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for sundaypaper suggested title quote in another country quote
~~dateline prague say twentyfirst paren delayed paren~~ dash as long as
you stick to americanoccupied areas you feel practically athome stop
ofcourse the sceneries and characteristics of natives change as you
move from one ^{European} quote theater quote to another semicolon but there are
always some american uniforms and vehicles same american faces and
accents same american officers and regulations stop as soon as you
step out of quote our quote territory however things begin suddenly
to look different para if we had entered czechoslovakia from moun=
tainous region of bavarian forest we would have found ourselves before
long eating chow in a nice american garrisontown by name of pilsen
stop but we took off from linz austria and proceeded eastwards dash
thus leaving behind our familiar geeeye world stop part of czechoslovakian
republic through which we travelled has been liberated and is now being
protected by native and russian armies stop our surroundings assumed
presently an exotic aspect semicolon now we were indeed in another
country para that is not to say that there was anything weird or
hostile about this unfamiliar milieu dash quite contrary stop soldiers
who guarded these highways and villages were obviously our friends
even though they didnt speak our language stop whether they were czech
or russian they all seemed to be happy to see a couple of americans
semicolon they waved at us they saluted they proved helpful and jovial
when it came to showing us way or fixing us up with some gasoline stop
those who didnt recognize insignias on our caps and on our car had just

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to be told that we were quote americanski quote comma and their response was inevitably a broad hearty grin colon it worked like a magic spell stop when seeing ~~the~~ affectinate smile which this one word quote americanski quote kindled in bearded russian faces and stern czech physionomies eye remembered what wendell willkie once said about enormous reservoir of goodwill and friendship which we americans command all over world semicolon but eye recalled also what he added about great responsibilities this universal prestige involves para czech and russian troops comma both so overflowingly cordial in their attitude toward us comma seemed to be on best of terms with eachother as well stop there was plenty of military ~~the~~ traffic on highways between linz and prague dash partly in americanmade jeeps and trucks partly in horsedrawn vehicles dash and there were long columns of liberated prisoners and slaveworkers semicolon but ~~though~~ all these movements were executed smoothly and efficiently stop on crossroads and at particularly crowded spots traffic was directed by smartly uniformed russian policewomen who had an at once authoritative and graceful manner of manipulating their little red and yellow flags with help of which they stopped or guided vehicles and military formations para there was an abundance of flags even in most remote most humble villages dash a lavish exhibition of czechoslovakias national colors presented sidebyside with ~~and~~ red soviet banner union jack and our stars stripes stop all official buildings and windows of most stores restaurants and private residences were decorated with portraits of president dr edward benes whose

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triumphant return to capital had taken place just one day before our arrival stop no wonder that people of czechoslovakia exulted colon a long period of bondage and humiliation dash one of the darkest interludes in their national history dash had finally come to an end para same festive mood prevailed in beautiful city of prague stop lights were on comma most stores hotels and restaurants were open comma streets were teeming with people stop soldiers moving along with this animated civilian crowd were predominantly czechoslovakians stop there were also russians but not many of them as redarmy had already begun to evacuate liberated city stop as for military representatives of other united nations they were hardly to be seen at all stop during our whole stay in prague we met ^{only} four members of unitedstates armed forces ~~and one american in civilian clothes dash the latter being an extraordinary character about whom we will have to speak later at greater length~~ para prague had indeed appearance of victorious capital stop same symbols of triumph and liberation which had delighted us in provinces were displayed in these metropolitan avenues on an even larger more impressive scale stop same flags we had saluted in so many little towns and villages greeted us here from stately buildings of Wenzels square and from towers of ancient castle and there were same pictures dash president benes all over place comma in various formats and poses comma often flanked by portraits of marshal joseph stalin and late thomas gee masaryk founder and first quote liberator dash president quote of this republic para but if prague was proudly rejoicing in her liberation she also showed the marks of struggle and suffering stop some of citys

