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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

And many thanks, Hugh. I have seldom been more surprised than I was when suddenly I was called to New York to receive that award Saturday night. Mr. Aylesworth, who was President of the N.B.C. when I first went on the air, phoned me that I must come to town on an important matter. And, that was the surprise. I've ~~not~~ been on the air for the Sun Oil Company so many years now that I feel this award goes as much to my sponsor as to me, and to you, too, Hugh. We are all three a team -- but how about tonight's news? Well, let's take a look.

LEAD RUSSIA

Uncle Sam today said No to Russia, said it twice in reality. Secretary Byrnes late this evening published the text of two notes. One of them was to the Soviet Union. Moscow had protested against our policy in Bulgaria, said it was one-sided and that we violated the Moscow Agreement when we demanded that the Bulgarians establish a representative form of government. This protest Secretary Byrnes rejected flatly.

The second note was addressed to the French, who had asked us to join in calling upon the Security Council of the U.N.O. to throw Franco out of Spain. This proposal we also reject. And, since ^(the proposal) ~~it~~ was backed up by Moscow, the rejection is considered a rebuff to the Soviet ^{S. ~~Union~~ TP} Secretary Byrnes said that Franco's regime, whatever we may think of it, does not constitute a situation which endangers international peace and security.

RUSSIA

Soviet Russia charges Britain's War Prime Minister -- Winston Churchill -- with being a war monger, trying to stir up a conflict against Russia. PRAVDA, the official newspaper of the Soviets, accused Churchill of having plotted secretly against Russia all the time he was cooperating with Stalin. Throughout the war, said PRAVDA, Churchill concealed his real feelings and fostered ideas and plans hostile to the Soviet Union.

This was the sort of editorial that hasn't been appearing in PRAVDA for more than four years. It recalls the bitter, polemic type of stories that all the official Russian papers used to print before the war.

The most important statement in it was that a

military alliance between John Bull and Uncle Sam would inevitably push the Soviet Union out of the United Nations Organization and, in fact, break up the U.N.O. Churchill, said PRAVDA, was trying to convey the idea that a new war is inevitable, ^{— in fact} ~~and~~ actually calling for war against the Soviet Union.

Several dramatic developments followed the publication of that editorial. First of all, the Soviet government, without any explanation, postponed the opening of the newly elected Supreme Soviet, the Russian parliament. The opening was to have been held today. The sequence of events is taken to mean that the Churchill speech was responsible for the ~~postponement~~ postponement. ~~One of the big~~ features of the session will be a report on foreign affairs by Foreign Commissar Molotov, a report for which ^{the} ~~everybody in the~~ world is waiting, eagerly.

Next came the news that British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin ~~himself~~ will come to New York March Twenty-First, as head of the British Delegation at a meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations. This is a surprise move.

In the House of Commons, members of the Labor Party asked questions about the Churchill speech. Prime Minister Attlee repudiated any responsibility. Another speaker from the Treasury Bench told the Commons that the question of an Anglo-American alliance had never come up. Britain's foreign policy is based on what Bevin said ^{on} February Twenty-First, meaning that it is aimed at making the U.N.O. an effective and workable instrument for world peace. Thereupon twenty-six Labor members of the House introduced a motion to put the British Parliament on record as disapproving Churchill's words, ~~because they were~~ ^{words} calculated to injure good relations with Russia and the cause of world peace.

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~~Incidentally~~, Radio Moscow rebroadcast that
PRAVDA editorial three times today. That editorial ^{by the way,} also
took a crack at our own Senator Vandenberg, alluding to
him as a reactionary of the Churchill type.

ADD RUSSIA

There was an interesting episode at Washington today - ~~at the building which~~ ^{at houses} ~~was~~ the State Department. Winston Churchill was there, closeted for an hour with Secretary Byrnes. As he stepped out, there was a crowd of State Department employees outside waiting for him. They clapped and cheered him, while Churchill grinned and gave his "V" for victory sign. Then, with his gold tipped cane, his black hat and his quilt-lined black overcoat, he stepped into the elevator, accompanied by his bodyguard from Scotland Yard. And who should be in the same elevator but Nicolai ~~N~~ Novikov of the Soviet Embassy, who had just been talking to Under-Secretary Dean Acheson.

