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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The Russo-Finnish War continues to be one of the surprises of this year's history.) The Finns continue to resist and on two fronts these gallant people are holding up the powerful Russian steam-roller. (Even the official newspapers of the Soviets publish a partial admission that the Red armies are encountering serious difficulties.) But they say that the difficulties are caused by land mines, not by actual fighting soldiers. ~~nevertheless,~~ The fifth communique issued by the Soviet high command claims that the Finns are in retreat, north and south. The Bolsheviks declare that the Red fleet is clearing the mines out of the harbor of Petsamo in the Arctic Circle, and that the Finnish soldiers in the far North are being chased south by the Red invaders.

The Finns, on the other hand, declare that they are still holding Petsamo and that their far northern soldiers are

*have*  
~~holding~~ the Bolsheviks *at bay.*  
~~back~~ They make similar claims for ~~their~~

the southeastern front in the Karelian Isthmus.

The Soviet press laid great emphasis today on statements tending to off-set the earlier reports of the bombardment of Finnish towns and cities. PRAVDA declares that Soviet aviators have been strictly forbidden to bombard civilians. The Red army is not fighting the Finnish people, ~~and is not fighting civilians~~. Not one bomb must be thrown at a human dwelling. But the paper adds that these orders are really unnecessary, because, as it claims, Soviet air men are too humanitarian ever to fight unarmed people.

The news from Helsinki <sup>however</sup> is that the humanitarian Soviet air men killed eighty-five <sup>civilians</sup> ~~people~~ over the weekend and wounded as many more. The Finnish capital is now ~~awaiting~~ <sup>a</sup> waiting ~~in hourly expectation of~~ <sup>another</sup> mass attack <sup>from</sup> in the air.

~~Reports from that far northern front are again conflicting. According to one account, five of the Aland Islands have been seized by the Bolsheviks. Another report has it that Finland is perfectly ready to defend those strategic islands in the Baltic.~~

The Helsinki government extended peace overtures



today through Swedish diplomats. That is, the Finns want to know on what terms the Reds would make peace. Molotov announced tonight that no peace overtures from the Helsinki government would be accepted. ~~Moscow would not deal with the Cabinet now sitting at Helsinki.~~ Moscow also claims that the Finns are welcoming their invaders in the occupied regions, the regions where the Reds have set up a pro-Russian government.

There's considerable dispute concerning the attitude of Hitler and the Nazis towards this Finnish adventure of Hitler's ally. One grapevine story, which may be pure romance, has it that the Nazi generals were dismayed, that Hitler made confidential protests to Stalin, protests which were ignored. Stalin just didn't answer the complaints of his pal, Adolf. As a result of that snub - ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ so the story continues - there was a hot quarrel in Nazi inner circles in which the chief of the German General Staff roundly abused Hitler's Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop.

That's one side of it. But here's another. The British believe that Hitler is egging Stalin on, ~~in the north,~~ encouraging him to go as far as he likes in the Baltic. So there again you have two stories with a directly opposite complexion, and it would almost

take a soothsayer to pick the one which it is safer to believe.

*President*  
Following ~~the~~ Roosevelt's statement on Friday, everybody

has been wondering whether ~~he~~ he would translate his indignation into acts ~~of~~ and recall Lawrence Steinhardt, our Ambassador to Moscow. Washington's guess is no, and there seems to be good corroboration for it. Washington spokesmen admit that friendship with Soviet Russia hasn't done Americans any good, that the Soviet government hasn't kept a single promise and has no intention of keeping any promises. But at the same time the official attitude is that though it doesn't do us any good to have diplomatic relations with the Bolsheviks, on the other hand it ~~isn't~~ isn't going to do us any good to ~~break off~~ break off, ~~diplomatic relations~~. The Bolos aren't worth having as friends, at the same time there seems to be no

point in snubbing them. *Ex-Pres. Hoover spoke*  
~~As one observer phrased the issue "It's~~  
*up today and said we withdrew*  
~~another illustration of the old American proverb, 'you can't win~~  
*our ambassador from Berlin*  
~~an argument with a pollock."~~

*so why not withdraw from  
Moscow. — Why this tenderness  
toward the Soviets.*



DRAMATIST

The wicked attempt of the Finns to defend themselves  
aroused <sup>s</sup> stern condemnation among the <sup>pitiful Comrades.</sup> ~~poor Russians,~~ One of the  
special war correspondents for the <sup>Moscow</sup> ~~Russian~~ newspaper PRAVDA, is  
in peace-times a dramatist. He sends to Moscow the most harrowing  
accounts of the outrages committed by the Finns upon their benevolent  
Soviet friends. He is complaining that there are "mines, mines  
<sup>says he. And they're blowing up the Bolsheviks</sup> everywhere, all of English origin, A land-owner who fled, forgot  
to take his overcoat but remembered to mine his house," so reports  
this playwright correspondent. "Dangers invisibly hidden, prepared  
<sup>he writes.</sup> by vicious, barbarian hands," This Soviet dramatist also declares  
that the Finnish enemy is perfidious, shrewd, dangerous, <sup>and</sup> ~~and vicious~~  
<sup>Not dangerous enough say we.</sup>  
~~That's what one Bolshevik correspondent has to say about the~~  
~~Finns. And that, as Broadway would say, is the pay off~~

LEAGUE

The League of Nations is heard from again. There's to be a full meeting of the League Assembly at Geneva a week from today. The meeting has been called by the President of the Assembly, Prime Minister Eamon de Valera of Eire. deValera sent the call out at the request of the Finnish Government, which is submitting demands that League members apply sanctions to the Soviet Government.

