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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The situation at Moscow tonight could be more graphically described if we could imagine an invading army in the United States. Imagine for instance, Pittsburgh being approached by two armies from the South, one of which has reached Wheeling, West Virginia, and the other at Johnstown. Such, relatively, is the status tonight of the fourth Hitler attack on Moscow. In the Northwest, one army is at Kalinin -- Klin on the maps. And, due South of Stalin's capital, another Nazi army is driving north from Tula.

Berlin announces that Hitler's panzer columns are rushing toward Moscow, four abreast, and early this afternoon were within some fifty miles of the Kremlin. In the skies above them, they are protected by a veritable canopy of Stuka dive bombers.

The Nazi High Command says that the battles of Vyazma and Bryansk are virtually over.

Evidently Hitler is throwing fresh reserves

into the torrent as the high command announces that huge new forces are now helping the drive. The high command declares further that it has <sup>now</sup> taken five hundred and sixty thousand ~~more~~ Russian prisoners <sup>in all</sup> in the Bryansk and Vyazma battles, which they call the "Battle of Pockets." The Nazi advance is being held up <sup>in</sup> they say, not by Russian resistance but because the armored columns have been tearing ahead so fast that communications and supply lines couldn't keep up with them. *Apparently we can*

~~We have to~~ accept this picture as ~~in general~~

substantially true, because the newspaper organ of the Red Army admits the capital is <sup>in grave danger and that</sup> ~~menaced and~~ the position at the front has been complicated and <sup>is</sup> ~~become~~ more serious than ever ~~before~~.

Moscow declares that the Nazis have been driving ahead over tremendous numbers of their own dead, and the government newspaper, IZVESTIA, warns the people that the latest Hitler offensive is infinitely stronger and more of a threat than the two earlier drives. All the Soviet newspapers are uttering vehement appeals for everybody to spare neither strength nor life to help beat off the attack. The Reds admit that while the Nazis have suffered huge losses,

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they're prepared to sacrifice hundreds of thousands of men more  
to reach their objective. The Red soldiers <sup>claim to</sup> have killed numerous  
parachute ~~troops~~ <sup>Nazis</sup>, but they acknowledge that the para-<sup>chute</sup>troops as  
well as the mechanized columns of Hitler are gaining ground.

If we can believe ~~the story from~~ a story from Helsinki,  
the Nazis have also pushed further into <sup>the outskirts of</sup> Leningrad. The story is  
attributed to Russian prisoners captured by the Finns. They are  
quoted as saying that the Nazis have taken positions inside the  
western boundaries of Leningrad, ~~and also part of the city's outer~~  
~~half and docks.~~

But Radio Moscow broadcasts that the Germans have been  
~~forced back to new positions on the defense, that the defenders of~~  
Leningrad <sup>have</sup> forced them <sup>Nazis</sup> back a mile and a half, <sup>ing some</sup> killed ~~more than~~  
ten thousand <sup>ing</sup> Germans, and captured large quantities of war materials,  
~~and ammunition.~~

MARSHALL FOLLOW LEAD

This afternoon we were given an inkling of the opinion of our own Army Chief about the Battle of Russia. General Marshall, United States Army Chief of Staff, told a Senate Committee a few things that were not made public before. German wastage he said, must be terrible. At the same time he reminded the senators that this is only an opinion <sup>as</sup> ~~that~~ he hasn't much positive information to go on because no American military observers are allowed at the front. <sup>says</sup> But he believes that German losses must be tremendous simply because of that vast two thousand mile front over which the battle is being fought. According to all the canons of military experience, no such campaign can be fought without enormous destruction of men and equipment.

UNREST

*those stout mountain people,*  
Of all the nations conquered by Hitler, the Serbs have  
given him the greatest trouble. There was a report in London today  
that a ~~parrikiexam~~ *Serbian* patriot army numbering no fewer than a  
hundred thousand is in the field, in what used to be Jugoslavia.  
*Not is it*  
~~It's not~~ a mere rabble, according to the story from London, *It's* but an  
army led by former officers of the Regular Jugoslav military  
establishment. And they're armed with not only rifles and  
machine guns but *with* light artillery *as well,*

The story runs further that the Nazi army of occupation  
has been defied by the Serbs, particularly in western Serbia. The  
Germans are controlling only the key towns, but in the countryside  
Serbian and Montenegrin guerrilla bands are swooping down from  
their hideouts in the mountains and have penetrated ~~in some places~~  
as far as the Adriatic coast.

