

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The former Nazi Number Three <sup>Man</sup> continues to be the  
sensational news figure Number One <sup>all round the</sup> ~~of the whole~~ world! <sup>the strange story of Rudolph</sup> All over  
~~the place,~~ conversations begin and end with Hess. Everybody is  
guessing, conjecturing, rumoring. Some of the conjectures and  
rumors are wild enough to be described <sup>in the vernacular of</sup> ~~in plain United States as~~  
<sup>the day, as</sup> cockeyed. Of real news, new news, <sup>meaning facts</sup> all that came to  
light today, was literally nothing. Unless you choose to accept  
the item that the British Government has put the lid on information  
about Hess and has doubled the guard around the hospital where he  
is recovering from his accident. <sup>HP</sup> It is no longer admitted that  
this hospital is <sup>in</sup> Glasgow, just somewhere in Great Britain.

The most spectacular report is that Hitler's one-time  
confident is talking. In the district attorney's office or the  
underworld they would call it "singing". Great stress is laid

on this in all the publicity that rages over England tonight.

*A* There were reports flying around that the British Broadcasting Corporation had broadcast a talk in the German language, that Hess had been telling things which would make the Nazi high command sweat. But that report is denied. An official of the British Broadcasting Corporation said no such language had been used, that the British Broadcasting Company had not the slightest knowledge of anything that Hess had said or written since he

landed in Scotland. Nevertheless, it is declared far and wide, *and*

*[the big Nazi who fled]*  
without contradiction, that *Hess* is talking. He was questioned  
*an official*  
by ~~a member~~ of the British Foreign Office and, it is also said,  
by at least one British Cabinet Minister. *We hear also* ~~And it is rumored~~ that  
eventually he will be questioned by *the* Prime Minister. Winston  
*and Hess face to face - man to man.*  
Churchill. We are also informed that he passes his leisure  
moments making voluminous notes and reading a "Who Done it?"

novel by Agatha Christi.

There was obviously a revulsion of feeling about this fantastic, amazing escapade in Britain today. It was expressed loudly in some newspapers. The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN, for instance,

bade the country beware lest the Messerschmitt which brought Hess to Britain turn out to be a Trojan Horse of the first order, bearing with it an enemy more formidable than the Greek warriors led by Ulysses, who opened the gates of Troy.

The British are still making much of the fact that Hess landed on the estate of the Duke of Hamilton. One can't help having a bit of sympathy for the Duke who is on active service. If a burglar is caught on your premises are you his pal? Obviously, an airplane traveler coming in that fashion from Germany had to land somewhere. So why should anyone suppose that the Duke is a pro-Nazi? He never was anything of the sort. But he was one of those eminent Englishmen who, before Hitler rose to power, thought the old German Republic ought to be helped. And if it had been, then today there would be no Hitler and no war.

It seems far fetched indeed to think that Hess believed he could meet influential Britons, includeing ~~and~~ the Duke of Hamilton, and persuade them to organize a peace party in England. Today the Nazi spokesmen trying clumsily to explain Hess' flight tells us he expected to fly back to Germany within two days with peace terms to submit to the Nazi Government!

The Nazis also proclaim loudly that they are not afraid of anything that Hess might tell because, they say, he doesn't know anything worth telling, has no knowledge of the plans of the German High Command. He being only Hitler's closest friend -- and Deputy Fuehrer!!

At any rate some people in Great Britain are inclined to take the point of view of the MANCHESTER GUARDIAN. They remember that Hess was a man of long standing loyalty to the Nazis, and of fanatical devotion to Hitler. So they suspect another Hitler plot.

And here is one report from London -- a remarkable aspect of it is that the censor let it pass. This report is that Prime Minister Churchill may make a statement about Hess in the House of Commons tomorrow. Then the report goes on to say that observers are pointing out that it will not be surprising if the Prime Minister should warn the British, warn them not to get too sentimental about the fugitive from a Nazi insane gang! Churchill may remind the country that even the romantic circumstances of that flight from Augsburg to Scotland, even the behavior of Hess -- showing the photograph of his little three-year-old son -- does not wash out the blood in which the the Nazi leaders are steeped. All of which

has many of the earmarks of an authorized statement. It seems to indicate that the British are beginning to recover from their first bewilderment and jubilation over this whole incredible affair.

However you look at it, the fact remains that the adventure of one man - the Deputy Nazi Fuehrer - has crowded off the front pages the rest of the news about the most sensational war in history.