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most famous architectural landmarks dash forinstance old cityhall dash were destroyed or damaged by german bombs and shellfire at a time when armistice was already signed stop in many streets we found pavement still torn open or inadequately repaired dash reminding passerby of barricades behind which czech men and women risked their lives in fight against nazi oppressors only two weeks ago para events connected with recent uprising of prague population were still general subject of conversation stop in cafes and at streetcorner in private homes and hotel lobbies people were discussing fierce and heroic struggle which prepared and accelerated liberation and which may have been instrumental in saving capital from systematic destruction para/everybody we met seemed eager to tell us all about this violent and glorious episode stop we heard epic story from eyewitnesses and actual participants semicolon it was disclosed to us by enthusiastic lads wearing proudly their brassards with the ~~h~~ letters quote rrr ggg quote paren standing for quote revolutionary guard quote paren and we learned further details from ~~the~~ man who directed whole operation comma general kutelvaser para general who received my colleague of paris stars stripes and me for long and cordial interview comma described beginning and dramatic development of patriotic rebellion stop it all started in evening of may fourth when people in certain districts demonstrated against nazi regime by tearing down german roadsigns and posters stop next day comma may fifth comma first clashes between czech patriots and german troops occured semicolon ~~the~~ streetfighting continued and increased in violence until may eleventh stop rebellion was a spontaneous

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upheaval dash inadequately prepared and organized stop patriots were lacking in arms and ammunition stop constantly watched and persecuted by gestapo comma they had been unable to communicate among each other and to coordinate their strategic plans stop there was no such thing as a revolutionary army semicolon movement consisted of numerous isolated groups dash czech deserters from german wehrmacht comma units of prague police force comma student organizations andsoforth stop but ~~and~~ once the actual battle had started comma this militant vanguard of liberation was supported and joined by the masses para quote you must keep this in mind if you want to understand what has really happened quote general kutelvaser insisted stop quote battle of prague was not fought by military professionals but by people themselves stop everybody took part comma everybody contributed dash not only our men but also our women and children stop those who were unable to fight helped by building barricades or carrying food and weapons stop it ~~was~~ was indeed an uprising of the people if there has ever been one quote para inspite of so much patriotic unity and such great collective heroism situation looked grim about may eleventh stop general toussaint commander of german occupation army had asked for reinforcements semicolon five german divisions were approaching capital stop quote russians came just in time to relieve us quote said general kutelvaser stop quote to us they looked like angels as they moved on from dresden with their heavy armour and artillery stop but again they might not have been able to take the city as quickly as they did if it had not been for our preparatory action stop and if

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we had not kept germans busy they would undoubtedly have carried out their plan to blow up our capital in its entirety quote a para what made this general remarkable was not only his military record and prestige but also his pleasant manners and likeable personality stop far from being boastful and arrogant he appeared urbane gracious and gentle stop having ended his report ~~of speech~~ of fight for liberty he changed subject and began talking books stop he proved wellread and intelligent stop thats the way czechs are dash at once determined and civilized semicolon courageous and ^{resolute} ~~active~~ comma yet not without sensitivity and refinement stop they are an excellent people para eye have met similar types among veterans of czech army now returning to their homeland after six years of war in poland france russia and many another country stop and eye have found same combination of qualities in those members of new czechoslovakian government whose acquaintance eye made or whom eye had pleasure of seeing again during past few days stop president benes is this kind of man dash ~~down to earth~~ down to earth but at same time highminded and reflective stop and most of ~~the~~ ministers and officials to whom we were introduced at alcron hotel impressed me as belonging to same species dash namely rare and useful species of activistic intellectual para what an extraordinary place comma this semiofficial hotel in the liberated prague of may nineteenfourtyfive exclamationmark being most fashionable establishment in town comma the alcron was naturally picked by germans who used it as their headquarters stop since departure of its germ nazi clientele it has become meetingplace and temporary home of new administration stop besides these governmental functionaries comma ~~many~~ most of whom have just returned from exile comma

