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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Senators considering Social Security heard some sharp criticism today, from Senator Vandenberg of Michigan. Said he:- "The present Social Security tax has completely absorbed the margin of profit for thousands of small business men." Then he went on to warn the Committee:- "If you increase that Social Security tax a hundred per cent in Nineten Forty-Three, as has been suggested, it will fall with such a smash on small business all over the country, that there may be a revolt against the whole Social Security system."

A still more ominous warning came from Professor Douglas Brown of Princeton, who served, formerly, as Chairman of the Advisory Council on Social Security. He stated as his opinion that eventually one-third the cost of old-age insurance will have to come out of the national treasury. At present it's financed by the taxes on employers and employees. But says Professor Brown, that won't last long.

## RELIEF

The House of Representatives has finally tackled perhaps its toughest job. The relief supply bill today was dukped onto the shoulders of the House, the bill appropriating one billion, seven hundred and sixteen million, six hundred thousand dollars. And this precipitates another fight with the White House. For even that whopping sum is forty-five million, eight hundred and ninety thousand dollars less than the amount asked for by the President.

However, it isn't only in the matter of money that Congress is getting ready to bare its teeth to the President. That bill also includes several ~~depart~~ departures from the practices and customs that have hitherto prevailed in relief and W.P.A. It limits presidential discretion in the use of that money. It flies in the face of the President by setting aside a hundred and twenty-five millions of W.P.A. funds for P.W.A.

## HATCH BILL FOLLOW RELIEF

There was one <sup>rather</sup> ~~almost entirely~~ unexpected addition to that relief bill, <sup>and it</sup> ~~It~~ includes a clause providing drastic penalties for the use of relief funds for partisan political purposes. Now, that was supposed to be the object of the Hatch Bill about which there had been so much talk in the last few weeks.

~~You may recall that some time ago Vice-President Garner~~ <sup>had told</sup> ~~informed~~ <sup>Gentlemen -</sup> reporters, "You may be sure ~~that~~ the Hatch Bill will be passed."

~~More recently, there was <sup>much comment</sup> ~~quite a storm~~ because Charlie Michaelson, publicity head of the Democratic Party, has been communicating with Congressmen, working against the Hatch Bill. And now up comes this clause in the relief bill which would make the Hatch Bill unnecessary. In fact, the Chairman of the sub-committee said on the floor of the House:- "Those new rules for the administration of W.P.A. will, ~~in his own words,~~ strike a body blow at the relief racketeer."~~

~~So~~ There was quite a to-do in the House today when the relief bill with the surprise clause made its appearance. The usual ~~a~~ procedure would have been to have that particular clause submitted to the Judiciary Committee of the House. But the



Appropriations Committee gave the Judiciary Committee the go-by. And here are some of the provisions of the clause which caused such a to-do. Anyone who knowingly makes a false statement in connection with an application for W.P.A. work or relief is liable to a fine of two thousand dollars and a year's imprisonment. The same penalties for anybody who diverts or attempts to divert relief funds to unlawful purposes. Then there's a fine of a thousand dollars and one year's imprisonment for anybody who solicits a subscription or contribution for a campaign fund from anybody on the W.P.A. or relief rolls. Also a thousand dollars fine and a year's imprisonment for anybody who promises directly or indirectly any kind of a job as a reward for political ~~activities~~ activity or political support.

Those are just a few samples of the drastic penalties for relief racketeering.

DIETRICH

The crack liner NORMANDIE was about to sail from New York for Europe today. One of the passengers was to be the beautiful Marlene Dietrich, plus thirty-four trunks and two bags. When she arrived at the dock she found to her astonishment that her thirty-four trunks and two bags were held by a cordon of Uncle Sam's revenue agents. They were holding the Dietrich duffel for two hundred and eighty-four thousand dollars in income tax.

Well, if you thought you were all paid up to Uncle and ready for a vacation in Europe, wouldn't you be sore? That's what Madame Dietrich said. "I'm an American citizen," she declared. "I don't owe any income tax. I paid a hundred and five thousand dollars in Nineteen Thirty-Six and again in Nineteen Thirty-Seven. I didn't do any work in Nineteen Thirty-Eight."

