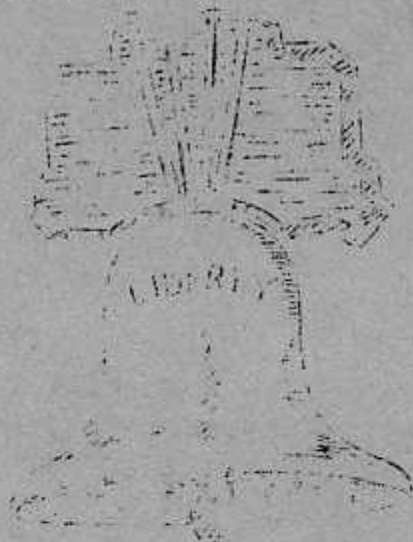


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## RADIO PRESS NEWS

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### WASHINGTON:

The Senate Judicial Subcommittee declared Friday after full investigation into seizure of the Montgomery Ward mail order plant in Chicago that President Roosevelt had not constitutional authority to take such action.

### F-L-A-S-H- -- ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, ITALY:

The Eighth Army has captured the town of Roccasecca and Mount Cairo, it was announced Friday night.

FIFTH ARMY troops have captured Cori. San Giovanni, in Liri Valley, has also been captured.

### UNDATED:

Martin Hallensleben, military correspondent for the German news agency, reports tonight (Friday), "Field Marshall Kesselring has given orders to his troops to give way at main points of enemy's pressure. This decision was taken in face of sweeping might of massed enemy tanks. Tanks have been given the task of rolling over German lines deep into their rear and cutting off German fighting men. They have been lined up mainly in the areas of Cisterna and on a triangle formed the Melfa and Liri rivers. In the area of Cisterna, the enemy has achieved

(Italy story continued)

The enemy is sparing neither sacrifice nor efforts to force a breakthrough, or breakthroughs, in the German system of strong-points. With every new hour more fresh forces are being hurried into the front, and the battle has increased in violence since yesterday.

At several weak points Kesselring has brought up strategic reserves, but has refrained from calling up the entire body of his reserve strength.

The present frontline now runs from north of Anzio and Via Velleto to Aprilia and thence via Cisterna-Sezso-Priverno, to the area north of Vallecorsa and here further to Pastena towards the estuary of Melfa and Liri and then up to the area of Roccasecca and Piedimonte, where it finally joins an old mountainous front from north of Cassino to the Adriatic."

UNDATED:

A German newsagency despatch from Mussolini's headquarters said today that an all-out offensive against partisan formations in northern and central Italy began today (Friday).

The German front line radio tonight broadcast an "eve of battle" call to German anti-invasion forces on the Atlantic Wall stating "German soldiers must realize they are on the eve of the day that will decide the fate of Germany. Many of us will be killed but we face this knowledge calmly."

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, MEDITERRANEAN:

An official MAAF statement issued today on the second anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Soviet treaty tells the story of how the MAAF has helped the Russian armies by preventing Germans from enjoying a breathing space in the Balkans. It stresses that RAF night fighters together with heavy bombers of the 15th Army Airforce has so disrupted Balkans communications that the Germans have had no chance to prepare for an expected new Russian drive across the Bucharest Plain. When the Russians slowed up their offensive in order to consolidate their gains and reestablish their supply lines the Germans had good prospect of being able to draw on their reserves in Central Europe and the Balkans for a desperate stand. In the race for time, the advantage lay with the Germans. Then beginning on April fourth, day and night bombers ranged over Balkan supply networks disrupting every route for German reinforcements. Rail centers in every Balkan capital were hit. Only one remaining supply artery for the Germans remains unchallenged - air transportation - and this can deal with only a fraction of the requirements of the southern Russian front. This limited capacity has been further reduced by pounding cargo airfields by Italy based bombers.

LONDON:

American fighter-bombers and Mosquitoes today attacked German airfields, railway targets and other objectives in Northern France. Vichy radio reported that Lyons, Chambery and other targets were bombed. "Vast fires", said the radio, "were caused in the center of Lyons. In one suburb there were 300 injured and two thousand reported homeless."

# SHIP'S NEWS

Time	Station	Channel
0630	BBC	Three
0700	BBC	Three
0800	BBC	Three
0900	BBC	Three
1000	BBC	Three
1100	BBC	Three
1200	BBC	Three
1300	BBC	Three
1400	BBC	Three
1500	BBC	Three
1600	BBC	Three
1700	BBC	Three
1800	BBC	Three
1830	COMMAND PERFORMANCE	Two
1845	COMMAND PERFORMANCE	Two
1900	BBC	Three
1900	SOUND OFF	Two
1915	DOWNBEAT	Two
2000	BBC	Three
2100	BBC	Three
2200	BBC	Three

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## ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NEW GUINEA:

After a five mile drive from the Tor River, American troops with tank and air support have reached the Jap airfield at Maufin Bay, in north Dutch New Guinea, said General MacArthur's Communique Friday.

