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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~Something generally is. But this~~  
Something is abrewing in Europe. Hitler is on the

verge of breaking out in a new move in the theatre of war or else another spectacular diplomatic coup. That's the general feeling throughout the world tonight. ~~It's~~ <sup>all this is</sup> based on another meeting in a railroad car on a frontier. This time it was the frontier between Spain and France. The Fuehrer met Dictator Franco of Spain and held, what his Nazi satellites describe as a "cordial conference."

The Fuehrer was not alone when he met the Spanish Dictator.

He had with him his Foreign Minister, von Ribbentrop, and with Franco was the Spanish Foreign Secretary, Ramon Suner. The official communique states merely that these two participated in the conference. No further details ~~were~~ given out, and speculation ~~was~~ <sup>says</sup> not encouraged in Berlin.

What made this meeting all the more momentous is that

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for a while it was denied. A report of Hitler's visit to the

Franco-Spanish frontier first broke into the news through a German radio broadcast picked up in New York. This promptly became worldwide gossip, <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ as soon as it reached Berlin, it <sup>contradicted.</sup> ~~was denied~~ <sup>Minister</sup> Propaganda Goebbels's office even disclaimed the report, said it had no knowledge of the affair. It was true, nevertheless, <sup>and</sup> ~~as~~ was officially admitted in Berlin only about an hour and a half ago.

The mystery and excitement over this meeting of Dictators was heightened by an event at Vichy, the seat of the Petain government. As you will recall, Pierre Laval, the Vice-Premier of France, was having a conference with the Nazi Fuehrer at Fontainebleau, near Paris. He suddenly rushed back to Vichy today, for a hurried conference with his chief, Premier Marshal Petain. Thereupon a report leaked out, unofficially, that Laval had hastened back to Vichy to bring an invitation, a suggestion for a conference between Hitler and Ribbentrop on

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the one side, Petain and Laval on the other. Accompanying Hitler were Field Marshal von Brauchitsch, Hitler's Commander-in-Chief; Marshal von Keitel, chief of the supreme command, and a host of other high ranking general officers. That was believed to mean something important. It is unusual for military leaders to be present at such a conference. Incidentally, it was observed that the Spanish Ambassador took part in this conference between Laval and the rest of the

Petain Cabinet. The understanding is that the purpose of the conference between Hitler and Marshal Petain will be to put an end to the present state of affairs. Technically, France is at war still with Germany. The unofficial explanation is that Hitler wants to offer Petain an agreement to hasten the reconstruction of France.

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What that Spanish business can mean is food for all sorts of conjecture. Of course for months ~~it~~ there has been a rumor that Franco was about to quit his neutrality, jump into the war against Britain. It has been an open secret that the Spanish people were sold down the river long since, bound to take part in the fighting as soon as ~~Boss~~ Hitler gave the word. And Spanish newspapers have practically admitted as much with their attacks upon the British and <sup>their</sup> threats to recapture Gibraltar.

Following that strategic stroke of Hitler in taking over Rumania, it has been prophesied that he and Mussolini were about to advance upon the <sup>oil fields in the</sup> Near East, attack Greece and try to drive the British out of the Mediterranean. So one guess

is that the conference with Franco indicates an attack upon the British at both ends of the Mediterranean, a three-cornered attack,

~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> It is known that Hitler and Mussolini have not only Italian but German planes, tanks and men concentrated for an advance upon Egypt. Mussolini has Albania, Hitler has Rumania, and Bulgaria is ripe to fall into the Axis net at any time.

So there's no wonder that that latest meeting of dictators in a railroad car ~~at San Sebastian~~ carries ~~the~~ widest implications,

and is accompanied by wild rumors which may easily not turn out to be so wild.

## BRITAIN

~~Hitler's blitzkrieg in the air over London hasn't been~~  
~~blitzing so ferociously the last couple of days.~~ Goering's  
bombers ~~have been paying their attention more to~~ *seem now to be concentrating on* the Midlands,  
*John Bull's*  
where ~~the~~ factories are, ~~especially Liverpool and the regions~~  
~~around the Mersey River.~~ *And* The British infer from *this* ~~that~~, that  
Goering hasn't enough bomber pilots experienced in night work, to  
cover more than one section of the country at a time. An  
American correspondent made a motor tour of four hundred and fifty  
miles through the Midlands. He reported that the damage inflicted  
by Hitler's ~~bombs~~ *bombers* had been grave, but not effective in a military  
sense. The worst sufferers were the people in the residential  
districts, ~~of~~ both ~~the~~ working classes and the well-to-do.  
Production, says the American correspondent, is going on day and  
night in all armaments factories.

