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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The biggest surprise in European news concerns the old Free City of Danzig. For years we've been waiting to see trouble develop between Hitler and Poland, a new Nazi coup to return the old Free City to the German Reich.

Now the report is that it will be returned soon, without any trouble. This comes from Berlin -- rumor of a friendly agreement between Hitler and the Polish government. And, it's corroborated from Warsaw. Well informed circles in the Polish capital say that there have been negotiations between the German and Polish governments and that there will be a compromise by which the old seaport at the mouth of the Vistula will be handed over peacefully.

RUSSIA

~~and~~ It's reported that Russia is falling into line once again with the Anglo-French Entente. Soviet Ambassador Maisky left London suddenly for Moscow. That's interpreted as something important. So far there seems to be no proposal that the Red army should attempt to attack Hitler from the east. Stalin, instead, is ~~then~~ being urged to promise military supplies for Poland and Roumania in case they ^{are} ~~to~~ attacked, also to ~~put~~ pool his air fleets with those of France and Great Britain. If that were done, it would mean an ^{added} ~~enormous~~ aerial armada of ten thousand planes opposed to Italy and Germany.

In Paris it's said and supposed to be authoritative, that Stalin has already agreed, ~~there's~~ ^{and} a complete definite understanding between the Soviets, Great Britain and France. The report from Paris says further that Stalin has notified the Quai d'Orsay that he is willing to sign a pact with Chamberlain, a mutual assistance treaty on the same terms as the alliance between Russia and France.

~~The reports from Paris are stronger and more definite than any others.~~ ^{Also, that} According to these, Stalin will go further than

MESSAGE

One result of President Roosevelt's sensational message on Saturday is to give ~~Fuehrer~~ Hitler a new chance for a grandstand

play. *He will* ~~He will make no reply directly to Mr. Roosevelt's request,~~

~~the suggestion that Hitler and Mussolini promise to keep the peace for ten or twenty-five years. Instead of that, the Fuehrer has~~

summoned the Reichstag for April Twenty-Eighth, ^{and} then and there he

announce his answer to ~~will say what he thinks about the Roosevelt peace call.~~

MUSSOLINI

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As for Mussolini, he has already drafted out his reply to President Roosevelt. But he's going to show it to Hitler before sending it. Field Marshal Goering left Rome today for Berlin, carrying a copy of Mussolini's note in his portfolio.

It has leaked out that Mussolini is going to express himself more politely than Hitler. He will not flatly reject Mr. Roosevelt's message. But he will, in diplomatic language, decline its most important points. At the same time Mussolini is just as much annoyed as Hitler at the suggestion that they two are the chief trouble-makers in the world. So he'll take the position that any suggestion based on that premise can't be considered. However, ~~they~~ he will add that he might be prevailed upon to accept the notion of conferences for economic peace and disarmament and non-aggression treaties if ~~they're~~ more politely suggested.

~~Here's something else from Rome. Tomorrow Mussolini will receive the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of Hungary. That's one of the first steps in a program to check the French and British moves against him in the Balkans. The Hungarians are coming to Rome to ask Mussolini to help them get Transylvania back from Roumania, ^{the region} ~~you will remember it was~~ awarded to Roumania after the World War.~~

GIBRALTAR FOLLOW MESSAGE

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~~of course that message~~ was received with loud cheers

in Great Britain and France. Not only the governments but the French and English people seem to have been vastly ~~pepped up~~ *encouraged* by Mr.

Roosevelt's action. It also gave a fillip to their movements for defense. The most surprising of these was the sudden appearance of

a strong French squadron at Gibraltar. The first time such a thing

has happened since the great war. The French warships ~~are reported~~ *will be*

stationed at ~~to be on their way to~~ the ~~west~~ *John* ~~eastern~~ end of the Mediterranean.

British navy is concentrated ~~in~~ *John* the ~~east~~ *John*. Thus Italy is hemmed in

by two powerful fleets.