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Here's a later explanation of the Hess flight. It sounds  
wild, <sup>as does the</sup> ~~and what is not in this~~ <sup>for that matter.</sup> entire story. This tale is that

Hess wrote a letter to the Duke of Hamilton some months ago,  
urging him to end what he called "this lunatic war" between  
Germany and Britain. The story goes on that the young Duke promptly  
turned the letter over to the British Government, ~~and that part~~

~~of it sounds plausible enough.~~ So Hess received no reply. <sup>But,</sup>  
<sup>continues the rumor,</sup> ~~But~~ the Gestapo learned about the letter <sup>Hess</sup> ~~he~~ had written to the

Duke, whereupon a crisis was precipitated within the high ranks  
of the Nazis. And Hess started to make secret preparation for a  
~~that~~ dramatic escape, because he knew he was ~~then~~ doomed and  
that his <sup>day of</sup> execution <sup>was</sup> ~~would~~ not be far off.

<sup>rumor</sup>  
This ~~version~~ <sup>rumor</sup> repeats the conjecture that Hess landed  
on the Hamilton estate deliberately.

Another rumor - that Hess  
met the Duke of Hamilton  
Saturday, shortly after he  
landed. I doubt it!

IRAQ

Here's more ominous news about Iraq. The pro-Nazi  
government at Baghdad <sup>has now won</sup> ~~now has~~ the sympathy of another Moslem  
power. At least the Baghdad radio so reports. Afghanistan  
is lining up on the side of the pro-Nazi Iraqis. <sup>TP</sup> ~~Some~~ time  
ago, four Asiatic powers ~~was~~ made a friendship pact, Iraq,  
Iran, Turkey and Afghanistan. In accordance with that, the Kabul  
government has advised the British government to settle its  
differences in Iraq quickly or else the Afghan<sup>s</sup>~~istans~~ will side  
with the pro-Nazi Iraqis. <sup>TP This comes</sup> ~~I repeat, that this is an announcement~~  
~~from Baghdad and has no further~~ <sup>without</sup> corroboration.

FRANCE

Something is brewing in France and we would all give a great deal to know what it is. The Petain Government has come to terms with Hitler, but those terms haven't <sup>not</sup> been made public.

Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan, as <sup>we</sup> everybody knows, was in Hitler's Bavarian <sup>retreat</sup> home at Berchtesgaden <sup>where he</sup> and talked with Hitler and

Ribbentrop for four hours. All we know about the result is that <sup>Vichy instructed</sup> ~~the Cabinet offered~~ Darlan to continue his negotiations with the Nazis.

Of course ~~the~~ rumors are rife. The most ominous ~~of them all~~ is that the French have completely turned their backs on their old allies and are going to allow the Nazis to walk <sup>and to grab Dakar on the African West coast</sup> through Syria to Iraq. An official communication was issued by <sup>Vichy</sup> the Cabinet, <sup>(but)</sup> ~~and~~ all it said was that the effect of the negotiations will be felt soon. Even granted that ominous rumor is not quite true, we may be sure that the French have had to make serious concessions. In fact one of the stories that came out of Vichy is that Rudolf Hess fled from Germany because he was so appalled by the terms to which the French had agreed, terms which meant a complete collaboration between the French and Nazis.



It was openly charged that some of those concessions have gone into effect already. British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden made a statement in the House of Commons today, <sup>in which he</sup> said the Petain Government had allowed Hitler to send torpedo boats down the Rhone River into the Mediterranean. Newspaper men are pointing out that nothing has been either seen or heard of any German torpedo boats in the Mediterranean.

## BODIES

From the southern shores of the Mediterranean come rumors of a spectacular naval battle. If the reports are true, the British Mediterranean fleet has battered and destroyed an Italian Convoy somewhere off Africa. A story from Algiers has it that thousands of dead bodies have been washed ashore on the east coast of Tunisia. They are reported to be the bodies of Italian soldiers, and one unoffical guess puts the number as high as thirty thousand. It is also said that many barrels of oil floated ashore. All this is unofficial.

## STRIKES

The San Francisco shipyards strike presents a weird situation. The men striking constitute a minority, some seventeen hundred machinists. Today's news on it says that the shipbuilders would like to deal with them, but, they say they can't. For if they agree to the demands of the machinists then they would be breaking a contract they have with twenty thousand other workers.

There was a great to do recently because of an agreement between management and labor on the Pacific Coast, an agreement that outlawed both strikes and lock-outs. This was hailed as a a real help to the national defense program. and that is the pact which the shipbuilding employers declare they would be breaking if they dealt with the now striking machinists.

Sidney Hillman, the Associate Director of the O.P.M. has called upon the strikers to put an end to their walkout, live up to their contractual obligations.,- end their strike which is tying up five hundred million dollars' worth of navy building.

Hillman had a conference with the President today, and issued his message to the strikers as he left the White House.