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The British Air Force has been making a survey  
of Hitler's preparations to invade Britain. The Nazis ~~have~~ *had*  
gathered hundreds of motor barges, a hundred and fifty feet long,  
in the Channel ports. Each of those barges can carry two  
trainloads of men or material, not carload but trainloads.



They are particularly constructed for quick landing of tanks and heavy guns. It is reported that the <sup>Nazi army</sup> ~~army has~~ requisitioned every <sup>and</sup> ~~big~~ barge in Germany ~~in~~ in German-occupied territory, ~~of over five~~ ~~hundred tons burden.~~

The attacks on the Channel ports by the Royal Air Force since the Fifth of September have prevented the Nazis from making use of these barges. By blasting away at the ports, they have thrown all these concentrations of material and <sup>vessels</sup> ~~barges~~ into the utmost confusion. But that's been possible only by a constant watch over a front two thousand miles long reaching all the way from Narvik in Norway, to Bordeaux, in France.

In spite of the enormous damage that the British air force has inflicted on the invasion ports, the Air Ministry declares that the danger of invasion still persists. And it will persist so long as the naval units, barges, troops and air forces are concentrated along the extensive coastline occupied by the enemy.

The Air Ministry has also been making an estimate of the danger inflicted by the Royal Air Force in Germany. It claims

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that the information was gathered from well informed foreign manufacturers. And the Air Ministry adds that it has evidence that the raids of British bombers have crippled twenty per cent of the total production facilities of the Nazis.

## JAPAN

The Japanese Government today backed out of another treaty, another treaty in which the United States was involved. It's the Convention of 1911 regulating the seal-fishing industry. Four governments were signers to that Convention, Japan, Russia, Great Britain, and Uncle Sam. The purpose of it was to put an end to the indiscriminate taking of seals, which was exterminating the animals. The four countries undertook to quit taking seals from the sea and to abide by certain regulations in sealing by land.

In denouncing the agreement the Japanese Government claimed that it was in order to protect the Japan fishing industry. "Fur seals in the North Pacific," said a Foreign Office statement, "have multiplied so much that both direct and indirect ~~damages~~ damages have been inflicted upon fishermen. Therefore Japan can no longer tolerate it since it protects only the seals and does nothing to protect fishing.

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But here's an event which may be of much greater importance in the affairs of the Far East. An important Japanese officer arrived at Moscow today. It was the Mikado's new Ambassador



to Soviet Russia, Lieutenant General Tatekawa. That of itself is significant, a high-ranking Japanese warlord as Ambassador in the Soviet Capitol. His arrival in Moscow has the diplomats puzzled. The betting is that this military diplomat may succeed in bringing about a non-aggression treaty between Stalin and the Japanese, a treaty similar to the one that the Soviets have with Hitler. Of course it's no secret that this is a consummation devoutly to be wished by Hitler and Mussolini.

PROTEST

Uncle Sam is making a complaint to Mussolini. It ~~is~~ all  
*concerns* ~~about~~ the bombing of oil fields *off the coast of far Wb Arabia.* ~~in Arabia. You may recall last~~

*Last* week the Fascists were crowing loudly because their bombers had

flown all the way to the Persian Gulf, dropped bombs on the

Island of Bahrein, which is a British protectorate. ~~with plenty~~

*flyers*  
~~of oil.~~ But Mussolini's ~~boys~~ also bombed an oil field in

*territory*  
Saudi, Arabia, which is neutral, ~~and~~ bombed oil properties owned

and operated by Americans. The protest was delivered by the State

Department today to Mussolini's Ambassador, Prince ~~Colonna~~ COLONNA.

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## WAGE-HOUR

When the clock strikes midnight, it'll mark something important in the calendar of workers. That is, people working in interstate industries. For after that, everybody working more than forty hours in <sup>a week</sup> ~~such~~ interstate industries, will be paid overtime. Overtime means, time and a half. Hitherto, the maximum working hours have been forty-two.

## POLITICS

Into a dining car of a western train this morning walked Senator Charles McNary, Republican candidate for Vice-President. Seated at one of the tables he saw a familiar face, and exclaimed: "Hello there, Henry!" It was his rival, Henry Wallace, Democratic candidate for Vice-President. The two shook hands and Wallace replied, "This seems to be becoming a habit for us." He referred to the fact that a few weeks earlier they had met similarly on <sup>another</sup> ~~the same~~ <sup>out west.</sup> train. The opposing candidates chatted for a while and had breakfast at adjoining tables. <sup>and they didn't</sup> ~~neither of~~ <sup>them</sup> threw eggs at the other, ~~not even a grapefruit.~~

Out in Iowa, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., was taking the stump for his father. Over the radio he told his audience that President Roosevelt was the greatest lover of democracy since Jefferson and Lincoln. He described Wendell Willkie as "a babbling brook which will never rise higher than its source."

