatened with tuberculosis.

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MARTINIQUE

The people of Martinique have received no food from the United States in more than three months. The shipments we had been making were suspended last November. This was made public by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today. But he wouldn't say why. The assumption is that the French Government of the island, under the High Commissioner, Admiral Robert, has not been cooperating <sup>to any extent</sup> ~~properly~~ with Uncle Sam. Martinique has always depended ~~mostly on supplies~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~from~~ this country *for many things.*

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of the United States  
reverses itself! *And that's unusual*  
~~There is a legal decision which will~~  
*indeed. It all has to do with*  
~~interest not only lawyers, but everybody. For it~~  
~~invokes the profoundly American principles of~~ freedom  
of worship and freedom of the press.

The persons concerned are members of the  
sect known as Jehovah's Witnesses, *whom* the authorities in  
some communities *seem to* do not like ~~these people~~. (In different  
parts of the country there are ordinances to prevent  
them from distributing their literature. Previous  
high court decisions have gone against Jehovah's  
Witnesses, notably one which declared that children  
who would not salute the flag could be dismissed from  
~~the public school.~~)

The two rulings handed down today *are not* ~~do not~~  
*about* ~~consider~~ flag saluting. But they do deal with local  
ordinances which forbid the distribution of handbills

and books. In the past, the courts usually refused to consider any appeals from state court decisions *in such cases.*

And it has upon one occasion upheld local ordinances which regulate the distribution of handbills and the sale of books.

In Dallas, Texas, a lady member of the sect was arrested while distributing leaflets. In Paris, <sup>Texas,</sup> another woman was arrested for selling books in a residential district. In both cases the Supreme Court, unanimously, <sup>now</sup> declares <sup>S</sup> that these arrests violated our constitutional guarantees of freedom of worship and freedom of the press.

STOCKINGS

The Office of Price Administration proposes to save the ladies a little matter of fifty million <sup>dollars</sup> a year.

~~Not fifty million a year each, but fifty million a year~~

~~for all of them~~ O.P.A. is going to cut the price of

*Stockings will be brought down* stockings. ~~They will be reduced~~ anywhere from five to

forty cents a pair, ~~and that no later than next month.~~

For instance, rayon stockings now selling at eighty-nine

cents to a dollar, will be seventy-five ~~cents~~ to

eighty-four cents. Stockings for which you pay a dollar

to a dollar fifteen, you will be able to get for

eighty-one to ninety-two cents, and so forth.

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SLACKS

One good deed accomplished by Madame Chiang Kai-shek was bringing peace to Wellesley College and joy to its under-graduates. The austere faculty had started a campaign to stop the wearing of slacks by young ladies, or any kind of ladies, on the campus. You may imagine the emotions ~~that~~ this campaign aroused.

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You can also imagine the feelings of everybody when ~~the~~ *altogether lovely First Lady of China* ~~Madame Chiang~~ appeared wearing navy blue slacks.

The president of the college went so far as to admit that ~~the First Lady of China~~ *Madame Chiang* had ruined the faculty's campaign. Everybody at Wellesley is for slacks now.

*Now if all the ladies* ~~Hugh, what would you do if you were president~~ *were as diminutive and dainty of Wellesley as the Generalissimo's lady.*  
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Ah Well, let's hear from Hugh.