At one point the advancing troops had to overcome fierce enemy opposition. The battle for this airfield has been costly to the Japs, while American casualties have been comparatively light.

Farther to the east, more Japanese have been killed or captured in the Hollandia Aitape area, where the job of mopping up the scattered remnants is almost complete. To date, Jap casualties here total 220.

Southwest Pacific air forces again concentrated on the Geelvink Bay area. The communique reported that attacking planes struck two airdromes there, destroying eleven enemy planes on the ground and damaging four others. Other destruction included a barge and three trucks. There was no enemy interception. The communique added that Sunday's raid on Kamili airdrome accounted for eight Jap parked planes and damaged eight more.

## WASHINGTON:

Raiding deep into Japanese territory an American carrier task force sent planes roaring out over Marcus Island, only 1,200 miles from Tokyo, then moved southeast 900 miles to the Japanese held Wake Islands and dropped 150 tons of bombs. Many ammunition and supply dumps were destroyed in this operation.

## LONDON:

Mr. Hemingway, an American writer, suffered head

## SPORTING NEWS

## National League--

Cards	21	9	700	0
Reds	17	12	596	3 1/2
Pirates	16	11	583	3 1/2
Blue Jays	13	14	548	6 1/2
Braves	15	19	441	8
Dodgers	13	17	433	8
Giants	13	17	433	8
Cubs	9	18	333	10 1/2

## American League--

Yankees	17	10	630	0
Browns	19	15	559	1 1/2
Senators	16	14	533	2 1/2
Athletics	16	15	516	3
Tigers	15	18	455	5
Red Sox	14	17	452	5
Indians	14	18	438	5 1/2
White Sox	13	17	433	5 1/2

In the only Wednesday game not in Friday's Philadelphia, the Chicago Cubs won over the Philadelphia Blue Jays, 2 to 0. A Yank - White Sox tilt scheduled for Wednesday was rained out.

## THURSDAY'S GAMES:

National League --- In a game staged at Boston, the Boston Braves won over the Pittsburgh Pirates, 1 to 0. Pittsburgh had three hits with no errors, while the Braves had six hits with no errors.

The Cincinnati Reds-New York Giants game, which was to have been played at New York, was rained out.

The St. Louis Cardinal-Brooklyn Dodger tilt, to have been played at Brooklyn was also rained out. This makes two days in a row that both of these teams have been rained out.

The Chicago Cubs-Philadelphia Blue Jays game, to have been staged in Philadelphia was also rained out.

American League --- In a game staged at Detroit, the Philadelphia A's turned on the heat to win a hard fought contest, 2 to 0, while out-hitting the Tigers 10 - 3. The Tigers had one mistake, while the Athletics played perfect ball. The Athletics scored one run in the 7th and one in the 8th for their total of two tallies. Harris and Hayes comprised the battery for the Mac-men. Harris has won four and lost two this season. Gorsica started, Newhouser came in in the ninth and Richards caught till the ninth when Swift came in for the Tigers. Gorsica has won three and lost three this year for a .500 average.

The St. Louis Browns won over the Boston Red Sox in a game played at St. Louis, 3 to 2.

No data has been received on the Washington Senators-Cleveland Indian game, or the New York Yankee-Chicago White Sox affair, but will be seen in Sunday's PHILADELPHIA.

## LEADING BATTERS

Walker	(Dodgers)	424	Tucker	(White Sox)	395
Musial	(Cards)	364	Hostetler	(Tigers)	356
Medwick	(Giants)	350	Johnson	(Red Sox)	355
Bordly	(Dodgers)	345	Atton	(Yankees)	348
Holmes	(Braves)	338	Doerr	(Red Sox)	335

## RUNS BATTED IN

JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK:

About twenty persons were burned or injured Thursday when an explosion rocked the two story concrete building occupied by the Matthews Tire and Tread Company. The explosion also shattered windows in the entire company area.

LOS ANGELES:

The city's mayor and health officials descending in a surprise move on the "Little Tokyo" section of down town Los Angeles have posted a vacate and cleanup notices on many of the ramshackle dwellings now jammed with an estimated eighty thousand workers, where thirty thousand Japanese lived before the war. More than fifty seven homes were declared unfit for human habitation and were ordered vacated, while 125 other were ordered to be repaired.

WASHINGTON:

A tremendous shift in Army supply plans to heavy artillery and big gun ammunition was viewed in production quarters Thursday as evidence that the Army may be laying plans for possibly long and costly inland fighting after invasion beach-heads are secured. Official sources disclosed that new plant construction has been approved to meet the Army's towering pre-invasion call for the big guns during "thunder over Europe."

WASHINGTON:

To protect Allied ships from U-boats, the Navy has a "new weapon" - ROCKETS. This was disclosed Thursday by the Navy in the first announcement that rockets have been used to destroy German undersea raiders in the Atlantic.