JAPAN

Rumblings in Japan become more and more ominous today. The government started a shake-up in the high commands of the Army and Navy. Generals and admirals were being transferred and shifted around, after a special meeting of the Privy Council, and the Konoye Cabinet ordered courses in ~~the~~ colleges ~~to be~~ cut down so ~~that the~~ under-graduates <sup>can</sup> ~~might~~ be rushed <sup>more speedily</sup> into military service, ~~more speedily~~. The officially controlled newspapers are attacking the United States more vehemently than ever, <sup>especially the</sup> ~~The~~ patriotic society called Tohokai, ~~is on the warpath. That's~~ a nationalistic <sup>body</sup> ~~outfit~~ organized to <sup>demand</sup> ~~push the~~ Japanese domination of the Far East. Tohokai made public a demand that the Konoye Government should cut short negotiations with the United States.

On top of that, there was a sudden emergency meeting of sixty members of <sup>Tokyo</sup> the House of Representatives. They constitute the Executive Committee of an association ~~just~~ recently organized in the Japanese House. They passed a resolution to encourage the Cabinet to <sup>as they put it,</sup> ~~forcibly and speedily~~ execute Japanese policies for the co-prosperity sphere in east Asia. That resolution will be handed to Premier Konoye and Foreign Minister Toyoda tomorrow.

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It is unmistakable that each Hitler success on the Russian front makes the Japanese tone more aggressive.

NEUTRALITY

The Navy can put guns on American Merchant Ships the minute Congress gives the word. Secretary Knox told his press conference today that our sea arm is ready to handle the ships as fast as they come. Nevertheless, it will be a matter of months before they ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> all armed because as ~~Knox~~ <sup>the secretary of the Navy</sup> puts it: "You cannot take all the ships off the sea at one time." And, as in the last war, the Navy will not only mount the guns, but provide the crews to man them.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House today did its part towards repealing Article Six of the Neutrality Act, the article which forbade cannon on merchant ships.



## CENSORSHIP FOLLOW NEUTRALITY

Secretary Knox announces that Uncle Sam's Navy is all set for a censorship. of overseas communications. However, actual censorship won't be established for some time, and, when it is the Navy censorship will apply only to cables and radio communications.

The Secretary emphasized that, as he puts it:- "Absolutely no censorship of news publication or news broadcasting is involved other than the voluntary method which is now in operation." In this connection Secretary Knox again expressed gratification over the excellent cooperation demonstrated by the various news dissemination methods in this country.

PRICES

Here's news that is going to <sup>hit</sup> hurt everybody in the pocketbook. Much as prices have gone up, they will skyrocket still higher. It's inevitable, says Isador Lubin, Commissioner of Labor Statistics. He told <sup>this</sup> ~~it~~ to a Committee of Congressmen today. The cost of living as a whole has risen only eight per cent since August, NineteenThirty-Nine. But the prices of twenty-eight basic commodities have gone up more than fifty-five per cent in the same period, and that fifty-five per cent hasn't been reflected yet in retail prices, which means cost of living. It's bound to happen, says Lubin.

On the heels of that, Congressman Wright Patman of Texas is going to offer a bill to give the government immediate control of the prices of materials essential to national defense, also on rents in places where defense materials are being manufactured. He admits that this will merely be a stop-gap bill, pending a more permanent and comprehensive law.

After which we heard that the Administration bill to control prices is going to be stiffened. Congressman Steagall of Alabama, Chairman of the Committee, said he will try to include a

clause to put a ceiling on all rents. That bill, as it is, merely authorizes the government to control rents in defense areas, and even there only on houses built to rent for fifteen dollars a room per month.

Still more interesting testimony from the trial of William

Bioff and George Brown accused of shaking the movie moguls down *to the*

*tune of*

~~for~~ five hundred and fifty thousand dollars. One of today's

witnesses was Louis B. Mayer, *of M.G.M., who* ~~the Bull of the Woods on the Metro-~~

~~Goldwyn Mayer Inc.~~ He told the court and jury that from Nineteen

Thirty-Five until the spring of this year Bioff and Brown had a

virtual monopoly on all the film sold to M.G.M. They had that

monopoly by virtue of being made sub-agents for the sale of film

on the Pacific Coast. Louis B. Mayer said he permitted this at

the urgent advice of Nicholas M. Schenck, President of Loew's

Incorporated. Schenck told Mayer that Bioff was in a position to

cause plenty of trouble and said Mayer, Schenck told him:- "Don't

ask questions, just go ahead and let him do it."

