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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The news from Washington tonight comes under three headings - those three inevitable headings familiar to every grammar school pupil in civics. The White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives, the great Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance combination of American politics.

The White House news today is in big figures, and the White House sure can make them big when it starts pump-priming, spending, "revitalizing business" - as it's called today. ~~The newest move reported does not concern the billion dollars or more to be dedicated to direct unemployment relief, W.P.A. work relief projects. Nor is it the same as the billion and a half dollars to be lent to business by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation - that R.F.C. business lending appropriation now before Congress. W.P.A. work relief expenditures are one thing, and R.F.C. business loans are another. The news today tells of still a third big money item.~~

The report is that the President and his advisors had<sup>VE</sup>  
prepared a plan for lending a billion and a half dollars to  
local political agencies - states, towns, municipalities. This  
vast sum to be spent locally in such fashion as to increase local  
business and provide employment. Housing projects, slum clearance,  
expenditures for better living conditions - these would be major  
objectives. Those loans for local spending would be distributed  
chiefly in places where business conditions are ~~WXXX~~ the worst -  
where unemployment is the greatest.

They'd be loans without interest. <sup>The</sup> states and towns  
would be required to pay back to the government only the principal,  
the actual amount advanced to them, and they'd have fifty years  
in which to do this, two per cent a year for half a century.

Where will the government get the money to do all  
this lending? That question is answered in the presidential plan  
as reported. A bond issue, bonds to be sold for this special  
purpose, bonds to be paid off by the money the states and towns  
will pay back to the government. ~~But the bonds will pay interest,~~  
~~while those local loans will pay none. The government will foot~~

~~the bill for the difference. That's to be the federal contribution - the interest on the bonds, which would come to between six and seven ~~mill~~ hundred million dollars.~~

Such, they say, was the plan discussed in the White House today - where the President held conferences with his relief advisors. And, it is scheduled to be placed before Congress soon in definite and concrete form. - Such is the report.

The advocates of this new pump-priming plan declare that it would give business a badly needed boost - revitalize business, is what they call it. They maintain that, put into effect this summer, it would promptly pull the nation out of the economic slump. ~~A billion and a half in loans to states and towns, that plus a billion or more for W.P.A. relief projects, these two plus a billion and a half for R.F.C. loans. The total might run as high as four billion dollars for this year's pump-~~

*Pump* priming - what a pump, if it needs so much priming!

SENATE FOLLOW WHITE HOUSE

The Senate news concerns that theme so familiar to every American citizen - to every citizen of every place, for that matter. I suppose you could define the human race as - that species of mammalia which pays taxes. The Senate today started in on the job of deciding about the revised tax bill, which has been in the congressional threshing machine for a long time, under debate, in committee, out of ~~committee~~ committee, and now before the Senate. I could perplex you for an hour with the intricacies of that tax bill - that is, I could if I were to take a couple of weeks to fathom those intricacies myself. The one thing about it that will strike instant recognition, is the feature that concerns - undistributed profits. ~~THATXXXXXXXX~~ With most of us we distribute our profits right away to the grocer, landlord and the electric company - although some ~~of us~~ haven't got any profits. ~~Butxxxx~~

But it's different with big corporations. They have profits - sometimes. And they don't distribute them - sometimes. And the government has been slapping on a tax - all of the time. But not any more, not if the present bill goes through the Senate. Its salient feature is that it cuts out the undistributed profits tax.

Chairman ~~Senator~~ Pat Harrison of the Senate Finance Committee, which has just completed the job of revising the bill, asked his brother lawmakers to adopt it without delay. He praised the measure, which ~~is to be~~ <sup>he helped to</sup> polished and patched, fiddled ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> and fixed up.

"I believe," said he, "that we have written a bill that will go far toward removing the fear that exists in this country and restore the confidence which some have lost."

So, he has no fear about the bill, and regards it with confidence.

Therefore, and in consequence, the Senate started out with quick moves to pass the bill, voting okay for several parts of it. <sup>one of</sup> And the first votes put the okay on that section of the bill which eliminates the undistributed profits tax.



to a hundred and sixty-nine. So the enacting clause stays in the Reorganization Bill - while the boys are still proposing amendments.

