

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

All the actual war news today could be written on your cuff. However, a bulletin just in from Germany, claims that Hitler's armies have completely surrounded a place called Modlin, on the banks of the Vistula, just thirty miles from Warsaw. A couple of hours before that, the Nazi generals sent in a report that they had smashed the Polish lines in three different places. And those smashing assaults, they say, will soon end the war on the eastern front, wind it up as a major conflict.

The Nazi generals also announce that they have reached the suburbs of the place that the Poles spell L-w-o-w. You'll find it on some maps under the more easily pronounced name of Lemberg. If the dispatch is true it means that the German advance has penetrated to a relatively short distance from the border of Russia.

However, the Poles deny that, and their claim is

corroborated by a report from Roumania. Dispatches from Bucharest declare that while one mechanized unit of the German army did get within eighteen miles of Lemberg, the Poles fought it back.

Another offset to the German claims is the news that the lost Polish division has found itself. The Germans had reported it trapped in the Polish Corridor. But it fought its way back, broke through the encircling German armies, and recaptured the City of Lodz. On the other hand, a German broadcast declared that Hitler himself drove through Lodz this afternoon, which he could hardly have done if it had been recaptured by the Poles.

Clinging to our salt shakers, we have to observe that the reports of the recapture of Lodz do not come from Lodz itself, they come from Warsaw and Paris. By the same token, the report of Hitler's drive through Lodz comes from Berlin.

There's a bit of corroboration for the Polish claims that their lost division has fought its way out of the German



trap. It comes from war correspondents who are not altogether antagonistic to the Germans, I mean the Italians. They report definitely that the army supposed to be lost in the Polish Corridor, had made contact with the Polish army defending Warsaw on the north.

The Italian correspondents report that the bloodiest fighting so far in all these twelve days was that which took place north of Lodz. One Italain newspaper man said that the Lodz region looks like Chicago after the fire. He must be a pretty ancient journalist to be able to say that, since the Chicago fire took place in Eighteen-Seventy-One, sixty-eight years ago. Maybe Senor Enrico Altavilla, correspondent of the Italian newspaper "La Tribuna", made that comparison after seeing Darryl Zanuck's "Chicago Fire."

## WESTERN FRONT

As for the Western Front, a great deal of hurrah has been made over the fighting of French armies on German soil in the Saar country. This is not being made by the French army or the French government. General headquarters says merely that French troops have improved the positions previously gained in that sector.

The French radio agency goes a bit further than the official communication. According to that, the French troops have advanced an indefinite distance at one point, and fifteen hundred yards, less than a mile, at another point. But that report is not official.

The inference is that the important town of Saarbruecken is threatened by the French on two sides.



## FRENCH CABINET

' In Paris, Premier Daladier is reorganizing his Cabinet, running into difficulties. He wanted to make the new Cabinet inclusive, all parties. So he offered two portfolios to Socialists. But Ex-Premier Blum, the leader of the Socialist party declined, saying he has nothing against Daladier, also that the Socialists are only too anxious to cooperate in fighting the war. But if they are to take portfolios they must be given representation in the Cabinet in proportion to the numerical strength of their party in France.

So Daladier's new cabinet hasn't many important changes. One of them is that the Premier himself takes over the foreign office and George Bonnet, who has been Foreign Minister, takes over the Department of Justice. The man who used to be head of the French railroads becomes Minister of Armaments, and there are one or two new portfolios held by gentlemen, whose names are not particularly known outside of France.

## ITALY

Everybody is still wondering about Italy. It was intimated in Rome today that Mussolini would probably make his position clear before the end of the week. That much was said by a mysterious person named in the dispatches as "high quarters."

Mussolini <sup>today,</sup> ~~himself said something that doesn't seem to fit in at all with the statement of "Senor High Quarters."~~ He

pointed out that the Italian government is going ahead vigorously for the World's Fair to be held in Rome in Nineteen Forty-Two.

