

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The isolationists in Congress were full of fight today -- determined to battle to the end for the arms embargo in the neutrality law.) A couple of dozen held a conference today and discussed plans for opposing the President's demand for repeal of the provision that forbids the sale of munitions to any nation at war.

The number one isolationist is Borah who spoke of an appeal -- a campaign enlisting some mighty prominent names. The Idaho statesman declared suggestions had been made to have Henry Ford, Colonel Lindbergh and Ex-President Herbert Hoover come forward before the public as champions of the embargo. Other big names were mentioned: Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, famed as a sky fighter during the World War, and the former Governor of Wisconsin, Phil LaFollette. The isolationists are saying that they have thirty nine votes in the Senate. They'll

need more than that to win, but they say they expect to pick up more votes when the debate gets going.

The President won the first skirmish today, when Congressional leaders agreed not to consider anything but the problems raised by the war.



SUBMARINES:-

Submarine to the east and submarine to the west--that seems to be the situation of the North American Continent, as revealed by President Roosevelt today. There's a strange undersea craft off the American Atlantic Coast and another off the Pacific Coast. President Roosevelt told the press conference today that a submarine had been sighted off Nova Scotia, sixty or seventy miles to the south, between the southern tip of Nova Scotia and Nantucket Shoals. In the Pacific, a sub was spied off the coast of Southern Alaska. The Nationality of neither known, but they are not United States undersea boats, and Canada <sup>had no</sup> ~~has no~~ submarines. The president said they might be Swiss, Units of the Far Famed Swiss Navy, or he continued they might be Afghan, which has'nt any coast line either, or Bolivian, which is likewise landlocked.

These presidential pleasantries then expressed the surmise that the strange submarines must be German, although, of course, the Pacific craft might be Soviet Russian. ~~There have been a number of stories of strange submarines off American although no ships seem to have been sunk by them.~~

BREMEN-

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X other report about the Bremen--and this one denies that the crack German liner was captured by the British. Today's story emanates from the German Consul General at New Orleans. He is Baron Von Spiegel, who made a reputation during the previous world war as a German U -Boat commander, an ace of the undersea. Today he made the statement that the Bremen is in Russia, the Port of Murmansk, on the Arctic Coast. There have been suppositions that the fleeing liner might have made a northern dash to Russian Arctic waters, though there it freezes up in the winter.

Von Spiegel tells a story of how, after the Bremen had left New York and was far out at sea, news of war was flashed to the ship. Where upon the Captain opened a set of sealed orders. These had been given to him in Germany, with instructions to consult them if he should be at sea when war came. The Bremen skipper read the orders and followed the instructions they contained. At sea the Bremen was camouflaged with gaudy patterns, and the ship steamed far from the ordinary sea-lanes--away to the north, through Denmark Strait, which separates Greenland and Iceland, then eastward through waters north of Iceland,



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~~then eastward through waters north of Iceland,~~ and <sup>on</sup> into the Arctic  
Ocean. Today, German Consul Von Spiegel explained that Soviet  
authorities are now <sup>exam</sup> examining the legal aspect of the situation. Meaning--  
Comrade Stalin is trying to find some trick of international  
law whereby the Soviets can take over the Bremen and operate it --  
getting an ace ocean liner for themselves.

WAR COUNSEL-

Today there was a second meeting of the supreme allied war council. It was staged in England. Premier Daladier of France met with Prime Minister Chamberlain of Great Britain, each attended by a staff of war time commanders and directors.

We are told that the Allied Council today discussed the vast problem of munitions and supplies on the western front- the cordination of manufacture and shipment, so that the allied army may be amply provisioned and munitioned. Wartime economic affairs.



POLAND.

*But* Today's most important headline is -the fourth partition of Poland? (The high commands of the German and Soviet Russian armies announce the division of the conquered country between them. The surprise is, how much of Poland Soviet Russia gets. Half of the ill-fated nation.) The line of demarcation follows the historic line of the Rivers, which extends through Central Poland from North to South-the Narew. River, the Bug, the Vistula and the San. It is a matter of bitter irony that this line of rivers was to have been the great Polish defense line, where the armies of the Warsaw government were expected to hold off the invaders and stop the blitzkrieg. *— Hitler's Lightning War.* And now it's the line of demarcation, the line that partitions Poland.

