

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Our Government today brought charges against six hundred thousand Nazis. That's startling! Six hundred thousand defendants at one trial! Who are they? Why, all the top Nazis -- all the leaders. They are indicted as a group, as a criminal organization, along with Hitler's Cabinet, the Gestapo, the S.S., the S.A., and the High Command.

Of course, they'll never get all of them into a courtroom. Large numbers of them will never even be found. They are lost in the human sea -- the millions of Germanic peoples.

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The prosecution at Nuremburg today also put in evidence documents of a plan prepared for Herman Goering in Nineteen Forty-one -- that was a month before the

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Matt Kimes was in Oklahoma City. There, unsuspected and taking it easy, he was crossing a street -- when he tripped, stubbed his toe. He lost his balance, and fell -- right in the path of the truck, a poultry truck. He was run over ~~a~~ by a wagonload of chickens.

Fatally injured -- an ironic and mocking end for the old Oklahoma badman listed as public enemy number one.

And now Hugh a weekend message from you.

attack on Russia. That plan, drawn up by the Minister of Economics, was for exploiting western Russia. ~~It~~ In it are these words: "Many tens of millions of people of this area will become redundant and will either die or have to emigrate to Siberia."

GOERING

More light on the Hitler-Goering feud -- how Adolph wanted to kill Hermann. It all came out at Nuremberg today.

On April Twenty-second, this year, Hitler wanted Goering shot. And, he would have succeeded, only a detachment of Goering's own paratroopers rescued him in the nick of time.

This was when the Russians were hammering at the gates of Berlin, and our troops and the British were rolling east at high speed. Der panicky Fuehrer, in his underground fortress, in Berlin, had just seen pictures of Mussolini, Clara Pettaci, and the rest, hanging by their heels at Milan. That picture made quite an impression on Hitler, who decided there would be no such fate for him. Whereupon ~~he~~ he planned suicide.

But, on April twenty-second he had another notion. In his fevered mind he got the idea that the Battle of Berlin was turning in his favor -- the Nazis winning. And that was when Der Fuehrer wired

Fat Hermann to assume supreme command of all German forces. Anyhow that was the way Goering interpreted the telegram. The Air Marshal, convinced that the war was lost, wired to the Army high command for verification of the strange message from Hitler, and for a definition of his new authority.


But, Hitler got wind of what Goering had done, and in his madness he thought Goering now was trying to usurp his, Hitler's, power, so as to arrange a surrender. That was when he ~~had~~ ordered Goering to be shot, and it was signed by Hitler's Deputy Fuehrer, Martin Bormann.

What happened? Well, a squad of S.S. men arrested Goering at Berchtesgaden. They were taking him north to be executed. But on the way they stopped beside the road for a rest. Meanwhile, Goering's friends were rushing to the rescue. Suddenly a truck convoy came rolling down the road. But the men in it knew nothing of what was happening. In ~~that~~ that convoy were some of Goering's paratroopers. They recognized

their Marshal. He called on them for help. Whereupon they set upon the S.S. men, and rescued Goering.

CHINA

Today's story from China reports that Uncle Sam's army is no longer using American naval transports to carry Chiang Kai-shek's armies into north China. Our people informed the Chinese Government that the American mission in China has done its job. That job, ~~was~~ to help redispense Chinese troops so as to help them disarm the Japanese. ^π So there'll be no further movement of the Kuomintang divisions either by American ships or planes. An American officer said ~~that~~ they now consider they have moved enough Chinese troops into areas formerly occupied by the Japanese to do the job.



ADD CHINA

There has been a let-up in the fighting on all fronts in China, the last three days. Chiang's officers claim that the Communists are withdrawing on a big scale in the province of Suiyuan. As the Council is going to open around Christmas Day, this may mean an end of the Chinese civil war. At least everybody hopes so.

YAMASHITA

The Tiger of Malaya gets a reprieve. The Supreme Court of the United States today ~~came to the rescue of General Yamashita,~~ ordered his execution delayed. That does not mean the reprieve is definite.

It is merely ⁱⁿ order to give the court time to consider ^{Yamashita's} ~~his~~ petition ^{to be tried} ~~for a trial~~ in a civil court before a jury of civilians. The Tiger was to have hung before this, but War Secretary Patterson ordered the execution held up to give his appeal time to reach the Supreme Court.

