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GODD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The principal war news tonight is not war news at all, strictly speaking. It comes from the British Ministry of Information in London, which claims to have heard that a revolution has broken out in Bohemia and Moravia -- once the Republic of Czechoslovakia.

The Ministry does not tell us where and how it acquired the information. The Ministry goes on to say that before the revolution there were angry labor demonstrations at Prague. On Saturday night these developed into riots with serious fighting between the population of Prague and the German authorities, chiefly Nazi Storm Troopers.

It also says that firearms were used by both sides and casualties were considerable. Those who had no firearms seized any weapon handy. In Prague the wives of laborers fought the

German police with boards studded with nails.

The Ministry goes on to tell us that the revolutionary movement spread to western Slovakia. There a division of fifteen thousand Slovak soldiers revolted and were disarmed by divisions of Germans. Thousand arrested and the number of people executed running into the hundreds. In spite of that, the revolution continues. Railroads and highway bridges are said to have been destroyed, fire stations sabotaged, important factories blown up, machinery wrecked, and railroad rolling stock ruined. Stories somewhat like this, but not so spectacular, were circulated last week by the French. They are not corroborated.

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POLISH MAYOR

As for the fighting zones, (it would appear that the Polish army has not yet surrendered as everybody expected.) It continues to fight though ~~xxxx~~ its Commander, General Smigly-Ridz, is a fugitive in Roumania.

(One of the vivid episodes of the day was a broadcast from beleaguered Warsaw. The speaker was Warsaw's Mayor.) With German cannons blasting all around him, Mayor Starzynski told about the shells falling on the city. One of them fell on a group of women and children standing in a bread-line. And (he declared that ~~the~~ Warsaw has again been attacked on all sides but the Germans are being repulsed.) ~~And~~ he added that the day will come when Warsaw will be rebuilt and the cost of ~~the~~ rebuilding will be done by the Germans.

The broadcast was picked up in England and an announcer of the British Broadcasting Company told Mayor Starzynski that, "We, your allies, intend to continue the struggle for the restoration of your liberties." To that the Mayor of Warsaw replied:- "When will effective help from Britain and France come to relieve us from this terrible situation? We are waiting for it." At that, his voice broke and he could not speak any more.



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INTRO TO MR. MAYOKOK

It's a relief to hear of a part of the world where the people haven't heard about the war, and would hardly give it a thought if they did.

I have some visitors in the studio tonight who come from just such a place. They are Mr. and Mrs. Mayokok and their four children, Weagoona, Age seven; Tumasuk, age four; Argutuk, age three, and the baby Ongoon, a year old.

Their home is way up in the land of the aurora borealis, on the Arctic Ocean. The Mayokoks are in New York spending a few months at the World's Fair, where my friend Dave Irwin, the young explorer who made a tremendous journey across the Arctic, alone, has an igloo, and an Eskimo show that you ought to see.

Mr. Mayokok is just wild to get back home and sit down to a fine meal of ~~wax~~ walrus blubber, so he tells me.

Instead he is sitting rightopposite me. Mr. Mayokok, maybe some of your Eskimo brothers and sisters are listening in tonight, up there where the polar bear ride around on the ice. If there's anything you would like to tell them, go right ahead.

MR. MAYOKOK AND L.T.

MR. MAYOKOK:- Thank you, Mr. Lowell Thomas. I'll say it in Eskimo, if you don't mind. New York a leah ne luk. Kukmuhnetun inneluk sinatun kuneyiahtasi inukpayt. Inye kanukvikakot uhktuzruk ta li maeviakmuk uklun; neguagualuungnun New York inukpayt pukmoona ittuat automobilitlu ooagut negooagualagut initvoot. Konneet ne goo va lak pa leer rut soo-le crimooti lu nunekooa si yu tinnin.

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L.T.:- What Mr. Mayokok just said was this:- "New York is an interesting place. Not a bit like the shores of the Arctic Ocean. You ought to see the big igloos here! <sup>Then he added:-</sup> The igloo from which we are broadcasting is more than a hundred times as high as an Eskimo igloo. But, much as we like New York City, its skyscrapers and <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ automobiles, we much prefer our own igloos on the shore of the Arctic Ocean, and we think reindeer and dog-sleds are better than taxi cabs!" <sup>So spoke Mayokok.</sup>

<sup>ah lee ne-muck</sup>  
And, as we Eskimos say -- Ah leah nemuk --

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.



## NAVAL BATTLE

In the northern countries of Europe, people are wondering whether there ~~was~~ <sup>has been</sup> a naval battle in Scandinavian waters. The sound of heavy cannon fire ~~were~~ <sup>was</sup> heard coming from the direction of the Kattaget, the narrow strait between Denmark and Sweden which connects the North Sea with the Baltic. The cannonading is said to have lasted for two hours this morning. This, and the fact that it was such heavy firing, precluded the idea that it could have come from training ships. In other words, the shots seemed to have been fired from capital ships in action. However, there's no definite news, not even any report of a naval engagement.



## BALTIC

Early today there was a report that a Soviet fleet was blockading the coast of Esthonia. This was supposed to be a punishment, because the Esthonian authorities were accused of having allowed a Polish submarine to escape from Stalin in the harbor of Tallin. But this afternoon that report is denied.

The government of Esthonia says there's no hindrance to sea traffic in that part of the Baltic. Several Russian torpedo boats and larger warships are cruising off the Finnish coast, <sup>on the</sup> ~~but the~~ lookout for Polish submarines. The government of Finland, though it doesn't consider itself threatened, has taken extreme precautions. It has made plans to evacuate the entire civilian population of Helsingfors, her capital, in case it should become necessary.