In fact, he issued orders that this work must continue without any let-up. And that, he said, is ample proof how peaceful are Italy's intentions.



## HOARDERS

The first news about hoarding of food comes, strangely enough, from Moscow. The prosecuting officers issued orders to the police to arrest all speculators and people found in possession of large stocks of either food or kerosene. The punishment for this offense has been increased, ~~the people arrested for this~~  
~~in the Soviet Union can get anywhere~~ up to ten years in prison, for it.

## CHESS

A battle is going on between Germans and Poles in Buenos Aires, capitol of Argentina. But not with bombs and machine guns. Kings and Queens are doing it -- gambits, end play and check mates. In short, a chess tournament of all the champions of the world. That tournament is in the eleventh round now, and the German and Polish teams are tied for first place.



## RADIO

The British government today announced another war-time innovation. The British Broadcasting Company will make public by radio the names of all the German soldiers killed and wounded who have fallen within British lines, also the names of all who have been taken prisoners by the British forces.

On the face of it, this sounds like a courteous gesture to the enemy. But even the British government doesn't pretend this is the purpose. ~~of it~~. The idea is to induce the German public to listen to British broadcasts.

MOTHERS

The first frenzy of <sup>the</sup> air raid scare is evidently over in Britain. The women and children who were evacuated from the large cities are beginning to return. This was announced today by the British Minister of Information. Both the women and the children were uncomfortable in the country. In strange surroundings, unaccustomed to rural conditions, they got homesick *now are in* and returned *us - sky attack or no sky attack.* to the cities. This does not meet with the approval of the government. The communication says that the Minister of Health learned *it* ~~this~~ with regret and wished to discourage it. *The women have* ~~They had~~ been warned that they will be taking serious responsibility in regard to the lives of their children if they insist on returning to the towns they ~~had left~~ have left.



## BOMBING

It looks as though it won't be long before both sides in the war abandon all pretense of not bombing open cities.

The high command of the German army published a communication on this subject from the headquarters of the Fuehrer in Poland.

The Germans accuse the Polish army of using <sup>the</sup> civilian population in open cities to oppose the advancing German troops. The high

command declares that German artillery and flyers <sup>have so far</sup> exercised

excessive care towards open towns and villages. But since the

Pole has refused this assurance, Germany henceforth will smash resistance in such places with all the means at its disposal.

In other words, war to the utmost, and the bombing of any place regardless of its importance.

Something of the same sort was intimated from the other side. Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, replied to that proclamation in the House of Lords. He said that ~~the~~ German announcement would seem to be a direct contradiction of the German Chancellor when he disclaimed any desire to make war on women and children. So, if that happens, said Lord Halifax, the Allies will take reprisals.

BIDDLE

Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, Uncle Sam's Ambassador to Poland, has made an accusation against the German army. He says that Hitler's aviators have bombed open cities, towns and villages contrary to the agreement made between the war-making nations. He made this charge in official cablegrams to the State Department. He mentions specifically a defenceless open village where the temporary United States Embassy happens to be located at present. Eleven killed, forty seriously injured, many properties destroyed, says Ambassador Biddle — *no excuse for the bombing.*

A French newspaper prints the statement that in one town the entire diplomatic corps had to take shelter in a dug-out. *And — down there* They were led by the Papal Nuncio.



## RUMORS

One of the symptoms of war-time is the flock of rumors that crop up about the presence of German submarines and airplanes in these waters.

For instance, that airplane with Swastikas on its wings supposed to have been seen off the fishing banks in the North Atlantic. Also Nazi under-water ships have been reported in the Carribbean. And today comes a similar rumor from the Mexican coast. U-boat there. A lone undersea raider.