WASHINGTON

call to Hitler and Mussolini
The ~~3~~ Roosevelt message came in for some criticism on

the floor of the House today. ~~But it didn't get to first base.~~

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~~The~~ spectators took a hand in the debate and hissed ~~it~~ *the critic* down.

The critic ~~you will not be surprised to learn,~~ was Hamilton Fish

of ~~Dutchess County,~~ *The Presidential* New York. ~~That~~ message would have been more

effective, said Fish, if the President had not *previously* indulged in

name-calling. Then the hissing broke out. It continued so long

that Majority Leader Sam Rayburn of Texas intervened. He asked

the chair to rebuke the hissers in the gallery. Then said ~~Repke~~

Representative Sabath of Illinois: "This is not the time to play

party politics when we ought to be showing a united front to the

rest of the world."

SOUTH POLE

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A curious kind of race is cropping up. ~~and~~ scramble for territory among several of the big powers, ~~and~~ at the South Pole of all places! What's more, Uncle Sam declares himself in.

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The government is getting ready to send an expedition down to the Antarctic to nail ~~down~~ ^{fast} our claims to the huge areas discovered by Admiral Byrd, ~~and~~ Lincoln Ellsworth, ~~and~~ ^{Sir Hubert Williams?}

~~of course~~ This is the immediate result of a bit of news from Germany last week. ^{The items say that} ~~it~~ reported ~~the~~ German expedition under Captain Rithscher, [^] which was essentially an airplane expedition.

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The German Swastika flags were not planted by walking explorers; but [^] dropped from the air. The Germans returned home claiming some two hundred and thirty-three thousand square miles of Antarctic territory. Some of that same territory had been previously surveyed by Norwegians and claimed in the name of the King of Norway.

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So, we're going to move before it's too late. ^{TP} The idea is to have ^{this} ~~the~~ ^{new} expedition authorized by an act of Congress and financed with government money. The rumor is that both Admiral Byrd and Lincoln

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Ellsworth have been approached and are ~~quite~~ interested in the project. ^{In fact they are} They're going to Washington ~~shortly~~ [^] for conference [^] ~~on it.~~ [^]

As a matter of fact, Admiral Byrd, who was in Boston today, says he has been discussing this business with government officials for several months. And it has been tentatively decided to start in the summer of Nineteen Forty.

DOUGLAS

From now on it will be disrepsectful to allude to Mr. W. O. Douglas, Ex-Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as "Bill". Exit Bill Douglas, enter Mr. Associate Justice William Orville Douglas of the United States Supreme Court, with his feet off his desk now. The lofty tribunal started its proceedings today with a solemn ceremony, the swearing in of its newest and youngest member. Mr. Associate Justice William Orville Douglas, only forty years old, is not only the youngest today, he's the youngest to take that oath since Eighteen Eleven.

SUPREME COURT FOLLOW DOUGLAS

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For his first appearance on that august bench, the new Justice was in time to hear the most spectacular ruling that the court has handed down in many a month. It's the ruling that official Washington, ~~the~~ Congress, and indeed the whole country, have been waiting for many long weeks. ~~Yes, it's~~ The ^{much talked of} ~~new celebrated~~ Strecker case, the question whether a man, an alien, ^{can be expelled} ~~could be kicked~~ ^{from this} ~~out of the~~ country because of membership in the Communist Party.

^{On} ~~it's upon~~ this case ^{Miss} ~~that Madame~~ Perkins, Secretary of Labor, has been waiting, to see whether it ^{is} ~~was~~ legal to send ~~the Red~~ Pacific Coast labor leader, Harry ^Bridges, back to Australia.

^{But,} The Strecker case, ~~curiously enough,~~ has nothing to do with labor unions. Joseph Strecker is a restaurant proprietor in Arkansas. He used to be a subject of the Austrian Emperor, ^{and was} ~~also,~~ ^{by} ~~on~~ his own admission, a Communist. ^{However?} ~~But he isn't~~ a Communist ^{no} ~~any~~ longer. So he can't be deported, says the Supreme Court.