Willkie, for his part, took up the charges made against him by the Democrats that he had falsified President Roosevelt's record. In reply he threw out a challenge to Mr. Roosevelt, invited him to tell the people where he had falsified the record,

*Among other things*  
and challenged him to deny <sup>^</sup>that the New Deal had spent more than sixty billion dollars of the people's money.

Mr. Roosevelt, on his way to Philadelphia, declared that a vote for him on November Fifth would be a vote for liberty.

Tonight there'll be an extraordinary milestone in the campaign as both candidates will be speaking in the east.

President Roosevelt is to make a speech at Philadelphia, his first admittedly political speech in this campaign. At the same time,

*Wendell*  
Willkie will be <sup>virtually</sup> ~~almost~~ next door, talking at the evening ~~forum~~  
*in the Waldorf ball room here in*  
session of the Forum of the HERALD-TRIBUNE <sup>^</sup>at New York. The  
*will not*  
speech before the Forum ~~won't~~ be his only one in the big city,  
*anti third term rallies in*  
as he is also to make addresses at Manhattan Center and at the

Bronx Coliseum. Evidently, that's about as close as the two will  
*Wendell*  
ever come to the joint debate that Willkie has asked for so  
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eagerly, but which Mr. Roosevelt has declined.

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Willkie's progress throughout the country continues to be stormy. Not only were eggs thrown at him in Chicago, but  
*which is in Illinois,*  
he was loudly and deliberately booed at Indiana Harbor while  
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talking to a crowd of <sup>some</sup> ten thousand steel workers.



The man who hit Mrs. Willkie with eggs at Chicago last night was brought up in police court today. He's not one of the unemployed but <sup>is</sup> a stationary engineer at one of the Chicago relief shelters. Incidentally, his markmanship has <sup>cost</sup> ~~caused~~ him his job. In court he appeared to be an exceedingly contrite engineer, said he was sorry, ~~and that his egg throwing was due more to beer than political hatred.~~ His case was continued to a later date as he is charged with a serious offense, assault with a deadly weapon.

It was reported that when arrested, he had a whole bagful of eggs. A fellow standing nearby in the crowd said that if he had eggs he'd throw them too. That remark was overheard by a friend of Willkie's, who promptly knocked the man down. When one of the eggs made a direct hit on Mrs. Willkie, her husband was visibly angry for the first time in the campaign. ~~He made a move with clenched fists at the egg thrower but before Willkie could get to the fellow, the police had the man in custody.~~

## PETS

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A woman out in California had to go to the hospital and was worried about what might happen to her pets while she was away. So she hired a neighbor to take care of them. After she had been in the hospital a while she went home to check up. And this is what she found:-

That neighbor she had hired to take care of her pets had killed her dog because it ate too much. He had sold her chickens; he had given away all the canaries he couldn't sell. He had made the rabbits into pot pie and sold all the goats except those that ran too fast for him to catch. With this accomplished, he decided that the woman didn't have any use for her barn, so he tore it down and sold it for lumber.

But in one act he had gone too far. The woman had a horse, an aged animal of thirty years. Nevertheless, he got ten dollars for that horse. What infuriated the horse's owner most was that she learned that old dobbin had been sold to be cut up for dog food. Now, that was a bad mistake in the west because, as the judge informed the man when he ~~brunch~~ was brought into court, the stealing of a horse, even a thirty year old one, is a felony

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in California. Oh, by the way, I forgot to mention that the man while rumaging around in the basement had found an iron box

containing six hundred and thirty dollars of <sup>his neighbor's</sup> ~~her~~ savings. That

encouraged him to go treasure-hunting, and he had been digging all over her land until it looked as though <sup>dive-bombers</sup> ~~one of Hitler's air~~

~~squadrons~~ had been around.

The judge told the man <sup>first to give</sup> ~~to begin by giving~~ the woman ~~back~~ <sup>Whereupon he</sup> her money. ~~He~~ began disgorging bills from his hat band, from his

shoes, from his pockets, from anything that would hold money.

But all he could produce was three hundred and fifty-nine dollars - three hundred and fifty-nine out of six hundred and thirty. So the judge wanted to know where was the rest of it. The man explained that he had been under great expense. For instance, he had to feed the horse.

"But," said the judge, "you sold the horse."

"Well," said the man, "I had to feed the dog."

Said the judge:- "You killed the dog."

"All right," said the man, "I had to feed the rabbits."

Said the judge:- "The rabbits fed you, what do you mean?"

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As the man went on to stutter out another excuse, the judge lost patience and cried:- "Take him to jail. He's to be held for a higher court."

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And now Hugh, our Blue Sunoco Crier, what do we hear from you?