

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Well, they finally got around to talking about airplanes at that Senate inquiry today. (Howard Hughes told the committee that the government had invested eighteen million dollars in that giant flying boat with no guarantee from him that it will ever fly! But that he hasn't profited any. In fact he himself had put seven million, two hundred thousand dollars into this plywood plane with its eight engines.)

The millionaire plane manufacturer took sole responsibility for the design and construction of the huge flying boat which is called the "Hercules." He said the original idea did come from Henry J. Kaiser. "If the design is inadequate, it's my fault, not Kaiser's," said Hughes.

Hughes said he was due another million dollars from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for flight testing, but he can't get that until he agrees to a flight test program yet to be set forth by the government. These flight tests scheduled to start next winter, could take from one to three years more.

Chairman Ferguson sarcastically ~~xxx~~ suggested that Hughes would be entitled to that million dollars if the plane never ~~g~~ took off - even if it sank. <sup>To which</sup> Hughes ~~said~~ <sup>replied</sup> no, everything depended on whether or not he agreed ~~ixix~~ to the government's flight test program.

"And if ~~ix~~ it sinks?" inquired Ferguson.

"You can hardly collect a million if you don't make a flight!" <sup>snapped</sup> ~~snappe~~ Hughes.

Earlier in the day, there was a minor sensation when Johnny Meyer, the expense account artist, couldn't be found. Chairman Ferguson asked Hughes where he was. Hughes said he didn't know. "He's in your employ," said Ferguson, "Why don't you know where he is?"

"So are about twenty-eight thousand other people"  
retorted Hughes. "Am I supposed to know where all of  
them are every day?"

HOOVER

Former President Herbert Hoover celebrates his seventy-third birthday on Sunday. Today, in San Francisco, he ~~gave~~ <sup>gave out</sup> one of those brief statements on the condition of the world, ~~and he does~~ <sup>that he issues</sup> each year on his birthday. Sage advice for a troubled world, offered by a man who knows this ~~planet~~ <sup>planet</sup> ~~minutely~~ and its peoples, ~~and who is ever mindful of their welfare~~ <sup>better than any other living statesman.</sup>

In his statement Mr. Hoover urges the United States to make a separate peace, a peace without Russia if necessary, and thus reverse the tide of disaster.

*TP* "Another year after the end of the war finds the earth without peace," says the former President, "little recovery in production, increasing danger of starvation abroad, and alarms of another World War." And he goes on to say that one nation alone is responsible for the present state of affairs, responsible because of its refusal to cooperate, and by destructive acts."

If we are to reverse this tide of disaster, the free nations of the world have but one or two possibilities according to the former President. First, cooperation with

Russia, which he terms improbable. Second, to make peace with the peoples outside Russia and her satellites, and ~~at~~ <sup>the same time</sup> the subjugation of <sup>Russia's</sup> ~~her~~ international poison squads ~~■~~ - which is possible. <sup>R</sup> <sup>A</sup> The alternative? The United States can live on in reasonable comfort, using our food supplies to ward off starvation, and wait, even if it means isolation. <sup>That</sup> says Mr. Hoover, ~~xxxxxi~~ is "most undesirable."

## CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill again on his feet in the House of Commons today, attacking the bill giving wartime powers over the nation to the Labor Government Churchill described this austerity bill as a blank check for totalitarian powers, and suggested it be pigeonholed for three months. He terms the bill as inadequate to take care of the crisis and he turned on the full thunder of his famous oratory: "Are the government trying to make up for lack of deeds by boastful words?" he demanded. "Why do they come forward with these demands for Totalitarian powers, when nothing said by the Prime Minister, or any of the Ministers who spoke yesterday, furnish any substantial reason for their having them?"

Then he went on to say that authority giving the government such sweeping powers could not be voted by anyone who cares about decent government, and freedom.

Whereupon the Commons voted. The result? A government ~~ix~~ majority of two-hundred-and-fifty-one to a hundred-and-forty-eight - which is considered something short of a smashing victory for Prime Minister Clement

Attlee's crisis program. This vote, say observers, reflects discontent with the London government plan.

INDIA

More trouble in India tonight, skirmishes between Moslems and Hindus. ~~Violence that can easily spread into general religious war warfare that took five thousand lives in Calcutta alone last year.~~ (Today, hundreds of enraged Hindus fell upon a suburban train ~~outside~~ outside Calcutta, ~~they~~ dragged twenty seven Moslems out of that train, <sup>and</sup> killed eleven ~~of them~~, hacking them to death ~~with~~ with knives. <sup>This</sup> raised ~~the~~ the death toll in twenty-four hours ~~in violent religious fighting to thirty-eight persons.~~ <sup>Calcutta</sup> This battle between Hindus and Moslems is only one incident in a day marked by knifing, bombing, acid-throwing and sniping. ~~throughout the city. Special police precautions are being taken to check the violence from spreading~~

