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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The United States will not tolerate Nazi destruction of American property. In Berlin, three Americans claim damages, and later today it was announced that a fourth, living elsewhere in Germany, had suffered similarly. A formal message on this subject was handed to the German government in Berlin today. The note was not made public, but it was understood that the United States reserves all rights including a demand for reparations. A note somewhat similar to that already sent by the British government.

One hears further that all foreign nations will insist upon pushing claims for damages to their nationals; still more, they will demand a definite acknowledgement from the Nazis that foreign Jews are not to be subject to the fines that have been proclaimed on all Jews.

Strange rumors come out of Germany today. Perhaps the oddest of all is that the supposed quarrel between Field Marshal Goering, Hitler Number Two Man, and Propaganda Minister Goebbels. The rumor

is based on the fact that Goering is administrator of the Four Year Plan to restore economic welfare of the Reich. The plunder and violence of the mobs did more than wreck the property of the Jews. It did serious damage to Goering's Four Year Plan. Consequently, it is said, Goering is furious.

There is also indication that Hitler himself was somewhat dismayed either at the violence of the mobs or at the violence of the repercussions from other parts of the world. He has put his foot down on any further outrages. That's the tenor of an announcement made by the Reich Commissioner in Austria, who said: "The Fuehrer has empowered me to declare that whoever in the future destroys or plunders another's property will have to reckon with being placed against a wall." But, it adds, "in the future there will be no Jewish property."

Now for the plan, that Britain shall set aside land in certain of her colonies and settle Jewish refugees there. Apparently, the United States is expected to finance the project. The report says that Britain would provide the land in British Guiana and other colonies. The money for transporting and establishing the Jews there

to be provided by the United States and other nations. It would probably cost as much as a hundred and fifty million dollars. The idea is to call a conference of five powers, the United States, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, and Brazil.

But in Washington, it was said that all this was news to the State Department. Secretary Hull not yet officially notified. The report from London is that our Ambassador Kennedy told Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, that it would be impossible for the United States government to contribute money. However he thought it could be raised privately among the American people.

In spite of that declaration from Hitler the Nazis continue to hound the Jews. One-third of all their wealth in Germany has already been seized, something like eight hundred million dollars. That was officially proclaimed today by Funk, the German Minister of Economics.

In some towns, hundreds, in others thousands of Jews have disappeared. It is estimated that fifty thousand of them have been arrested. The prominent and richest being held as hostages. Many are hiding in the houses of foreigners. Risky not only for them but for the people who are hiding them.

The body of Ernst vom Rath, the assassinated third secretary of the embassy, was taken to his native city today in a special funeral train. As everybody expected, the Nazis have begun to make him a national martyr. The train stopped at every important point on the way and there were elaborate ceremonies. The body is now lying in state in a hall at Dusseldorf. At the funeral tomorrow it is expected that Fuehrer Hitler himself will make one of his characteristic speeches.

Our Ambassador Wilson took a train from Berlin tonight for Paris. The entire staff of the American embassy was at the station to see him off. There wasn't a single official or representative of the German government at the station.

Here in America a group of Jewish citizens in New York propose a plan, to establish a national home for Jews in Mexican lower California. Not only a permanent refuge for the persecuted Jews throughout the world but also a Jewish state, recognized among the nations of the world. In order to achieve this, it would be necessary to acquire territory from Mexico.

In New York City, the Police Commissioner took the precaution

of assigning special officers to guard the German Consulate.

And Mayor LaGuardia seized the occasion for a characteristic stroke of irony. He asked his Police Commissioner to have the Consulate guarded by Jewish policemen. There's a delegation of Nazi officials on its way to New York from Germany. When their ship docks, they will also be guarded by Jewish policemen.

## JAPAN

There's going to be another treaty between Japan and the German Reich. It will be an agreement for both countries to unite in cultural directions. A committee of the Mikado's Privy Council has been at work on the text of this alliance. On the one hand, Japan will undertake to recognize the racial principles of Nazi Germany. Making the Japanese Teutonic Aryans, I suppose. On the other hand, Germany agrees to respect the spirit of Japan -- including, no doubt, the Japanese belief that the Sons of Heaven are destined eventually to rule and civilize the entire world.

Germany and Japan undertake to cooperate in sports, literature, the fine arts, music, drama, radio broadcasting.

SPAIN

The Spanish question became more confused than ever today. Envoys of the International Non-Intervention Committee paid a visit to General Franco, head of the Nationalists. They offered the British plan for the withdrawing of foreign troops from Spain. Today it becomes known that Franco will have nothing to do with it. Declines to accept any scheme that does not include the granting to him of full rights as a belligerent. And that would permit him to blockade his opponents.

RUSSIA

Another graft scandal comes to light in Russia. It was made public, ~~curiously enough~~, in the official newspaper of the Communist Party, PRAVDA. The paper charges that not only confusion but embezzlement has been rife in the Commissariat of Internal Trade. In the first six months of this year, the embezzlement amounted to a hundred and thirty million ~~Rubles~~ Rubles, something like twenty-six million dollars.