The story ends there.

~~The story does not report whether they threw~~

~~their arms around each other.~~

ATOMIC

The squabble over the control of atomic energy becomes keener and keener in Washington, the squabble as to whether it should be under civilian or military control. Up to now, Senator McMahon of Connecticut, Chairman of the Committee, has been on the side of the civilians. Today he backed down and offered a compromise. If this is adopted, the over-all control of atomic energy will be in the hands of a civilian commission. But there would also be a military board with power over all military phases such as the atomic bomb.

However, this board would be responsible to the civilian commission. It would be appointed by the President, and he would settle any argument between the Board and the Commission. On the commission would be the Secretaries of War, Navy and ~~the~~ State, which means a larger commission than at first contemplated.

ARYAN

At the War Crimes trial in Nuremberg today, another Nazi top general was on the stand, Field Marshal Milch, second in command under Herman Goering.

U.S. Prosecutor Jackson asked him how he came to be a Nazi, since the man presumed to be his father was Jewish. Milch admitted that his mother's husband was a Jew. But, he maintained, ^{that nevertheless} ~~in spite of that~~ he himself was an authentic Aryan.

Then Jackson brought out the fact that in order to be made a Nazi he had sworn that he was illegitimate, that his mother's husband was not his father. "That is correct," said Milch. ~~But at least his face flushed as~~
~~he said it.~~

FOOD

One thing many people would like to know is whether the ~~Truman~~ government is about to revive food rationing. Something of the sort was hinted when the President proclaimed the need for Uncle Sam to pull in his belt for the sake of starving Europe. Government officials seem to be hinting around it, but are reluctant to use the word. For instance, today ~~the President's~~ ^{the President's} Famine Emergency Committee recommended an all-out food conservation program for the U.S.A. It called upon the federal government to take steps to prevent the use of grains to feed livestock, so as to make it available for shipment to starving people: ~~that means~~ ^{Meaning}, of course, less food, but ~~there is~~ no mention of the word "rationing."

Chester Davis, who is Chairman of the organizing committee, furnished no details of the committee's plan for cutting the amount of grain fed to livestock. The price of chicken feed has already increased considerably,

which will mean less poultry and fewer eggs. Chester Davis said it may be necessary to continue a food conservation program beyond June Thirtieth, ~~which is quite vague.~~

~~Nobody has as yet suggested who will feed us when we have a crop shortage.~~

J.B. Hutson, Under-Secretary of Agriculture, suggested the strong probability of our having to export fifteen per cent of our meat. Such an export, coupled with the curtailment of feed for livestock, obviously foreshadows a meat shortage here later on.

HOUSING

Leaders of the building industry in Washington today heard a warning from the Federal Housing Expeditor, Wilson Wyatt, a warning that high prices in the construction trades always go before industrial break-downs and economic recessions. That's what happened in Nineteen Twenty and again in Nineteen Twenty-Seven - inflated prices followed by a sharp decrease in building, and then a general economic depression.

The leaders of the building industry are in convention at Washington. In spite of his warning, Wyatt told them that he was going to make some price adjustments, meaning increases in costs. But their object will be to increase production and not inflation. Most houses now being built are beyond the means of veterans, he said. Therefore, the government has to do something to bring prices into line.

MONEY

At Savannah, Georgia, ~~today~~ the Governors of the World Monetary Fund ^{today} elected Secretary of the Treasury Fred Vinson as permanent Chairman of the Board. The Vice-Chairman will be a Briton, probably Lord Keynes.

On motion of the United States, an Executive Committee of the Board of Governors was established. It will consist of members from twelve nations, and Vinson is to be its Chairman.

All the big nations are represented in the World bank except Soviet Russia. There is a group of observers from the Soviets at Savannah, and the head of it today said he did not know whether ~~or not~~ his country would join ^{this world monetary group,} Russia was one of the original signers at Bretton Woods, but later failed to ~~to~~ ^{to} the mark by the deadline, which was December Thirty-First. The head of the Russian delegation refused to say why his country needed more time than the other nations.

