

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

An explosion ripped through a coal mine in West Frankfort, Illinois, this afternoon. One man dead, five seriously injured, and at least twelve others trapped -- not yet brought out.

The men were working two-and-a-half miles back in the mine -- and five hundred feet down. Then an explosion rolled through the shaft hurling miners and timbers and blocking off nearly all ways of escape.

The General Superintendent of the Mine, says that more than two-hundred men were below ground when the explosion occurred, but that almost all of them escaped through air vents.

Mine rescue teams are attempting to reach the trapped men tonight.

The Superintendent, says that only twelve are still below. The Fire Chief of West Frankfort says at least twenty-five are trapped. With black damp going through the mine now - and that no more will be saved.

AUSTRIA

The latest from Vienna, ~~is~~ that Soviet Russia ^{will} ~~will~~ demand the partition of Austria. No partition, no peace treaty. Such is the opinion of a high official at American Headquarters in the Austrian capital. He would not allow his name to be used, but he said: "It appears highly unlikely that Russia will ever agree to sign a treaty with an independent Austria" ~~which~~ which includes the country's pre-war borders.

There's no word from Moscow on the subject, nor has any Soviet Official said anything about it. The Russians have adopted the usual Communist tactics, delay, ~~and~~ delay, ~~and~~ delay. ~~Stalling~~ Stalling, in the hopes that the Communists may succeed in dominating the Austrian Parliament, which they have conspicuously failed to do so far. ^{In} ~~In~~ the Nineteen Forty-Five elections, only five Communists were elected, five out of a hundred and sixty-five seats in the ~~Lower~~ Chamber.

RUSSIA

In Russia itself, the principal interest of ~~the huge mass of~~ the people at this moment is not the progress of the foreign policy of the Kremlin, nor the villainies of the U.S.A. as blackly painted in the Communist Press. Throughout the Soviet Union, ^{all} ~~the business~~ *thoughts are on the* ~~of the hour is, in one word,~~ harvest. ^{with} ~~almost~~ the entire nation ~~is~~ mobilized in the gigantic job of reaping, milling and transporting a tremendous crop of grain.

H Men, women and children by the millions are toiling in the fields. ~~of the hour is~~ Others have been drafted for the job of moving the grain. Many of the newspapers throughout the huge expanse of Russia from the Pacific to the Baltic, give more than half their space to harvest news. Pravda, ^{even taking} ~~the Communist Organ, actually taking~~ the liberty of criticizing, ~~the operations,~~ complaining that the gathering of the harvest lags ~~because~~ party and Soviet ~~organizations~~ organizations are not running the collective farms ^{as they} ~~well~~ ^{as they} ~~well~~ *should be run.*

In several regions the grain is ripening so fast that farmers cannot gather it in quick enough.

Express passenger trains are side-tracked to permit the grain trains to run on special time. Combines and other harvesting machines are operat^{ing}~~ed~~ twenty-four hours a day, ^{— even} working at night, by searchlight. In Siberia, the populations of entire villages are mobilized for field work.

^{all of which}
~~It~~ is big news for Russia, ~~and~~ probably for all Europe, since it means the Soviet Union will have a huge grain surplus after years of shortage ^{due}~~owing~~ to war and drought. ~~In Russia it means~~ ^{The} end of bread rationing ⁱⁿ Russia. ^{And once more} ~~also that~~, the Soviet Union ~~once more~~ ^{will} becomes one of the great exporting countries.

ADD RUSSIA

The British ~~Government~~ ^{have} been dickering for some of that grain, but apparently without much success. The British Mission has been in Moscow for some time, trying to make a trade agreement with the Kremlin; ~~this of course~~ is a general trade agreement in which wheat is just one item, although ~~was~~ the most important one.