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there were other distinguished guests dash some russian and czech
highranking officers comma some liberal writers whom nazism had forced
out of country and who have now come back comma some czech pilots in
dapper uniform of rrr aaa fff comma some diplomats and newspaper cor=
respondents stop it was in the alcron lobby that we were presented to
primeminister fierling formerly czechoslovakian ambassador to moscow
comma and that we met new minister of information professor pazak and
one of his collaborators mr vaclav zizka deputychief of press department
both of whom proved extremely helpful to us stop czechs enjoy having
foreign visitors comma especially journalists dash and even more
especially they like ~~people~~ visitors who have to do with american
press stop so naturally we were having a good time para but most curious
thing about the alcron ^{were} ~~the~~ the meals stop three times a day all those
important dash looking gentlemen with their more or less attractive
international ladies ^{assembled} ~~met~~ in restaurant dash the typical pompous dining
hall of a typical ~~pompous~~ european quote palace quote hotel stop
respectfully welcomed by welltrained and dignified waiters comma they
took place at beautifully set tables stop waiter comma with long
coattails white necktie and all comma rushed gracefully to kitchen
and presently returned to present dash what questionmark ~~with~~ a cup of
lukewarm ersatz coffee without cream or sugar comma two slices of
incredibly poor black bread and a bit of very dubious jam stop thats
what government had for breakfast semicolon if you offered same stuff
to any geeeye outfit mutiny would inevitably break out same morning
as for lunches and dinners served at the alcron they were of same
quality stop after having eaten with the ministers for a number of

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days we were longing for a solid portion of spam and powdered eggs
para but nobody seemed to mind abominable food semicolon nobody cared
colon people at the alcron had other worries and interests stop how
keenly and heatedly they conversed among each other comma during their
pathetic meals and afterwards in the lobby exclamationmark there were
so many things to discuss comma so many problems to be tackled stop
they had their country again semicolon they were free dash free to
argue comma free to plan comma free to work stop there was so much work
to be done exclamation mark liberation was just a beginning semicolon
now we have entered a new phase stop all these men dash ~~some~~ pilots
and professors comma officials and journalists dash seemed impatient
to start reconstructing comma reorganizing their liberated land dash
better today than tomorrow exclamationmark para and it was by no means
only at the alcron that eye found this dynamic enterprising spirit stop
average man in streets of prague and other czechoslovakian cities
showed same expression of keenness and # energy stop eye remember
certain men and women with whom eye just exchanged a few words dash
certain young faces at which eye had just a glance comma somewhere in
czechoslovakia stop but these fleeting contacts were sufficient to
give me good warm feeling stop for they confirmed what eye had known
before colon that the czech are a nation of good will and youthful
vitality which is going to play its constructive significant role in
the future of this continent stop coming from gloomy ^{paralyzing} humiliated germany
eye enjoyed every minute in czechoslovakia like a tonic bath stop
it was good to be in another country endit

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Schäfer

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dateline munich june first dash quote my greatest ambition is to help in restoring gradually honor of german people quote para man who made this statement was dr fritz schaefer whom american military government authorities appointed temporary minister hyphen president of bevaria on may twentyeighth stop herr schaefer who received this correspondent today for an exclusive interview has appearance and bearing of a typical german bureaucrat but also makes impression of being a trustworthy honest citizen stop fiftyseven years old comma by profession a lawyer comma he has been playing a role in public life of his country since nineteen eighteen when he entered politics quote forced by circumstances quote paren as he put it comma somewhat apologetically comma in his ~~the~~ autobiographical ~~note~~ sketch paren stop from very beginning of his political career he was a member of bavarian peoples party dash a catholic group which he represented in landtag paren state parliament paren from nineteen twenty to nineteen thirtythree and president of which he became in nineteen thirty para being a devout and active catholic comma new minister hyphen president feels very definitely that christian ethics should be fundament of future german democracy in general and of his own government in particular stop he emphasized however that his concept of christianity was broad and comprehensive dash not limited to doctrines or interests of catholic church para in ^{near} ~~the~~ future three ministers comma besides dr schaefer himself comma will have to be

