

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~One of the burning topics of this week is the religion of Soviet Russia. It has become one of the important issues in the national defense program.~~ The opinion of American Catholics about our sending help to the Reds was expressed today by a powerful voice. ~~It was~~ <sup>that</sup> of the Reverend Edmund Walsh, ~~who is~~ <sup>who</sup> Vice-President of Georgetown University, <sup>^</sup> ~~He~~ <sup>^</sup> declared <sup>5</sup> ~~that~~ <sup>^</sup> before we give any more Lend-Lease help to the Soviet Union President Roosevelt should insist that Stalin give actual freedom of conscience to his people.

Last week President Roosevelt brought up the new Soviet constitution which Stalin promulgated four years ago; <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>^</sup> its guarantees of not only religious freedom but all the other freedoms. Anne O'hare McCormick in the New York Times points out that the President has been trying ever since Nineteen Thirty-Three to persuade the Moscow government to make those guarantees a reality. Our Ambassador Steinhardt and the British Ambassador have been

bringing pressure to bear in Moscow. After the Senate ratification of the treaty recognizing the Soviet <sup>S</sup>government a group of government officials and businessmen went to Moscow. With them went an American Minister of the gospel. But he didn't ~~get to first base~~ ~~and didn't~~ stay long. Anne O'Hare McCormick adds that the guarantees of religious freedom in the Soviet constitution are merely so many words on paper. While there are many thousand churches open in Russia there are less than one-third as many as there used to be before Bolshevism, <sup>and</sup> While Stalin has <sup>S</sup>dis<sup>^</sup>solved the Society of the Godless, and the weekly newspaper called GODLESS has been suspended, the League of Militant Atheists remains in existence.

A United States Senator today made the latest move in the campaign to win Catholics over for help to Soviet Russia. Senator James Mead of New York sprang into the fray with a religious attack on Hitler. He told his fellow Senators he had concrete, documentary evidence that Hitler and the Nazi police are destroying the Catholic Church in Germany. Many priests, he declared, are under house arrest, and a Roman Catholic Bishop, the Bishop of Munster was <sup>seized</sup> ~~apprehended~~ <sup>^</sup> by the Gestapo because he protested against the systematic oppression

of the Catholic church. The Bishop had sent a telegram to Adolf Hitler complaining about the anti-Catholic activities of Heinrich Himmler, the head of the Gestapo. Hitler turned the telegram over to Himmler who promptly arrested the Bishop.

Senator Mead, <sup>today</sup> ~~is~~ himself a Catholic, ~~he~~ declared on the floor of the Senate that no man who believes in God could believe in Hitlerism, <sup>that</sup> and Hitlerism must be destroyed.

~~of course~~ The implication in this move by Senator Mead is that Adolf Hitler is the real enemy of the Roman Catholic Religion and that therefore, anybody fighting Hitler should be supported by Catholics.

The campaign to convince the world that Stalin really isn't so bad was helped in Britain today by no less than His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of the Church of England, <sup>he who</sup> said that there have been signs in recent years of a change in spirit of the Soviet ruling powers. And he added that some mistakes have been recognized and as far as possible remedied. The true self of Russia, said the Archbishop, has emerged. And he said further of Russia that "We may well be proud of our new Ally."

Hitler heading for Moscow. At any rate, all the signs point that way. In his speech to the German people last week, he spoke of new and gigantic preparations that his Generals have been preparing on the Eastern Front. Well, war experts in London interpret the dispatches to mean that already there is a two-ringed attack, in full swing, against Moscow. Hitler, throwing all his power -- every tank, every plane, every armored division. Nearly everything he has, against the Red Army of Marshal Timoshenko around Smolensk; together with the forces he is hurling against the Red defenses in front of Kharkov, key to the great industrial basin of the Donets.

It looks as though the Nazi Fuehrer is betting everything on this offensive; which he hopes will be the final one.

Military soothsayers are shaking their heads over the Nazi strategy. Even with all the millions of soldiers in the German armies, Hitler's front is too long. So some experts tell us. And they add that Hitler's attack on Moscow is a tacit acknowledgement that his drive on Leningrad has not succeeded.

Here's an interesting commentary on the casualty figures Hitler has given out. This item comes from France, from the celebrated Second Bureau, the French Secret Police. According to

their figures, the Germans at the end of August had lost nearly two million men. Nine hundred and fifty thousand killed or missing; six hundred thousand wounded, four hundred thousand prisoners. A fantastically high proportion of dead. Indicating how indescribably ferocious the war in Russia has been.

These figures are far higher than any Hitler himself has made public.