Meanwhile, in ~~stately~~ New Delhi, a huge & delegation from ~~the~~ Hindu India is waiting on the Indian Dominion Government. These Hindu Delegates, Holy men in Saffron Robes, richly jeweled Maharajahs escorted by their retinue, wealthy business men, and humble farmers are arriving by ~~air~~ airplane, train, ~~and~~ bullock cart, and



on foot. Delegates <sup>to</sup> an all-India conference. Heading the twelve point program this Hindu Delegation will present to the Indian Dominion Government, is legal prohibition against the slaughter of cows and the exclusion of thirty-million Moslems, from all key positions in Hindu India. This demand for a ban against the slaughter of cows, the Hindu sacred animal, is a bid for millions of votes from religious-minded Hindus. ~~The delegates are going to extraordinary lengths to bolster the demand of these vegetarian Hindus to keep the cow, a sacred animal, immune from death at the hands of man.~~

Ramkrishna Dalmia, wealthy industrialist, owner of a great chain of newspapers, has threatened to fast until he dies unless a legal ban on cattle slaughter is imposed within one ~~xxx~~ year by the New <sup>Indian</sup> ~~Dominion~~ government ~~which comes into being next week.~~ Other rich Hindus are offering funds for cattle shelters where aged and decrepid cows are cared for by Brahmin Priests. <sup>FF</sup> Anyone who has been in India knows just how th<sup>e</sup> ~~se~~ Hindus revere

their sacred cows. In Hindu-ruled Kashmir, for instance, you can't even bring a bottle of beef-extract into the state. And any where in India if a cow chooses to lie down outside the door of your bungalow, you must await its pleasure. You dare not move it.

And so today in India the two great religions clash.

Mohammedanism and Hinduism -- India divided in its dream of independence.

CHINA

(Word from China tonight - the mighty Yellow river in flood,) a story of ~~complete~~ <sup>wild</sup> devastation, with the water in complete control. <sup>- or out of control.</sup> A U.P. Correspondent who flew over the flood area <sup>says that from</sup> ~~at a height of~~ six thousand feet, ~~says that~~ as far as he could see, there was nothing but water, broken only by an occasional island - hill-top green with crops, still visible. (This year the yellow River, which periodically overflows its banks, has spread over ~~the~~ Northern Kiangsu Province, the rice ~~base~~ <sup>base</sup> of China,) which only last year ~~General~~ Chiang's Government Forces recapture <sup>d</sup> from the Communists after months of ~~bitter~~ fighting.

Without modern flood control, with the tributaries and canals of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Yellow River at the highest level in fifteen years, the Chinese authorities could do nothing, but wait until the river banks and dikes burst under the pressure. And burst they did, the water pouring ~~out~~ over the land, covering it in some places to a depth of ten feet. (Ten million villagers and farmers homeless. <sup>Scores of</sup> thousands of acres of ~~precious~~ rice land flooded.)

The Government reports today that eighty per cent of the crops in ten districts have been ruined. And that means grim news for millions of Chinese. It means famine next year. )

## HERMINE

Hermine, second wife, and widow of ~~Emperor~~  
Kaiser Wilhelm, died yesterday in her humble home in  
Russian occupied Frankfurt-am-Oder. ~~was~~ Born a  
Princess, married to an Emperor, but who never <sup>had a chance to</sup> share a  
throne. <sup>TP</sup> Not so ~~very~~ long ago, we heard that she was  
complaining bitterly against the privations imposed on  
her by the Russians, lack of fuel, <sup>even lack of</sup> and blankets for herself  
and her three year old grandchild, Fritzie.

<sup>The Empress</sup>  
Hermine had many ups and downs in her life. She  
was born in Reuss, a tiny German principality, where  
life moved in medieval splendor and isolation, <sup>at the dawn</sup>  
of the Twentieth Century. Reuss, ~~was~~ so-named because one  
of its Princes ~~was~~ <sup>TP</sup> married to a Russian. The House of  
Reuss had one peculiar custom. Every male member of  
the family was called "Henry", the individuals being  
distinguished by numbers. — Henry the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Henry  
the 47<sup>th</sup>. and so on.

At nineteen ~~xxx~~ Hermine married a Silesian  
Prince and lived in a great castle, only to be widowed  
in Nineteen Twenty Two, and left to raise a family of  
five children in dire ~~st~~ poverty. Her meeting with the

ex-Kaiser was brought about when her youngest son Ferdinand wrote a letter to the exiled wood-chopper at Doorn. That letter so moved Wilhelm that he invited Hermine and the family to visit him. Three days later their engagement was announced. Fast work for the exiled-Kaiser.

Hermine spent the war years after the Kaiser's death -- he died in June 'Forty-One - in a vast eighty-four room castle at Rossla, in the Haartz Mountains. American Troops took over the castle; but, the area later was turned over to the Russians, who sent Hermine to Frankfurt, to live as an ordinary citizen. Even if she had Russian blood in her veins, they figured it was the wrong kind.

Hermine's wishes are that her body be sent to Holland ~~Frankfurt~~ to be buried beside the former Kaiser. But the Mayor of Frankfurt says the chances of her last request being fulfilled are slight. He has asked the Russians for a zinc coffin in which to ship the body to Doorn, and the Russians say that just isn't available -- due to the scarcity of metals.