MERGER

The argument over merging the Army and Navy ~~becomes~~
grows more intense.
~~warmer and warmer. Tempers have already been badly bent,~~
~~and~~ Congressmen are hoping ^{the} President ~~Truman~~ will ~~be able~~
~~to~~ say something to take the sting out of ^{it all. And} ~~the discussion~~
They expect a message from him on the subject Wednesday.

The Senate Committee on Military Affairs has a plan which ought to enable both sides to let off steam. Senator Thomas of Utah, Committee Chairman, says he is going to give a chance to responsible officers of both Army and Navy to cross-examine each other in front of the Committee. That ought to be something! ~~to listen to~~

General ~~Bush~~ Somervell contributed his bit today; ~~You will remember, he is~~ the retiring Chief of the Army Service Forces. Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming happened to remark that he was afraid the combined Army and Navy would have too much power in peace time. Said Somervell: "We are not trying to reorganize the United States government, the Navy has a plan for that." Then he went on to ^{show} ~~xxx~~ the Committee how demobilization

and the return of veterans from overseas could have been accomplished more quickly by a combined service.

But the worst blow the Navy champions sustained today was the resignation of an important member of the Navy League, in fact a director of the League, Bennet Crain. He sends his resignation in a letter to Ross Barr, former Under-Secretary of the Navy and President of the League. What stuck in ~~Mr.~~ Crain's craw was the manners of several of those who oppose the league. Crain said he did not propose to be a party even by implication to assertions that an honest and sincere proposal put forward by patriotic citizens represents an undercover movement, a grab for power, an attempt to establish rule by a military clique. And he objects to using the League's name and prestige to bolster up such imputations.

PEARL HARBOR

Democratic members of the Pearl Harbor Committee today proposed to investigate Governor Dewey. Actually, Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois started it last Saturday when he announced he intended to find out how the Republican candidate for president knew the government's top secret last year, the secret that we were breaking Japanese codes.

Today that provoked a crack from Representative Keefe of Wisconsin. He said he had read ^{Scott} Lucas's statement in the newspapers, and he ^{Keefe,} wanted to know "whether the Committee was investigating Pearl Harbor or investigating Dewey."

^{Congressman Scott} Lucas replied that he wanted to find out who gave ^{Gov. Dewey} that top secret; ^{said} ~~and~~ he thought the Committee and the country were entitled to know.

^{of Wisconsin} Keefe countered with the question: "What's ^{that} ~~it~~ got to do with Pearl Harbor?"

^{Scott} Replied Lucas: "A lot more than ninety per cent of the questions asked by the gentleman from Wisconsin."

Last week the Democrats made sour remarks about the fact that an assistant counsel to the Committee, Percy L. Greaves, Jr., was a research assistant for the Republican National Committee. That aroused Senator Brewster of Maine, who was ~~missing~~ absent last week when the ~~the~~ observation was made. ^{Sen.} Brewster announced that he himself was paying Greaves's salary, and not the Republican National Committee. The Maine Senator went on to say that if the Committee intends to investigate things of that sort, it should also cover others more closely associated with the Committee. "If we're going to start on that sort of thing," said ^{Sen.} Brewster, "we'll make a good job of it!" *Just a Capitol Hill rumpus of a not unusual sort!*

ADD PEARL HARBOR

Vice-Admiral Wilkinson, former Chief of Naval Intelligence, said that for his part he did not expect the Japs to attack Hawaii. He did not believe they ~~would~~ risk a direct shooting war with Great Britain and Uncle Sam in Nineteen Forty-One. Every evidence, to his mind, indicated that they would try to see how far they could go by filtering into the areas around the South China seas without letting loose war on a full scale. ^{Adm.} Wilkinson did expect an attack on Thailand or the Cra Peninsula.