AUSTRIA

Today there's a buzz of rumors about yesterday's visit of Cardinal Innitzer to the Pope. That's quite inevitable <sup>with a</sup> ~~an~~ theme as bitterly controversial as the Nazi situation in Austria, and with personalities in the spotlight as <sup>exhorted</sup> ~~exorbitant~~ as a Cardinal and Pontiff. There's a Vienna report, said to emanate from high ecclesiastical quarters - a report that puts emphasis on a stern determination of Pope Pius. We know of course that the Vienna Cardinal hurried to Rome yesterday and went to the Vatican, and there he explained why he and the Austrian bishops advised the Austrian Catholics to vote Nazi in the coming election.

Today's Vienna report tells us that Pope Pius not only called Cardinal Innitzer to Rome, but did so with the peremptory decree that the Cardinal, head of the Church of Austria, must either make a personal report on the Nazi business - or retire to a monastery. ~~Further~~ <sup>At</sup> first the Cardinal sent his secretary, <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ Monsignor of the Church, sent him to the Vatican to explain the situation. But the Pontiff refused to listen, and demanded that the Cardinal come - and report in person. These are Vienna rumors and I pass them along because of the extreme significance



of the controversy between the Catholic Church and the Hitler regime in Germany.

Vienna itself knows little or nothing about all this, that is - the city or the people. Nazi censorship keeps everything a secret, and the rank and file of Catholics know nothing about the Vatican disagreement with the attitude of the Austrian bishops. They think the pastoral letter advising them to vote "Nazi" was issued with the approval of the Pope.

SPAIN

There's grave international concern tonight about Spain -- and that concern is humanitarian. Today in Paris a group called the Spanish Committee of Civil ~~pe~~ Peace spoke up. It's headed by a brother of the Spanish Ambassador to London -- the Left Wing Ambassador. So it's a Barcelona group. Its purpose in Paris was to appeal to the radical French labor unions to do something to help Barcelona. But today the committee makes an appeal of a different sort -- calls upon the French and British governments to <sup>intervene</sup> ~~appeal~~ in behalf of the prisoners in Spain -- prisoners on both sides. ~~They want some sort of international action to ~~prevent~~ prevent massacres and executions.~~

And there's word that Paris and London will use their influence in the cause of mercy, so little of which is to be noticed in Spain.

I know that in this land of ours there are many many people who sympathize with the Left Wing cause in Spain. I don't want to shock their feelings -- <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ I can only repeat the news as it comes. ( Refugees crossing the French border today report that the policy of wholesale executions has been revived in

Barcelona. The Left Wing Tribunal of Espionage and High Treason is ~~ix~~ at its grim work again. They're speeding up the trials, rushing them -- to go through the list of political prisoners as fast as possible. There are thousands of prisoners in the Barcelona jails and there are three prison ships crammed with them in the harbor. The number of executions in the last few days is given as three hundred. ~~and~~ ~~six were condemned to death yesterday~~ And ~~what's worse a~~ <sup>wave</sup> ~~series of unofficial executions is reported.~~ Killings by bands of Reds. ~~The peril, is that the extreme Red elements, knowing that Franco will put them before firing squads, are taking their refuge revenge in advance.~~

That Left Wing Committee in Paris declares that the Anarchist~~x~~ Party in Barcelona has decreed that -- there shall be no exodus from the city. People won't be allowed to get away. Not even members of the government -- that's a special ~~ix~~ point. The Anarchists are determined that the Left Wing leaders shall stay in Barcelona, with their followers. No get-away to safety, <sup>leaving</sup> the rank and file of the Reds at the mercy of the Fascists. Specifically -- ~~they've refused to let Senor Prieto depart. That~~

one-time chief of Left Wing Spain, recently deposed, decided that he should go to the Valencia territory and establish a new government there -- ~~that~~ because of ~~that~~ the Rebel drive ~~cutting~~ cutting Left Wing Spain in two. But the Anarchists told Prieto, No -- stay in Barcelona.

These reports accompany the news of the families of Barcelona leaders arriving in France -- fugitives. Some of the Left Wing ministers have accompanied their families, saying they would return to ~~Barcelona~~ <sup>Spain.</sup> A group of Soviet Russia<sup>n</sup> military specialists arrived in France -- saying they were just taking a vacation.

