

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

( Today, Dr. Eduard Benes resigned as President of Czechoslovakia! ) It was thanks to Eduard Benes, as much as to anybody, ~~that~~ Czechoslovakia was put on the map in the first place. From the moment the World War broke out, he and Dr. Thomas Masaryk started working for Czechoslovak independence. It was due to their persuasiveness and the persistent diplomatic work they did at Versailles that the Czechoslovak republic was created. Naturally, it was the greatest day of his life when he, the son of a poor family in Pilsen, became the second President of the young republic, That was in Nineteen Thirty-Five.

Through the stormiest days of the Nazi agitation, Benes stood firm. So much so that he became the chief target of the abuse flung out by Hitler.

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~~sturdy little President.~~ He fought a losing fight to the end and gave up only when his country was abandoned by the governments that had sworn to protect it. It isn't difficult to imagine that frail little man, whose hopes for his country were once so high, whose prospect<sup>s</sup> seemed so promising, now a beaten man, crushed and without a future.

Today He said good-bye to his people in a letter that was read to them over the air by Prime Minister General Syrový. "Tremendous and sad events have overtaken us," he said, "but in spite of our deep grief the great ideal has been left to us." Then he added: "These historic events of the last few weeks have put our entire political life and the very existence of the state itself, on entirely new foundations. I don't leave the bridge of the ship in a heavy storm, <sup>(the storm is over)</sup> but now I can no longer judge<sup>q</sup> rightly what I would have to do for you as your president under these entirely changed conditions." And he continued: "The new government has just been formed. I hope they will succeed in their task and I wish with all my heart that the future of this new state will be happy and that it will thrive."

A report from Berlin today implies that Hitler is going to make still further and further demands upon the Czechs. He's going to claim more territory. And he's also going to demand reparation for alleged injustices inflicted by the Czechs on the Sudetens since Nineteen Eighteen.

What's left of Czechoslovakia will be practically an appanage of the German Reich. The new Czech foreign minister has been a friend of the Rome-Berlin Axis throughout the <sup>last</sup> four years. In fact he's described in Prague as the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo Axis minister. So his appointment to the foreign portfolio evidently means a foreign policy of virtual dependence upon Berlin.

EUROPE FOLLOW BENES

(The consequences of the British and French surrender at Munich are becoming manifest with ~~even greater~~ speed. ~~than was expected.~~)  
To be sure, everybody foresaw that it would mean the German domination of the entire basin of the River Danube all the way to its mouth in the Black Sea. <sup>Now</sup> The partitioning of Czechoslovakia has thrown Poland more firmly than ever into the arms of Germany. <sup>and</sup> Roumania is swinging over to the Nazis. King Carol's government is ~~now~~ telling Hitler that <sup>it</sup> ~~he~~ never seriously meant to let Russian armies cross Roumanian territory so as to come to the aid of the Czechs. The Iron Guard, the Nazi organization in Roumania, is coming to the front again. For a while, King Carol had it suppressed. But today we learn that it would not be surprising to see an Iron Guard Nazi government formed in Roumania with the consent of ~~King~~ Carol.

Hungary ~~is~~ of course <sup>is</sup> on the Nazi side.

The Little Entente, the loose concert of Balkan powers, is practically at an end. Bulgaria is getting ready to follow in the footsteps of Hungary and Roumania. <sup>and</sup> The government of Yugoslavia is strongly pro-Nazi.

So we have a weird picture in Europe today. (The sacrifices

(that Chamberlain made for peace have already virtually produced a Germany that dominates Europe from the North Sea to the Black Sea, from the Baltic to the Aegean.)

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LONDON

( In the British House of Commons today, there was another attack on Prime Minister Chamberlain. ~~It was~~ <sup>that fighter or fighters</sup> the most biting, the most formidable, yet. The man who delivered it, ~~was a formidable~~ <sup>the Right Honorable</sup> ~~man~~ Winston Churchill. ) Said he: "The people of Great Britain should be told that they have passed an awful milestone in their history."

( He described the Munich agreement as "a defeat without war." And he ~~add~~ added: "Democracies of the west have been weighed in the balance and found wanting." ) <sup>He said thought that</sup> ~~However,~~ <sup>he</sup> added, "by a supreme effort they can recover. One method of protecting ourselves" against Nazi power <sup>he</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>explained</sup> "is to regain the old island independence by securing supremacy of the air." ( And he declared: "Never will we have friendship between British democracy and Nazi power." )

Shortly after that, Churchill administered a sharp snub to the Viscountess Astor when she tried to interrupt him. ( The surrender of Great Britain and France is ascribed largely to the influence of Lady Astor and the so-called Clevedon gang, ~~so~~ named after her place in the country where pro-Nazi Englishmen have been meeting. ) Said Churchill to the Viscountess: "The noble lady must quite recently have received a finishing course in manners."

