

Let's Give

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# Don't Talk Post-War Stuff To Soldiers

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS,  
Naples, March 11—(Delayed)—A soldier wrote an angry letter to his service newspaper recently, expressing the thought of thousands of other soldiers in the Mediterranean theater. He said "let's stop all this post-war talk and get on with the dirty business of fighting."

So they ask, "Why talk of post-war days when the war itself is so far from ending?"

They don't allow themselves to think of it, particularly in the sectors where the fighting is hardest. Up there the men don't think beyond "the dirty business of fighting."

It would be a dangerous proposal factor if they did.

A soldier heard a severe rumor, he knew it was a lie, but the rumor is near, and immediately he becomes a very cautious soldier. He doesn't want to risk his neck just to find out that he was wrong. At the moment they call "cease firing."

And to they don't think or talk peace or post-war in the line in Italy.

Maybe it's good for the very reason that the troops, however much they would like to believe otherwise, can't be any other than what they are. They know they are fighting, but they also know how much it is to be won.

Their reaction to post-war talk is that the people at home don't know how much it is to be won, how hard the job is, and how much it is to be won.

In their hometown newspapers they read about post-war homes, post-war income system, post-war peace, and the post-war world.

Both British and American soldiers talk, with a sense of awe and frustration, about the reports of peace talks. They are sure that peace is near, but they are also sure that peace is not near.

To the man listening to a German tank or listening to the approaching scream of a dive bomber, the peace talks are a joke. He has neither time nor energy for anything else.

# Driving Ban Talk Heard

BALTIMORE, Md.—(Delayed)—The return of the Eastern pleasure driving ban and still more restrictions in pleasure driving were reported today by a Maryland Official of the Automobile Administration.

The official declared that such matters, although he pointed out that they were not under consideration, were not under consideration.

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# Severe Quake Shakes Lima

LIMA, Peru.—(Delayed)—A severe earthquake shook this city at 4:23 A. M. today.

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## RAF Strike Keeps Big Air Offensive Rolling

LONDON.—(AP)—Britain's four-engined Lancasters, striking again at Germany's aircraft production, reached far into Southern France last night and bombed the large factory at Marignane near Marseille, the Air Ministry announced today.

The RAF strike kept Allied aerial blows going around the clock following yesterday's bombing of Berlin through dense clouds by the American Eighth Air Force.

The Air Ministry communique telling of the night operation said the large aircraft factory at Marignane was attacked in bright moonlight and first reports indicated the bombing was accurate and concentrated.

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## Adriatic Island Landing Reported

LONDON.—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that British and American Commandos, under the command of a "British general with the name of Churchill" had landed on Lissa Island off the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia.

There was no confirmation here of the landing, but it was widely believed in London that the German broadcast was talking about a landing.

Prime Minister Churchill, son of Captain Randolph Churchill, who is reported to have gone to Yugoslavia, is presumably dropping by parachute.

The broadcast said Churchill had taken command of Allied troops on the island, but it added that he was not yet in command of the forces, which would include 2,000 followers of Marshal Tito (Yugoslav leader).

Young Churchill recently captured the island of Lissa, a small island off the coast of Yugoslavia.

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## Irvin Cobb Lies Dead

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## Fears Finn Civil War

STOCKHOLM.—(Delayed)—Acceptance of Russia's original armistice demands might precipitate civil war in Finland, the Swedish newspaper Morgon Tidningen, reported today.

While Finland was reported accepting Moscow's reaction to the Russian ultimatum in the Finnish terms, Lindquist reported Finnish public opinion was so unprepared for peace that only one man was capable of uniting the people in their current dilemma.

The man, he said, was Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim, the Finnish commander-in-chief.

There is strong opposition to the government's attempt to get out of the war, not so much because of any feeling of friendliness for the Nazis as because of the blackout of information had left a great segment of the population unaware of the nation's real predicament.

"One must hope that Russia understands Finland's internal situation which is beset by difficulties which could lead to an enormous split in the nation," the Swedish editor wrote.

The same note was struck today in the Stockholm-Tidningen editorial which said, "It is best that their not be great hopes for peace because the practical difficulties involved are very big."

Meanwhile, the latest reports from Finland indicated that the plans in their revised answer to the Russian demand were precise information on the Russian front.

The original answer, that rejected Russian demands for internment of German troops, was withdrawn and withdrawal to the Finnish frontiers was reported to have been withdrawn for revision.

## Return This Newspaper For Front-Line Service

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AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT.—(Delayed)—A United States Navy sub-chaser and her crew of twenty men, adrift in the stormy North Atlantic for 22 hours without communication or motive power, was announced today by the United States Navy.

A statement by Naval Service Headquarters said a Canadian sub-chaser found a line to the disabled vessel and towed her to safety after sighting a distress flare at A. M. on a cold and rough morning.

The American ship first ran into trouble when a drifting ice caught her steering gear. Before she could call for help, her radio broke down, and while trying to make port through heavy seas she ran out of fuel.

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## JAP GAS SUPPLY DESTROYED

A single shot from the 75mm cannon of a U. S. Tenth Air Force B-25 bomber set fire to this 500,000-gallon tank from which the Japs supplied their forces in the Sittoung River area of Burma. (AP Wirephoto from Army Air Force)

## Lull In Italy Due To Severe Weather

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES.—(AP)—Activity on all battle fronts in Italy dwindled to minor patrol operations yesterday in the face of severe weather. Allied Headquarters announced today.

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## Stilwell's Pace In Burma Amazes Critics

North Burma so he can build a new link to the Burma Road which can supply the fighting forces in China.

Stilwell's pace in Burma has been advancing much faster than the Southwest Asia High Command thought possible. It is a bold move, and it is a bold move.

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