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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

American citizens in Japan tonight are marooned there,  
for the time being at least. The Mikado's government has stopped  
the sailing of all Japanese ships to the United States. British  
and Americans ships ceased calling at Japanese ports quite a  
while ago, so not only American but other foreigners are isolated  
in Japan.


They can't even get to Shanghai. <sup>from Japan</sup> Ships are sailing  
to Shanghai, but the Japanese police, always known as hostile to  
foreigners, have made such strict rules that it's impossible for  
foreigners to get berths on the steamers.

One hundred Americans and their families had obtained  
berths on a Japanese ship supposed to sail for San Francisco. They  
had gotten rid of their houses, furniture, motor cars and reserves  
of food. Now they're stuck. However, the officials of the  
Maritime Commission say that they can send a ship to Tokyo to

repatriate those Americans the moment the State Department gives the word. Secretary Hull has begun studying the problem. He reminded us today that months ago he advised all Americans in the Far East to come home,

How do things look in the Far East? Well, the Japanese military are stretching out their tenacles more and more towards Thailand, old Siam. / President Roosevelt's oil embargo and the other economic blows by the United States and Britain don't seem to have even faezed the Mikado's warlords -- not yet. One of them, Admiral Sakonji of the Konoye Cabinet, remarked that a single spark right now would cause an explosion.

The Japanese newspapers are full of gloom tonight. One of them declares that there's no room left for the readjustment of relations between Japan and America.



From Shanghai comes a rumor that Japanese and Russian troops are fighting. Hostilities along the Amur River, the frontier between Manchukuo and Siberia, <sup>where they have fought before.</sup> ~~that's the report.~~ The Japanese are said to have suffered fifteen hundred casualties, quite a serious number for a mere border clash. But there's no official confirmation of that.

<sup>has</sup> Secretary of State Hull returned from two months of convalescence to contribute his own slant on the day's news.

Plenty of world-shattering dynamite has exploded in the two months during which the Secretary was too ill to attend to affairs ~~xx~~ of State. During those two months Hitler invaded Russia, and Japan became more and more aggressive in Southeastern Asia.

<sup>now</sup> Secretary Hull <sup>in the</sup> issued a statement which declared <sup>§</sup> in effect, "we've been telling you so, all along."

<sup>Says Mr. Hull,</sup> ~~I QUOTE:~~ "During the weeks of my absence," <sup>he said,</sup> "the most clinching demonstration has been given of what some of us for some years have been insisting was being planned." <sup>Meaning,</sup> ~~UNQUOTE.~~ That was, he continued, a world movement of conquest by force, with the conquered people governed by methods that are rooted mainly in savagery and barbarism.

The Secretary goes on to declare his conviction that the situation calls for ever-increasing preparations for our national defense, ever-increasing production of military supplies, both for ourselves and those who are resisting the would-be conquerors.

With unity of purpose and maximum effort, he tells us, the free peoples of the world 'still will win and those who are at present the victims of the forces of barbarism still can hope for the restoration of their human rights and liberties.

So says our wise and able secretary of State as he returns to take charge of his high office at one of the most critical moments in American history.

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A Red army of more than half a million is about to launch the first real offensive attempted by Stalin. Commanded by General Gregori Stern. This news comes not from Moscow, but from London.

For weeks there has been a steady flow of Russian military trains northward from Leningrad. Formidable masses of Red troops have been moving up to a front sixty miles long, reaching from the West shore of Lake Ladoga to Vipuri in Finland. It was General Stern who finally smashed the Mannerheim Line when he was ~~xx~~ given command in the war against Finland in December, Nineteen Thirty-nine. Stern is now taking up positions behind what used to be the Mannerheim Line.

On a rough guess, there were already a million soldiers in the northern Red armies when Hitler launched his attack on Russia in June. The report now is that the beginning of General Stern's attack on the Karelian Isthmus will decide the issue of the Battle of Leningrad, where the Reds have been fighting against Germans and Finns.

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One guess in London is that Stern's threat on the northern front may ~~possibly~~ be a feint, a strategic move to induce the German and Finnish high command to withdraw troops from other points.

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This General Stern is one of the youngest military chiefs of the Soviet Union. He made a name for himself in a couple of border wars on the Manchukuo front against Japan. When the Russian invasion of Finland was dissolving in futility, it was ~~General~~ Stern who was given the job and finally crushed the Finns.