The government <sup>members</sup> squirmed in their seats as they heard the  
Chruchillian sarcasams.

But a still more important statement was made in the  
House of Commons today. It came from Sir John Simon, Chancellor of  
the Exchequer, when he said: "His Majesty's Government have no  
intention of excluding or attempting to exclude Ryssia from any  
future settlement."

## SPAIN

In Spain the latest big push by General Franco's armies is gathering speed. The Nationalist chief is making a new and ferocious drive along the Ebro River. Today's bulletin from Rebel headquarters is that they've taken by assault six key positions that were held by the government armies. The insurgents say also that the Republicans seem to be growing weaker. They've lost heavily in twenty-four hours of continuous fighting. The spearhead of the Franco attack was carried out by tanks.

The Rebel airplanes bombarding the big cities have adopted a new plan. Along with bombs they drop loaves of bread over Madrid, Barcelona, and ~~Badalona~~. They call it manna from heaven. The idea of course is propaganda, to convey the idea to hungry populations that there's plenty of food to spare in the parts of Spain held by Franco.



ROME

Tomorrow evening in Rome, there is to be a meeting of the Fascist Grand Council. That doesn't sound so important -- the significance lies in what the Fascist Grand Council is expected to hear. A late dispatch from the banks of the Tiber, declares that Mussolini is likely to take the occasion of the council meeting to announce the completion and fulfillment of the friendship pact between Italy and Great Britain.

It has been put off repeatedly, because of questions relating to the Spanish Civil War. But now, in view of the general peace started at Munich, it's all set to go into operation. The two principal terms now worked out concern the withdrawal of the Italians from the Franco side of Spain. And - British recognition of the Ethiopian conquest.

MEXICO

A man left Washington today, flying south to Mexico. He happens to be the Mexican ambassador, and is on his way to confer with President Cardenas. This is taken to mean that there's a big, bad hitch in the negotiations concerning American property seized by the Mexican government.

The expropriation problem has been under intensive discussion in Washington -- with Secretary of State Hull and Mexican Ambassador Castillo trying to work out some arrangement. Tonight the word is that they haven't been able to get anywhere, and the figure of speech used is -- irresistible force and immovable object. When those two meet, nothing gets anywhere.

In the Hull-Castillo negotiations, the Mexican contention has been that the seizures of American property are a Mexican constitutional question, and that President Cardenas cannot abrogate the constitution, -- which permits him to go on seizing.

DEBT

Here's news from the Treasury that means a lot <sup>to all</sup> of us  
though few of us pay any attention to it. Uncle Sam now owes  
the neat little sum of thirty-eight billions, four hundred and  
twenty-six millions, three hundred and sixty-seven thousand,  
nine hundred and thirty-four dollars. ~~That's a~~ new all-time  
<sup>for the national debt,</sup>  
record. <sub>Going up!</sub>

LABOR

There was <sup>an</sup> ~~one~~ unexpected demonstration at the American Federation of Labor convention today. Of late years, the A.F. of L. has been decidedly cool to the Roosevelt administration. ~~It has~~ turned <sup>ing a</sup> ~~a particularly~~ sour eye upon one of the President's pet creations, the National Labor Relations Board. But today the convention hall at Houston, Texas, rang with cheers for <sup>him.</sup> ~~the Roosevelt program.~~ They were <sup>s</sup> ~~provoked~~ by young Richard Leche, ~~the youthful~~ Governor of Louisiana, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ addressed the labor delegates with a rousing speech of applause for what he called "the President's broad social program." And he rather astonished some other southern statesmen when he declared Mr. Roosevelt was a hundred per cent right in describing the south as the Number one economic problem of the United States. In fact, Governor Leche went further. He said: "The Mason-Dixon Line has been a Chinese wall to prevent the south from coming into its own."

However, those in the know do not believe this will materially change the attitude of Union leaders <sup>toward the N. L. R. B.</sup> ~~on certain points.~~ Before <sup>is to be a</sup> ~~that~~ convention breaks up, there ~~will be~~ resolutions tearing the hide ~~and hair~~ off the ~~National~~ Labor Relations Board, and

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One action taken by the convention today concerns the railroad situation. If the Railroad Brotherhood should strike sooner than except that fifteen per cent cut in wages, the American Federation of Labor will be behind them with the full strength of its five million members -- voted today.