Then up spoke one of those unpopular officials known as a revenue collector. Said he:- "In Nineteen Thirty-Six and Thirty-Seven La Dietrich was a resident-alien, so all her earnings were taxable, no matter where she earned them. She made a picture in England, that's why we claim she owes two hundred



and eighty-four thousand dollars." And he added that the Los Angeles office had telegraphed, asking that Marlene Dietrich be held, not allowed to sail.

So the lady of the beautiful legs exclaimed:-

"Let them hold my things, I'll sail to Europe without them, and see what good that will do them." But Uncle Sam's men said:

"Oh no you won't." Whereat she burst into tears. Then came a gallant rescuer in the person of John Cahill, United States Attorney in New York. The upshot was that the beauteous Marlene put up everything she owned in America, unpacked one of her suitcases, produced a hundred thousand dollars' worth of jewels - and then sailed.

GALENTO

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There was comedy in Asbury Park today, comedy at the training camp of ~~xxxxxx~~ Two-Ton Tony Galento. The <sup>comedy</sup> ~~camp~~ has more than a faint odor of publicity about it, but it's worth repeating for comedy's sake. It began with Joe Jacobs, ~~the~~ <sup>Fat</sup> ~~chubby~~ Tony's manager. He announced that when Tony fights Joe Louis, he will insist on being allowed to examine those socking hands of ~~Joe~~ Louis's. Then he explained: "The moving pictures of the fight between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling showed that Louis had something clutched in his glove." Jacobs went on to charge that what Joe had in his glove was a gimmick, a small metal ~~d~~umbell. It was the clutching of that gimmick, said Jacobs, that enabled Joe to knock Max Schmeling out in one round.

Tony Galento's manager had hardly made the accusation <sup>When</sup> ~~than~~ there appeared on the scene Chairman Phelan of the New York Boxing Commission. He came for the purpose of ordering Galento to move away from Asbury Park, take his training camp to a place in Summit, New Jersey. The Chairman of the Boxing Commission said that there was too much carnival business around that training camp at Asbury Park. The Boxing Commission Chairman then



pounced upon Jacobs, and said:- "You're making charges you can't substantiate. Unless you withdraw them we'll start an investigation and call you as a witness." Wily Joe Jacobs thought that over, and after a few minutes, he said: "I withdraw the charges. I don't want to lose my license as a second in New York State."

Incidentally, Joe Louis's manager said:- "The only thing Joe had in his gloves when he fought Schmeling was his fists." And that recalls what Joe Louis himself said to Rudy Vallee on the radio one night after his first fight with Schmeling, the fight in which Schmeling knocked him out. Rudy, you may remember, asked him whether it was true that he lost the fight because he had been doped. And Joe replied:- "The only dope I got was in Schmeling's right hand."



## ANTI-SEMITISM

The branding of a Jewish school boy in Maryland has become a national affair. That high school scandal was taken up today by Representative Martin Dies, Chairman of the Committee Investigating Un-American Activities. Dies was at Houston, Texas, but he telegraphed to Baltimore that he was ordering an immediate special inquiry into anti-Semitic agitation in Baltimore schools. Dies declared:- "From the information I have received, I believe there is a widespread secret anti-Semitic organization working in Baltimore." And he added:- "This feeling of anti-Semitism is apparently sweeping the country. Since I've been down here in Texas there has been a campaign conducted even in my own district."

Meanwhile, the Mayor of Baltimore and the State's Attorney, each have started a separate investigation. Mayor Jackson stated:- "I have heard of this reported bund organization in the schools. And I've ordered the President of the school board to make a complete report. If that doesn't satisfy me, I'll take the matter in my own hands."

## TORNADO

This morning an electrical storm swept over all of eastern Pennsylvania. But in parts of Philadelphia it was accompanied by a freakish wind that behaved like a Kansas Tornado. While people were still in their beds it came roaring down, apparently from nowhere, tore the roofs off eleven houses and turned the staircases into miniature falls. The strange part of it was that this unfriendly wind only visited two parts of the city of Brotherly Love..



## TIENTSIN

The picturesque old Chinese seaport of Tientsen, is a tight spot for Europeans and American civilians. It looks as though they might be starved out by that Japanese blockade. The soldiers of the Mikado today stopped the movement of all vegetables into the British and French concessions. Immediately the price of foodstuffs went up to three times what it had been before. So that blockade begins to bring hunger to a hundred thousand people.