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The stream of fugitives into France continues to increase, thousands ~~are~~ pouring across the borders right now, ~~civilians~~ and ~~soldiers~~. ~~Today five Left Wing staff officers entered~~ ~~entered France.~~ The French have sent an extra regiment to the border to control the exodus especially as ~~one~~ whole division is said to be on its way across. ~~forty six thousand troops~~ <sup>from four to</sup> ~~But~~ They are reported lost in the mountains, trying to pick their way across the border.

What about the Americans -- those Americans of the

Barcelona International Brigade.<sup>S</sup> Today the American Chamber of Commerce laid plans to receive them. They'll be without credentials and money, the French can't be expected to take care of them. France is already over-run with refugees. So the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris has arranged to ~~repatriate~~ repatriate the Americans, send them back to the United States, when they get across the border -- those that ~~do~~ ~~the~~ ~~those~~ ~~that~~ have escaped the Barcelona defeat.

PARIS

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There's rioting in Paris tonight, huge crowds of Socialist and Communist workers battling with the police. The trouble began this morning when placards were posted in the working class sections of Paris, calling for mobilization of the workers to march on the French Senate. The Senate is considering the financial plan submitted by Premier Blum, a plan to raise money by a capital levy, seize wealth to tide the government over with its bad financial predicament. It was certain that the Senate would turn down the capital levy plan, and this would cause the overthrow of the Blum Popular Front ~~government.~~

The appearance of the placards on the streets brought about a large mobilization of police. Swarms of mobile guards surrounded the Senate Building and kept people away for <sup>a radius of</sup> half a mile around. ~~Then the placards were brought out~~ <sup>And</sup> the placards brought out the workers. They swarmed <sup>to</sup> the police lines, carrying signs: "Long Live Blum." And their banners had a word or two about Caillaux, head of the Senate Finance Committee. The slogan read: "Caillaux to the Gallows!"

This was the state of affairs as the French Senate took a

vote, and ~~got an overwhelming~~ <sup>by an</sup> overwhelming majority ~~that~~ threw out  
the Blum capital levy plan, which is sure to cause the government  
to resign. ~~That meant immediate~~ <sup>It</sup> ~~disturbance.~~ <sup>inflamed the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Thousands of</sup> Socialists and  
Communists started a battle with the police. They grabbed chairs  
<sup>from</sup> ~~in~~ the outdoor cafes, broke them up and used them as clubs.

They tore apart iron railings from around the trees along the  
boulevards, and swung <sup>the</sup> iron ~~clubs~~. And the police fought back with  
their clubs. <sup>Machine guns on</sup> ~~They drove the mob away from~~ the Senate Building <sup>kept</sup>  
~~the mob at bay.~~ <sup>the mob at bay.</sup> <sup>And now tonight</sup>  
~~and then~~ <sup>are</sup> the battling crowds <sup>ing</sup> streamed down the boulevard, <sup>with</sup>  
~~havoc and turmoil into the night.~~

MOTHER

Tonight the funereal color of black is seen at a castle in France, a medieval stronghold built by the Knights Templar. ~~One turret that rears above the castle wall is fitted out as the studio of an artist. And another turret is likewise an artist's studio. A strange story of pigment and canvas is to be told about the old fortress of the Knights Templar, the story to be related tonight because~~ Suzanne Valadon died today. She was an artist of note -- her son an artist of ~~still~~ greater note. ~~But that is the story~~ a strange tale of mother <sup>love.</sup> ~~hood.~~

In the old days of the Latin Quarter, when many a great name flourished in art, there was a model of singular grace and beauty -- Suzanne Valadon. She posed for ~~the~~ greatest of those great men ~~Renoir, Lautree, Degas.~~ She ~~had talent too, and these~~ <sup>They</sup> masters of ~~renown~~ <sup>renown</sup> taught her how to paint. ~~She posed for them, and they gave her lessons. That was like the old Latin Quarter, and so is this:~~

Suzanne -- ~~and~~ <sup>had</sup> a child, a son. Later on the Spanish artist, Utrillo, fell in love with her, married her, and gave



the boy  
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his name, ~~to her son~~ Maurice Utrillo, ~~the boy became known~~

~~Suzanne Valadon went on living -- and painting,~~

~~Thanks to the lessons from the masters in the studios, she~~

~~made a name for herself in art. But, what was of deeper~~

~~importance to her, She taught her son how to paint. all the~~

~~craft of the great artist.~~ He displayed a vivid turn of genius --

as an impressionist, ~~creator of~~ the moody and exotic. He also

displayed a weakness ~~of character, even of mentality~~ alcoholic.