## BASEBALL

Now that first windy World Series game at Chicago, -- you know how it turned out. The Yanks won in a breeze. One of the principal players in that three-to-one victory was the Chicago wind. Time and again the wind swept across Wrigley Field and almost pulled the ball out of the hands of fielders waiting to grasp it. Though it was a characteristic Chicago Breeze, it had no noticeable civic spirit. For it raised hob with the Chicago Cubs, the Windy City Team.

In another respect, the game was unusual, that is unusual for one in which the Yankees took part. Many a time I've watched those Ruppert Rifles booting the ball all over the field. Many an afternoon I've looked on while their opponents played perfect baseball, but the Yankees won the game. Thus establishing what you might call poetic injustice. This time it was all different. Those Yanks were marvelous in the field. I venture to say that only a few times during this season have they fielded so brilliantly. More than once, the Cub batsman hit what looked like certain safeties, only to wind up in the gloves of Yankees who fielded as though inspired.

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After the second inning, Big Bill Lee, cub pitcher was almost continually on the defensive, pitching himself out of a hole.

It was a day for making new reputations. Great things were expected of the celebrated Joe de Maggio, the most publicized star on the field. But his batting average today was -- point zero, zero, zero. And by contrast, the most spectacular performers were the youngsters, Flash Gordon and Tommy Henrich, both playing in their first World Series -- in contrast with Iron Man Lou Gehrig who is playing in his eighth.



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MICROPHONE

The microphone is a wonderful thing. I for one have had much occasion to appreciate that. So has Fred Lyle of Cleveland. Fred acquired his high point of appreciation today.

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He's the radio man at Cleveland's public auditorium, where they have ~~the~~ an elaborate public address system. Fred was working in the radio control room, and there he had a bit of hard luck with two thousand volts of electricity. There was a wire carrying the two thousand ~~volts~~ and he accidentally touched it. It knocked him out for a minute or two, and then when he recovered his senses -- he called for help. In there in the sound-proof radio room, he might have called for a long time, without anybody ~~knowing~~ knowing about it. But lo and behold, there was a microphone! He cried out his feeble call for help into the mike, <sup>and</sup> it was amplified into a booming shout that echoed all over the auditorium. So help came swiftly.

~~Yes, a microphone is a wonderful thing, even when one doesn't have any reason to call for help, when one only wants to say -- SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.~~

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Well, here's a surprise. Here's a news item that concerns Homer Croy who took <sup>the other</sup> my place ~~last~~ <sup>when I was held up by the</sup> night. In Hollywood they're producing a picture called "I'm from Missouri" - by my old friend and softball colleague, Homer Croy. The screen play is taken from Homer's novel "Sixteen Hands", which is a story mostly about a mule. So in the picture the leading role is assigned to a mule. They have glamour girls in Hollywood, but now they need <sup>ed</sup> a glamour mule. <sup>And</sup> the producers set out to engage the most beautiful mule in the world, ~~and~~ They found him or her or it -- what's the right pronoun, the right gender for a mule? Anyway, they found Champ Clark, named after the great Missouri statesman, and acclaimed the most glamorously beautiful mule.

Then came the mix-up. In shipping Champ Clark from Missouri to Hollywood, something went wrong and the pulchritudinous mule was sent to a Missouri County Fair by mistake. The alarming word went out that Champ Clark was lost. But, ~~tonight~~ we hear that they've located him, her or it, and are taking -- pick your pronoun -- along to Hollywood. They're doing it with great care so that Champ Clark won't be worn out by the traveling, for they've got to

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~~for they've got to~~ start in teaching Champ Clark to sit down. That's the big scene in the whole Croy opus - when in Washington the mule sits down on the steps of the capitol. The geniuses of Hollywood are afraid that the journey may be so fatiguing that Champ Clark may be too tired to sit down. It seems odd -- we humans sit down when we're tired, but then a mule stands up when he's tired and sits down to get some exercise.

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Anyway, it's all a goofy Hollywood story and smacks somewhat of a press agent. So a moment ago I phoned Homer Croy and asked him to verify the story of how the beautiful mule got lost. And Homer denied it utterly. Said he:- "A mule never gets lost. The explanation is simple," said he. "When Champ Clark heard they were shipping him to Hollywood, his pride was hurt and he tried to hide his shame by pretending he was lost."

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