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appointed by allied authorities to take over departments of interior
administration comma finance and education stop dr schaefer said that
among the men whom he suggested for these posts and other positions
were former members of various political parties stop quote our ~~future~~
administration quote he ~~believe~~ pointed out quote will include former
social democrats and former communists semicolon there will be protestants
and jews as well as catholics quote para it will be a long difficult
task comma he said comma to reeducate german people in a truly democratic
spirit semicolon but he believes that it can be done stop quote the germans
are not essentially ^{or} ~~not~~ incurably evil quote he observed stop quote
when they elected hitler comma and when they hailed him as their savior
comma they were not really aware of his program and purpose stop later
comma when they found out comma it was already too late to oppose regime
with any chance of success stop you as free americans can hardly imagine
how thoroughly organized comma how powerful and how ruthless the terror
was in this country quote para when discussing terroristic methods of
nazism dr schaefer speaks out of personal experience stop he was twice
arrested by the gestapo colon once in nineteen thirtythree when nazis
kept him in jail for a number of weeks, and second time in nineteen
fourtyfour comma soon after generals attempt on hitlers life stop only
some months ago the man who is today minister hyphen president of bavaria
was a prisoner in notorious dachau concentration camp para quote that
was the risk everybody run who dared criticize nazism quote dr schaefer
said stop quote there were tenthousands comma hundredthousands of germans

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who spoke off allthesame colon concentrationcamps were full of such
courageous citizens stop but of course one has to admit that active
antinazis constituted a comparatively small minority within the whole
of nation stop in general there was a regrettable lack of zivilkourage
paren civic courage paren quote para minister hyphen president suggested
that any future german constitution or legal code should expressly
differentiate between former nazis or nazisymphathizers on one hand and
reliable antinazis on other stop quote whole nation will have to be
gradually filtered through a kind of ideological sieve quote he said
stop quote every citizen will have to prove his political reliability
stop privileges of democracy must not be extended to any person with
antidemocratic record or antidemocratic tendencies stop no such person
should be allowed to vote or to hold any important office quote para
percentage of antinazis in bavaria dash herr schaefer ~~he~~ believes dash
may be somewhat higher comma thanks to strong catholic influence comma
than it is in northern germany stop yet he does not advocate a
separation of bavaria from rest of reich stop rather comma he hopes
that center of german political and cultural life may be gradually
shifted from north to south dash with prussia reduced to a number of
smaller states stop quote bavaria cannot be ruled from berlin comma
or not from berlin alone quote he said stop quote weve never liked
prussian militarism semicolon spirit of potsdam and real bavarian
tradition are incompatible contrasts quote para when asked whether he
liked his new position dr schaefer answered colon quote eye ~~he~~
dont have any personal ambitions nor do eye indulge in illusions ~~he~~
semicolon on contrary eye am fully aware of enormous difficulties ahead

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stop but eye am also aware of great responsibility my new job
involves stop all eye can say is that eye will try my best to
execute functions of my office in accordance with allied policy
and at same time as a sincere representative of bavarian interests
and traditions endit klaus mann

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Zhukov - Eisenhower

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dateline frankfurt june tenth dash today new shaf headquarters
in eye gee farben building was ~~for first time~~ scene of a solemn and
significant ceremony stop three central figures of festive gathering
were general dwight ddd eisenhower fieldmarshal sir bernard law
montgomery and marshal zhukov stop purpose of marshal zhukovs visit
was to award highest soviet decoration comma order of victory comma
to both general eisenhower and fieldmarshal montgomery stop russian
military leader decorated also ~~decorated~~ ten american and british
officers with quote order red banner endquote and ten others with
quote order for battle merit endquote para fieldmarshal montgomery
and his party were first to arrive at airfield yyy dash seventyfive
in frankfurt stop british plane which landed about tenthirty hours
was received with customary salutes paren seventeen guns paren and
honors paren four flourishes and ruffles paren for a visiting dignitary
stop ^{montgomery} ~~he~~ then drove to supreme headquarters where he was met by general
eisenhower para marshal of sovietunion arrived about one hour later
and was tendered similar honors stop marshal zhukovs party which was
welcomed by lt general www bedell smith included mr vishinsky vice
peoples commissar of foreign trade dash second man in soviet foreign
politics after molotov dash comma lt general iven simenovich
verennikov repeat verennikov comma lt general vasilev comma fourteen
staff officers comma three russian war correspondents and ten ccc dash
fourtyseven crew members para marshal ~~was~~ wearing blue trousers and
a light yellow jacket adorned with various medals and three shiny stars