Rather a pathetic story about the princess who  
married an emperor and now dies in poverty.

ODUM

Pilot Bill Odum, out to break the late Wiley Post's record for a solo flight around the world, made it to Paris, this morning in his A - 26 "Bombshell". Averaging three-hundred and twenty miles an hour from Newfoundland, where he put down last night. Icing conditions held him up and he had to go up to twenty-five thousand feet.

Ninety minutes at Paris. The doctors ~~examined~~ checked him, mechanics checked his plane, and, off again. Carrying two thousand gallons of gas Odum is on his way to Tokyo.



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Later:- When he roared away from Paris this afternoon, Odum said he was flying straight to Karachi, India. But he sat her down at Cairo, for refueling, and then took off again after a stop of fifty-five minutes.

One third the way around the world in twenty-one hours, forty seven minutes. Speed.

## FLYING SAUCERS

( On those flying saucers here's the final official word from the Army Air Force.) Today in San Rafael, Lieutenant Colonel Donald Springer, Intelligence officer, issued the long awaited report.

( "There <sup>is</sup> not sufficient evidence or testimony available to conclude whether the reports of the so-called flying discs in the Tacoma area of Washington have any basis of fact."

"Insufficient evidence!" That's the Army's verdict on the flying saucers.) In other words some folks were seeing things! Just seeing things!

## WEATHER

A second heat wave in the Middle West. News from Chciago of rising temperatures in the corn belt, a heat wave that will affect the whole nation. The worst hot spell inthe Mid-West for six years. Little rainfall for three weeks. And none in sight.

Weather Bureau Officials in Chicago say the heat won't break until next week.

Today in Chciago, buyers paid a new all time record across -the-board-price of two-dollars-and-forty-one cents a bushel for conr, topping the record of two-dollars-and-thirty-six cents in August, Nineteen Seventeen.

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In Saint Louis today, Nineteen died of heat prostration -- victims of the heat wave. Fifty-seven deaths in St. Louis from heat since July thirtieth.

## FIRE

California's worst brush fire in forty years roared into its fourth day. The weary fire fighters called on science to help them to check the flames raging along a sixteen mile line; with more than four thousand acres of watershed of the Los Angeles National Forest already destroyed. Two have died fighting the flames; more than a hundred injured.

Today someone had an inspiration. How about artificial rain? Maybe that would dampen the blaze. A plane loaded with scientists and weather forecasters flew over the burning area, and released a hundred and fifty pounds of dry ice, which they hoped would make artificial rain; maybe put out the flames.

But tonight nature came to the rescue of the thousand men fighting that brush fire on a sixteen mile front. Soaring humidity and welcome showers, heavy rains eighteen hours after ~~the~~ science failed to produce synthetic rain.

Says Forest Supervisor Mendenhall: "I think we have it licked."

COBB

At Salt Lake City today, Britisher John Cobb announces he's going to put his attempt to break the world's automobile speed record back for another five days. He's at Bonneville, UTah, because the Salt flats there provide the only course in the world where you can drive a car over three hundred and fifty miles an hour.

But today, nature produced one of her mysteries, ripples in the salt flats that could be disastrous. Ripples that will have to be smoothed down, which men and machines will do.

And now a ripple or two from you, Nelson.

MURPHY

Republicans nominate a prominent Democrat!  
That's news. When the Republican Judicial Convention met in Brooklyn this afternoon, it nominated a well-known Democrat for the Supreme Court of the State of New York. He is Charles E. Murphy, my long time friend and neighbor on Quaker Hill, who is reputed to have more personal friends in greater New York than anyone person. This Republican nomination makes his election a certainty because last night he received the same nomination from his own party, which he has served for a quarter of a century.

As Chief Attorney for the City of New York Charlie Murphy <sup>at present heads</sup> ~~possessing~~ the largest law office in the world. The strenuous duties in connection with <sup>which</sup> ~~which it~~ have seriously interfered with <sup>a</sup> ~~his~~ promising golf career.

This unusual political leader picked by both the Democrats and the Republicans, is also quite a ball player. This weekend he is scheduled to play second base for the Nine Old Men, the <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ first post-war

game.

The opposition team known as Melton's Antique Auto Spark Pluggers will be led by Metropolitan Opera Star James Melton who will bring his aggregation to the game in antediluvian autos for which Jimmy Melton is almost as famous as he is for his singing.

Corporation Counsel Charles E. Murphy, in the game, will be taking the place of Westbrook Pegler who may be out of the lineup due to over-training.

The opposing pitchers on O. Hill tomorrow, will be Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, and James Melton.

The Meltons are sitting here with me tonight -- with a couple of their ancient autos just outside. I'm not worried about who wins the game tomorrow, Jimmy. What I'm worried about is whether your team will ever get here in all those old Stanley Steamers and Apperson Jack-Rabbits and so on that they are driving. Will they make it?

Now Hugh I'll throw the ball back to you.