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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was no soft coal mined in the U. S. today. For John L. Lewis went right ahead and called out his four hundred and eighty thousand miners -- a one-week vacation to stabilize the industry. That was the way John L. Lewis put it.

Also, today Lewis started bargaining with U. S. Steel -- for a contract for the miners in the co-called captive mines, mines owned by the Steel Company.

## ECONOMY

The Senate Expenditures Committee today passed a resolution to trim Mr. Truman's budget -- cut Government spending from between two billion to ~~two~~ four billion dollars. The Committee doing this to insure Government economy and to try and balance our Nineteen Fifty budget without digging deeper into the taxpayer's pocket.

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## ARMY SECRETARY

The Senate has confirmed unanimously Mr. Truman's appointment of a forty-year-old North Carolina newspaper publisher as Secretary of the Army -- the former G.I., Gordon Gray. To move up from his present Pentagon job as Acting Secretary.

And so Mr. Truman seems to have accomplished that long expected reshuffling of top defense officials. The set-up now being, Louis Johnson as Defense Secretary - with a seat in the Cabinet - Francis P. Matthews of Omaha, Nebraska, as Navy Secretary; Stuart Symington - Air. And Gordon Gray, the young G.I. Democrat from Winston-Salem, as Secretary of the Army.

## UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES

The House Un-American Activities Committee has full legal right to ask witnesses if they belong to the Communist Party. So the U.S. Court of Appeals ruled today, in upholding the conviction of Hollywood screen writers John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo, <sup>convicted</sup> for contempt of Congress. Both were sentenced to a year's imprisonment and fined one thousand dollars, for not answering -- when the Committee asked if they were Communists.

The Court of Appeals decision was unanimous. The Justices ruling that the House Un-American Activities Committee not only has the power to ask that Communist question, but also that it has the right to punish those who won't answer. And, said the Judges, there is not the slightest doubt that the Committee is legally constituted.-- Also the Upper Court ruled that the House investigation of Reds in the movie industry is, what the <sup>jurists</sup> ~~legal minds~~ term -- "proper." Judge Bennett Clark holding that the motion picture industry plays a critical role in molding public opinion, the movies able to influence the minds of millions.

COPLON

In Washington Judith Coplon's attorney says he has subpoenaed Dr Edward Condon and Mrs Condon to testify on Wednesday -- at the trial of Judith Coplon. Also he is trying to get Frederic March, <sup>Edward</sup> ~~Edgar~~ <sub>St.</sub> Robinson and Canada Lee. Because their names were mentioned in those FBI reports used as evidence by the prosecution which rested its case today.

Dr Condon, head of the National Bureau of Standards is demanding a public apology from FBI Chief J Edgar Hoover -- because <sup>the name of the wife of the</sup> ~~the~~ scientist's ~~wife's name~~ was in one of these same FBI reports. But word in Washington is that Attorney-General Tom Clark and the FBI head talked the matter over today and decided to say -- nothing. But <sup>Dr.</sup> Condon may have something to say on that in court, as a defense witnesses for the <sup>Coplon</sup> ~~government~~ girl charged with espionage.

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## ROTARY

Twenty thousand Rotarians - from more than fifty countries of the globe -- are attending the Fortieth Annual Rotarian Convention in New York. The inaugural speech of tonight's opening session in Madison Square Garden -- ~~which I attended~~ <sup>where I presided tonight</sup> -- was delivered by retiring president Angus S Mitchell. He's an Australian industrialist of Scottish descent.

Angus Mitchell told his fellow-businessmen of the world that in the past year he had travelled over a hundred thousand miles. And that he came here to America with the solid impression that the peoples of the world really want peace -- lasting peace. And Rotarians could help bring about that peace, said the Australian, by working in their home communities, working, <sup>everyone</sup> of them <sup>to</sup> get the folks back home to support the United Nations. ~~The United Nations~~ <sup>the U. N.</sup> The industrialist from "down-under" described as the best hope for world peace.

The retiring Rotary president spoke also on business ethics. Unfair business methods, said he, ---

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putting profits before principles -- cause depressions.  
The next president of International Rotary is to be an  
American. Angus Mitchell of Australia to be succeeded  
by Percy Hodgson of Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

## BERLIN

In Berlin today, a four power committee of experts could not agree on plans to lift the new Soviet blockade of Berlin. The experts talked for six hours at British Headquarters, and then gave up. The Russians going first, and smiling, so we hear. Lawrence Wilkinson of the American delegation told reporters the proceedings ended without success and without failure.

The trouble? same old problem -- the Soviets want complete control over all transportation between Berlin and Western Germany.

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The German railroad workers may call off their strike tomorrow. The fifteen thousand strikers are being offered sixty percent of their pay in Western marks from the railway management, and another fifteen percent in the same from the Western Berlin city government.

If they vote YES, and go back to work, the

blockade can be quickly lifted.

Meanwhile, the Four Power experts have been talking in vain -- and have so reported to the Big Four in Paris.

## PARIS FOLLOW BERLIN

In Paris, the Big Four Foreign Ministers are said to be going in for secret negotiations again, in the hope of settling the German question with the Soviets, -- a final attempt to save the Four Power Conference from complete failure.