Delegates from the Soviet, from Poland and Finland confronted each other at Geneva today, but no fur flew. There was a short meeting of the Budget Committee at which those delegates were officially present. But nothing happened.

*TP The latest is that when Finland's case is taken up the Soviets will not be represented.*

*And* There was a report in London today that the Soviets are about to resign from the League.



KING

About the only interesting news from the West<sup>east</sup> Front concerns the visit by King George. He was taken across the Channel in one of his own destroyers, and accompanied by his brother, Major General the Duke of Gloucester. They went straight to the Front with a glittering escort of generals, French and British, brass hats, equerries, more brass hats, and a few brass hats.

AIRPLANE MOTOR

Travel is going to be faster, <sup>—</sup> speed ever speedier and speedier. It almost baffles our imagination to grasp the velocity of some present day bombing airplanes, four hundred and fifty miles an hour! But now somebody has developed a new airplane motor that begins where present day engines leave off. This is no dream, it is the subject of a report to be read at Philadelphia tonight. It will be delivered to a meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. And this report was prepared by the Aeronautic Progress Division of the City, <sup>1</sup> directed by the Guggenheim School of Aeronautics.

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This new motor, which has been developed, is of giant size, and that's about the only detail that has been made public so far. Naturally, its construction is going on under profound secrecy. But another thing the engineers will be told tonight is that it will develop speeds from four hundred miles an hour <sup>on</sup> up. <sub>1</sub>—



## PRICES

We've got to expect still higher prices in the United States, painful economic readjustment. The Federal Committee investigating monopoly has been studying the trends of prices and held its first hearing on this subject today. One of the first witnesses was Dr. Lubin, Federal Commissioner of Labor Statistics. And that's the gist of what he told the Committee - still further jumps in the prices of basic commodities. He blames no individuals, no group of individuals, just war. Major wars always bring tremendous changes in prices and have a far reaching effect upon our entire economy.

BROWDER

And another American Bolshevnik has been indicted by a federal grand jury. Robert William Weiner, financial secretary of Stalin's party in the United States, is charged with falsifying applications for passports.

This true bill was handed down shortly after it became known that the trial of Comrade Earl Browder had been postponed for two weeks. Browder has briefed George Gordon Battle for his defense.

Weiner, the financial secretary of the Bolshevniks, is said to have been born in Russia, and never naturalized. He told the Dies Committee that he had been born at Atlantic City.



*A legal decision against*

~~Thumbs down on~~ Martin T. Manton, once a federal circuit judge, ~~now a convict~~. Manton, you will remember, was ~~one~~ the tenth ranking ~~judge~~ *jurist* in the United States, senior judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals ~~in~~ *of* New York. A jury found him guilty last June but he got off with a light sentence, two years' ~~imprisonment~~ and a ten thousand dollar fine.

He appealed and his appeal was heard by a special court composed of Mr. Justice ~~George~~ Sutherland, former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court, also Supreme Court Justice Harlan F. Stone, and Judge Robert Clark of the Circuit Court of Appeals at Newark.

The decision of those ~~three~~ jurists was pronounced by former Associate Justice Sutherland, *— today. Said he,* ~~and he pronounced~~ the evidence *is* convincing, the verdict of the jury unassailable. *So ex-Judge* ~~So~~ Manton, ~~the swindler in judge's robes,~~ will have to serve his two years'

*He still* ~~sentence.~~ Of course, ~~he~~ might try an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. But inasmuch as *today's* ~~this~~ decision was rendered by one *member of the U. S. Supreme* present justice of the highest bench and one former ~~justice,~~ *it*

*Court an appeal seems most dubious.*  
~~seems doubtful whether an appeal would be accepted.~~

INDIANS

There was a pow-wow at Rochester, New York, today, a  
pow-wow of <sup>the</sup> ~~six~~ <sup>— that famous Indian confederacy</sup> nations. And the delegates were told one interesting

fact. We've all heard doleful comments about the vanishing Indian.

But representatives of the six nations learned that this idea is a  
myth. The Indians are not decreasing but increasing. For instance,

in Seventeen Ninety-Five, the Indian population of New York State

was thirty-five hundred. Today it is about seven thousand. <sup>And</sup> that

<sup>announcement came as</sup>

<sup>was</sup> news to the Mohawks, Senecas, Onondagas, Tuscaroras, Oneidas

and Cayugas at <sup>today's</sup> Rochester palaver.