Hitler in getting the western half, takes the Great industrial sections and the cities of Cracow, Posen and Warsaw, though *— is still making a* (Warsaw has still not surrendered, Magnificent, desperate, hopeless defense. Today's word is that Warsaw, still under violent attack, soon must fall.) The Soviets, taking the western half of Poland, gets the great wheat fields of the central polish plains and of the Ukraine.

7 Moscow told us that all Stalin wanted to do was rescue the Ukrainians and the White Russians from Polish <sup>miserable</sup> ~~miserable~~. Now we find the Red dictator taking a lot more, -one -half of Poland!

(An official statement from Berlin declares that today's division was agreed upon before the war started.) This is obviously intended to challenge the supposition that the Red Army pushed in to keep the Germans from grabbing too much, ~~rivalry or even hostility between the Nazis and the Red units.~~ The Berlin statement indicates graphically how ~~in~~ Stalin went in with Hitler, a whole hog partnership from the very start.

The fourth partition of Poland, a phrase that rings with tragic reminiscence. The three earlier partitions of Poland, back in the eighteenth century, have <sup>all</sup> been stigmatized as historic crimes. How will history regard today's event? and yet, it may be something of a misnomer, somewhat previous to say, fourth partition. <sup>The</sup> Berlin and Moscow reports state that today's division is not necessarily permanent; it's a military war-time measure. The Germans and Soviets may revise the division as a political matter, may still set up some sort of mangled and abbreviated



state between the territories they take. That, in a more proper sense would be the fourth partition.

Of course all depends upon the fortunes of war. Great Britain and France are determined to destroy Hitlerism, are resolved to win the struggle-in which case any Hitler -Soviet deal would go out the window. And Poland would be restored-perhaps greater than ever.

There's another lugubrious irony in what we read today-and article in Colliers by the Right Honorable Winston Churchill. <sup>the statesman</sup> ~~that statements~~ of unbounded activity, now in the British cabinet, found time in all the turmoil to write an article and cable it to Colliers. Churchill states <sup>that in the</sup> ~~in these~~ absurd and pathetic negotiations the British and French military commissions were conducting in Moscow, one stumbling block was the refusal of Poland to allow the Red army to enter Polish territory-even for the purpose of defending Poland. Warsaw wanted the Soviets to join in the struggle only by sending Poland military equipment and supplies-but no red army. Now, after all the swift changes and mad developments, what has happened? The Red Army has half of Poland.

The Churchill article surprisingly enough, hails the Hitler-Stalin alliance as a good thing-says it clarifies the issue. He argues that the Nazi business and communism were always pretty much of the same thing-both bad. Now, says he, the two kinds of skulduggery are together-for the free and democratic world to oppose.

The Right Honorable Gentleman indulges himself with some exceedingly American verbiage -you know how the top-lofty British sometime like to talk American. Churchill summarizes <sup>e</sup>~~that~~ present world tragedy in these words "we have a couple sets of rival gangsters" says he, "joining forces in a jam, pooling their luck, and trying to shoot their way out through the G-Men of civilization. Yes the Right

Honorable Gentleman does talk American. *And come to think of it, Winston Churchill is half American.*



ROUMANIAN--

(The Roumanian government is taking ferocious vengeance for the iron guard assissination of Premier Calinescu. Reports from Bucharest today tell of hundreds and hundreds of executions in reprisal.) Roumainia has an army of iron guard men imprasoned on <sup>in</sup> concentration camps and from among these victims were chosen by the wholesale -mass shootings. In every section of the country a certain number of iron guards <sup>men</sup> were executed today--mass killings that are still going on. In some places  ~~bodies~~ were left in the streets for the purposes of warning and terror, as in Bucharest, <sup>where</sup> all day, the nine conspirators executed for the assasination were left lying on the boulevard where the crime was committed and crowds gathered and looked. All in savage balkian style. Ferocious and nationwide vengeance for a ferocious deed.

AIR RAID--

England has<sup>d</sup> an air raid today. On the coast of Kent, anti-aircraft observers spotted a ~~V~~-shaped formation in the sky, the familiar attack formation. And the alarm was given--enemy planes.