~~But~~ ^{now has little} a story from London reports that the mission ~~now but soon~~ hopes of getting anywhere, ~~because the~~ ^{That} ~~Russians are too greedy. And it is~~ on this matter of wheat ~~the~~ the conference threatens to collapse. The Soviets ^{asking} ~~now~~ the top Chicago price for their grain, ^{ing} two dollars and forty cents a bushel. The British insist ^{ing} that they won't ~~won't~~ give the Russians more than they are paying Canada, a ~~dollar and fifty-five~~ ^{ing} cents a bushel. If they ~~xxx~~ yield to the Russian demands, they'll have to pay the Canadians more.

The head of the British Mission in M Moscow had planned to give it ^{all} up as a bad job and fly back to London; but, the British Government told him to stay on

the job and have a showdown with the Russian Minister
for foreign trade.

PALESTINE

(The Jewish Underground has pulled off no fewer than seven attacks on the British within the last twenty four hours.) The score is one soldier killed, fourteen injured making total of seven killed and sixty-two wounded within the ~~last~~ week. ~~There are~~ ^{Not counting} two civilians killed and eleven wounded, ~~while the underground~~
~~lost ~~some~~ ~~men~~~~

The Irgun ~~has~~ Zvai Leumi or Stern Gang last night ^{damaged} ~~accomplished another piece of sabotage on~~ the railroad between Palestine and Egypt south of Gaza, ~~and~~ They planted mines on a railroad bridge south of Haifa, ^{and} The British engineers had to explode the mines, ^{and} which partly destroyed the bridge.

Today underground activity took a new form. Five armed men raided the Jerusalem Diamond Exchange and ~~it~~ got away with gems worth forty thousand dollars.

The raid was carefully planned, one group of gunmen surrounding the building so as to prevent any help from the police, while the robbers lifted the stones and escaped without even the ^{semblance} ~~semblance~~ of a fight.

INDONESIA

On the Island of Java, the Indonesian Republicans claim they have stopped the advance of the Dutch Army on their capital, Jogjakarta. On the other hand the Dutch Commander in Chief put out a report today that he had captured the big port of Cheribon on the North coast, captured ~~ix~~ it intact. Which would mean he had just about cut the Republicans off from access to the outside world. The Dutch General Spoor said his booty includes fifty thousand tons of rubber at Cheribon.

An American resident of Batavia said a U.S. Freighter, loading at Cheribon, steamed just away before the Dutch captured the town leaving part of its cargo ashore.

The Indonesians admit losing Malang, the capital of Eastern Java.

General Spoor says he has no intention of occupying the entire island. That the Dutch have three objectives, to take east and West Java, -- which they say they've now done. And that when they take Jogjakarta, they'll have accomplished the downfall of

the Republican government by cutting the Republica forces in two.

On the nearby island of Sumatra, the Dutch claim to have captured all the important oilfields, after strong resistance by the Republicans.

Sutan Sjahrir, former Premier of Indonesia, arrived at New Delhi India, today where he received a warm welcome from the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, head of the Indian interim government. His object is to organize an international brigade to help in Java.

MARSHALL

A week ago, the news from Paris ^{suggested the possible} ~~foreboded the~~ collapse of the Marshall Plan for the restoration of Western Europe, ^{— because} ~~through the objections~~ of the French. The Secretary of State today announced a step by which he hopes to bring the government of France in line. He suggested a conference between the British, French and Americans to develop plans to increase the industrial capacity of western Germany; ^{and} ~~this~~ make the Ruhr ~~Region~~ the keystone of his plan.

What both the British and Americans want, of course, is to induce the French to ^{join} ~~come in with~~ them in merging the occupation zones. If this could be accomplished, the Soviet Union would be faced with a solid three power front in Germany. ^{And} it would be unfortunate, ^{probably disastrous} ~~almost fatal~~ if the French ^{were to} ~~stay out~~ ^{stay out} ~~cooperate~~ on the Marshall Plan. **R** What they protested last week was that they could not agree to any program to build up Germany, unless they are consulted and unless their own needs are considered. Secretary Marshall's announcement today amounts in effect to an answer that,

not certainly they will be consulted and considered. He will take no action to reorganize German industry in the combined British and American Zones until all three countries have discussed it thoroughly.

