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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

*Now,*  
~~First,~~ let's see what news about Berlin.

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The word from London tonight is -- showdown. A dispatch quoting reliable British sources says that the Western envoys in Moscow are to ask ~~Premier~~ Stalin to meet them tomorrow night -- for a decisive discussion. We are told that all the Moscow envoys have received new instructions from their governments. The four nations are said to be in complete agreement that if Stalin gives no satisfaction in this important, and probably final, meeting at the Kremlin tomorrow, the Berlin crisis will be submitted to the United Nations.

The French, British and American Ambassadors in Moscow, held two meetings today, to mull over notes and instructions from their governments. This evening,

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a spokesman for them said that they will not appeal to Stalin. That the situation now has gone beyond any matter of appealing -- now it's a case of -- showdown.

This is taken to mean that the western powers will demand of the Soviet Premier that he send immediate and clearcut instructions to Sokolovsky in Berlin -- to lift the Berlin blockade. That when this has been done, then we'll talk about currency and the East-West German trade.

The mood today in the Western capitals is one of firmness, with not too much optimism. No one seems to expect Stalin to do what we demand of him.

Stalin to be told to call off the Berlin blockade, and also put a stop to the Communist riots in Berlin -- or -- the whole matter to be given to the U.N. General Assembly scheduled to open in Paris on September Twenty-first, eight days from now.

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Of course an appeal to the United Nations will not provide any quick solution to the problem of feeding

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those two million, five hundred thousand Berliners, who now depend for their existence on the Allied air lift. Which means we'll have to keep the air lift going, keep flying in supplies -- food and fuel.

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ADD LEAD

President Truman held a special Cabinet meeting today, ~~with~~ with all members present. Afterwards Secretary of State Marshall stayed on for a further conference.

There's no official ~~word~~ word as to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~purpose~~ purpose of this emergency Cabinet session. But there is little doubt but what it had to do with the European crisis.

Washington reports a day of feverish activity between London, Paris and our capital -- diplomatic messages shooting back and forth across the Atlantic, getting ready for the next move.



RICKENBACKER

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, <sup>the famous flyer,</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXX~~ says the surest way of preventing an attack on America by Russia is to put our military aircraft production into high gear. Speaking in Washington tonight Rickenbacker said that American air power should be made invincible, even if that means spending billions of dollars -- as if they were "beans". "What is needed", he said, "is, wartime schedule, hot, hard, and heavy around the clock." *As he put it: -* ~~which says by~~ "in place of the present dribbling pace of production on a year-by-year timetable."



PARIS

That meeting of the representatives of the Big Four -- to consider the fate of the former Italian colonies -- took place in Paris today.

There was some non-stop talking, but nothing accomplished. Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei Vishinsky, raised a point and talked about it for almost ~~an~~ four hours. Today's meeting could not be a real council meeting of the Big Four, he said, because everybody, except France's Foreign Minister Robert Schuman, was a deputy. So, how could you have a meeting of the Big Four, he asked, if there was only one real member of the Big Four present -- only one Foreign Minister? As for himself, said the amiable Vishinsky - and we are told he was in an amiable mood -- why, he had merely been asked to attend the meeting, with no power of decision.

After charging the others with ruining the Italian peace treaty by not sending their Foreign Ministers, <sup>only</sup> ~~deputy~~ deputies, he went on to say that if they decided they were foreign ministers, why then he

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would have to get new instructions. The old Soviet game again!

The meeting was held in the elaborate Salle Beauvais of the French Foreign Office; that stately room, overlooking the Gardens where the kings of France, and Napoleon, once walked among the flowers and fountains. On the walls around them, Eighteenth Century tapestries -- parakeets -- those gorgeously plumed birds, also known for their non-stop chattering.

KING

In London today the King expressed his thanks to Uncle Sam, for the Marshall Plan.

"In these anxious times," said George-the-Sixth, at the closing session of Parliament, "we have all been encouraged by the far-sighted and generous action of the United States, in extending financial assistance to the United Kingdom, and other European countries."

Then he went on to say that Great Britain will keep on working closely with the U.S.A., to bring about European recovery. And the King assured his parliament that the British government is doing its utmost to come to an agreement with the Soviets on the Berlin blockade, on all problems affecting Germany.



## INDIA

From Alexandria, Egypt, tonight the Arab League announces that it has agreed to mediate in the dispute between India and Hyderabad. This at the request of Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the news tells us how the troops of the new Indian government, spearheaded by tanks and airplanes have entered the princely state of Hyderabad - last of India's feudal kingdoms. Ruled over by His Exalted Highness, <sup>the</sup> legendary Nizam of Hyderabad, a Moslem. He refuses to join his state with Hindu India, although eighty percent of his twelve million subjects are Hindu.

Tonight the columns of the Indian Army are attacking the landlocked state of Hyderabad from the north, the south and the west.. Tanks and mechanized troops pushing along the main roads leading to the capital city of Hyderabad where the Nizam dwells in

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princely estate. In a three-hundred-year-old walled city with thirteen gates. A city with an elaborate mosque, a replica of the mosque of the Kaaba at Mecca.

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world. In Hyderabad city, too, a modern university, where students from the Nizam's twelve million subjects take advance<sup>d</sup> studies, in Urdu, their native tongue -- with English the second language.

The quarrel between the Nizam and the Dominion of India is over the activities of the Nizam's volunteer army -- the Razakars, whose members are fanatical young Moslems. The New Delhi Government charges that these Razakars, headed by the Nizam's Prime Minister, Mir Laik Ali, have been plundering and murdering both Hindus and Moslems, in Hyderabad and on the borders of the neighboring Indian provinces -- Berar, Madras, and Bombay.