## NAVAL BATTLE

A naval battle in the Mediterranean and a great British vessel gravely damaged. That is, if we believe a special announcement at Rome. The Fascists tell a story of a great British fleet steaming from the Atlantic into the Mediterranean, and <sup>the</sup> ~~their~~ meeting an Italian squadron that engaged them and came off best. The British fleet was led by the great battleships RODNEY and NELSON, and the brand new battle-wagon KING GEORGE, pride of the British Navy. <sup>with</sup> ~~They had~~ many cruisers and destroyers in their train.

The Italians <sup>guess</sup> ~~claim~~ that ~~evidently~~ the principal aim of the action was to make the Italian naval units in the zone engage in a clash under conditions of ~~absolute~~ inferiority, <sup>But</sup> ~~but the~~ <sup>Rome says this</sup> ~~attempt~~ cost the British dearly, ~~in the battle~~. An Italian submarine launched a torpedo which struck the formidable British aircraft carrier ARK ROYAL, ~~That's~~ a mighty ship of ~~its kind~~, twenty-seven thousand tons, carrying sixty aircraft and protected by heavy armor ~~running on the~~ sides and ~~on~~ deck.

The British comment on that Rome communique was full of laughter. The Italians must be getting pretty hard up, said a spokesman at the Admiralty. We can't count how many times they've

sunk the ARK ROYAL.

As a matter of fact, I seem to recall that only last week the Italians claimed to have hit the NELSON and made a hole in her stern large enough to drive a bus through. The British Admiralty admitted the NELSON had been hit. And in the early part of the war, the Germans reported not only the ARK ROYAL but the RODNEY, sunk several times.

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The French Admiralty came out with some naval news today, naval news and a complaint. Two French steamers torpedoed in the Mediterranean, sunk by a submarines presumed to be British

Later it turned out that the steamers in question were in an Italian convoy. In one case all the crew were saved, in the other case two men dead, eighteen missing. The sinking of the two French stamers, by a British submarine seems to be just conjecture on the part of the French Admiralty.

IRELAND

Here's news indeed, words of praise <sup>for the British</sup> from Ireland, ~~about the~~  
~~British.~~ They were uttered by an Irishman well qualified to speak,  
~~no less than~~ Prime Minister Eamon deValera <sup>himself.</sup> "For two years,"  
he told his countrymen, "God has saved this country from being  
involved in a savage war." Then he added: "So far our rights  
in the main have been respected." And he said further: "I think  
it is only fair to acknowledge that the belligerent nearest us,  
Britain, in spite of temptation and urgings of certain  
propagandists, has not succumbed to them and has not behaved  
unworthily."

That's what you might call praise from Sir Hubert.



MOFFETT

The torpedoing of that tanker in the Atlantic Ocean has aroused the ire of James A. Moffett, Chairman of the Board of the California Texas Oil Company. Moffett was iriled by the disclosure that the tanker was carrying oil to South Africa. This, declared the oil magnate, was disgraceful and outrageous. There is an abundance of oil supplies in South Africa, he said, so why should we have been exporting oil there when there is a shortage in the Eastern states of this country?

ROOSEVELT

President Roosevelt is determined that the general public must ~~be under~~ <sup>have</sup> no unnecessary hardships because of defense. He said ~~as much~~ <sup>so</sup> today, to a group of seven hundred dealers of business from all parts of the country, <sup>meeting at</sup> ~~it's~~ the thirteenth annual conference on distribution, <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ Boston.

The nation, said Mr. Roosevelt, faces many new and difficult problems. Then his message continued: "We must see to it that the other democracies and their armed forces are kept well supplied with all requirements for the present struggle. That in itself," he added, "is a monumental undertaking." And, to avoid needless hardships to consumers, distributors must organize in such fashion as to avoid any delay in putting into the hand of the consumers <sup>the</sup> greatly increased <sup>^</sup> output of our productive capacity.

DRAFT PROPERTY

The Act that enables the President to draft property *has passed* ~~is all~~ through Congress. The final touch of legislative procedure was administered by the House today, and now it's on the President's desk waiting for the signature.

The bill was held up quite a while because the House and Senate couldn't **quite** agree. But today the Representatives okayed the report of the Conference Committee with nothing but a voice vote.

It isn't **quite** as drastic as the one the War Department wanted, the bill which would have authorized the Government to seize any private property that *Uncle Sam* ~~the War Department~~ *might need.* ~~said was needed. As Congress rewrote it, the thing is quite milder.~~

The House, for instance, wrote in a clause that there must be fair and just compensation for any property so seized and that compensation must not be less than the market price.

