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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The prediction from Germany is that the west German political leaders will complete the drawing up of a Constitution within a week. This they are called upon to do in a decision made by the foreign ministers of the Big Three.

Meeting in Washington after the signing of the Atlantic Security Pact, the diplomatic chiefs of Great Britain, France and the United States, agreed upon the formation of a western German Republic -- a unification of the British, French and American zones of occupation. The drawing up a Constitution for the new state entrusted to the top political leaders of Germany west of the Iron Curtain.

NUREMBOURG

The Nurembourg trials are ending at last. Today verdicts of guilty were handed down against eight more of the top officials of Hitler's Nazi regime.

The eight defendants today were Nazi diplomats, government officials, bankers, who now draw varying prison sentences. Nine defendants were acquitted.

Such is the end of those Nurembourg trials, which brought about the hanging of the top Nazis -- and dragged so long with the cases of other and lesser war criminals. The Nurembourg purpose -- to establish war-making as an international crime.

CHINA

China grows optimistic again about the prospects of peace -- with the Communists. A Nanking dispatch states that the Reds have consented to a cease fire order in the China Civil War, and "are moving closer to agreement" -- as Chinese officials phrase the matter.

The latest: -- a repulse of an attempt by the communists to drive across the Yangtse in Junka. The Chinese news agency tells of a fleet of junks sailing in the moonlight. Ten sunk. The rest driven off.

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Our atomic prospects were discussed today by the man at the top -- David Lilienthal, Chairman of the atomic Energy Commission, in testimony before a sub-committee of the House of Representatives. He ~~repeated~~ reported rapid progress in making ~~of~~ more powerful atomic bombs, and larger numbers of them. But what about the peaceful use of the energy of the atom? Lilienthal described the prospects in these words: "Very bright indeed". He confirmed previous news that the first nuclear power plant will be built to run a Navy ship, after which there is every promise of atom driven planes, the application of atomic energy to industrial power -- and irrigation. This last item has fascinating implications, ^(for) ~~and~~ anyone who has been travelling through western deserts ~~xxxx~~ for a couple of days as we have done. The cry ~~is~~ of so much of the west is -- water. *I've been hearing* ~~there is~~ talk of distilling sea water to freshen the dry lands and make them green. But where would you get the ~~in~~ vast amounts

of power, to distill? Well, here we have the
Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission telling
a congressional group that the prospects are "very
bright indeed ^{" for} ~~in~~ the use of atomic energy, atomic
heat, for industrial purposes, and irrigation.

HOOVER

Former President Herbert Hoover warns us about the waste of money in military spending. He calls it: Startling. He declares that the squandering of the national funds by the Army, Navy and Air Force, is a danger to the economy of this country. The former President was testifying before the Armed Forces Committee of the Senate, advocating the reforms recommended by the Hoover Commission for streamlining the National Government. Today he declared that the budgeting and bookkeeping of the Armed Forces are -- antiquated and should be reorganized. (He pointed out that Congress, in the words of Herbert Hoover: "allocates billions without accurate knowledge as to why they are necessary and what they are being used for". Then, in the Armed Forces, a lot of the money is thrown away because of obsolete and wasteful methods. He repeated that, by federal reform the government can save up to one billion and five hundred million dollars each year and accomplish just as

much. "I mean," said Herbert Hoover, "the same ends for less expenditure."

Today President Truman gave the Hoover Committee report a public White House okay.

All this as demands rose in Congress for economy, to be coordinated likewise with economy in the cost of providing the western democracies with American armament. This will be an important point in the forthcoming Senate debate on the North Atlantic Security Pact.

Today's prominence of Herbert Hoover in the Washington news reminds us that our only living ex-President has just been granted a notable award.

In New York there is an organization of writers, editors, artists, called the Dutch Treat Club -- whose weekly luncheons are notable. For years ~~a~~ ~~the~~ guiding light was John O'Hara Cosgrave, who ~~was~~ ^{an} Sunday Editor of the old New York World, that newspaper of legend. A year ago John O'Hara Cosgrave died after a long and ~~an~~ distinguished editorial career -- after which ^{an} award ~~was~~ named ^{for} ~~after~~ him was established -- for distinguished public service. So now, ^e ~~this~~ ^{First} ~~John O'Hara~~ ~~of~~ Cosgrave award has been granted to Former President Herbert Hoover -- he having returned to affairs of ~~the~~ government in such striking style, with the Hoover Commission for federal reform. American history provides few examples of such a comeback for an Ex-President.

FORRESTAL

From the Bethesda Naval Hospital, a report on former Secretary of Defense James Forrestal, who retired from office recently. The diagnosis is made by the Number Two Doctor of the Navy, Rear Admiral N. L. Pugh, Deputy Chief of the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

This follows a story given out by a Columnist who stated that Forrestal had a mental break down in which he had hallucinations of a Soviet attack -- and that he had been afflicted with this illusion of a Red assault during his final days as Secretary of Defense.

So what's the report today -- from the Admiral-Doctor? ^{The} ~~his~~ diagnosis is that Forrestal is suffering from what he calls "occupational fatigue."