That's the most concrete news we have today on that Russo-German business. Of course the most important fighting still is going on in the Ukraine, and around Smolensk, on the Moscow front. The Nazi high command tonight announces that ~~the~~ armies of Germans and Hungarians have cut deep into the Ukraine to sever Soviet communications. The high command also claims that the principal Red army, that in the Smolensk region, has been destroyed, and that the remainder of the Soviet forces east of Smolensk, ~~a~~ is nearing dissolution. But it is pointed out that if <sup>this</sup> ~~that~~ were really so, the Red generals would hardly be in position to be preparing an



attack in the north with a fresh army, ~~of half a million men.~~

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The Soviet communique, for its part, denies that the Germans and Hungarians in the south have carried out an encircling movement and <sup>have</sup> cut Soviet rail communications. <sup>also that the</sup> ~~The~~

Red armies in the south have stopped that pincers movement, aimed at Kiev, although the Nazis have been throwing larger and larger reinforcements into that three-day old battle. The Reds there are commanded by Marshal Semyon <sup>BUDENNY,</sup> ~~Budenny,~~ and they have the Germans halted at Korosten, ninety miles north northwest of Kiev, and another place fifty miles south southwest. ~~Those~~ <sup>that indicate</sup> place names <sup>a big</sup> ~~are an unconscious admission that~~ the Nazis have cut ~~quite a~~ wedge into the Ukraine. <sup>The</sup> ~~The~~ Russian communique acknowledges that the invaders <sup>are now</sup> ~~have got to~~ within fifty miles of the gates of Kiev.

FRANCE

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The French Government, that is the Petain Government, has replied to the warning uttered by Washington over the weekend; ~~I mean~~ the warning that the attitude of the United States Government toward France will depend upon the reality of French resistance to the filtering in of Axis agents into French Colonial possessions.

The reply was given by the <sup>anonymous</sup> ~~anonymous~~ official described as an authorized government spokesman. <sup>And it is that</sup> There will be no repetition of the <sup>not</sup> Indo-Chinese business in Africa, said the spokesman. The French Government will give no bases in Africa or <sup>any</sup> other Colony to Germany or any other outside power.. <sup>TP</sup> Then he explained that the circumstances in Africa are not the same as they were in Indo-China. As long ago as July Nineteen Forty France recognized the dominant position of Japan in the Far East. At that time, said the spokesman, America did not react. <sup>Last month</sup> ~~Then~~ the Japanese told the Petain Government that there were enemy concentrations threatening Indo-China. On that account, ~~we~~ said the spokesman, the French gave Japan military facilities. He also pointed out that Indo-China was cut off from France with no possibility of sending reinforcements there. In other words France was helpless. But no



such situation exists in the rest of the French Empire,  
particularly in Africa.

In a later dispatch the spokesman was more specific.  
He declared categorically that Dakar, that s trategic fortress  
on the West Coast of Africa, had been placed in a full state of  
defense. And he repeated that the French Government refuses to  
surrender military bases to Germany or any other power.

The gas blackout taught one lesson, says a U. P. dispatch: That the people in the industry, not merely wholesalers but retail distributors, are willing to comply with anything the Government asks. But that the public's attitude is the old one of -- "Let George do it."

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The United Press reporters say that most gasoline stations in the East complied fully with the request of Secretary Ickes, the Oil Administrator, who has issued a ~~xxxx~~ statement that the extent to which retailers generally followed his recommendation was most satisfying. As for those who did not comply, Secretary Ickes says their cases will be followed up. It may be remembered that he ~~ax~~ has asked the oil companies to stop supplying gasoline to stations <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ fail to cooperate. Ickes also issued a plea to motorists to redouble their efforts to cut down consumption of their own accord. One way would be, trying to drive less than a mile a minute.

Dealers report that, in spite of the blackout, their total sales over the weekend were larger than usual. Secretary Ickes says about that, that the motoring public has not yet fully realized the situation, and that unless there is voluntary

curtailment in consumption, drastic steps will have to  
be taken.

PAPPY

Lee O'Daniel, Pass-the-Biscuits-Pappy, today entered the solemn Halls of Congress and took the oath as the new Senator from Texas.

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Naturally, Pappy ~~was~~ obliged *with a not so* ~~promptly to give a press~~  
*solemn press*  
conference. He proved to be equal to the occasion, saying nothing in well-chosen words. They asked him what he thought about the international situation, and he replied, "What, haven't they settled that yet?" Then they asked him what he thought about the war. His answer was that Sherman was right.