~~The War Department made the point that there are times when manufacturers and second-hand dealers are obstinate, won't sell except at speculative prices. To deal with such people, the Army and Navy need a talking point to persuade the recalcitrant.~~

LABOR

From all sides we <sup>have</sup> ~~ve~~ been hearing warnings that the priority business would throw a lot of people out of work before long. The prophecies have come true sooner than the prophets expected. In the month of September, seven hundred thousand people lost their jobs. <sup>So we are told by</sup> ~~That's no guesswork, it comes from~~ the Washington office of W.P.A. In August there were fifty million five hundred thousand people employed, in September only forty-nine million, eight hundred thousand.

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MORGENTHAU

The Government of the United States is about to make an agreement with Mexico to stabilize money. The news comes from the Treasury, from Secretary Morgenthau himself. He has been in conference with the Finance Minister of Mexico and a representative of the Bank of Mexico.

That isn't all there is to the story. <sup>o</sup>That ~~st~~ stabilization  
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pact will only be part of a general agreement, a settlement of all the differences between ourselves and Mexico. That's what Morgenthau says.

ALCOA

The Aluminum Company of America <sup>has not been</sup> ~~is not~~ guilty of monopoly. <sup>So</sup>  
says Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey. The learned <sup>jurist</sup> ~~Judge~~ who tried  
the Government's case against the Alcoa, has been reading one of  
the longest decisions ever compiled on any bench. He started  
reading it last Tuesday and went to so much detail concerning  
the Government's charges that only today did we learn ~~that much~~  
~~of~~ the gist of his decision.

The Department of Justice made two other charges against  
<sup>Aluminum</sup>  
the Company; -conspiracy and restraint. We have still to learn what  
His Honor thinks about them.

BRANDEIS

There was a solemn moment at the opening of the new term of the Supreme Court of the United States today, ~~Incidentally,~~ ~~it was~~ the first session presided over by Harlan Fiske Stone, ~~our~~ <sup>whose</sup> the new Chief Justice, ~~of the United States.~~ ~~His~~ first official act was to stop ~~all~~ proceedings while the court ~~did~~ <sup>paid</sup> honor to the memory of their late colleague, Mr. Justice Brandeis. The Chief Justice spoke of the great learning of Brandeis, his rare sagacity, wisdom and prophetic vision. After <sup>a 3 min.</sup> ~~an~~ eulogy ~~of three minutes,~~ the high court adjourned ~~immediately.~~

PAINT

Here's one for the ladies. It costs eight hundred million dollars a year to paint their faces, enough to buy ten battleships.

If you don't believe this, ask the census bureau of Uncle Sam.

That's where the figures come from, eight hundred million dollars

a year. There are forty-nine million, one hundred and sixty-four

thousand, five hundred and eighty-seven of the <sup>stranger, sex</sup> creatures, over

fifteen years old and more. ~~And that's putting it kindly.~~ So,

that eight hundred millions means an average of sixteen dollars a

<sup>feminine</sup>  
year per face, more than one-fifth as much as they spend for food.

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## BASEBALL

The World Series that ended this afternoon was the toughest the Bronx bombers ever fought. As the final score of three to one indicates, it was not by fence-busting that the Yanks won the Series. Only one-homer today - by Henrich. The Dodgers fought grimly every inch of the way; and went down fighting.

It needed a great fighting team to have any spirit left after that tragedy of yesterday. Never before in the history of baseball did a team have a game won, actual victory at one moment and lost a second later.

The Brooklyn rooters today showed that their sportsmanship was as good as their enthusiasm, and that's plenty. In spite of that dropped ball which lost the game and eventually the Series, the crowd cheered Mickey Owen every time he showed up. They cheered him at batting practice, they cheered him every time he came to bat.

In the Dodgers' dressing room after the game, there was just one bit of disagreement. Joe Medwick said the Yankees were the luckiest ball club in the world, every game could have gone either way. But Pitcher Hugh Casey saw it differently. Said he:- "The Yankees are one of the greatest teams I've ever seen."

I said the Dodgers went down fighting, and that was almost

literally true. There were moments when it looked as though fists would swing, once when Pitcher Wyatt made a crack at Joe DiMaggio, which the reporters didn't hear. But they saw Joe running towards the mound with his fists ready for action, and Wyatt as ready as Joe. Immediately umpires and players rushed in between them and no blows were struck to shock Commissioner Landis.

There was not only fire in the hearts of the Dodgers while they were playing, there was actual fire on the roof of the grandstand. It took the Fire Department ten minutes to put the flames out, but the spectators knew nothing about it.

A great Series, one of the greatest, if not the greatest; From the standpoint of exciting baseball. Also the total gate for five games totalled more than a million dollars. A record for a five-game series.

WEATHER

This is Fire Prevention Week, in a year when it is of peculiar importance. Fire Prevention Week has taken on an added significance, after all we've been hearing from the war-torn countries about the importance of fire protection in civilian defense. Hugh, you tell us about it.