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Prayer service, invasion, 1944.

Read
The Great "Crusade": "a war undertaken with zeal and enthusiasm to rescue something holy - to achieve something noble and worthy for mankind.

① What are our men - rescue? why Organization? To whol of it! From hands of a barbarian horde, barred to utilize the ~~actual~~ sc. equipment of S.C. - to acquire by force and theft what their ~~enemies~~ ^{enemies} savage and ferocious ~~crave~~ crave to possess.

② Their savagery + lust of conquest has already cost millions of lives - They have pillaged & butchered - They have had pity neither on young or old - They have caused them the greatest misery in history.

③ They have flaunted the moral law. They have defied all law & religion.

④ They have propagated hate ^{throughout} the world and poisoned the minds of their youth with racial fanaticism, and the crusade of conquest, and the war.

⑤ They have suppressed all human freedom, shattered the minds of men, & filled the continent of Europe with prison chambers & concentration camps.

⑥ They have carried on slaughter after another, killed of its noblest brave sons, humiliated & degraded its people and drained over the hundreds of their riches.

⑦ This people dared to conquer the earth - to subjugate all people to its will - and to

and the Judaean Church as broken in the ancient. (2)

⑧ It was to save mankind from this sick, ~~perverted~~ ^{perverted} ~~and~~ ^{perverted} politically & morally perverted people
and its mad leaders that the unhappy free people
of the world were forced to unite in the Crusade
- of which Gen. Eisenhower speaks -

⑨ This is what he meant "The hopes and prayers of
liberty loving people everywhere march with you"

10) What are they marching to achieve in this Crusade
beyond the destruction of this serge for
A decent world - wherein the indecencies & crimes
and crimes of this lost world are - impossible
= When man will be seen in his reality -
as a child of God -

= When worst nations - trampled on

= When man will not be perverted

= When war will not destroy every 25 years
the flower of the world of man

11) "The free men of the world are marching together to
victory"

Man > Victory - they want - A New World -
"Vive + Big Tree" -

13/ In its hour of need every nation reverts
instinctively to the sources of its nat strength" (3)

- Faith in God - the God of all men - a just & merciful
God - who hates Oppression, Tyranny, - who loves
- Brother -

- Faith in Man - capacity - to rise - develop -

- Faith in ~~Free Institutions~~ Human Equality -

- Faith in Free Institution - then where man can
express the best & finest within him

- Faith in Washington - Jefferson - Lincoln -
" " the promises -

14/ It is to these sources of our nat. strength that we
again revert to day in our hour of
need -

we draw strength from them - from the sacred
memories & traditions of America -

15/ Inspired & sustained by that God. we were formed
to-day against these inflexible, enemy, ~~confident~~
of confidence, victory under God

Eisenhower Calls th

By the United Press.

LONDON, June 6.—As Allied troops began landing on the coast of northern France this morning, supreme Allied expeditionary force headquarters issued the following communique:

"Under the command of Gen. Eisenhower, Allied naval forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing operations this morning on the northern coast of France."

Gen. Eisenhower told his forces in an order of the day that they were embarking on a "great crusade" to destroy the Nazi war machine and establish a free world.

Text of Order of the Day.

The text of the order of the day:

"Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied expeditionary force:

"You are about to embark upon the great crusade toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving peoples everywhere march with you.

"You will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe and security for ourselves in a free world.

"Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle hardened. He will fight savagely.

"But this is the year 1944. Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41.

"The United Nations have in-

flicted upon the Germans great defeat in open battle man to man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground.

"Our home fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men.

"The tide has turned.

"The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle.

"We will accept nothing less than full victory.

"Good luck, and let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

The order was distributed to assault elements after their embarkation. It was read by appropriate commanders to all other troops in the Allied expeditionary forces.

Broadcasts to Europe.

Gen. Eisenhower personally broadcast the following statement to the people of Western Europe through Allied radios:

"People of Western Europe! A landing was made this morning on the coast of France by troops of the Allied expeditionary force. This landing is part of the concentrated United Nations plan for the liberation of Europe, made in conjunction with our Russian allies. I have this message for all of you. Although the initial as-