## BASES

Germany has established refueling bases for submarines in several parts of the North and South Atlantic. That's what the British say. The government ~~in~~ London claims to have evidence that Hitler has stationed oil tankers at several points in both oceans, remote from the lanes traveled by ships. *Maybe that's what the Bremen is doing.*



## CANADA

What President Roosevelt said about protecting Canada against invasion has caused quite a furore. Actually, it's only a repetition of part of the speech that he made a year ago at Kingston, Ontario. Of course the repetition at ~~the same~~ this time <sup>has</sup> attracted attention because of the war. And it caused some Congressmen to bridle. Notably Senator <sup>Gerald</sup> ~~Joe~~ Nye of North Dakota, one of the chiefs of the Isolationist Party. Nye declared that the President was borrowing trouble with such statements. Strictly speaking, <sup>Nye</sup> ~~he~~ explained Canada's declaration of war ~~as~~ an act of aggression without provocation except that the mother country also declared war.

To an impartial onlooker, all these statements and counter-statements must seem highly academic. It is rather difficult to perceive just what country could invade Canada and from where. Maybe Hitler is planning an invasion with motorized tanks over the ice of Hudson's Bay.

## NEUTRALITY

The President put one over on the Washington soothsayers today. They had prophesied that the special session of Congress would be called for October Second. But the President has announed it for noon, September Twenty-First. The proclamation merely said that public interest requires that the Congress of the United States be convened in extra session at twelve o'clock noon, on Thursday, the Twnty-First of September. Purpose not mentioned. But it's neutrality.



## SQUALUS

~~The plight of the unfortunate submarine SQUALUS has been~~  
~~a story of in-again, out-again. But~~ It appears today that the  
navy has finally <sup>raised the submarine Squalus from</sup> ~~got that wrecked submersible out of~~ her watery  
grave, ~~got her out to stay.~~ Early this morning she came to the  
surface but was found to be improperly balanced on her pontoons,  
so they had to let her down ninety feet to the bottom once more.  
Late this afternoon, however, the news from Portsmouth, New  
Hampshire, is that she's on the surface, being towed to the lower  
harbor and there's no danger of her sinking again. It's just  
a hundred and thirteen days ago that the news of that tragedy  
shocked the country. Nobody will be allowed anywhere near <sup>the tragic Squalus,</sup> ~~her,~~  
not even a newspaper man, until the bodies of the twenty-six men  
who died in her are taken out. As soon as that's done she'll be  
dry-docked, repaired, and probably put into commission again.

## DIES

Chairman Martin Dies of the Un-American Activities Committee is <sup>still</sup> trying hard to establish definitely who are the angels of the Communist Party in America. The financial secretary of the American Reds testified ~~today~~ <sup>yesterday</sup> that contributions came from well-to-do doctors, lawyers and business men. But he declined to name any of them until he had obtained their consent. The Committee is auditing the books of the party and Dies declared today that the auditors have found that forty-three Red or Pink organizations have spent more than ten million dollars in the past seven or eight years. Dies made a prophecy <sup>today</sup> that when that audit is all finished it will prove that the total sum spent by the Bolsheviks in America will amount to more than forty million dollars.



## WEATHER

A heat wave in the middlewest! From western Nebraska all the way across to the lower Mississippi River, the thermometer is recording temperatures way up in the high nineties. Chicago was sweltering today with Uncle Sam's forecasters prophesying a heat of ninety-eight degrees in the shade. Last Thursday, the mercury went up to a hundred on the shores of Lake Michigan, an all-time record for September.

## SWING

Swing music is on its way out. Now don't blame me -  
on this issue as on <sup>most</sup> others I'm neutral. This happens to be a  
quotation from a great American authority on popular noises,  
to wit, Paul Whiteman. He adds, however, that swing will not  
disappear altogether. After all, he explains, it's nothing  
more or less than a new variation of jazz and there'll always  
be a certain class of jitterbugs. But, says Whiteman, the  
people who make or break styles in dance music are the young  
people in college. And he said there's a deep seated romantic  
sentiment about college days, and swing doesn't fit it. The  
preference now among dancers is music that's soft, light, sweet,  
moonlight waltzes, ~~and~~ honey. Will you  
dance the next one with me? *And*  
s-l-u-t-m.