A.F.L. follow BIOFF

*this same*  
At noon today George Brown still was one of the Vice-Presidents of the American Federation of Labor. However, there has been a move on foot at the convention in Seattle to ease him out, ~~as inconspicuously as possible under the circumstances.~~

One of the first acts of the delegates at the convention was to adopt a resolution against racketeers. It was adopted without debate and unanimously. The resolution did not merely utter a slap-on-the-wrist disapproval; <sup>it</sup> ~~but~~ called upon all unions affiliated with the Federation to take prompt and diligent action against racketeers and criminals. Further, it urged the affiliated unions, if necessary, to amend their constitutions in order to enable them to carry this out. And furthermore, it issued a peremptory order to all central bodies to throw out any delegate ~~who had been~~ <sup>ever</sup> convicted of "a serious wrongdoing ~~which~~ <sup>ing</sup> reflects dishonor on the trade union movement."

*And* That's the most positive and emphatic resolution that has ever been considered by the A.F. of L.

It so happens that I've just been reading an article about the President of the A.F. of L., William Green, in the current

SATURDAY EVENING POST, which brings to light the interesting fact that William F. Green owes his job at the head of the Federation largely to John L. Lewis who has been Green's nemesis in recent years.

A. F. of L. President Green, says the SATURDAY EVENING POST is not the frightened little man that John L. Lewis has called him, and that Lewis knows better. Actually, Green is a man of strong courage when it is aroused, and the article adds that Green happens to be unusually high-minded, but unfortunately his high-mindedness is not geared to moral indignation when it needs to be. Hence, he has not taken a more positive and vigorous attitude toward undersirables in the A. F. of L. And that until a man is on his way to the penitentiary, Green can't make himself believe h's really a crook. Which might account for the strange letter he wrote President Roosevelt, asking him to restore citizenship to George Scalise, President of the Hotel Workers. Scalise had lost his citizenship when he went to prison. The ink was hardly dry on the letter Green wrote before Scalise was sent to prison again, this time for embezzling a hundred thousand from his union, a hundred thousand dollars contributed largely by chambermaids and charwomen.

So the SATURDAY EVENING POST article implies there is actually a saintly element in the character of the President of the American Federation of Labor.

## MUSIC

If any of you sports fans want to see a wrestling match -- don't go to the N.B.C. series of symphony concerts. For Dimitri Mitropoulos is not a rassler. Of course, one doesn't have to tell this to the music world, which knows of Mitropoulos as one of the most gifted of symphonic conductors. However, not all of us are so musical. This is illustrated by an incident that occurred when Mitropoulos conducted his first concert in New York. A Greek restaurant man hurtled in and demanded, "Where is the rassling?"

"What do you mean, rassling?"

"Say," demanded the indignant Greek restaurateur, "this Mitropoulos is a Greek rassler, isn't he?"

It appears that he had merely seen the conductor's name billed in large letters and supposed that any Greek in the public eye would be -- a rassler.

He was considerably disappointed when informed of the facts in the case, but condescended to sit through a couple of hours of Bach and Sibelius. When it was over he said the concert was okay, but he still preferred rassling.



## SINUS

Here's a bit of consolation for people with sinus trouble.

It may be cured with injections, and those injections will be made

from dust that the maid sweeps under the parlor carpet. The <sup>is</sup> news

comes from a professor at Rush Medical College in Chicago, ~~He~~ <sup>Who</sup>

has also discovered that seven out of every ten sinus infections

are caused by an allergy to something or other. The most frequent

*allergy is to*

~~cause is~~ common or garden dust, more accurately dust lying around

the house. On the other hand, some people are allergic to wheat,

milk, chocolate, eggs and coffee. Therefore, says the professor,

in some cases your sinus may be cured if you'll quit eating bread

*— that is,*  
and milk, in case you're a sinus victim addicted to eating bread and

milk!

MOTOR CARS

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Production of automobiles is to be cut still further.

That's an order by Leon Henderson, Chief of Civilian Supplies.

Motor car makers are to reduce their output for next January down to fifty-one per cent of what it was in January, Nineteen Forty-One. And, ~~xx~~ says Henderson, it will eventually be cut much more.

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Hugh, you are always telling us what to do about our cars. So how about a few impromptu remarks from you on this news I've just related about cutting car output to 51%. Just a few words. Tell us what in the —! What shall we do?