~~Most of the other facts to which Wilkinsons testified today have been heard before.~~

LOAN

In London, the House of Lords took up the question of four billion, four hundred million dollars credit for ~~xxx~~ the loan from Uncle Sam to John Bull. Viscount Simon, formerly Lord Chancellor, spoke for the opposition. He said he did not reproach the United States, ^{but} he wanted to speak frankly. ^{That} The British value ~~ed~~ American friendship but, ~~now~~ they think the loan agreement ~~is~~ ~~is~~ disappointing and a hard bargain. Lord Simon hinted that he himself and the other Conservatives in the Lords will decline to vote just like the Conservatives in the House of Commons.

The bitterest criticism came from Lord Woolton, one of the Ministers in Winston Churchill's war cabinet. He said he would resign rather than vote for the loan, considered it an hour of degradation for Britain.

~~So far none of the reports from England explain satisfactorily to American ears, just what the British are kicking about. So far as we can gather, they do not want to pay the money back. Apparently nobody has been able to explain to them yet that this provision in the~~

CONFERENCE

At Moscow the Foreign Ministers of Uncle Sam held their first meeting today -- at Spiridonovka Palace, a sumptuous structure built back in Eighteen Ninety-four by a rich merchant, back in Czarist days.

I have before me a five hundred word dispatch from Moscow about the meeting. But there's no news in it; merely a description of the marble staircase the delegates are using, and the great table covered with green baize in the marble-walled conference room, and so on. Surrounded by historic paintings, of course. And that's all the news we get.

U.N.O.

Which city is to be the capitol of the world -- if you want to call it that? Well, the contest is on. And now that we know it will be an American city that will be the headquarters of the United Nations Organization, the question is -- which city?

The favorites, so we hear tonight, are San Francisco, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia. There was a session ~~mx~~ in London today, but, all they did was talk about procedure. A special U.N.O. sub-committee has been hearing all the claims advanced by various American cities. That sub-committee is to report Friday.

One American delegate, Adlai Stevenson, said he would like to tell that committee what he t hinks of some of our cities. But he added that if he did, he'd never be allowed to set foot on the soil of his native land again.

STRIKE

The latest in the automobile strike is that the Union has eased up its picketing of twelve General Motors plants. Office workers have been allowed to go in and do their jobs. In two places, this ^{came as} ~~was~~ the result of court injunctions. At Flint, Michigan, the ^{police} ~~cop~~ charged in ~~with a flying wedge~~ and opened the lines for the office workers, ^{but without hurting} ~~didn't hurt~~ anybody. Elsewhere the Union lifted the blockades of its own accord: - ~~This happened~~ at Trenton, New Jersey, ^{at} LeGrange, Illinois, ^{at} Cleveland, Ohio, Pontiac, ^{and} ~~Michigan~~ Lansing, Michigan, Atlanta, Georgia, ^{and} Patterson, New Jersey.

At the negotiations in Detroit today, the Company offered an outline of a new contract which it is prepared to sign with the Union. ^{They} contains several conditions which the Union will find distasteful according to past records. For instance, no more check-off of dues; Security from wildcat strikes, and other changes.

The contract also contains one offer which the Union has turned down repeatedly, the increase of

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thirteen and a half cents an hour in wages. G.M. also offers to start new workers at eighty cents an hour in every department. Before the war, the minimum had been forty cents.

WEATHER

The weather-man tells us we are likely to have that white Christmas, ^{the boys used to} ~~that Sing Story~~ sings about.

According to an old wives' proverb; ~~a cold Christmas~~

~~is a healthy one as you remember the proverb: -~~

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"A green Christmas makes a fat churchyard."

This hardly jibes with the fact that
So far the cold wave has killed fifty-eight

people throughout the country, and at the latest inspection of the thermometer, it is growing colder, Although the people in the middlewest are promised more moderate temperature in a day or so, that is, temperatures above zero, still another storm is on its way from the region of the McKenzie River and Alaska.

That train wreck in South Carolina yesterday, which killed seven people and injured more than sixty, is blamed on the storm. It was a heavy fog that caused two trains to collide.

In the east - Buffalo, New York, as usual, seems to have had the worst of it, with a forty-eight inch snowfall. Blizzards in Buffalo affect people in many other places, because so much of the food supplies of

the eastern states come through there. The coldest place in the country was Dickinson, North Carolina, twenty-seven below. Fort Peck, Montana, ran a pretty close second, with twenty-four below.

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And now H - before we go out into the frosty night - a few sizzling words from you.