This he explains is of a type common enough during the war. We recall how often war-time illness was labelled "fatigue." It affects the patient both physically and mentally, says the Navy Doctor. He adds that Forrestal is progressing satisfactorily and may leave the hospital in a short time, if he wishes.

A later medical report states that Forrestal, always thin and slight, lost twenty-five pounds in recent weeks -- anemia and low blood pressure. His condition directly the result of excessive work during the war and post war years.

WHEAT

The second largest winter wheat crop in the history of the United States, -- such is the prediction of the Department of Agriculture. The record high was -- two years ago -- in Nineteen Forty-Seven -- one billion and sixty-eight million. This year -- one billion and nineteen million, which is a sizeable increase over ~~last~~ last year.

RAILROADS

In Washington, a rejection of a union demand on the railroads - an extra engineer on diesel locomotives. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers insists that a diesel locomotive requires an extra engineer.

CATHY

The Washington Times Herald reports today that yesterday its office received nine thousand telephone calls of anxious inquiry about the pitiful tragedy all the way across the continent, at San Marino, California -- the mournful story of Cathy. Other newspapers ^{every} where can add their tens of thousands of inquiries. ^P In hundreds of churches yesterday, Palm Sunday, prayers were offered up for the three year old child, who fell down a ninety foot abandoned well - and now, as we know, ~~perhaps~~ ^P perished. In fact, the pathos and suspense went all around the world -- the news in foreign countries picturing the desperate attempt to save a little girl, thousands of miles away. The heroic efforts of rescue for fifty-four hours, the driving of shafts through the rock, only to find that the child had perished.

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All a reflection of the power of an appeal to human emotions, the appeal of childhood. The heart-break story of Cathy, won more headlines and news space over the weekend than ~~any~~ many another event of world consequence and scope. Which is a

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goodly thing to know, this response to pathos,
the touch of humanity.

MINER

This weekend we drove across the Colorado Desert, the California-Arizona wastelands on both sides of the Colorado River, travelling to Tucson -- where I am broadcasting tonight. Scenes of that bleak, forbidding wilderness of desert and mountains brought back memories of old stories of desert ~~lands~~ ^{rate} ancient gold prospectors, lost mines, mysteries of treasure in the desert recesses where the word is -- inferno. ~~And~~ So today - scanning the news here at Tucson, what do I find -- but a strange, sinister story of a murdered sixty year old prospector with dramatic signs of a search for something that he may have found -- a mine, gold.

The scene, the Mojave Desert, to the south of which we passed on our drive here to Tucson. There ~~and~~, a miner lived, James Ritchie, who for long years had prospected for gold among the ~~alk~~ alkali sands and sun-scorched craggs of the Mojave. Five months ago he disappeared. And last week they found his body in an abandoned mine-shaft deep in

the desert. He had been murdered.

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The police of Bakersfield, California ~~XXXXXXXX~~ undertook the investigation and they are informed that last Thursday somebody broke into the miners home -- out on the Mojave ~~Desert~~ - where he lived with four daughters and a brother. The place was ransacked, from one end to another -- somebody seeking something with desperate persistence. At the same time, a series of attempts are reported to get into another place -- where belongings of the miner were to be found.

Obviously, say the police, somebody is looking for something valuable. What? It's all a mystery, but a surmise is -- the old miner murdered for some secret he had, and now a continued search for that secret. Maybe a lost mine out on the Mojave with the glitter of gold.

RITA

Ordinarily Moslem theology is not much of a subject for American movie fans. The addicts of Hollywood features are little concerned about the Prophet Mohammed, his daughter Fatima, his son-in-law Ali, and the disputed succession to the Caliphate -- in which Ali perished, leaving a long succession of Imams, all of which got Mohammedan theology tangled no end, a multiplicity of rival sects. Now, an American movie actress, a reigning Hollywood favorite, becomes a star in the ceremony which recalls all those religious complexities of Islam.

Yes, you guessed who -- Rita Hayworth, who is to marry Prince Ali Khan, son of the legended Aga Khan. Prince Ali, having last week had a Paris divorce from his previous wife, the wedding plans are reported today. We hear that the nuptials will be performed at the Aga Khan's villa on the Riviera. So what kind of wedding will Rita Hayworth have? Mohammedan. After a civil marriage, according to French law, she will be

united to Prince Ali according to the ritual of Islam. The nuptials will, in fact, be solemnized by the highest Moslem dignitary possible -- the Aga Khan himself. He is the spiritual head of a sect that numbers millions of Mohammedans.

According to the theology of his Moslem cult he is the true successor to the Prophet Mohammed, a lineal descendant of Mohammed's daughter Fatima and her husband Ali. Which makes him the last of a long line of Imams -- one of whom in the time of the Crusades, was the head of the dark and sinister Assassins. His own sect, the Ismaili, have come down from the murderous Assassins of old, but they are now pious peaceful people, mostly in India. So Rita Hayworth will have the highest Moslem dignitary celebrating her wedding -- a descendant of Mohammed; which her bridegroom is also.

And now inshallah, here's Ken Niles.