He ~~B~~ became virtually a slave of tavern keepers, who would ply him with brandy, lock him in a back room, and make

him pay his bills by painting pictures for them. The <sup>paintings</sup> ~~work~~ ^

that Utrillo produced in that fashion sold for thousands of

dollars. His own mentality was gone, sinking into shadow.

His mother rescued him, took him from his evil haunts.

By this time the mind of Maurice Utrillo had gone so far that he passed his time playing with children's toys.

Suzanne Valadon took him away from Paris, to the country to surroundings medieval, old castle of the Knights Templar.

There she fitted out one turret as a studio for herself. The other

as a studio for her son. In one she painted. In the other she brought him back to health and painting -- quiet years of mother love and art. And Maurice Utrillo painted in such style that the French Government decorated him with the Legion of Honor.

So you can fathom the depth of grief at the castle  
of the Templars, *over the death today of* ~~grief for~~ Suzanne Valadon.

BASEBALL


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Baseball's Number One hold-out dilemma ~~remains unsolved~~  
~~tonight - it~~ seems more insoluble than ever. This, after an  
~~exchange of declarations today, statement and counter-statement~~  
~~by Colonel Jake Ruppert and Joe DiMaggio.~~ In New York the  
*Jake R* —  
Colonel issued announcements saying ~~just what he had said before,~~  
*DiMaggio's*  
that Joe <sup>^</sup> the high finance outfielder, would have to take the  
twenty-five thousand dollars ~~a season~~ offered him, or ~~he'd get~~  
~~nothing not a penny more.~~ *he* He just wouldn't play baseball this  
comming summer.

In San Francisco, DiMaggio was told of this, and ~~he~~ said —  
~~"That's fair enough." His determination is just as inflexible~~  
~~as the Colonel's.~~ "I'm standing pat on forty thousand dollars and  
nothing less." <sup>14</sup> ~~And I'm staying in San Francisco until I get it."~~  
~~However~~ *But* I don't think it'll be that bad. ~~the~~ toughest hold-out  
dilemmas usually find some solution: *Still* ~~but it might be that~~  
inflexible Joe may stay in San Francisco and tend to his fishing —  
with baseball missing its most *publicized* ~~popularized~~ player and DiMaggio  
missing his highly paid and *publicized* ~~glamorous~~ job.

*not the only ones*  
Colonel Ruppert and his star outfielder are involved in

hold-out troubles this spring. Here's another painful instance, which is played up in the BRIDGEPORT POST. That monument of sturdy journalism is all excited about another cantankerous hold-out affair, and is kicking up a scandal. What's the team in the case? Why, it's that speedy, hard-hitting aggregation known as - The Nine Old Men. And the POST prints letters from three of them.

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There's a burning declaration by Colonel Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle. "We should all band together," he writes, "and tie Tycoon Thomas in a knot by refusing to play this summer without some kind of contract. Not only am I for a raise in salary but also for games of five innings, two changes of uniform, larger bats and



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shorter umpires."

Another hold-out is aviator Frank Hawks who declares himself thusly:- "I wrote Baseball Baron Thomas a sizzling letter. I won't monkey around any longer. He'll have to talk turkey, because I'm no goose."

That's seconded by cartoonist Hill-Billy Paul West who writes to the paper:- "Until Magnate Thomas gives me a contract of fifty cents a game I shall be forced to accept an offer to play with General Franco and his Rebel Nine. He offers three pesetas for three and a half innings, no spectators, no umpires and no señoritas with roses in their teeth." This letter is signed "Diz" West.

*most important*  
So there's the hold-out situation and the BRIDGEPORT POST calls on me for a statement. Here it is:- I will give the Nine Old Men a contract calling for; no money, a heavier ball, <sup>to</sup> throw, longer base lines to run, twice as many holes in the infield, twice as many rocks in the outfield, hotter playing afternoons and the foam off my glass of beer.. Hill-Billy Diz West will have to take half a dozen señoritas with roses in their teeth -- and he doesn't like flowers.

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