<sup>Back</sup>  
~~We might add that it was~~ in Seventeen Ninety-five ~~that~~

the benevolent white man <sup>had</sup> just about <sup>finished clearing</sup> ~~got through slaughtering the~~

~~six nations which were then the five nations~~

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the Indians out of most of  
N.Y. state.



MUSICIAN

Thirty years ago, a shaggy, unkempt musician came to New York from Russia. His chief attributes were an ability to make noises on a trumpet, plus a disinclination for harder forms of labor. His ability as a tootler wasn't quite enough to put him into any band or orchestra. So he played in small restaurants, streets and courts of apartment houses where people would throw him pennies, to get him to leave.

He married and acquired a family, and kept them as frugally as <sup>was humanly</sup> ~~was humanly~~ possible. ~~He even made~~ His wife worked in a sweater factory for fourteen dollars a week. ~~But here's~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~fact~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~had~~ ~~never~~ ~~taken~~ ~~a~~ ~~ride~~ ~~on~~ ~~an~~ ~~elevated~~ ~~because~~ ~~he~~ ~~begrudged~~ ~~the~~ ~~nickel~~. <sup>a startling thing! - his</sup>

~~His~~ nuisance value as a trumpet tootler enabled him to pile up a fortune of forty-nine thousand dollars. ~~but~~ He had never taken a ride on an elevated because he begrudged the nickel.

Yesterday he decided to take a day off and <sup>have a</sup> ~~take~~ ~~that~~ long dreamed of elevated ride. But he still begrudged the nickel ~~and~~ ~~so~~ ~~the~~ ~~police~~ ~~say~~, manufactured a slug to put in the ~~elevated~~ turnstile. It wasn't a lucky day, because he had hardly dropped the slug in before a special policeman

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nabbed him. When they took him to the station house they found in his rags six hundred and ninety-one dollars in cash and ten savings bank books. His total deposits amount<sup>ing</sup> to forty-eight thousand, eight hundred and thirty dollars. In addition to that, his wife, to obtain his release, put up five hundred dollars in cash.

When he faced the judge, his thrift broke down. Sooner than stay in jail for five days, he paid a fine of twenty-five dollars, peeling it off a roll of bills big enough to choke a cow.

And now that the spell is broken - who knows, he may become a spendthrift.



FATHER DIVINE

One of the most interesting and ~~also the most~~ <sup>mystifying</sup> mysterious characters in the American scene today is <sup>the</sup> puggy little man who is acclaimed by whole multitudes as "Father Divine." Among the people ~~who've found~~ who've found him both interesting and mysterious are the tax collectors. They've complained that the coffee-colored little man who calls himself "God", seems to have unlimited funds. But his funds are untouchable, because when you look for them they aren't there. He rides around in a magnificent Dussenberg, especially equipped with a <sup>Divine</sup> throne in the rear seat. His secretaries and lieutenants follow at a respectful distance in a ~~paltry old second-hand~~ <sup>new</sup> Rolls Royce. But the ownership of neither car has ever been pinned on Father Divine himself.

His followers eat ~~magnificently~~ magnificently, seem to have all the comforts that human flesh requires, and the unemployed <sup>angels</sup> are quickly provided with jobs. Of course it may be assumed that all these things cost money. But when the tax collector arrives, Father Divine says nothing but "peace, ~~friends~~, it's wonderful, ~~and~~ I have no dough."

All this mystery lends particular fascination to a

trial that commenced in <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ New York ~~Supreme~~ Court today. A woman who used to be one of Father Divine's "Angels", brought suit, wants to recover four thousand, four hundred and seventy-six dollars, the wages that her husband earned in three years. As you may have heard, the "Angels" ~~always~~ turn over all their earnings to the heavenly throne.

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The plaintiff in this suit, Mrs. Verinda Brown, wants the court to throw Father Divine into receivership. And it is expected that the proceedings will bring to light many interesting facts about the various homes occupied by Divine and his Angels, <sup>the homes</sup>~~each of which is~~ known as "Heaven". There are also numerous farm properties in the country, each of which is also a heaven.

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The lawyer for Mrs. Brown and her husband declared that he would be able to show that all the heavens, whether in the city or country, are actually owned by the Messianic Divine himself, though held in the names of various "Angels." In the course of her testimony, Mrs. Brown declared that Father Divine had told her ~~that~~ with his own lips that he was "God" and a free gift to humanity. Father Divine's lawyer said it would be part of his defense to



set up proof that Divine's followers constitute one of the five

major religions of the world, *along with Buddhism,*  
*Judaism, ~~Confucianism~~, Islam and Christianity.*

All this made a hopeful opening for what bids fair

to be quite ~~an~~ interesting court show. It is expected ~~the~~ to last

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six weeks, and *promises to be a Divine*  
~~estimate we shall be hearing plenty~~

*comedy the like of which Dante*  
*never ~~of~~ dreamed.*

*Peace, its wonderful,*

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