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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Last week Hitler said to the British, "Submit or be destroyed." *Tonight we have* *Here it is!* *Here is* Britain's reply:—"Thanks, we'll do neither." *the British*
today It came through the mouth of Viscount Halifax, ~~the~~ Foreign Secretary.
melodrama, It was quiet, without benefit of ~~rhetoric~~, but emphatic. It was not a speech to the House of Lords but a broadcast to the Empire and the United States. "We shall not stop fighting," said the spokesman for Britain, "until freedom for ourselves and others has been made secure."

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Answering some of the charges that Hitler made, Halifax declared that the British never wanted war and certainly no one in England wants it to go on a day longer than necessary. "Though Hitler," said he, "had no desire to destroy the British Empire, there was in his speech no suggestion that peace must be based on justice, no word of recognition that other nations of Europe have any right to self-determination, though he has always shouted about self-determination for Germany."

And Halifax declared further that the peoples of the British Commonwealth, along with all those who love truth, justice and freedom, will never accept this new world of Hitler's. "He may plant the Swastika where he will," said the Foreign Secretary, "but unless he can sap the strength of Britain, the foundations of his empire will be built on sand."

"The people that Hitler has beaten so far pray that his attack may be broken on the defenses of ~~mexico island fortress~~ the island fortress of the British," said Halifax further. And he added:- "They long for the day when the British will sally forth and return blow for blow. And the British will assuredly not disappoint them."

Some of you probably heard his reference to the United States, when Halifax said:- "Across the wide Atlantic there are mighty nations who view Hitler's works with growing detestation." To which he added:- "The people of the United States have not built their new home in order to surrender it to this fanatic whose gospel is a gospel of hate, whose policy is a policy of brute force, and whose message to mankind is enthrallment of the spirit under ruthless tyranny."

Halifax said no less than was expected of him. There was considerable guessing in advance that his defiance of Hitler would be the immediate signal of the launching of the blitzkrieg on Britain. ^{But such are not} ~~But~~ tonight's indications, ~~are against that.~~ Here's the latest from Berlin:- Fuehrer Hitler will not take "No" for an answer from Halifax. He will wait until he hears it from Prime Minister Winston Churchill himself. That will come tomorrow afternoon, when the Prime Minister will make a full statement to the House of Commons.

78 While waiting, the Nazis are steadily increasing their raids of devastation over Britain. And the British for their part are retaliating in kind. In an aerial raid over northwestern Germany last night, the bombing squadron included several French flyers.

Incidentally, the British have already met one of the new Nazi war weapons about which Hitler spoke so threateningly. It is called the Heinkel "One-Thirteen," the last word in death-dealing devices of the air. With a speed of four hundred miles an hour, ^{or small cannon - but a real cannon.} it fires not mere machine guns, ~~but cannon.~~ A British bomber was

raiding Germany when three of these Heinkel super-fighters swooped down. The British gunner reported he had shot down one of those aerial dreadnoughts in flames, damaged another, and got off in safety himself.

Communications from the Nazi high command indicate that the Germans are pressing the blockade weapon against the British for all it's worth. The latest one claims that five merchant ships of some forty thousand tons, have been sunk by Nazi bombers. And the German air force claims to have inflicted heavy damage on British airports, harbors, oil supplies and factories. A steamer flying the flag of Panama was sunk in the Atlantic, two hundred and fifty miles north of the coast of Spain. At first it was rumored that she was one of the ships that had been transferred to the flag of Panama from the United States. But have been later it turned out to ~~be~~ formerly a Greek vessel.

~~(Pick up here story slugged "Minefields")~~

MINEFIELDS

The British Admiralty today made another announcement about minefields. All traffic ~~from~~ bound for the Irish Sea or the Bristol Channel will have to steam around the north of Ireland. The waters off the west coast of England and the south coast of Ireland have been fully mined. That would seem to indicate that practically all of the ocean-borne traffic to and from Great Britain has to go through Liverpool or the ports on the west coast of Scotland.

GIBRALTAR

It becomes more and more evident that the British are in full expectation of an attack on Gibraltar. The authorities are evacuating everybody but fighting effectives from the Rock as fast as they can. Four hundred refugees have already landed at Funchal, the capital of Madeira. Among them was the wife of the Governor-General of Gibraltar. And today another contingent left the Rock on the way to Madeira.

BRITISH CHILDREN

A Congressman wants to make it easier to bring British children to the United States. (Representative Hennings of Missouri has offered an amendment to our Neutrality Laws. Hennings is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House. He will try to get his bill considered at once. Our present Neutrality Law forbids ships ^{flying} ~~with~~ the United States flag to enter any of the combat zones. The British Government, ~~you will recall~~, has explained that it cannot possibly spare warships to convoy those little refugees. So) Representative Hennings proposes that United States liners, ~~will be~~ marked and lighted by night and day, shall be allowed to proceed to Great Britain and bring back British as well as Belgian and French children.

world war - this was -
A side-show of the ~~war and an important one~~, opened today
A most important side show.
on this side of the water. [^] I mean that Pan-American Conference at

Havana. It is directly a consequence of the war ⁷ and explicitly an

all-
[^] American defensive measure.

There was a bit of a surprise in the opening speech of
Secretary of State Hull. *Not so* ~~to that conference. The surprise lay not so~~
much in what he said as in what he did not say. Everybody had
expected he would tell the delegates from the twenty-one republics
all about the plan for a Pan-American cartel. But he made no direct
reference to it whatsoever. He did offer a spectacular suggestion,
a suggestion covering the French and Dutch possessions in this
hemisphere. The suggestion was for all twenty-one republics to
become joint custodians of those French and Dutch possessions,
a collective trusteeship. The Secretary told the Pan-American
delegates that it would be suicidal not to recognize in time the
dangers confronting the American nations and not to prepare to meet
them fully and decisively.

The trusteeship he proposed should be conducted in the
interests of everybody, he said. And, by inference, Hull took a
crack at the League of Nations, intimating that the League mandates
had frequently been run merely in the interest of one power, the
power holding the mandate.

He spoke bitingly about ruthless conquests abroad,

aggressors who shrink from no means of attaining their ends.

And he conveyed a strong intimation that the ^{armed}~~armed~~ forces of the United States would cooperate to protect the Pan-American trusteeship of French and Dutch possessions, should the occasion arise.

As for the much advertised Pan-American cartel, the guessing in Havana is that it will not be pushed strongly at this ^{time}~~conference~~. To be sure, nine American governments have already given it their okay. But those nine do not include the Congress of the United States. So the American delegation at Havana is pursuing a gingerly but painfully tactful course in this matter.

CHAUTEMPS

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A peculiar piece of news comes from Vichy, temporary capital of France. It reports that Camille Chautemps, once upon a time Premier of the Third Republic, is about to leave on a mission to South America. The news comes through German radio and so it must be taken for what it is worth, especially the announcement that one part of the mission of Chautemps is to secure the French possessions in the Western Hemisphere. Also, *to forestall the hand of Uncle Sam in* ~~to prevent the colonization of Latin-America by the United States.~~

However, it adds that he will have no authority to make any treaties in South and Central America. *R* But - and here's a significant sounding sentence:- "He is to gather information which will be of extraordinary importance to the entire European economic system." In other words, that may be taken as an *attempt at* a Fascist answer to the Havana conference.

KNOX

Colonel Frank Knox made his first public appearance today *as*
Mr. Roosevelt's
~~since he became~~ Secretary of the Navy. ~~It wasn't exactly public.~~

He attended an executive session of the Committee on Deficiency
Appropriations of the House of Representatives, *along with*
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~~With him were~~ Admiral ~~Harold~~ Stark, Chief of the Bureau of Naval
Operations, and Admiral Towers, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics.

They went there to urge the Committee to approve the bill to
appropriate four billion, eight hundred and forty-eight millions
to start our two-ocean navy.

ROOSEVELT

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The Nazis today were making a target of President Roosevelt. It was a newspaper attack in the controlled German press. They accused the President of being to a great extent responsible for the war and for what they called "the irrational attitude of England toward the present situation in Europe." In other words, they blame Mr. Roosevelt ^{because} ~~for the reluctance of~~ ^{won't} the British ~~to~~ yield to Hitler's threats. Alongwith Mr. Roosevelt they criticized his ambassadors with, as they put it, Mr. Bullitt at the top of the heap.

Meanwhile, the President himself ^{went to his Dutchess} ~~went to Hyde Park,~~ ^{County country home,} ~~New York,~~ in search of a rest, though part of the afternoon he spent motoring to Newburgh with Mrs. Roosevelt, for the funeral services of his Aunt, Mrs. Dora Delano Forbes, who died yesterday at her family estate on the Hudson.