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Soldiers leaped to the anti-aircraft guns, and the shooting was about to begin when the v-shape formation of enemy planes was recognized as --ducks, a formation of wild ducks. Nevertheless, there was shooting. An anti-aircraft sergeant leaped for a shotgun, and brought down two of the flying quacking enemy, which were served at ~~his~~ regimental mess tonight.

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POPE

There's a late report that a peace movement may be soon made by the Vatican, another try for peace by Pope Pius the Twelfth. This emanates from Catholic circles in Berlin, which say that the Pontiff will make a formal and written proposal -- with a definite plan.

EARTHQUAKE:

The hand of nature struck today in this war haunted world;  
an earthquake. It occurred in Turkey, in the region of the  
city of Smyrna, near the coast--a terrific shock. Devastation  
far and wide, heavy loss of life, towns and cities leveled.  
Such is the report that flashes, a report so brief as to make  
it appear that communications are thoroughly disrupted.



IDAHO AND ATLANTIC CITY

Here are two news items from different parts  
of North America. One from Blackfoot, <sup>Idaho</sup>~~Maine~~ and the other  
from Atlantic City. Today, Governor Barrows of Maine and  
Governor Bottolfson of Idaho, fought a duel! In front  
of the grandstand at the Idaho State Fair -- a duel with  
potatoes. Both Maine and Idaho are famous for their  
potatoes; ~~Maine the stunt~~ Maine is the Number One potato  
state, Idaho second. <sup>^</sup>No, the two governors didn't throw  
the potatoes at each other. It was a spud picking contest. <sup>And</sup>  
I'll ~~but I'll have to tell about that~~ <sup>probably have to describe that duel</sup> in the next newsreel.

The event in Atlantic City is even goofier.

Our comic, or would you call it pathetic, ball team, the  
Nine Old Men, is to play a game for the benefit of crippled  
children, tomorrow night in the great Atlantic City Convention  
Hall, said to be the largest hall in the world, because it  
will hold more than forty thousand people. The battery for  
the Nine Old Men will be Arctic Explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins,  
pitching, and <sup>- Chase Taylor -</sup> Colonel ~~Stans~~ Lemuel Q. Stoopnagle of radio  
and screen fame, catching. Graham McNamee, Frank Buck,

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Heywood Broun, ~~xxxxx~~ Jolly Bill Steinke, Former amateur  
heavyweight boxing champion of the world Eddie Eagan, and  
a few more of us will attempt to support them. At any  
rate, we "has-beens" of the Nine Old Men are, thankful ~~that~~  
~~at any rate~~ that we live over here where we can throw  
baseballs instead of on the other side of the Atlantic  
where they are all throwing hand-grenades <sup>at each other,</sup> ~~just now.~~



## MUSIC

Plenty of us will remember storms of argument about German Music during world war days. And now in the second World War the music season is at hand. An early operatic bird, is Impresario Gallo of the San Carlo Opera Company, which is opening in Rockefeller Center. Impresario Gallo tells me that his repertoire will be entirely in Italian and French, which isn't surprising, since the San Carlo troupers are more renowned for Rigoletto than for Gotterdaemerung. The Metropolitan will go along as usual, the war making no change in the list of operas they'll perform, with emphasis on Wagner. That's to be expected, because we are not in the war. Quite different from the Metropolitan season of Nineteen Seventeen-Eighteen.

Several of our Nine Old Men, James Melton and Lanny Ross are famous singers and this afternoon here at Haddon Hall we were talking about the ball game tomorrow night in the Convention Hall here in Atlantic City and telling stories. One concerned the pronounciation of the foreign singers who try to sing in English with strange results. There was a magnificent

performance of Parsifal, said Jimmy Melton. The wicked Magician, Klingsor, had to declaim the phrase - "The Time has Come." A famous Polish Basso sang the role, and in the dress rehearsal he chanted in his great deep voice - "De time has coom".

A society woman friend of his, who happened to be at the rehearsal went to him and exclaimed "Great Heavens, you can't sing it that way, 'De time has koom.'" She made him practice the correct pronunciation, saying over and over - "the time has come, the time has come." That night in the great performance, the renowned Polish basso sang out gloriously and with the most perfect pronunciation - "the time has CAME." Whereupon his society woman sponsor in the audience fainted. And now the time has come for me to say \*SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY.