

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The fiercest flare of war is in the Leningrad area. The latest is a bulletin from Moscow stating that the Red Army is fighting desperately to check a new Nazi drive against the city named after the founder of Bolshevism. Berlin claims that Leningrad will soon be captured, and there are rumors from Stockholm that the Blitzkrieg forces are near the outskirts of the great city on the Neva. Moscow says the Nazis are being held in the Leningrad area -- there and elsewhere too.

Berlin claims further encirclements of the Red Army forces east of that other key Soviet city -- Smolensk. Moscow retorts with stories of violent Red counter-attacks that have stopped the Blitzkrieg in the region of Smolensk and have driven the Germans back.

FOLLOW WAR

Britain begins direct aid to the Red Army by ~~kombing~~ bombing Finland -- the Arctic port of Petsamo, which is an important base for the Nazis. From that harbor they're striking at Soviet forces defending the key port of Murmansk. London describes the attack on Petsamo as a heavy bombing affair and admits the loss of sixteen planes. Berlin claims that twenty-eight R.A.F. planes were ~~lost~~ shot down. Apparently, the British attack was launched from an aircraft carrier.

London regards the bombing of Petsamo as not so much of an attack on Finland as a part of the policy of hitting the Nazis wherever they can be found.

The Germans today made a display of Udet, famous aviator who is Number One big shot of the Nazi Air Force, credited with all kinds of achievement in the creation of Nazi sky power. Yesterday the rumor was that Colonel General Ernst Udet had killed himself. This attracted a lot of attention because the flying man was so well known in this country, known as a war ace of the Kaiser and as a stunt flyer who appeared frequently over here. In his big Berlin office,

Udet today received American newspapermen and officially denied the story that he had killed himself - denied it with a laugh.

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The War brings us some interesting betting news. London bookmakers have changed their odds for a British victory by the end of this year - victory and peace. ~~Heretofore~~ Heretofore, they've been betting ~~them~~ ten to one against it. Now, with the stand the Red Army is making, the odds have shortened to three to one. Obviously this is based on some supposition that the Red Army may defeat the blitzkrieg machine.

And in ~~it~~ London ~~to~~ a libel suit was concluded today - the legal action taken by Captain Archibald H. M. Ramsay, against the New York Times. Captain Ramsay is ~~a~~ <sup>the</sup> conservative member of Parliament who was arrested last year on charges that have never been specified. He was a member of the British Fascist organization, and had some connection with the British clerk at the American Embassy in ~~London, who~~ London, who was convicted of espionage. In the case also appeared the name of the Britisher <sup>an Irishman</sup> who is a Nazi radio

propagandist, Lord Haw Haw. Captain Ramsay sued because of statements made about him in a New York Times article.

Today the verdict was rendered - and in his favor.

But not a very complimentary verdict. He was awarded damages

in the amount of one farthing. A farthing <sup>being about</sup> ~~is~~ worth one-half  
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of an American penny.

HOPKINS

In all probability, Harry Hopkins in Moscow has  
— unless they talk all night,  
completed his conference of today with Stalin, President

Roosevelt's Emissary and the Red Dictator were scheduled to  
have another meeting <sup>late today -</sup> ~~this afternoon~~ - after Hopkins had been

in conference with various Soviet officials, like Foreign  
Commissar Molotov. The latest <sup>TR</sup> is a declaration by Vice-

<sup>from Moscow</sup>  
Commissar of Foreign Affairs Lozovksy, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ describes the  
meaning of the Hopkins trip to Moscow in these ~~words~~ terms:-

"It demonstrates the United States determination to aid  
all nations struggling against Fascist barbarism.

The Moscow newspapers are playing up ~~e~~ the Hopkins  
mission with the biggest of headlines, ~~the~~ blazoning the  
importance of his ~~conversations~~ conversations with the Soviet  
Government, and emphasizing the message that he brought to  
Moscow - President Roosevelt's pledge of immediate aid to  
Soviet Russia.

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Last night Hopkins had his first experience with  
an air-raid. He has been in much-bombed London quite a bit,

but ~~HE~~ never witnessed a sky attack until he got to Moscow. From the roof of the American Embassy, he ~~SAW~~ saw the Red Army anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights in action against the Nazi warplanes. He made the comment that it's amazing how little damage the German air raids have done to Moscow.

SOVIET - WASHINGTON

The Soviet Military mission to Washington was received at the White House today. The Red Army chieftains were presented to President Roosevelt by Russian Ambassador Oumansky. What transpired is not revealed, but upon emerging from the White House, x Ambassador Oumansky was enthusiastic. Speaking of the Soviet Military Mission, he said :- "They highly appreciate the warm and friendly reception they received from the President," He declared and added: "General Golikov said it is extremely easy to discuss military questions with your president. He said that one feels he is well acquainted with all problems involved, that he is commander-in-chief not only by Constitutional right but also by knowledge and by his deep understanding of the international political situation." This from the Soviet Ambassador.

OIL

Washington gives us news on the theme of - oil for Soviet Russia. Today defense oil coordinator Ickes made a recommendation concerning steel drums, in which aviation gasoline and other petroleum products may be shipped for use by the Red Air force. He suggested to the Office of Production Management that the Soviets be granted priority for the manufacture of ten thousand steel <sup>drums</sup> needed for ~~our~~ our own national defense.

Oil for the Soviets has been authorized by export licenses already issued. Deputy Oil Coordinator Davies states that the Amtorg Trading Company is doing the buying. Amtorg is the Soviet <sup>that has been</sup> agency established in this country for a number of years. They have <sup>ten</sup> got licenses to export what the Deputy oil Coordinator called <sup>5</sup> - "~~considerable ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ volumes of these products.~~"

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The shipments will be made from the Pacific Coast to Vladivostok. Davies says that arrangements are being made for tankers to transport the oil to the Soviets.

Oil Coordinator Ickes explains that the shipments will not have any effect on the oil shortage in our own Eastern states. The <sup>o</sup> petroleum that Russia gets will be sent from the Pacific and



Gulf Coasts, where there's an abundance of <sup>it.</sup> ~~petroleum~~. He points again to the fact that the Eastern shortage is caused by a lack of tankers - this because of the number of tankers that have been transferred to the service of Britain.

Today Ickes decreed that one hundred thousand filling stations in the Eastern states be closed at night - from seven P.M. to seven A.M. This restriction ~~is~~ to go into effect next Sunday, August third at seven P.M. After then you won't be able to buy motor fuel<sup>l</sup> at night - not in the eastern states. The oil coordinator says he hopes this voluntary curtailment will meet the situation. He is still urging motorists to cut down the consumption of gasoline - of their own free will. But rationing is still possible - to conserve oil for American National Defense.

## JAPAN

The United States once again is receiving Japanese apologies -- because of the damage inflicted by Japanese bombs on the United States gunboat TUTUILA. It reminds one of the episode of the Panay a couple of years ago -- when Tokyo regrets were most profuse.

Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles stated today that the State Department is not satisfied with an informal apology made to United States Ambassador Grew. He said that the American Government sent prompt protest to Japan because of the injury to the gunboat in the Japanese bombing of the Chinese Nationalist capital -- Chungking. He explained that thus far Ambassador Grew had received only a preliminary reply. This was not satisfactory. He indicated that we are waiting for something more formal.

Meanwhile, we hear some more today about French Indo-China -- which is the real crux of the dispute between the United States and Japan. Large squadrons of the Mikado's air force landed today at the airport of Saigon -- the French Indo-China capital. And we're told that Japanese forces already landed have pushed on to Cambodia,

adjoining Siam, the kingdom of the white elephant, which is reputed to be the next object of Japanese ambition.

SPAIN

Denials from all sides that the United States is planning to seize the Spanish Canary Islands in collaboration with exiled left wing forces that escaped the Spanish Civil War. The charge was loudly made in an Anti-American newspaper blast in Madrid with the story that American representatives in Mexico have been conferring with exiled General Miaja, who in the Spanish Civil War commanded the left wing Army.

From Mexico City comes a denial from the United States Embassy. "There ~~never~~ never was any such conference at this Embassy," declared Ambassador Joseph Daniels. And General Miaja says there's nothing to it. "You can deny it absolutely", says he.

In Washington acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles described the story as a complete lie.

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The Acting Secretary had something to say about still another international question - and once again we come to Soviet Russia. He put his okay on the agreement between Moscow and the exiled Polish Government. He said it was highly gratifying to the United States because it appeared to be in line with the American policy of not recognizing the conquest of territory.

MILITARY SERVICE

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In the Senate today, debate flared on <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ subject of keeping the men in the Army for more than a year. Senator Tobey of New Hampshire attacked the Army regulation that forbids ~~Service~~ ~~men~~ Service men, National Guardsmen and reservists, to express their views on the legislation to keep them in service. He said he had a telegram from a New Hampshire man who told him that a young New Hampshire soldier had wired him from Camp Human, Texas, saying that he and several hundred others had what the telegram described as "strong views regarding proposed draft legislation." The wire added that the soldiers would like to communicate their views. Senator Tobey said he replied as follows:- "It is my opinion that when a man entered the Military Service of his country he does not become a sub-citizen and that rights under the Constitution to petition are not superseded by any Military edict."

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Senator Vandenberg spoke up with the comment that if Selective Service men are denied the right to express their views, the same thing should apply to Army officers. He referred to those officers who have been saying that the men are in favor of the law to keep them in the Army for more than a year.

DEFENSE BOARD

President Roosevelt today created a new agency - an economic defense board. The head of it is Vice-President Wallace. Something new for a Vice-<sup>P</sup>resident to head a Federal agency. The purpose of the new board will be to advise the President on economic measures that may be deemed necessary for defense and to coordinate the doings of various departments. In general - the Board will advise and supervise in economic matters connected with defense.

PRICE CONTROL

From Washington we hear of a move to curb installment

buying. The White House wants to check the kind of business

based on <sup>a</sup> dollar down <sup>- and a</sup> <sup>^</sup> dollar a week. The way to do it is to

write it into the administration <sup>bill</sup> ~~bill~~ to control prices.

That bill was to have been introduced into Congress today,

but was delayed -- while the white House was preparing a clause

to check <sup>a</sup> dollar-down <sup>--- and a</sup> <sup>^</sup> dollar a week.

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## WOMEN

Tonight we have several stories of ladies in distress - always an affecting theme. At Sante Fe, New Mexico, Mrs. Adelia Vigil, asleep in bed, was awaked by a buzzing sound. "Seems early for ~~xxxx~~ that alarm clock," she grumbled, and started to get up. But it wasn't the alarm clock, it was a rattlesnake coiled up beside her. Mrs. Vigil took one long jump out of that bed, and luckily the rattlesnake was like the alarm clock in one way - it failed to bite her.

At Fort Dodge, Iowa, Mrs. Grace Kruze<sup>e</sup> was a puzzled woman today she received a traffic summons from New York. It ordered her to pay a two dollar fine for a parking violation committed last May. The summons has her name and the license number of her automobile - all quite correct. The puzzling part of it is that neither Mrs. Kruze nor her car have ever been east of the Mississippi River.

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The most tragic story of a lady in distress comes from Willoughby, Ohio. There a man drove to a police station today, and reported - his wife was missing. She had disappeared in a strange and unexplainable way. The man was Leonard Herzog, a Hollywood



lawyer on a cross-country automobile tour with his wife and two children. Today they were driving on as usual. He was at the wheel, and turned to say something to his wife in the back seat. He saw the two children there, sound asleep - but no wife. What had happened to her? He was a badly worried attorney at law.

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The police at Willoughby questioned him for clues, and the only inkling they could glean was the fact that Herzog had stopped briefly for gas at Rocky River, Ohio. That was forty miles back. They phoned to the Rocky River police, and received prompt illumination - "holy smoke," said the Rocky River police. "Sure she's here:" "Tell that guy he'd better come and get her right away. She's fit to be tied."

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It turned out that when Lawyer Herzog stopped at Rocky River for a tankful of Blue Sunoco, probably - Mrs. Herzog got out of the car. Hubby never noticed it, and drove off without her. He must be a bit absent-minded. He drove forty miles before he noticed that wifie wasn't there.

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Now Hugh, are you there?