One of the principal visitors at the ~~Roosevelt estate~~ ^{White House} ~~Hyde Park~~ was Ambassador Bullitt. The Ambassador explained that he was there ~~because~~ he had still a tremendous volume of information to give the President. He had been out of touch with his government since June Twelfth. Bullitt said he sent the

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President an extremely long and important message about three weeks ago. But when he arrived in Washington he found that three parts of it had still not been transmitted. Also, the President had sent him a message with triple priority, But that message never reached the Ambassador to France.

~~Bullitt was unusually communicative~~ ^{TP} In a conference
[Bullitt was unusually chatty.]
with the White House correspondents at Hyde Park. One of them
~~was~~ asked him whether the United States was going to recognize
the Petain Government. ~~To that Bullitt~~ ^{The Ambassador} replied that there ~~is~~ ^{is} no
question of recognizing the Petain Government. ~~To that Bullitt~~
~~replied~~ Our diplomatic relations already exist and there has
never been any suggestion of breaking them off.

Reporters wondered whether the United States might
not prefer to recognize the French Committee in London, the
Committee that has broken with the Petain Cabinet because of its
change in the form of the government of France. So reporters
told Bullitt that there had been considerable guessing that his
report might affect the President's decision in that matter. ~~To~~
^{which the Ambassador}
~~To that Bullitt~~ replied that the President makes his own decisions.

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While the President was at Hyde Park, another special message from him was conveyed to Congress. Yes, you guessed it, he wants money, or rather the authority to spend money. It's for the Export-Import Bank -- five hundred million, one-half billion dollars. And what's to be done with that half billion? Help the Central and South American republics meet the heavy economic strain that they suffered in the European war.

Mr. Roosevelt explained his request in these words:-
that half billion dollar fund would be used to "prevent excessive fluctuations caused by distressed selling." And he explains further that "unless exporting countries are able to assist their nationals, they will be forced to bargain as best they can." And it's all attributable to the fact that ^{what he terms} "the course of the war, the resultant blockades and counter-blockades, and the inevitable disorganization is preventing the flow of surplus products to their normal markets." He further calls the attention of Congress to the fact that by helping our neighbors we will be helping ourselves.

GARNER

There has been a lot of speculation about what Vice-President Garner would do from now on. He hasn't made any public statement to reporters for weeks, in fact since some time before the Republican and Democratic Conventions. Even at Chicago, he kept his door locked to reporters. Everybody has been wondering whether or not

Texas Jack

~~he~~ would go home and stay home, retire from public life. The

primary election will be held in his home State of Texas on Saturday.

Well,

The Vice-President opened his door to newspapermen today and announced

that he was going home to Uvalde, Texas, for the primary. So the newspapermen asked him directly whether he was going to stay there or come back to Washington. To that he replied that he was reserving his decision. Then he added an explanation which was interpreted as being full of hidden meaning. "I have a leader," said Mr. Garner, "who waits until the last moment to make up his mind."

When reporters asked him whether they could quote him, he told them to go ahead and write "whatever they derved pleased."

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Reporters also interviewed another big-shot Democrat who suffered defeat in Chicago, Speaker William B. Bankhead of Alabama. The country was anxious to know how he would take it

after being runner-up in the race for nomination as vice-president.

The answer is that he takes it with a smile. No comment on the convention, but the Speaker is for the ticket one hundred per cent.

Any prophecy? Oh certainly, in these words:- "We will win in

November," *said Tallulah's papa.*

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Here's the latest from the vacation headquarters of
Wendell Willkie, the ^{Presidential} Republican candidate!— Willkie received a
telegram from ^{Lewis} ~~Louis~~ Douglas, once upon a time Federal Director
of the Budget under President Roosevelt, also John W. Hanes,
once upon a time Under-Secretary of the Treasury under President
Roosevelt. Their telegram reported that they want to do campaign
work for Willkie. "We propose," said Douglas and Hanes, "to
enlist in your behalf the support of Democrats who believe that
loyalty to the country takes precedence over loyalty to the party."

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Willkie replied, asking them to proceed in their own way
to organize people of like belief.

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And now Milton Cross will
You proceed in your own way in
behalf of Blue Sunoco.