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And the Japanese have arrested Eric Mayell, one of the crack cameramen of Fox Movietone ~~Newsreel~~. Mayell was born a British subject but ~~has~~ has his first naturalization papers as an American. Eric was at the border line of the concessions, photographing Japanese soldiers as they were searching civilians coming in or out. This wasn't his first experience with the methods of the Nipponese military. He was aboard the PANAY when she was deliberately bombed, machine-gunned and sunk in the ~~Yangtze~~ Yangste. River. He came near being machine-gunned himself, but that didn't stop him from getting ~~some~~ marvelous shots, and ~~his~~ <sup>then</sup> escape to shore ~~was a young epic in itself~~ <sup>ing</sup>. The British

Consulate has hopes of getting him released. Evidently the arrest of Eric Mayell took place in the British concession.

Later afternoon that I saw "No." At the same time, the British Foreign Under-Secretary told the House of Commons that His Majesty's government is consulting with France and Uncle Sam about that Tientsin business.



LONDON FOLLOW TIENTSIN

It had been suggested that the American Consul General to Tientsin should be the third member of the arbitration board to settle that Tientsin dispute. There's a report in London this afternoon that Japan says "No!" At the same time, the British Foreign Under-Secretary told the House of Commons that His Majesty's government is consulting with France and Uncle Sam about that Tientsin business.

POLAND

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Here's the latest <sup>from</sup> ~~on the jam in~~ central Europe. The Polish government sent a communication to France, saying there were reports of heavy concentrations of German troops on the border between Poland and Slovakia. ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> Poland <sup>now</sup> announces that she is prepared to meet force with force if there's any concentration of Germans either <sup>her</sup> ~~on the~~ southern frontier or in Danzig. The purpose of this note to Paris was to notify the western powers that the Poles expect help if they're attacked.

There was a formal denial from Berlin that any concentration of German troops was taking ~~place xxxxxx on that~~ place on that or any other part of the Polish frontier. And the French government ~~xxx~~ was without any official knowledge of heavy movements of German soldiers in Slovakia. ~~As a matter of fact, if the Slovak government were to ask help from Berlin, Hitler would have a perfect legal right to send troops there.~~

The French newspapers are full of alarmist reports. They publish dispatches that the roads leading northward in Slovakia are ~~fairly~~ clogged with long columns of troops, and heavy masses of soldiers are said to be mobilized in the passes of the White Carpathian Mountains.



## HUNGARY

An appeal was made today to Pope Pius the Twelfth, a suggestion that he make another attempt to get the statesmen of Europe together and settle all those quarrels. The appeal came from Admiral Horthy, Regent of Hungary, and he made it while opening the new session of the Hungarian Parliament. Hungary of course has always been one of the most Catholic of all the Catholic states. The Regent said to the Parliament:- "The time will certainly come when the powers will meet finally to find a solution." And he added:- "Probably it would be best if the call came from the high post of the Pope."

KING AND QUEEN

There was an interesting moment at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, today. That's where King George and Queen Elizabeth were. The Queen was asked to sign the provincial guest book as a ~~mem~~<sup>re</sup> memento of her visit. Just as she was signing, "Elizabeth R.", she paused and turned to the King and said: "Do you remember the date?" The King replied: "No, I don't." — *"Even as you and I."*

In that town the British Majesties met up with the worst weather they've had in all their trip. It <sup>is</sup> related that the Queen said to a reporter who was at her side:-  
"My, what a beastly day!" Then she said: "Well, come on, we might as well get along with it."

The British King and Queen had<sup>le</sup> broken several precedents on this continent. Tomorrow they <sup>will</sup> break another. ~~one~~  
An order was posted on the pilot train carrying newspaper correspondents, photographers and radio commentators. The order read:- "You are requested to be on dock at five thirty P.M. tomorrow so that Their Majesties may personally bid you farewell and thank you for the work you have done on the tour."

## BUFFALO

The visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth to the United States has been ignored by most Italian newspapers until just now. But today Mussolini's journalists came through with a real scoop. They report that there was a violent quarrel on the subject of that visit between Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and her mother-in-law, Mrs. James Roosevelt. It was over the subject of the sausages to be served at last Sunday afternoon's picnic. The Italian newspapers report further that the First Lady won the battle and served their British Majesties with sausages made of Buffalo meat, stuffed with cabbage, and washed down with beer.

On which the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM comments:-

"So that's where all our Buffalo went!"

And, SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.