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comma delivered a short speech upon his arrival stop he said that he was glad to be here and to greet soldiers of quote great allied armies whose heroic and noble deeds have freed mankind forever from menace of nazism and fascism endquote stop victory comma marshal pointed out has been made possible through collaboration of three outstanding leaders stalin roosevelt churchill and through friendship of worlds three greatest nations unitedstates greatbritain sovietunion para flags of these three nations welcomed marshal zhukov as he approached with his staff and his american escort stately eye gee farben building stop there was an atmosphere of expectation and festive suspense noticeable around supreme headquarters indeed throughout whole city stop it was pretty difficult to be admitted to eye gee farben estate by empees guarding all the entrances stop even civilian warcorrespondents had trouble unless they wore quote proper uniform endquote dash class saa with necktie comma buttoned blouse comma correct cap and all para main ceremony took place on a terrace outside officers mess stop marshal zhukov read brief decree issued by supreme soviet of the uuu sss sss rrr quote on awarding general of the army dwight ddd eisenhower order of victory for the outstanding successes in carrying out military operations on large scale in result of which the victory of the united nations has been achieved endquote stop same text which was signed by mmm kalinin comma chairman of the presidium of the supreme soviet of the uuu sss sss rrr comma was addressed to fieldmarshal montgomery para following ~~officers~~ american officers were decorated with quote

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order red banner endquote colon majorgeneral ray www barker
brigadiergeneral stanley rrr mickelson brigadiergeneral aaa
sss nevins brigadiergeneral ttt jjj betts colonel fff aaa
osmanski para five british officers honored same way were colon
lieutenantgeneral aaa eee grasett majorgeneral kkk www ddd
strong brigadier aaa ggg salisbury jones brigadier rrr hhh sss
venables brigadier rrr briggs para quote medal for battle merit
endquote was awarded to these uuu sss officers colon lieutenantcol
eee rrr lee ~~lee~~ lieutenantcol lll www cramer lieutenantcol eee
aaa nordstrom major lewis mmm fox captain ddd fff watson para
following british officers received same ~~medal~~ medal from marshal
~~zhukov~~ zhukov colon aircommodore hhh www mermagen wingcommander lll
ggg scarmen lieutenantcol fff lll carroll lieutenantcol rrr rrr
ccc rankin and captain rrr rrr birtwistle para when official part
of ceremony was over marshal zhukov suggested that this would be
appropriate moment for a little drink dash a remark which was
promptly translated by interpreter and acknowledged with lively
applause stop general eisenhower had a scotch and soda while
russian guest of honor and british fieldmarshal preferred dry
martini stop there was no vodka para before luncheon started comma
at approximately thirteen hours comma an impressive airshow took
place over the headquarters involving seventeenhundred aircraft para
lunch lasted until about four oclock stop general eisenhower ~~seemed~~
seated between zhukov and montgomery seemed in high spirits not=
withstanding linguistic difficulties complicating conversation stop

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an american lieutenantcol whose chair was placed directly behind
seats of three generals served as an interpreter para marshal zhukov
opened series of speeches with a toast to president truman marshal
stalin and mr churchill stop marshal dwelled on help sovietunion
received from britain and unitedstates and emphasized that russian
people would always remember gratefully this decisive support stop
he said that his nation will carry out its obligations as regards
construction of future world which must be protected from ^{future} acts
of aggression para there followed toasts by eisenhower and
montgomery stop british airmarshal sir arthur tedder repeat tedder
delivered a particularly brilliant speech in which he appealed to
present diplomats whose task it is dash as he put it dash to continue
coordinated strategy of united nations in peace stop quote language
of our bombs is an international idiom endquote airmarshal said
quote understood everywhere stop but it is a destructive and terribly
expenseive language stop now it is up to you diplomats to establish
new international formulas dash as universally ~~accepte~~ understandable
as ours but less costly and more constructive endquote para
mr vishinsky in his answer to airmarshal remarked with a rather
caustic sense of humor that without successful efforts of dilpomats
military men might not have had opportunity of proving their genius
stop he pointed out that ~~unsa~~ soviet people ~~did not believe in~~
were against unemployment but they would like to see one caste
unemployed in future dash namely military ^{profession stop} ~~caste~~ para between the
speeches ~~uuu ass army band played on terrace outside dining hall dash~~

