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(Branch Rickey)

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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I'm just from the (night) baseball game, in Brooklyn, and want to tell the latest from the Brooklyn end of this hot pennant race in the National League. The Brooklyn Dodgers won this afternoon from the Cincinnati Reds, eleven to eight, and that win left the Dodgers only one game behind the St. Louis Cardinals. But just now the radio reports a Cardinal victory in Philadelphia. The night game in Brooklyn at this moment is 3-6-3 in the 9th inning. One of these clubs, Brooklyn or St. Louis, surely will represent the National League in the coming World Series. Brooklyn hopes, and some of us believe, it will be the Dodgers.

GOLF

In the world of golf, we have a new international incident. The matches for the Ryder Cup are to be played in England, Yorkshire, beginning September Sixteenth. This is only the First, but already the big British-American ~~competition~~ competition produces an argument. The international committee, which runs the series, got up the usual badges for officials, golfers, and sports writers, and on the badges the affair is described as - England versus America.

Now, what is wrong with that? The answer is clear, when we note that the so-called English team includes two Scots, a North Irishman, and a Welshman - and they're raising Cain. Is a Scot an Englishman? Scotland thunders - No! Is an Irishman an Englishman? You can hear the Irish scream. Is a Welshman an Englishman? From Cardiff to Swansea, they shout - No!

They are all British, and the name on the badges ought to be - Great Britain.

Today the international committee was much embarrassed,

and a spokesman explained: "Great Britain," said he, "contained too many letters to fit on the official badge." And -- nothing can be done about it. It's too late to change the badges. So the two Scots, the North Irishman, and the Welshman, will have to play golf as -- Englishmen. I don't know how that will affect their game.

VAUGHAN

President Truman stands by his military aide. He told newsmen today that there will be no change in the status of General Vaughan, who has been raked over the coals by a congressional investigation. The evidence has pictured Vaughan as using White House influence in behalf of a number of people. Just helping friends, says the military aide. President Truman understands about friends, and has a great reputation of being faithful to old cronies. General Vaughan is one of these. He may have been indiscreet, but the President is keeping him on the job as military aide.

CHURCH

Tonight a decision from Rome was handed down in the dispute between a Roman Catholic group in Boston and their Archbishop. The quarrel has been going on for sometime, and concerns a basis of belief for Catholics -- can anyone who is not a Catholic be saved? The Boston group, called the Saint Benedict Centre, says -- no. Archbishop Cushing has replied, and is supported by the Roman Catholic Church in the United States, holding the opposite view. He bases his opinion on the doctrine that nobody can be saved outside the Catholic Church, but holds that anyone of goodwill, good morals and good spiritual intentions may be considered a member of the Catholic Church. The group in Boston ~~has~~ appealed to Rome, and tonight the answer is forthcoming. The Vatican upholds the Boston Archbishop, and rejects the contention of the Boston group. The official Vatican statement says that their doctrine is, what it calls -- "a source of discord and revolt." The immediate reaction of the

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Boston group is one of defiance. They insist on having a personal decision from Pope Pius twelfth himself -- which leaves the controversy still open.

BARSOV

The latest in the Barsov affair tells of melodramatic doings in a swanky Washington restaurant. Late in the afternoon of August Seventeenth a party of men came in, and among them was Barsov -- the Soviet flier who deserted from the Red Air Force, came to this country and then decided he wanted to go back to Russia. Another was Pirogov, Barsov's partner in deserting the Reds. Pirogov -- who refused to go back.

They all sat ~~staring~~ drinking, and then a party of men came in and took the two Soviet fliers out. These were agents of the F.B.I. Soon after, another party came in, looking for Barsov and Pirogov. They were Soviet agents, who searched all over the place, trying to find the two fliers.

Such is the Washington report, following the news yesterday that Barsov was flown to Austria and sent back to the Russians.

LEGION

I suppose we all realize that a new generation is coming up. We do in baseball, especially on a young team like the Brooklyn Dodgers. But the new generation is also coming up in another direction.

And here's a striking example of it in the news today. In Philadelphia, the American Legion has elected its new National Commander, and he's a veteran of World War Two. Hitherto, the National Commanders have all been veterans who saw their soldiering in the days of the doughboys of the A.E.F., more than thirty years ago. But the new Legion Commander is George Craig of Brazil, Indiana, who served with Patton's tanks. Now forty years old, he was a Lieutenant Colonel in the great armored drive, which Patton led from the beaches of Normandy and all the way across the Rhine.

The American Legion, first formed of veterans of World War One, has a membership of three million, and these are largely ex-G.I.'s of the second global conflict. One general follows another - as was indicated vividly in the election of the Legion Commander today.

CHINA

In China, the Red armies are said to be in full control of the invasion route leading to Canton, emergency capital of the Nationalists.

Another dispatch states that Russian airline planes have landed at Lan-chow, capital of the Province of Kansu, which is in western China - far inland. Lan-chow was captured recently by the Chinese Reds, and now Russian commercial planes have promptly made it a base.

The Soviets are now said to have thirty air bases in central Asia, a network reaching down into the Province of Sinkiang, the Chinese wildwest. That's on the border of Tibet, the roof of the world, where the government of the Dalai Lama is nervous and jittery about the Red expansion. Tonight we have a report from those parts - a report from Lowell Thomas about some diplomatic matters that he has encountered, a treaty being signed. So now let's turn to a recorded broadcast from the expedition into Tibet.

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That's the diplomatic news from the roof of the world, and it looks as if the treaty signed in the Himalayas might have something to do with the news of the Soviet air expansion in central Asia. That concludes the news tonight, and takes us to Nelson Case.

Case - Branch Rickey says

Rickey - As Lowell Thomas would say - so long until tomorrow.