To keep in character, the new Senator from Texas should have obliged the Washington correspondents with a song. Perhaps the presence of Mrs. O'Daniel prevented him. She declared that the Senator couldn't sing as well as she can, and can't play a note on any musical instrument, though it was music that made him Governor of Texas for so long, music and that slogan of Pass-the-Biscuits-Pappy. Biscuits or no biscuits, those Texans voted to send him to Washington -- perhaps to get in on the Federal biscuit-passing that we hear about now and then.

## FARMERS

According to the Department of Agriculture, the farmers of this country have been earned a hundred million dollars a month beyond what they did a year ago, and if present conditions keep up, they will take in a total of ten and a half billion in Nineteen Forty-One. A twenty-year record.

However, it won't all be velvet. Cost of production has gone, wage rates are at a peak, government benefit payments on the ebb. And that high cost of living is high for the farmer as for all the rest of us, even if he does get his vegetables for nothing. A lot of farmers don't like vegetables anyway.

SILK

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In the great feminine world, there was feverish excitement<sup>e</sup><sub>^</sub> all day, that could be explained in one word. Silk. In the big department stores, the stocking counters looked like ~~the~~ goal posts after an Army ~~and~~ Navy football game. Strong men blanched and rushed from the scene, as any man can imagine who has been caught in the middle of a mob of ~~weird~~ women during a sale. In almost every American household the question today was, to buy or not to buy ~~stockings~~ - stockings. And apparently in most of them the answer was, "Yes". ~~Some~~ Stores had to take their clerks away from other counters and set them to selling ~~stockings~~<sup>hosiery</sup>. ~~Some of them~~<sub>^</sub> ~~closed their counters in all of one floor~~. By noon, most of the shops were rationing their customers, keeping them down to half a dozen pairs per person. In Chicago, the rationing was three pairs ~~per~~<sub>^</sub> to a woman. Telephone orders ~~were~~ out; nothing doing.

But it isn't merely a question of covering the legs of our ladies. It's a serious industrial problem of major importance. The most immediate need, said the President of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers, is of the substitute yarns. Mills are closing down, workers out of a job. Just as

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one indication, in Philadelphia alone, twenty-five thousand hosiery workers are threatened with unemployment, while the mills wait for substitutes and for changes in machinery.

## HAIR

Here's bad news for baldheads. Sad news. Soon there will be no wigs! Another hardship brought on by the war.

We learn about this from a beauty expert in Hollywood. Also, we are told that most hair -- for wigs -- comes from the heads of European peasant girls. Our own girls don't like to sell their tresses? Oh, that's not it! The hair on the head of an American girl is no good for wigs because it's either bleached, sunburned or damaged by waving. So says the Hollywood expert who recommends waves that are cut or sculptured in.

PRIVATE

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Private Edward Murphy of the Thirty-Fifth Armored Regiment, had a run-in with the cops near Watertown, New York. The gendarmes wanted Private Edward Murphy because they thought he had too much bottled gaiety, inside of him. Private Edward Murphy climbed up the parapet of a bridge thirty feet high and told a couple of cops that if they climbed after him, he would jump. <sup>said he</sup> Private Edward Murphy <sup>^</sup>was determined that he would take orders from nobody but army officers. So what did the cops do? They called an army officer. Out came a first lieutenant, who said, "Private, come down from there!" Private Edward Murphy saluted, crawled down, saluted again, and marched off to the sneezer.

VITAMINS FOLLOW FARMERS

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And here's news about vegetables. They're going to cost more in the next few months, partly on account of the war, partly on account of the weather. The defense program has brought about a shortage of labor, and the weather -- some of it -- has been wrong for growing purposes. Who says so? It comes from the President of the Vegetable Growers' Association of America. They're having a convention at Columbus, Ohio. A university professor from Ohio State was there, to ask the vegetable growers to pay not so much attention to the appearance of their vegetables and more to their vitamins. The same professor threw out a warning that many vegetables enter the mouths of consumers without vitamins because they are so poorly cooked. Some canning processes also cook out the vitamins. And that sounds discouraging for those of us who, when we want a meal, just open up a can of this or ~~that~~ that. Something that I hope Hugh's bride doesn't do!

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