The disturbed condition of France, of course, hampers the French Government. On the one hand France sees perpetual danger in a Germany which is industrially strong. At the same time, the recover of all Europe depends upon the recovery of Germany. ~~the~~ The French insist that the restoration of German industry must be controlled so ~~that it can~~ *there will* never again be ~~the instrument~~ *a German* ~~for another~~ invasion of France.

ATOMIC

More about preparation for atomic warfare. A year ago a proving ground was set up in the desert near Sandia, New Mexico, where we hear that giant rockets fitted with atomic war heads are being tested.

Although this is not official, both the War and Navy Departments admit they have been operating there for the past twelve months, ~~xxx~~ training of soldiers, and sailors too, in the use of atomic weapons.

This activity would probably still be a secret so far as the general public is concerned, ~~fm~~ but for the disappearance of a soldier employed at that base. Military police ~~z~~ let it be known that they were looking for him, and that they thought he had been murdered.

A Washington paper printed a report that foreign agents may have assassinated him in an attempt to obtain secret information. But a spokesman for the Army contradicts this, and says the G.I. in question had no access to any vital secrets.

ADD ATOMIC

War Secretary Patterson repeated today what
Generals and Admirals have said before, that the atomic
bomb has not yet radically changed the form of modern
warfare. It may happen in time, said he, but not so far
as we can foresee.

Patterson said this at ~~the~~ his farewell press ~~and~~
conference, his last before he retires.

STOCKS

Wall Street, for some reason in a highly optimistic mood today. The Prices of stocks went up on a broad front, some as much as three points. A general advance of around seven-hundred-and-fifty-million dollars.

The explanation? Rumors of higher prices in steel and all things made of steel. Steel stocks were among foremost in the advance. With a million-five-hundred-and-seventy-thousand shares changed hands.

COMMONS

A near riot in the House of Commons last night. A conservative member, an Ex-Army Officer, said: "Members of the Cabinet are drunk." The Labor benches rose to a man - shaking their fists and shouting protests. A few moments elapsed before Major Legge-Bourke was able to finish his sentence, which he did in two words -- "with power."

The British lawmakers had a hard time of it, with one of their longest sessions, more than nineteen hours. They sat all night, adjourning early this morning after working on the bill to nationalize the transport system of Great Britain.

ROOSEVELT

There is one New Dealer who will not support Henry Wallace in his ambition to lead a third party one of the foremost of all New Dealers. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt announced today that she would be against a third party no matter who heads it. And she warned the so-called liberals against falling into any such trap. Those of them who are discontented should work through one of the two principal parties, Republicans or Democrats.

And now back to you, Hugh.

MORMONS

One man in the United States didn't give a fig for traffic cops during the last twenty-four hours -- ignored speed laws with impunity. That man? Ab Jenkins, and if you haven't heard of him, you're not exactly up on automobile racing. Jenkins is one of Salt Lake City's most solid citizens, also its former mayor. He's no novice at the wheel. He's had several shots at the world's speed record of three-hundred-and-seventy miles an hour and intends to make another try in the near future.

But he wasn't trying to set a speed record yesterday -- just driving his station wagon ^{AT EIGHTY MILES AN HOUR,} along ordinary roads between Navoo, Illinois, and Salt Lake City -- ~~and~~ following the route taken by his forefathers, ^{the} Mormon pioneers, led by Brigham Young, who took nearly seven months to make the same journey.

According to Mormon legend, when Brigham Young arrived, just one hundred years ago, at Salt Lake City,

he said: "This is the place." And an inland empire grew up around the then-barren salt flats.