The opinion was written by ^{the} conservative Mr. Justice Owen Roberts. Said he: "The Statute of Nineteen Eighteen, which was involved in this case, provided that unnaturalized aliens should be deported if they belong to organizations in favor of overthrowing our

government by violence. But, says the Supreme Court, it applies to only two classes. Those who belong to such ^{political parties} ~~gangs~~ either when they enter the country or at the time the government moved to deport them.

~~It was not a unanimous decision. Mr Justice MacReynolds and Pierce Butler dissented, said ~~Streckor~~ should be sent back to Austria.~~

So ~~Now~~ what about Bridges? Washington lawyers point out that this decision settles nothing so far as the Australian trouble-maker is concerned. ~~For the court has made no gesture to decide whether if you advocate the violent overthrow of the government when you become a member of the Communist Party. That still remains to be settled. Also~~ It needs to be proved that Bridges either is a Communist member now or was one when he entered the United States. Bridges himself denies it, and his opponents don't believe him. So, I suppose ^{the} ~~this darn~~ Bridges question is going to keep cropping up in the news indefinitely.

AMLIE

President Roosevelt seems to be quite peeved over the Amlie business, the opposition in the Senate to his nomination of Amlie as Interstate Commerce Commissioner. He sent a message to the Senate today withdrawing his nomination, ^{and he} ~~he~~ also made public the letter he had written to Amlie, in which he said:-

"I deeply regret that a certain type of opposition should deprive the Interstate Commerce Commission of one as able and as wholeheartedly devoted to the public service as you are."

~~He also said. "Those who for political reasons have called you a Communist do not perhaps realize that such name calling~~

~~ill serves the democratic form of government which this nation as~~

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And the President added sharply,
~~a whole wishes to continue.~~ "A quarter of a century ago I, too,

was called a Communist, and a wild-eyed radical because I fought for factory inspection, for a fifty-four hours a week bill for women and children in industry and similar measures."

~~Amlie also made some tart remarks in the letter he wrote to the President asking that his name be withdrawn. Said Amlie: "I do not believe that there is any great eagerness among the members of either the Democratic or Republican Party in the Senate~~

COAL

The coal shortage grows no better and that strike of miners shows no signs of breaking up. President Roosevelt will do nothing about it. At least not at present. He answered Mayor LaGuardia's request by intimating that he would not intervene until every other possible resource had been exhausted. The situation is acute, said James F. Dewey of the Department of Labor, whose job it is to conciliate these disputes. He has asked the negotiators for the mine owners and the miners to meet him tomorrow. But New York and all other big cities in the east are running short of coal. If fuel doesn't begin to move soon, the subways and street cars won't be able to run, ^{and} elevator service in skyscrapers will be suspended, a grave menace.

TRUCK STRIKE

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Boston and the country round ~~it~~ is now threatened with a shortage of gasoline, coal and fuel oil. It was only a few days ago that Governor Salt on stall ~~of Massachusetts~~ brought about a settlement of one truck strike, a walkout ~~of drivers~~ that hit three states. ~~But~~ ^{Now} there's another ~~truck drivers~~ walkout, twenty-eight hundred ^{drivers} ~~chauffeurs~~ who deliver fuel, ~~idle for the last five days~~. Out of five thousand filling stations around Boston, almost a thousand are ^{now} closed down, ^{meaning} ~~already~~ no gasoline, no fuel oil. ^{The State so far has had} ~~The Massachusetts Necessaries of Life Division has~~ ~~had~~ more than six hundred calls for help.

~~There's danger today that this situation might get even~~
^{And if the strike}
~~worse. If it~~ isn't settled shortly, the teamsters union may resume ^e ~~that~~ tri-state strike of truck drivers ~~that was supposed~~ to ~~have been~~ settled only last week.