## GERMANS

The principal news from the Western Front tonight comes from the German side. ~~of it~~ A dispatch ~~that~~ just ~~came~~ in from Berlin tells of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ visit paid by the ~~the~~ Nazi Commander-in-Chief, Colonel-General von Brauchitsch, <sup>who</sup> ~~There he~~ made the announcement that operations in Poland are closed, <sup>meaning</sup> ~~which means~~ that more of Hitler's troops will be shifted from Poland to the west.

## BRITISH

Hitler's Danzig speech doesn't seem to have made a dent on either Britain or France. (Prime Minister Chamberlain was loudly cheered in the House of Commons when he made a long reply to the Nazi Fuehrer. He declared that no threats will deter either the British or their French Allies from their purpose, which is to free Europe from the perpetual fear of German aggression.) He remarked that he failed to find in the speech of Hitler one single word to indicate that Hitler remembers the brave men who have already lost their lives, or their wives and children who have been deprived forever of the head of the family. He also said that while Hitler says much about humane methods, Chamberlain could only say that methods are not made humane by calling them so.

Perhaps the most important part of his statement concerned the shipping question. It was already clear, said the Prime Minister, that the navy and merchant service will be able to maintain essential supplies of raw materials ~~xxxxxxx~~ and food for the British population and industries. He claimed that the figures of tonnage sunk in this war show a decrease compared with the last war. And that <sup>the</sup> submarine menace will dwindle still further when the convoy system is put into full operation and the submarine hunting ~~craft~~ are increased.



fact that the Deutsch-America Bund is not popular in the United States. ~~This makes it easier to conceal the real purposes of that bund.~~ Chairman Dies asked him if the Bund was organized *for spy purposes.* ~~to serve as a spy organization for the Nazis.~~ The former member of the Reichstag replied that it was designed exactly for that. ~~purpose~~ Fritz Kuhn, he declared, was chosen in Germany as the leader of the Bund.

The Dies Committee today voted to turn over the evidence it has collected to the Department of Justice and the State Department. Particularly the evidence which tends to show that both the Communist Party in the United States and the Deutsch-America Bund are breaking American laws.

MURPHY

Uncle Sam's Federal Bureau of Investigation started something ~~important~~ today. J. Edgar Hoover began the training of two hundred and thirty graduates of the Police Academy of the F.B.I. to serve as a reserve force against foreign espionage and sabotage.

This happened on the Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Department of Justice. <sup>General</sup> Attorney <sup>^</sup> Murphy made an address to the entire membership of the Department, <sup>in which</sup> ~~and~~ he told them that while we must be on guard against the enemy ~~to~~ <sup>here,</sup> ~~our ranks,~~ the most important job of the Department today is the protection of civil liberties.



## PRICES

The rise of prices in food and other commodities is to be carefully watched by the National Monopoly Committee. Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Chairman of the Committee, said so today.

Governor Lehman of New York joined the list of officials whose investigations show that there's no shortage of commodities, no sound reason for any increase in food prices.



# HURRICANE

People on the coasts of Louisiana and Texas are warned tonight. Hurricane on the way. Coming up from Yucatan.

FLOYD GIBBONS

Seems hard to think that Floyd Gibbons has passed along -- the adventurous blustery Floyd, with the patch over one eye that added to his dash and swagger. It hardly seems like nine years since I succeeded Floyd on the old Literary Digest news program, the first nationally daily news broadcast. Racy individual, with that rapid fire Floyd Gibbons way of making the news fast and vivid. I recall how this was something new as I used to listen to him -- never realizing that in a few months I would take his place when he left the Digest program and went on to new Floyd Gibbons adventures.

Floyd was the old style of war correspondent, one of the last. I remember when he was sent to report the Pancho Villa revolution in Mexico, and got an exclusive interview with Villa. He was an adventurous which accounted for that distinctive patch over his eye. Floyd was covering the battle of Belleau Wood, in the fighting line with the doughboys. And was struck by a German machine gun bullet which obliterated one eye.

He went to the Ethiopian war for Hearst and was getting ready to go to Europe to report the present war -- when a heart



attack struck him at the age of fifty-two. So tonight Floyd Gibbons' fast moving adventure on earth is over, and we'll never again hear that rapid fire radio voice that was so vivid.



COOLIDGE

There's ~~going~~ to be a college in Boston bearing the name of the late President, Calvin Coolidge. Its main purpose, ~~will be~~ the teaching of modern government and the social sciences.

With the consent of Mrs. ~~Grace~~ Coolidge, widow of the late President, this institution will be known <sup>aliteratively</sup> as "Calvin Coolidge <sup>College</sup> College." It will be co-educational and will be built on Beacon Hill, near the State House, overlooking old Boston Common.

## FORTY CLUB

In Pittsburgh there was an organization called the "Forty Plus Club", composed of men over forty who once held important executive jobs. These they lost during the hard times, and were unable to find new ones. Hence the name, the Forty-Plus Club. It was only formed two months ago. Today we hear the club is rapidly going to the dogs. Its members are getting jobs so fast that they are no longer qualified to belong. Since it was organized, one-tenth have been called back to work in responsible executive positions. Already they've had to elect a new President, a new Vice-President, Secretary and three members of the Executive Committee. This is interpreted in Pittsburgh as a sign that things are improving, going swell, going like sixty, I mean going like forty -- and now Hugh that's your signal to carry the ball and sign off for me.