Meanwhile, that San Francisco walkout put fresh vigor

into the congressmen who are in favor of the Vinson Bill, the bill which will forbid the calling of any strike in a defense factory until after a twenty-five day cooling-off period. It would also forbid the signing of any more closed-shop contracts in defense plants. On a ccount of the strike situation as it stands today, the advocates of that bill are moving to have it called up immediately; a bill regarding which labor unions are not a bit enthused.

The strike at the Boston Naval Drydock came to an end today. But others are threatening at General Motors and the Hudson Motor Company -- companies with defense orders totaling some seven hundred and eighty million dollars. And the soft coal strike will be on again if the Southern operators don't come to terms. Also the walkout of six thousand Colt gun-makers is in a negotiation stage.

All of this has the Congressmen riled. And they seem about ready to legislate against strikes.

## PEACE PICKETS

Evidently the peace pickets around the White House didn't listen to the advice of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The First Lady told them yesterday that they were wasting their

time. Apparently, the ladies had plenty of time to waste, for

they picketed more <sup>passionately</sup> ~~assiduously~~ than ever today. One group of

five hundred delegates were met at the Union Station by Mrs.

Burton K. Wheeler and Mrs. Bennet Champ Clark, wives of the two

isolationist Senators.

The ladies also went to the Capitol and were having a hard time getting in, as the Capitol police refused to ~~more~~ let more than two hundred at a time into the House office building.

But they found a strong champion in a Representative from New

York, <sup>Congressman</sup> ~~good old~~ Ham Fish. Ham took the occasion to bawl <sup>out</sup> the

Capitol cops. <sup>He demanded</sup> ~~out, wanted~~ to know if this has <sup>d</sup> become a dictatorship,

and why shouldn't the ladies be heard?

One of the ladies was quite peeved because the tree on the Capitol grounds on which they had hung an effigy of Senator Pepper of Florida a few months ago had been cut down. Said she:-

"I suppose they were afraid we were going to hang somebody else."

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The big excitement was provided by a young man called <sup>Young</sup> Mr. Andrew P. Tomaszky. <sup>Mr.</sup> Tomaszky is a Leatherneck, a first class private from the New York Marine Base at Paris Island, South Carolina. He stood around for an hour heckling the picketers around the White House. <sup>Finding</sup> ~~Then he found~~ that too tame ~~a sport.~~ So he whipped off his belt, shouted to the news photographers, "Here I go!", and dashed at the picket line smashing the lanterns carried by the pickets. Thereupon the Washington cops intervened to protect the lady picketers, <sup>the Turbulent</sup> and took <sup>Mr.</sup> Tomaszky to the brig.

A more serious contribution to the picket story was made by the Dies Committee <sup>which</sup> ~~It~~ will start public hearings next Wednesday, <sup>including</sup> ~~and~~ an investigation into that American Peace Mobilization, which some of the Congressmen describe as part of the Communist Front.

## BRIDES

New fashions for brides! White is no longer worn by young ladies who get married in June -- that is, in France. The French Fashion designers are making bridal costumes in what is known as a tender blue, more popularly called "angel's wing." Then there's a pale rose called "first emotion." But - young ladies, in case you don't care for "angel's blue" or "first emotion pale rose" what about a pale yellow called "faded shell"? No, not so good. Not faded shell! Not that! Some French brides are going in for a touch of lilac, that is, they are buying wedding gowns in mauve. "Morning clouds," they call it.

We also learn at great expense that French brides are carrying bouquets of rosebuds, hyacinths and glycines. Hugh, here, I'm sure would weep if he found himself at a wedding <sup>where</sup> there were no orange blossoms!

But let's talk about something both less Dizzy and more Dizzy.

DEAN

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Dizzy Dean is one of the few baseball players whose name is known to everybody, even to those who are not baseball fans. He was a remarkable pitcher in his day; but, that isn't what made him generally known. He is a remarkable character; hence a natural source of news. Well, Dizzy made news again today. He became the first pitcher in history to resign, frankly acknowledging that he isn't a good ~~xxx~~ pitcher any longer. Maybe that has happened before, since the first ball game was played on the Hackensack Meadows, or at Cooperstown, New York, but I never heard of it. Dizzy wrote to his boss, Phil Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs. In the letter he said his arm wasn't any good any more, and he asked to be placed on the retired list. It was only three years ago that Wrigley ~~xi~~ paid a record price, a hundred-and-eighty-five thousand dollars, plus three other players, to get Dizzy for the Cubs. And today the generous baseball magnate refused to let the boy from Arkansas go. Dizzy got a reply reading:- "Your petition to be placed on the voluntary retired list is rejected." Then it continued: "Come down tomorrow and ~~we'll~~ sign a contract as a coach." .....

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Whereupon they say Old Diz became, for the first time in his  
life, speechless.

I hope it isn't contagious, I hope Hugh, that you  
are neither Dizzy nor speechless.

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