CHINA

Today's news from China tells of Chinese Communist forces spreading over a large section of Manchuria. As fast as the Russians are withdrawing, the Chinese Reds are occupying Harbin, Mukden and key cities in the Province of Jehol. It is also reported that they have occupied the big coal mines near Mukden.

Our Ambassador, General Marshall, left Chungking today for Tokyo. The inference ^{being} ~~is~~ that he is going to confer with General MacArthur on the situation in Manchuria.

One dispatch reports that Chinese Reds from Shantung are reinforcing the Communists in Manchuria, sailing in junks, through the Gulf of Cheli. ~~It~~ But the Chiang Kai-shek forces have restored order in Mukden.

COAL

At Washington, John L. Lewis is preparing to demand higher wages for his soft coal miners. What he wants will not be known until after the negotiations begin at eleven o'clock tomorrow. Lewis has already announced that he will not be bound by the government's wage-price policy.

Stabilizer Chester Bowles is optimistic about it all. He doesn't believe that any increases in the price of coal will make much difference in the national economy, because the chief users of coal are the steel companies, the railroads and the power industries. Steel prices have already gone up, and Bowles does not think higher coal prices will result in any increases in railroad or power rates.

ANISH

~~Some say~~ ^a Last week I told ~~the~~ story about the Anish, those deeply religious and exceedingly prosperous people in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. That story got me into trouble, just when I least expected it.

I happened to remark that their hymns had never been printed. Promptly came a letter from Mrs. E. S. Ludgate of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who declares that the Anish do not sing hymns and no music of any kind is allowed at their religious services.

In the same mail I received a letter from Miss Lena W. Yoder of York, Pennsylvania, who told me that her uncle, J. W. Yoder, who grew up as an Anish boy and is a singer himself, traveled all up and down ^{among the Anish of} ~~the~~ Big Valley, singing hymns with leaders of the Anish and patiently putting down their music note by note. The result of his labors, called "Anische Lieder", Anish songs, as well as

another called "Rosanna of the Amisch", was published in
Huntington, Pennsylvania in Nineteen Forty. ^{And} Miss Yoder's
letter is corroborated by a post card from Miss Margaret
Fogleman of Lancaster, ~~who herself has read of Lancaster,~~
~~Pennsylvania.~~

It would be interesting to bring about a meeting
and ^{possibly} ~~perhaps~~ an argument between these three ladies. ^{Maybe} ~~perhaps~~
the best way to settle it would be to ^{put the matter} ~~drop the discussion~~
in the lap of the Encyclopedia Britannica, since on page
two hundred and fifty, volume fifteen of the latest edition
copyrighted Nineteen Forty-Four, we find the statement:
"The old order Amish still uses the hymns of Fifteen
Sixty-Four and tunes which have never been printed."

CLOTHING

The new price ceilings on men's clothing will make it possible for a man to get a shirt for a dollar and a quarter. So says Chester Bowles. Senator Mead of New York has discovered a place where there are eleven and a half million shirts, together with five million, six hundred and ninety-six thousand pairs of shorts. Where? In Uncle Sam's warehouses owned by Uncle Sam's Navy. The Navy evidently hasn't any use for them, but, there the shirts and shorts are. And Senator Mead's Committee is trying to find out why. Most of them cost the government eighty-five cents apiece. So the market soon should be flooded with white shirts -- at a bargain. I wonder when?

The Navy has also gray cotton pants, cotton jumpers, twill jackets, twill trousers, and rubber arctics, and raincoats in quantities. Congressmen have been badgering the War Assets Corporation to dispose of these things, let people have them.

Ahd, by the way, the Committee also found in

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a supply depot at Binghamton, New York, a hundred and thirty bassinetts, three hundred and twenty-two cradles, twenty pair of ice gongs, and five human skeletons.

I wonder why the skeletons?

ENDING

Alfred

Going back to that DuPont award ~~which~~ you spoke about, Hugh, I appreciated it all the more because another DuPont award, at the same time, was given to what the committee considered the high-powered ~~and~~ radio station that had done outstanding work for the past year. And that station was KDKA, where I had my very first broadcast experience just twenty-one years ago. So I'd like to pay a special salute to *KDKA* *live* *Just had a message from KDKA* ~~KDKA~~. And now back to you, Hugh.