SAFETY

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Here's something ^{for} that ~~deserves the attention of every~~
motor car driver; ^{Special news} ~~in the country. It's a bit of news from Ohio~~
sent to my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, ^{about} ~~There's to be~~ an
All-Ohio Safety Congress at Columbus, tomorrow. More than two
thousand people will be there representing ~~the~~ various industries;
~~And they're going~~ ^{there} to take up the question of new ^{ways} ~~methods~~ of
preventing accidents. ^{TP} It's the Tenth Anniversary of the
establishment of that All-Ohio Safety Congress. The State
Industrial Commission of Ohio is ~~particularly~~ proud of its record
and the slogan ~~that it proclaims~~ is, twelve hundred and fifty
lives saved, three hundred thousand accidents prevented. ~~The~~
~~meetings of the petroleum section will be especially important.~~
~~The~~ Oil men from ^{all over that region will take part.} ~~the entire section of the country will take part.~~

TORNADOES

The tornado that rampaged through Texas, northwest Louisiana, ~~and~~ Arkansas and parts of Alabama, left a death toll *today* ~~behind it~~ of thirty-three people killed, *and* ~~in addition to that,~~ one hundred ~~were~~ injured. The funnel-shaped storm swept down principally on small ~~town~~ communities. Among the worst sufferers were a hundred and twenty-five people assembled at a Baptist Church *there* ~~in~~ Arkansas for a funeral.

STORM WARNING

Tornadoes in the south, floods in the Ohio valley,
and now a storm off the Atlantic Coast. Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau ^{has}
ordered storm warnings hoisted for all small craft from the Virginia
Capes to Sandy Hook.

TELEPHONE

Folo Flood

Someone sent me the last annual report of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and in it I read the telephone story of the hurricane and flood in New England last September. That disaster silenced the greatest number of telephones since the instrument was invented. Two hundred and forty communities were isolated. Restoration of service, put the Bell system to the greatest test it has ever faced. ^{To}~~Now~~ quote from the report:- "Plant crews rolled into New England from as far south as Virginia, ^{and} as far west as Arkansas and Nebraska. More than 2300 trained men with 615 motor vehicles were loaned by 14 telephone companies. Enormous quantities of material were needed and were rushed in promptly." At a time when the right of trucks to use the highways is challenged, that tribute to truck traffic ought to inspire some thinking about the different elements in our national transportation system.

DESERTERS

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Another manhunt on the Pacific Coast! The police of Oregon were on the lookout for three bandits and three seventeen year old girl friends. The men are deserters from Uncle Sam's army. They've been stealing cars, say the police, and holding people up all the way from San Francisco to Portland, Oregon. One man who was held up was an inspector at the Bonneville Dam. But the bandits didn't do anything to him. They merely flagged his car and borrowed his tools to fix a flat tire. The cops are on the lookout for them not only in Oregon, but also in Washington, Idaho and Utah.

HATS

At last we hear a good word for the hats that the little women are wearing this year. It comes from a zoo in Chicago.

Whatever we may think about them, the monkeys like them. Says an official of the Brookfield Zoo: "The monkeys think they're something good to eat and go nutty trying to reach them. ~~Any~~

Some people thinks the women
~~women who gets too close to the bars is liable to lose her~~
~~hats~~ *are nutty for wearing them.*
~~headress through a quick snatch from a monkey's paw.~~

FLUNKIES

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A Congressman who is also an editor is going to apologize to the British Embassy. Representative John McDowell, editor of the WILKINSBURG GAZETTE in Pennsylvania, issued an invitation last week to King George and Queen Elizabeth. Said the Gazette: "Come to Wilkinsburg and see a typical American community." And the invitation added: "Our plan would be ~~is~~ for you to leave some of the royal flunkies behind. Come to Wilkinsburg just as you are and meet us just as we are."

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Congressman McDowell says he didn't write the piece and though he's the editor, ^{he} didn't ^{see it.} ~~catch it in time.~~ So he's going to put on his plug hat, ^{and frock coat} ~~and the soup and fish~~ and make a call on the British Ambassador, ^{He'll} ^{as discreetly as he can} ~~and~~ explain that he never intended to refer to the equerries, ^{and the} lords and ladies-in-waiting of Their Majesties, as flunkies. They're peers and peeresses, Congressman.

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