U.S. PAC FLEET HQ., PEARL HARBOR:

Some lives were lost, a number of men injured, and several small vessels destroyed by an explosion and fire last Sunday while ammunition was being unloaded at Pearl Harbor, the Navy announced Thursday. The brief announcement said ammunition was being unloaded from one of a group of landing craft moored together when the explosion occurred. A court of inquiry headed by Admiral John Shafroth is investigating.

WASHINGTON:

CIO President Philip Murray said Thursday only an extreme emergency in manpower requirements would justify enactment of pending "work or fight" legislation and that no such an emergency now exists. Murray in a statement submitted to the Senate Military Affairs Committee added that it would be a tremendous mistake to retreat now and say we needed hitherto unnecessary compulsory labor.

LONDON:

#### LOS ANGELES:

Suit and counter suit is the newest refrain involving the star of "The Song of Bernadette," Twentieth Century Fox borrowed actress Jennifer Jones from Selznick, made Bernadette, and made her a star. Several weeks ago Twentieth Century Fox sued her for six hundred thousand dollars asserting she failed to appear for work on a second picture under a borrowing agreement with Selznick which holds her contract. Selznick Wednesday sued Twentieth Century Fox for "declaratory relief" seeking to terminate the pact on the ground that a script for the purposed Twentieth Century Fox picture was not submitted to her.

#### LOS ANGELES:

Comedian Charles Chaplin Thursday formally alleged that the paternity suit pending against him was filed because he was reputed to be wealthy and his accusers believed the defendant would make a cash settlement rather than be compelled to stand trial. In an answer filed in superior court the actor denied generally and specifically each and every allegation that he was the father of the seven month old daughter of his one time protegee, Joan Barry. He alleged that Joan Barry well knew and she now knows that the defendant herein Chaplin is not and could not be the father of said infant plaintiff but that never-the-less Miss Barry and her mother went ahead with the filing of the suit. Chaplin was acquitted in April of a Federal Mann Act indictment accusing him of taking Miss Barry to and from New York City with immoral intent.

#### SALT LAKE CITY:

United States District Judge Blake Kennedy, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Thursday set for June seventh the sentencing of eight men and a woman convicted of violating the Federal White Slavery and kidnaping statutes through plural marriages. The nine persons, members of a fundamentalist cult which advocates plural marriages as a religious principle, were convicted by Judge Kennedy.

#### TULE LAKE, CALIFORNIA:

An internee of the Tule Lake segregation center was shot and wounded critically Wednesday by a military police sentry. Lt. Col. Verne Austin, commanding the project's military detachment, named a board of investigation. The segregation center houses persons of Japanese descent admittedly disloyal to the United States.

#### COLUMBUS, OHIO:

J. H. Cooper, 58 year old news commentator who each morning advised school children to be careful while crossing the streets, was injured seriously Wednesday in a traffic accident. He suffered a skull fracture when his automobile collided with another car.

## SHIPS NEWS

Just in case you make a habit of not reading Bulletin Boards anywhere, anytime, we're asking you to forget your prejudice and look at them to day. Here's what they'll tell you.

1. About the enlisted men's club - the Club -41- (after CL41 get it ?) to be opened today at 1500.
2. About the combined sightseeing and swimming trips we are conducting daily. Wanna go ? Read the Bulletin board and find out how.

No, Chum, they will not tell you the whereabouts of Li'l Abner nor whether he became the crooner to end all crooners. Nor will you find there how long we're staying at Malta, nor the date of the invasion, nor the name of that soldier your girl is dating.

Here's a message from the Chaplin of H.M.S. Dido regarding tomorrow's Divine Services. If we're still tied up alongside her some of you may be able to avail yourselves of the chance to attend.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND COMMUNION SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON H.M.S. DIDO ON SUNDAY AT 0730 IN THE ADMIRALS CABIN. 1045 IN THE SEAMENS RECREATION SPACE.

AN EVENING SERVICE TAKES PLACE ASHORE IN St. PAULS CATHEDRAL AT 1800. THE PREACHER WILL BE THE ASSISTANT CHAPLIN, GENERAL H.E.F. THE CATHEDRAL IS SITUATED AT THE BOTTOM OF OLD THEATRE St. (off Kingsway) OVERLOOKING SLIEMA HARBOUR. IT IS THE ONLY CHURCH WITH A SPIRE. YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

T.H. HODGSON R.N.V.R.  
CHAPLIN H.M.S. DIDO.

As for us we'll have Confessions Mass and General Services as per usual. After the tense events of the past week this would be the Sunday to thank the good Lord for our escape from what might have been a disasterous loss of life.

Talk about danger - well ask Marine A.E. Powell how close we came to piling into a beautiful big nice enroute to Malta. Had he not been on the ball in sighting and reporting said nice which lay directly in the path of the ship we would have had another hole punched in our wounded ribs with almost certain material and personnel casualties. We owe him a debt of gratitude and hold him up as the example for all our lockouts. May his eyes ever be as keen - his mind alert.

See you at CLUB 41 today. Blackies bluejackets will send you away for a musical start.

See you at Church tomorrow to start the...