Sixty-four-year-old Ab Jenkins made his non-stop trip in twenty-three hours, and his comment upon arrival at Salt Lake City was: not "This is the place! Said Ab: "I'm sleepy."

LUCK

From far off Kwajalein, in the Marshall Islands, comes this tale of a native and his unparralleled luck. A few days ago, that native, Klen Re by name, was strolling along the beach of a lonely atoll. On his body only a lion cloth; on his mind nothing at all.

Then he stubbed his toe on a small plastic ball.

Said Klen Re to himself, "He queer sort of sea shell. Maybe something inside him."

And true enough. Inside, Klen could see a paper with writing on it. But it was in English, and he couldn't read it. Then he began to think, maybe it was valuable, -- something those strange Americans on~~th~~ the islands could use.

So Klen Re got into his canoe and paddled miles to Navy Headquarters at Kwajalein, and took his find to the officers there. A Navy Officer split the ball, slipped out the note, and then told Klen Re: "Note, he make you belonging One Thousand Dollars rich."

The ball Klen Re had found was from that "People Are Funny" radio program. Two years ago off the coast of Southern California, several of those balls were dropped into the water. And each one made the finder the winner of One Thousand Dollars.

But there's a hitch to this good luck story. Klen Re must come to California to claim his prize. So we may have the spectacle of a Pacific islander coming to a city he never heard of, to claim money he can't count, and to hear a language he doesn't understand and can't speak.

But this much is certain. Should Klen Re claim his reward richer than the richest of the Marshall Islanders he will be. As the Navy officer said: "Note he make you belonging one thousand dollars rich."

And let's see Nelson what he say.

TRUMAN

President Truman now meditates putting Uncle Sam into the export business. ^{For} That's ~~is~~ what his program amounts to, although ~~that's~~ not the way it's phrased. His idea is that the government should become a foreign agent for our surplus products, such as grain, tobacco, cotton and ^{so on.} ~~other things.~~

As he expressed it, he does ^{not} propose that the government should compete with exporters, ~~but~~ ^{— merely} provide machinery for our producers if they have difficulty finding foreign markets for surplus stuff.

COAL

Since John L. Lewis got his latest contract with the coal operators, the price of coal jumped from seventy-five cents to two-and-a-quarter a ton. As a result of the new agreement.

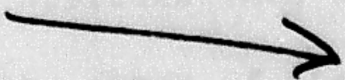
On the other hand production is up. In spite of the fact that the day's labor of a soft coal miner has been reduced from nine to eight hours they have turned out twelve million tons during the first week under the new contract.

EXPLOSION

Another coal mine explosion, this time near West Frankfort, Illinois. A powerful blast rocked the mine and trapped twenty-two men below ground. The Illinois State Department of Mines has sent a rescue team.

^{Jawaharlal}
~~P~~andit Nehru took the occasion to announce

~~that~~ what amounts to a Monroe Doctrine for Asia. No European nation, said he, has any business to use armed forces in Asia against the people of Asia. And he added that if other members of the United Nations do not take action, it will mean an end of the ~~United~~ United Nations. The spirit of the new Asia, he announced, will not tolerate such things.



ADD INDONESIA

Dr. Soerkano, President of the Indonesian Republic, broadcast an appeal to us late this afternoon. He reminded us that his countrymen were fighting for liberty and independence just as our ~~American~~ ancestors fought a hundred and seventy years ago. Just as we rebelled against the domination by a country far across the seas, so today do the Indonesians, *said he.*

President Soerkano then urged that the United States realize the power of its position. What he wants concretely is that the government of the United States bring pressure on the government of the Netherlands, to accept the British offer of mediation. Said President Soerkano^o_^: "I appeal to you, President Truman, and the people of the United States, to stand by the principles of justice and right for which you fought so valiantly only two years ago." He added: "I appeal to you to make every effort to halt this war in Indonesia and bring about a peaceful settlement, for peace ~~is~~ is an urgent ~~and~~ necessity."