The New Delhi Government has long been at odds with Hyderabad's Premier, Mir Laik Ali. He is said to be the strong man of Hyderabad. His influence so strong that his power, so we are told, approaches even that of His ~~Highness~~ Highness, the Nizam.

Today's invasion was ~~precluded~~<sup>preceeded</sup> by a lengthy exchange



of diplomatic notes and protests between the two governments.

Each accusing the other of atrocities and infringement of an agreement which allowed the Indian ~~governor~~ government to station troops ~~in Hyderabad~~ to protect the big airfield outside Hyderabad city.

The Nizam, to whom the British granted the title of Exalted Highness, ~~has~~ because the family has supported the British Raj since the Great Mutiny of Eighteen Fifty-Seven, has had little to say <sup>so far.</sup> ~~yet~~ No raising of the princely voice, all the talking done by Prime Minister Mir Laik Ali - <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ leader of the Razakars.

## STRIKE

The Army announces that it is going to hire its own west coast stevedores to handle cargoes for its far eastern outposts. This because west coast shipping employers are refusing to handle military cargoes. All except one that is. Royall says he gave the western ship owners a deadline -- until seven PM this evening and only one reply. So the Army is going ahead to hire the men it needs to handle ~~the~~ essential cargo. The only condition imposed on the men hired is that none is a member of "any political party or organization that advocates the overthrow of the government" -- which means, Communists barred.



SCIENCE SPEECH

In Washington's Constitutional Hall tonight the nation's top scientists heard Mr Truman charge that some politicians operate on the idea that "scientitic knowledge belongs only to them". ~~And lament that American scientists are subject to a public hearing of unfounded rumors, gossip and vilification. Those~~ *Words aimed* ~~were his words. Which his listeners took to be a poke~~ at the Un-American Activities Committee which ~~has dubbed~~ *called* Dr Condon, ~~the~~ head of the National Bureau of Standards, ~~as~~ the weakest link in our atomic security.

Mr Truman denounced what he ~~called~~ *termed* "a smear campaign *against* of atomic scientists". "We cannot drive scientists into our laboratories", he said, "But if we tolerate reckless or unfair attacks on them we can certainly drive them out." And he pleaded for America to keep its lead by allowing scientist<sup>s</sup> to continue their



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research without disturbances or distractions.

The White House had previously billed Mr Truman's address to the Centennial Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science as

non-political. But it seems you can't get away from politics these days. Even in the world of science!

At the same meeting Professor Harlow Shapley, the Harvard astronomer, told his fellow scientists that politicians can learn a lot from the stars. For instance, how to live peacefully in one world -- by contemplating the solar system revolving round one sun, and staying put.

POLITICS

TODAY'S

The early results of ~~the~~ general election in Maine show Congresswoman Margaret Chase Smith with a lead of nearly two to one over her Democratic opponent. Mrs Smith ~~is expected~~ *to* become the first Republican woman to win a full term in the U.S. Senate, and it looks as if she *will be just that.* ~~is going to pull it off. Elsewhere in the state~~ ~~Republicans are in a strong lead, as was expected. Maine~~ ~~being traditionally Republican.~~

In Albany, former Republican National Chairman,  
E Carroll Reece, has told Governor Thomas Dewey that the  
Republicans have a good chance of carrying Tennessee, for  
the first time in twenty years. Tennessee usually a  
Democratic stronghold. <sup>Carroll</sup> Reece told the Republican presidential  
candidate that he expects Tennessee to <sup>go</sup> vote for the Dewey-  
Warren ticket. Also, that the G.O.P. in Tennessee will elect  
a governor and a U.S. senator. The last time the Republicans  
carried Tennessee for the presidency was in Nineteen  
Twenty-Eight. ~~I But these are the straws in the wind,~~  
~~as read by the former Republican National Chairman~~  
~~his prediction, Tennessee to go Republican, in 1948.~~



## MOTOR CYCLES

A new motor cycle speed record ~~was put up~~ at  
*on the Utah*  
Bonneville, Salt Flats, ~~Utah~~, today. Roland Free, a  
Hollywood racing driver pushed his Black Shadow, British  
motor cycle to a speed of one hundred and fifty point  
eight five five miles an hour. This world's record made,  
using alcohol as a fuel.

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SPORTS

Old Satchel Paige, slowing down - the Negro wonder pitcher who got his chance in Big League baseball in the evening of his career. Old Satch to be relegated to relief pitching for the rest of the season. Because, says Hank Greenberg, he is showing signs of being tired-- and no wonder, at fifty! I hear he's at least that old.



## TELEPHONE

Over in England, they're starting one of those campaigns. You know how we go in for apple week, Ancient Automobile week, inspired by James Melton and his pals. Well, in England they are having a "don't lose your telephone-temper" week.

It seems that in Britian nowadays there's an epidemic of slamming down the receiver. Exhibitions of telephone temper so numerous and violent that there's nationwide damage to British telephone equipment.

In the past, British phone service has been good. Far better than say Rome, or Paris -- where, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ according to old tradition, you might virtually lose your mind while trying to get a number. Of late, post-war shortages have hit the British.

Now, an Englishman is patient, but he is also remarkably capable of what the old novelists used to call - "high dudgeon".

A British writer reminds me that, in the London pulps, its the height of dramatic action when the



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beautiful girl has an unsatisfactory conversation with the boy friend to slam down the telephone.

With this pattern of action, it is only too obvious what happened when post-war telephone service began to go sour and an irate Englishman couldn't get a number. High dudgeon! Slam down the telephone!

So now over there they are having a "don't lose your telephone temper" campaign. To persuade irate Englishman, in high dudgeon, to replace the instrument gently as an autumn leaf drifting to the ground.

*Gently and softly - the way you speak Nelson. And welcome back Farmer Case.*