TRADE TREATY

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The Trade Treaty with Great Britain won't be the only one signed in Washington tomorrow. The new commercial agreement with Canada will also be made official. This was announced today by Prime Minister MacKenzie King at Ottawa. The Prime Minister left the Dominion capital today for Washington. There he will put his signature on the trade treaty. ~~Moreover~~ <sup>And</sup> he'll discuss several other subjects, ~~with government officials~~. One of them will be <sup>the</sup> ~~Roosevelt's~~ <sup>'s</sup> proposal for continental defense. Also the question of giving sanctuary to Jewish refugees from Germany. <sup>R</sup> And it is expected that Premier King will discuss arrangements for the visit to the United States of King George and Queen Elizabeth next June.

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SAFETY

While the National Auto Show is still on at the Grand Central Palace, New York, it's appropriate and welcome for us to have good news about the movement for safety on the highways. This is a cause that especially interests my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, who always have thrown their influence behind it. Paul G. Hoffman, who is not only President of the Studebaker Corporation, but also President of the Automotive Safety Foundation is with me here. What's the good safety news Mr. Hoffman?

HOFFMAN:- The record this year will show that the deaths in highway accidents will be eight thousand less this year than last year, two thousand fewer injured than in Nineteen Thirty-Seven. As for the damages, we can show a saving of two hundred million dollars cold cash

L.T.: That's encouraging, can we keep it up?

HOFFMAN: We're going to keep it up! We look upon this safety campaign as a war, a war that has been waged in America on highway accidents. And I want to make it emphatic that the victory depends upon the people who are listening, what they do about it, they and the public officials in their town or city.

L.T.: And are those officials doing their share?

HOFFMAN: Speaking generally, public official are not only willing but eager to accept leadership in this war on accidents - that is, if they have behind them an organized and intelligent public support.

The automotive industry is contibuting what it can by building safe cars. What's more, we have come across with more than a million dollars to help the national safety organization which are doing effective work.

L.T.: What progress has been made in law enforcement?

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HOFFMAN: A good deal, but it would be better still if law officers the country over practices selective enforcement.

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L.T.: And what do you mean by that?

HOFFMAN: We mean that law enforcement should aim at preventing accidents rather than making wholesale arrests. Wherever that principl has been applied, it has reduced accidents from one-third to one-half.

L.T.: Thank you, Mr. Hoffman, and Let's all help to make the roads safe.

HARNETT

While District Attorney Tom Dewey of New York was campaigning for the governorship, his assistants evidently were busy. Investigating the so-called taxicab racket in New York City. The result was a sensational arrest today. The State Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Charles A Harnett, accused of bribery and extortion. Specifically the charge is that he accepted sixty thousand dollars fom one of the big New York taxicab companies. When he was arraigned he pleaded "Not Guilty" and his lawyer declared: "There is nothing to say except that Commissioner Harnett is completely innocent."

C.I.O.

The new C.I.O., the Congress of Industrial Organizations adopted its new constitution unanimously today. But ~~this~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~wasn't achieved~~ without ~~an~~ attempt at rebellion. Descriptions from the convention at Pittsburgh indicate that John L. Lewis had to wield the mailed fist, ~~with threatening gestures.~~ <sup>The</sup> ~~The~~ ~~att~~ attempted revolt it is said came from the Left Wing of the C.I.O., the Maritime Union headed by the much-discussed Harry Bridges of the West Coast. This Left Wing tried to amend the constitution. <sup>It</sup> Just as the rebellion seemed to be gaining headway Lewis walked to the front of the platform with a stern look in his eye. ~~And~~ ~~he~~ barked: "We do not intend to let a man with no more than an idea come here and destroy the work of this Committee." Then he growled: "It will profit no man to rail against the rules of this convention." Finally he roared: "I hope there will be no further misunderstandings." John Lewis then turned his back to the convention and walked ~~back~~ to his seat amid complete silence. After ~~when~~ <sup>that</sup> the constitution was approved without further objection. It invests the leaders

of the C.I.O with most comprehensive powers and imposes a tax on every member of the unions composing the Congress of Industrial Organizations. Little was heard today of the much discussed peace with the American Federation of Labor.

HONOLULU

Army officers at Honolulu today completed their examination of that bombing plane which a mechanic in the air force took for a joy ride. It turns out that it wasn't much of a ride. Only five miles, until he cracked the valuable bomber in a pineapple patch. The plane was worth eighty-five thousand dollars, and the damages amount to sixty-five thousand.

Officers today were considering what should be done with first class mechanic Ben Fleigelman? One possible punishment would be to make him pay that sixty-five thousand dollars, bill him for damages to army property. That would be strictly according to army regulations. But, how could a private pay sixty-five thousand out of his pay? One way would be to promote him, make him a sergeant. Out of a sergeant's pay, he might possibly pay Uncle Sam the sixty-five thousand, if he lived long enough. A master sergeant gets a hundred and thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents a month. So he could pay out in a long lifetime.