

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

London reports a Nazi pocket battleship torpedoed off Norway. The blow was struck by a British torpedo plane, the same sort of tactics that crippled the BISMARCK in that memorable pursuit and sinking. In this latest stroke by plane against ship, the pocket battleship is said to have been hit by at least one torpedo which raised a huge column of smoke. Germany had three pocket battleships to begin with. One, the ADMIRAL SPEE, went to the bottom in that renowned battle of the River Plate. With another crippled today, the Nazis would seem to have only one left -- fit for service.

RUSSIA

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The mystery of German troop movements with relation to Soviet Russia is still deeper tonight. We have a statement from the Soviets - denying that the Nazi troop movements are aimed at Russia. It also denies that Hitler has made any further demands on Stalin. Yet the statement, issued by the official Soviet news agency, declares that heavy forces of German troops had been withdrawn from the Balkans and are moving to Eastern Germany, the Soviet frontier. That, however, says the Moscow declaration, does not mean ~~so~~ what people suspect. The Moscow story speaks of other motives, using these rather cryptic words:- "Other motives having no bearing on Soviet-German Relations." ~~Which~~ Which leave us very much in the dark.

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Why should heavy forces of the German Army be leaving the Balkans, if the Near East is to be the theatre of the next big Nazi drive? We've been expecting that Suez would be Hitler's forthcoming goal. The ~~mysterious~~ mystery is only deepened by news from London - strong reports that Sir Stafford-Cripps, British Asmbassador to Moscow, will not

return to his post. There was a wave of surmise when he left Moscow for London some days ago, and now we hear that he'll stay in London - presumably leaving Great Britain without an Ambassador at Moscow.

Then there was a flurry of astonishment in Berlin - when an edition of Hitler's own newspaper was suppressed today. This was because of an article written by no one less than Propaganda Minister Goebbels. Hitler's newspaper appeared later in the day without ^{the} Goebbels' article. Yet the Nazi censor made no objection to the foreign newspapermen sending abroad the text of the article. So we know what it said. Nothing ⁱⁿ particular, so far as an American eye can determine. It was about the battle of Crete and it made threats at Britain, hinting that what had been done at Crete might be accomplished across the English Channel. It is noticed, however, that Goebbels gave some sort of time limit to the effect that Winston Churchill two weeks from now may be surprised at what had happened. Perhaps that time element

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of two weeks was the trouble. If so, Berlin doesn't mind our knowing about it -- but doesn't want it to come to the attention of the German people - two weeks.

The paradox of the air raid situation continues. There are still no bombing attacks against Britain - although the moonlight nights are idea for air raids.

But things were not so quiet in Germany. Last night the R.A.F. launched what London describes as the heaviest bombing attack yet -- on the great German industrial section in the Ruhr. Hundreds of planes took part.

Britain strikes from the air at Germany, but Germany does not reply. London wonders -- what does it mean? Last night we heard the suspicion that it might be part of a Nazi peace offensive. Today London speculated along another line -- that the inactivity of the German air force might mean that the Nazis are mustering all of their forces for some sudden all-out blow.

SYRIA

German warplanes have entered the battle in Syria. This ^{is} announced in a late dispatch from ~~the~~ Cairo.

Nazi bombers were hurled into a fierce naval and air battle ~~between~~ between sky power and British warships bombarding

the ~~the~~ French in Syria. The French tell of a heavy naval

~~cannonade~~ cannonade against the ancient biblical city of

Sidon. Warships cooperating with an ~~the~~ Australian tank

column that is trying to batter its way into the town.

The French tell of fierce resistance, and claim successful counter-attacks. Cairo reports that the British and free

French troops are on the outskirts of Damascus. They seem

to have the city almost surrounded, and ~~fighting~~ fighting

has slowed down, while an attempt is being made to negotiate

a ~~the~~ peaceable ~~attempt~~ occupation.

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Nazi Germany is sharply defiant about the sinking of the ROBIN MOOR. Today a Hitler spokesman expressed the attitude of his government in the following rather flippant words: "Germany," said he, "will continue to sink every ship with contraband for Britain, whatever its name -- Robin Moor, Exmoor, or what have you."

The Germans base their case on the contention that the American steamer carried contraband, that is - articles ~~xxx~~ classed on the Nazi list as materials of war; also on the British list say the Germans. They argue that the cargo of the Robin Moor included merchandise of a kind which both Berlin and London call contraband.

The State Department in Washington is basing its argument on another principle entirely -- on that article of international law which states that before a ship is sunk proper precautions must be taken for the lives and safety of the passengers. Under-Secretary Sumner Welles pointed to the London Naval Treaty, which both Germany and the United States accepted. That treaty is clear and precise.

So now let's see what happened in the case of the ROBIN MOOR - according to a new and detailed story which we have today. The ship was stopped by a German submarine, which sent a party aboard. These ordered the passengers and crew to the lifeboats. And armed German

sailors seized the radio room and prevented the sending of a distress signal. Such a signal might have called aid to the survivors in open boats on the sea.

The U-boat sank the ROBIN MOOR by shellfire, and then disappeared, going its way. The lifeboats ^{were} ~~are~~ not in proximity of any land. They were hundreds and hundreds of miles from the nearest coast.

The story of the survivors gives ample point to the contention of the American State Department -- that in the sinking of the ROBIN MOOR, the proper precautions were not taken for the safety of passengers and crew.