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after his address mr vishinsky exchanged a smile and an informal toast with mr robert murphy political advisor to general eisenhower dash a friendly gesture perhaps not without farreaching significance para between speeches uuu sss army band played on terrace outside dining hall dash which was its last public appearance in the etouse para toward end of meal comma together with champagne and icecream with fresh strawberries comma a negro troupe showed up to entertain party stop star was miss alberta hunter dash a dark lady with a lot of pep and charm who has once been paul robsens partner in a quote show boat endquote production in london stop biggest success of miss hunters repertoire was a song with refrain quote if eye could be with you only one hour tonight endquote stop russian hyphen speaking american lieutenantcol sitting behind three allied military leaders had to translate this line for marshal zhukov who seemed rather amused para fieldmarshal montgomery and his staff left party about twothirty while eisenhower and zhukov were still enjoying floorshow stop russian party returned to airfield about four oclock stop there was another parade and more ~~band~~ music stop guard of honor was a composite battalion of british and american troops from norfolk regiment twentyninth uuu sss infantry division and hundred fiftysixth uuu sss infantry division stop commander of guard of honor was colonel aaa hhh rosenfeld endit poscriptum attention neville my ^s german tour will soon end after trip to weimar and some other places stop intend then to stay some days frankfurt luxemburg and return rome via paris stop please cable twelfth armygroup presscamp wiesbaden whether you want me stay germany or any special wishes you may have kleus mann

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attention sundaypaper dateline bad nauheim june seventh dash
nazism has proven comma if anything comma terrific power of political
propaganda stop it is no exaggeration to say that goebbels was most
influential most successful man in third reich and that his socalled
ministry for propaganda and enlightenment was more instrumental than
any other individual factor in establishing and maintaining hitlers
dictatorship para german propaganda wizard who committed suicide while
russians entered berlin continues haunting like an evil ghost allied
hyphen occupied reich stop goebbels is dead but the goebbels spirit
survives stop if himmlers elaborate machinery of terror has definitely
collapsed and disintegrated comma slogans coined and publicized by
his mephistophelian colleague have not yet ceased poisoning minds of
defeated german people stop yes there is something like a nazi under=
ground movement even if no comma or hardly any comma acts of murder
or organized sabotage have been discovered so far stop this clandestine
movement operates under leadership of a ghost colon it follows
directives of late dr goebbels para last weapon of bankrupt nazi
regime is venomous rumors stop rumors are being spread comma system=
atically and ingeniously comma all over german territory stop it is
a regular campaign carried out in strict accordance with oft hyphen
tested goebbels formulas stop main purpose of this whisper campaign
is to play out victorious allies against each other stop surviving
goebbels agents go around telling people that anglosaxon democracies

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are on point of declaring war against sovietunion with germany
participating in fight as an ally of western powers semicolon that
there is going to be a violent conflict between britain and france
over syrian question semicolon that a clash between american and
british interests is inevitable in far east comma and so forth stop
at same time germans in american hyphen and british⁸ hyphen held
zones are being told that they would be much better off if they were
in russianoccupied areas and ~~and~~ vice versa stop inshort everything
is done to spread idea that there is no such thing as a consistent
congruous allied policy dash a situation which comma if it existed
in reality comma would ~~be~~ indeed be pregnant with most encouraging
prospects for german nationalists and camouflaged nazis para
considering such dangerous maneuvers vital importance of allied
newsservice in occupied germany becomes particularly obvious stop
for past twelve years germans have heard and read nothing but
downright lies and clever misrepresentations stop even now insidious
fabrications continue to reach them through devious channels stop
only way to check current lying campaign comma and to overcome gradually
evil effect of past indoctrination comma is a wellplanned forceful
policy of publicizing and ^{dramatizing} ~~dramatizing~~ the truth stop straight facts
comma effectively presented and intelligently explained comma are
best arguments to refute lies stop in light of factual reports and
sober commentaries goebbels spook will finally fade away para
there can be no doubt that majorgeneral robert asa mcclure has one
of most responsible most significant jobs held by any officer or