Last night, Vishinsky is reported to have met with the other Foreign Ministers of the Western powers, to listen to an Allied plan for ending the Soviet blockade. This to be accomplished by a committee of Germans, working under the direct supervision of the Four Power Military Commanders in Berlin.

The plan, we hear, was given to Vishinsky in secret, because he prefers it that way.

The Big Four conference is due to end on Thursday. Or, at the latest, on Friday. A failure -- so it appears tonight.

## VOICE OF AMERICA

Wholesale jamming of our Voice of America radio programs; so we hear from Washington. The Kremlin doing its utmost to block all broadcasts from Britain and from here.

The State Department tells us, however, that The Voice is getting through. This is largely because the Russian Government itself uses short wave radio. So the Russian people have short wave receiving sets.

Our people are using over a hundred transmitters, every night, trying to reach the Russians.

To stop their people from hearing, Moscow uses its own transmitters for jamming purposes, on the same length wave. So our side keeps shifting wave lengths on them!

The State Department today said that about six twenty-five percent of our broadcasts, in Russian, are getting through to the regions behind the Iron Curtain.

CHINA

The mouth of the Yangtze River is now patrolled by Chinese Nationalist warships. This means a naval blockade of Shanghai. Survivors of a Japanese fishing smack brought into Hong Kong, tell of their vessel being shelled and sunk by a gunboat - the Nationalist ships shooting on sight.

Hong Kong also reports picking up S.O.S. messages from Communist craft near the mouth of the Yangtze.

Government scientists announce that some cold germs may be born in us -- like allergies. And are dormant until ~~something~~ stirred up -- by a chill, or the wrong kind of food. Also, the doctors say ~~that~~ there are several kinds. When one group of patients was treated with a certain drug, some of them were cured, in a day. Others in two or three days. But, about a fifth of them went right on having their colds.

DELAWARE-HOOVER

I wonder how many baccalaureate sermons and Commencement addresses were made over ~~this~~<sup>the</sup> past weekend? This is the season, with five hundred thousand members of college graduating classes obliged to listen to ~~the~~ *those speeches,* ~~them~~<sup>^</sup> I have just come from two Commencements, one at Vassar, and the other at Delaware, Ohio -- Ohio Wesleyan.

I venture to say that the most important Commencement address, a model both from the standpoint of brevity and content, was the one delivered by former President Hoover at Ohio Wesleyan University. Mr. Hoover was there because his friend, Arthur Flemming, was being inducted as the head of that great institution. Dr. Flemming is a young man who, until recently, was the head of the important Civil Service Commission in Washington. He also was associated with President Hoover in the vast task of planning ways ~~and~~ for reorganizing our Federal Government. The Hoover Commission officially

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went out of existance today.

Former President Hoover was in top form, witty and wise, getting far more laughs than Commencement speakers usually get.

Word has been passed around this year that our college graduates, above all, are now looking for security. Mr. Hoover spoke about the days when he got his diploma at Leland Stanford. He said: "I was without the information at that time that I was a wage slave. I was buoyed up with the notion that if I did not like any particular profit-taker, I could find another one somewhere else." Then he went on: ~~to add:~~ "I found the profit-takers a cheery and helpful lot of folks, who took an enormous interest in helping youngsters get a start. And you will find that is also true today."

~~He said that~~ Today was even more so, *was the way he put it.*

Continued the former President: "Security, which eliminates the risks ~~mx~~ in life, also kills the joy that lies in competition, in individual adventure, new undertakings, and new achievements. These contain moral and intellectual impulses more vital even than profits. For from them alone come national progress."

The ex-President delivered his speech in exactly eleven minutes. I wonder how many other Commencement speakers in America did that? It would be a fine thing if all of the five hundred thousand American college graduates this June could have heard his speech. At least printed copies of it ought to be sent to all of them. Perhaps <sup>Flemming</sup> ~~Dr. Manning~~ at Ohio Wesleyan could get his trustees to do that!

One of his paragraphs ~~that~~ brought both cheers and laughter from the students and the five thousand others who were listening at Ohio Wesleyan, was

this one: "You may notice that the judgment of the Lord on Adam has not been entirely reversed even by the Supreme Court of the United States."

Nelson -- something from you for the modern Adam and Eve.

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Chairman McMahon asked the eminent physicist if any information on our atomic weapons had been sent ~~him~~ abroad. "Certainly not" said Oppenheimer. And he insisted again that there was no harm in the export of isotopes. He put it this way: "If all by-products of atomic energy are banned for export\* then you must include coal and oil".

And on the matter of atomic security, the pioneer in nuclear energy told the Committee that our Atomic Energy Commission has not, and has never, violated security. A flat denial to the charges made by the Senator from Iowa. The Princeton scientist then went on to observe that the best security we could have would be to take all atomic secrets - lock them in a vault -- and forget them! Bury our knowledge! But, if that were done, he added, there would be no progress. Except by other nations.

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But, we hear, Dr. Condon's protest isn't likely to draw an answer - not unless President Truman takes a hand. Attorney General Tom Clark and J. Edgar Hoover are said to have discussed the matter this morning, and decided to say nothing. ~~But~~ The word in Washington is that the head of the National Bureau of Standards is inclined to be persistent, <sup>in -</sup> that he may <sup>ask</sup> ~~raise a rumpus and force~~ the President to settle his dispute with the Justice Department and the F.B.I.

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