LABOR

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Tonight, we have a White House statement, which is part of a striking turn of drama in the world of Labor. The statement, emanating from President Roosevelt, has to do with labor organizations raiding each other. That is - rival unions trying to get each other's members. ~~This sort of thing is done all the time, nothing very unusual about it.~~

It's all wrong
~~But it's all wrong~~ right now - ^{is} ~~that's~~ the gist of the Presidential declaration.

White House Secretary ~~Steve~~ Early ^s ~~stated~~ ^{stated} that the President is vitally interested in this business of union raiding. "He asked me," said ~~Steve~~ Early, "to have the various government agencies interested notified, and to point out that in his opinion this ^{is} ~~was~~ no time for labor unions to begin raiding each other for purposes of membership or similar reasons."

Why the particular White House concern just now? This goes back to the news of several days ago, when President Roosevelt received a fervent pledge of allegiance from the powerful teamsters' Union of the A. F. of L. The Teamster President, Daniel Tobin, gave assurance of ardent support to

the President in the emergency. Then what proceeded to happen?

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President Roosevelt has received a telegram from Tobin, ~~xx~~ telling of attacks against his union. It's being raided. Tobin charges that this is the work of pro-Nazis and Communists and, what he called ^s "other subversive organizations." They're assailing his leadership and his union because of the support he pledged to the President. *and the nation.*

The Tobin telegram to the White House is backed up by news reports stating that left-wing labor groups ~~were~~ launching violent raids against the Teamsters' Union, urging them to revolt against the Tobin leadership, trying to persuade them to secede from the organization.

The center of the struggle is ~~at~~ Minneapolis, where the Teamsters local has seceded from the national union, has pulled out from the A. F. of L. The local has applied to the C.I.O. for a charter. ^{and} The C.I.O. leadership is now considering this request to be taken in.

The White House statement may force the issue in the case of the seceding Minneapolis local. Will the C.I.O. accept this group? That remains to be seen. The question is the more significant because of the efforts that the C.I.O. conservatives, headed by C.I.O. President Philip Murray, are making to purge their ranks of left wing and Red elements.

Today brings us several bits of news about the shortages of important materials - shortages because of the demands of National Defense and Aid to Britain. It is announced that the Office of Production Management is going to launch a national campaign - calling upon the people to donate aluminum. This follows the experiment in those two cities, Richmond, Virginia and Madison, Wisconsin, - where test campaigns were staged. And the response was okay. Indicating that ⁱⁿ the whole country twenty million pounds would be gathered. Enough aluminum to build six hundred and thirty eight large long range bombers.

So tonight we have the decision - a nation-wide drive to have people donate aluminum kitchenware for national defense.

In Georgia they are having a power emergency - a shortage of electricity. The defense industries are using so much current, there

isn't enough to go around. So electricity is to be rationed in Georgia. That was announced today. Beginning Monday, the amount of power supplied to industrial users is to be cut by one-third.

A survey shows that Georgia is the only state where such a rationing of electricity is considered necessary at present. There are shortages in Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee and measures are being taken to cut the consumption -- but no rationing.

In the oil situation - a statement was made today by Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who is Defense Oil Coordinator. He told of a campaign to be launched in the Eastern States - of an educational nature - people told how to save gasoline by adjusting carburetors and by driving more slowly. Also - how to save fuel oil ~~ix~~ in furnaces at home.

Coordinator Ickes spoke words of assurance. "There is no cause for excitement or hysteria," said he. And he added: "We're not going to have to put away our automobiles! We're not going to freeze this winter. But" he added, "everyone in the eastern States -- and I mean everyone must start right now to be careful with gasoline and oil"

DEWEY -U.S.O.

A distinguished visitor has dropped in my studio. Most of you know him as District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey. I know him as Farmer Dewey, because we have adjoining farms, up on Quaker ~~Lake~~ Hill in Dutchess County, New York. Good evening, Farmer Dewey!

DEWEY: Good evening Farmer Thomas. How are your cows?

L.T.: Okay, but I'll not ask about yours. I suspect you haven't seen much of your farm recently.

According to the many items coming over the press wire, you have been covering this continent in Seven League Boots, visiting all these camps, in connection with this extra job you've taken on as National Campaign Chairman of the United Service Organizations. How about taking just a moment to tell us what you have seen -- a high-light or two?

DEWEY: Right. The U.S.O. drive for Eleven Million Dollars got under way on June Third. And the public's response has been enormous. When we started, after only a month of organizing, I was mighty pleased to announce that one thousand and thirty-eight communities were organized. The response of the last ten days has been enormous. According to my last check-up this afternoon we now have twice as many - two thousand six hundred and seven are organized all over the country.

L.T.: That ought to cheer up the soldiers and sailors, as well as their parents.

DEWEY: It ought to. And, I want to add this. These men of ours in these huge camps are working harder than they have ever worked

in all their lives. They are asking mighty little in return. And, there is at least one thing they must must: comfortable, decent, places which they can use and call their own, when they get a night, or a week-end off.

L.T.:- That makes me feel a little guilty Tom. I think I'll get busy and see if I can't round up the Nine Old Men for a ball game, the proceeds to go to this nationwide U.S.O. campaign. And I, hope everyone in the country will back you in the same way!