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civilian in american occupied germany stop former chief of shaefs
psychological warfare division has now been put in charge of all
operations and organizations connected with information ~~instruction~~
and entertainment of german people stop sphere of his activities
and responsibilities comprises german press radio film theater music
and literature stop officer operating directly under him as ccc
ooo of ppp www ddd twelfth army group is colonel clifford rrr powell
repeat powell of mountholy newjersey para if any of services included
in ppp www ddd setup has its indispensable function comma two most
potent instruments of information and true enlightenment are certainly
press and radio stop as for latter we may try to survey recent
achievements and to describe present state of affairs in a subsequent
article stop subject of todays story is american hyphen controlled
american hyphen run german press para while shaef ppp www ddd
authorities have their offices in stately iii ggg farben building
in frankfurt main dash new seat of american supreme headquarters dash
press and publication section is located in badnaheim dash an
oldfashioned elegant spa which can boast of a lot of remarkably
untouched villas and hotels and moreover of the most mercilessly
exacting and most observant empees this correspondent has ever met
in course of his long army career para officer in charge of all
german newspapers published in american zone is captain hans habe
of washington ddd ccc stop of hungarian origin habe has been active
as an author and ~~was~~ journalist in various parts of europe before
coming to unitedstates stop his first american bestseller was a book

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called quote a thousand shall fall endquote describing his experiences
in french army in which he served as an enlisted man during opening
phase of war stop a novel quote kathrine repeat kathrine endquote was
published in newyork when author was already on overseas duty as a
lieutenant with fifth armys psychological warfare branch in italy stop
later he was transferred to france and tried his best to undermine german
fighting spirit by means of leaflets and broadcasts at time of normandy
invasion and following american hyphen made blitz ³ para quote first
german paper published by americans came out in luxemburg on november
twentyseventh nineteen fortyfour endquote he told me stop quote a few
months later we brought out our first publication on german soil proper
dash in cologne stop eyell never forget the day colon it was april first
stop there ~~was~~ was a distance of just fivehundred yards between
our editorial office and enemy line stop our printshop was under machine=
gun fire stop when eye dictated a letter or an article my sentences
were punctuated by noise of heavy artillery endquote para today captain
habes department is running eight german weekly publications dash or
rather sixteen of them as each paper has two editions colon one local
one for ^{out-of-town readers} ~~neighbouring area~~ stop total circulation of all these newspapers
is five milliom dash which means that one copy is available for about
every fifth person in americanoccupied part of germany para quote of course
captain habe said quote we would easily find costumers for twice or
three times as many copies if we had technical facilities to produce
them stop germans are starved for news stop have you seen people standing

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in line in front of our distribution centers questionmark up to now
distribution was free but in future our papers will sell for twenty
pfennig or two cents a copy stop it seems that on black market a copy
brings as much as two marks or more endquote para german newspapers so
far established by american authorities are situated in frankfurt
essen cologne kassel heidelberg brunswick bamberg and munich stop
munich ~~for~~ journal was originally founded under auspices of sixth
army group with an american civilian curt lll heyman comma formerly
of newyork times staff comma acting as chief editor semicolon captain
habe told me however that this publication too will now be handled by
his organization stop editor of new quote muenchener zeitung endquote
comma which is printed on press of hitlers defunct quote voelkischer
beobachter endquote comma will be technician third grade max kraus para
quote all the editors in charge of the german papers happen to be
enlisted men endquote captain habe said stop quote fellow who is
running our frankfurt sheet comma technician third grade peter weiden=
reich comma is just twentytwo years old and ^{yet} ~~still~~ works as independently
and efficiently as if he were an old newspaperman stop some of those
boys were noted writers in civilian life dash technician third grade
stefan heym forinstance author of bestselling novel quote hostages
endquote who is now responsible for quote ruhr zeitung endquote in
essen comma and joseph wechsberg a wellknown journalist of czech origin
who is taking care of the quote koelnischer kurier endquote in cologne
stop theyre all doing ^a fine job comma eye think comma and they all

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deserve to be mentioned dash technician third grade eric winters who
is in charge of quote hessische post endquote in kassel comma technician
third grade
roderic fruendt of the quote braunschweiger bote endquote comma tech=
nician third grade kurt wittler of the quote bayrischer tag endquote
in bamberg comma and technician third grade irvin strauss editor of the
heidelberg quote mitteilungen repeat mitteilungen endquote stop all
these men have actually two jobs semicolon for besides being local
editors they serve also as foreign correspondents to the other papers
and to this central office stop all the incoming news is compiled and
rewritten here by our chief newseditor technician thirdgrade jules
bond dash one of our most capable men endquote para obviously captain
habe was extremely proud of his outfit and appreciated what his men
were doing in service of press and publication ~~section~~ department
stop he also praised achievements of technicians assigned to twelfth
armygroup ppp www ddd radio section thanks to whom news hyphen distrib=
uiting apparatus comma previously destroyed by germans comma was made
workable again in surprisingly little time stop quote were using
hellschreiber repeat hellschreiber system endquote captain explained
to ^{me} enthusiastically comma and as eye seemed insufficiently informed
about character of this radio hyphen operated device he gave me a
graphic description of its advantages and particularities para quote
our papers look alright dont they questionmark endquote he asked while
presenting me with a voluminous bunch of recent issues stop eye agreed
that they looked remarkably nice indeed stop most recent publication

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was an quote extrablatt endquote paren special edition paren featuring
in bold letters joint declaration ~~featured~~ issued by general eisenhower
fieldmarshal montgomery marshal ~~stake~~ zhukov and general delattre de
tassigny in berlin on june fifth stop quote that may prove to our german
readers that four great powers have a coordinated clearcut policy as
regards treatment of defeated reich endquote captain habe observed
quote no matter what incurable goebbels stooges may ~~whisper~~ say to
contrary endquote para straight facts dash thats what americanmade
german journals contain and stress above all stop there are concise and
objective reports not only of daily goingson in occupied germany but
also of world events stop disturbing ^{incidents} ~~events~~ are presented along with
the more pleasant news colon recent crisis in syria got as prominent
a quote coverage endquote as bombardment of tokyo stop obvious propaganda
is completely missing semicolon there is little editorializing stop
occasionally one of outstanding german refugee writers now living in
unitedstates is represented with a contribution colon a hitler portrait
by konrad heiden was quote syndicated endquote in new german press
as were political manifestos by franz werfel and thomas mann para
a regular feature of special interest comma and which enjoys particular
popularity comma is an open letter department dash a kind of mailcall
for german civilians stop letters appear with senders full signature
under heading quote this eye have experienced myself endquote ^{stop} most of
these communications are dealing with vicious nazi bosses or reveal
hitherto unknown or little known samples of gestapo terror stop others

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however discuss political problems or they take ~~some~~ exception to certain arguments previously put forward by editors stop quote this kind of free controversy seems to me of greatest educational value endquote captain habe told me stop quote germans havent had anything like democratic discussion for past twelve years stop our letter column gives them a chance to speak off comma to articulate their own thoughts and opinions stop its a training in free speech to them dash and how eagerly they take advantage of it exclamationmark were receiving an average of twohundred letters a week stop most of them would be worth= while publishing but naturally eye can use just a few endquote para a free german press written and edited by german citizens under allied supervision dash thats what american authorities want to emerge eventually from the present experimental and preparatory setup stop if there are three phases in development of german newsservice as general mcclure has pointed out we are now in second phase following initial stage which brought about disruption of all nazi hyphen inspired publications stop while for duration of second phase german newspapers will be produced by americans comma third phase will inaugurate restoration of a free comma if still supervised comma german journalism stop quote eyed like to see this third phase started as soon as possible end quote captain habe said stop quote only difficulty is to find a sufficient number of qualified trustworthy german editors endquote para in meantime german public seems to appreciate provisional information service established for them by occupation forces stop it is true that

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this geeve german newspaper chain is somewhat lacking in variety
and that it has a rather dryly official aspect stop but germans have
been fed long enough with fancy publications full of swindle and
rubbish stop to them the truth should have attractiveness of a
sensational novelty however sober and conservative presentation
may be endit klaus mann