

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Today in London, a member of the British government made a report on what, after all, is the most important angle of the Nazi-Soviet war - the angle of Soviet war industry. Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labor in the Churchill cabinet, declared that a large part of the productive capacity of the Soviet Union has been knocked out. The Blitz invasion has captured so much of the industrial area munitioning the Red Army - and threatens to capture so much more.

The consequence is, said Bevin, that the British must undertake all-out production for the Soviets. They must get busy a hundred percent to turn out war supplies for the Red Army - and that for a long time. Maybe for as long as a year, said Bevin. "In the period of at least six to twelve months," said he, "we must drive forward so that we will be able to help Russia out of her own production."

On the war front, Berlin reports that the Germans are still engaged in mopping up the big army they encircled east of Kiev. They think the battle there will be ended by Sunday. The Soviets, on the other hand, report signal victories against Nazi forces

attempting to drive to the important city of Kharkov, key to the Donets industrial area. The Moscow bulletin mentions still another place -- Orel. They defeated the Germans there. If the Nazis should happen to be anywhere near Orel, they would be in a most menacing position -- for that city is midway on the railroad line between Kharkov and Moscow. The general tenor of the Soviet dispatches is -- that the Red army has been smashing up German drives in those areas in a most victorious fashion.

At Leningrad - the same tragic story. The violence of the fighting increases, as the Blitz drives with all the instruments of modern war in the attempt to capture the city under siege -- four and a half million human beings under siege. One Berlin bulletin tells of Nazi attacks on a Soviet convoy crossing Lake Ladoga. That's a vivid indication, because it indicates that the Red Army is moving material to Leningrad, while encircled on land, has communications open by water, across the lake.

In the Crimea, the situation is indefinite. The Nazis are known to be trying to drive through the narrow gateway into that important Peninsula. There are stories of their landing parachute troops, also of German units stopped by land mines.

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Stories of trouble in the conquered countries continue to accumulate. Fighting against guerilla bands goes on in Serbia -- with Nazi accounts of having to chase bandits and Communists. In such countries as Norway and Holland, anti-Nazi movements are seething -- so we are told. And in France - sabotage and terrorism.

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Today, three executions were carried out by the French authorities -- the state tribunal representing the Vichy government. The three victims are described as Communists. One was a former member of the Communist Central Committee. Another a former member of the French Chamber of Deputies.

By way of contrast -- the DeGaulle Free French regime today concluded a military alliance with Soviet Russia.

In the west - a brilliant exploit is credited to the ~~Canadian~~ Canadians. ~~Hardly~~ Hardy Dominion troops in small boats are said to have raided the coast of German occupied France and to have captured twenty-eight Nazi army officers. They are described as having been asleep in a villa on the coast of Brittany, when the Canadians caught them by surprise.

The Germans claim a whole series of ship sinkings, and give us the statement that during the period from June twenty-second to September twenty-second, they sank more than a million tons. This is in sharp contradiction with London statements, which hold that the Nazi sea campaign has fallen off sharply--with a great decrease in British shipping losses. Berlin, maintains that the Nazi U-Boat fleet is employing new tactics. ~~They have~~ novel and secret ways whereby they are able to blast convoys in spite of strong protection of the British warships. So say the Germans.

PRIORITIES

There was an official statement in Washington today that small business is facing destruction. The lesser commercial and industrial concerns of the nation are in danger of being wiped out. This declaration was made by Donald Nelson, Director of the system of priorities. And he said that the ruin of the small business man throughout the country would be - a national disaster.

The danger lies in the way the system of priorities is being run. We've been hearing that the lesser industries are in danger of being put out of business because they can't get raw material - so much of those materials being assigned to big time armament manufacture. Defense orders get the priorities.

Donald Nelson said today that the whole system of priorities will have to be changed. Right now a certain industry may get the priorities - without being able to procure the raw materials - there's a scramble among the priority holders to get the stuff out of which to make things and what's the use of having a priority unless you can get the goods? In <sup>this</sup> ~~this~~ wild scramble, little business comes out second best.

"We're beginning to solve the problem now," said Donald Nelson, "but up to the present the little business man has been <sup>hurt</sup> ~~hurt~~ far more than he should have been."

Meanwhile, big business is having its troubles. I ran into Paul Garrett today, Vice-President of General Motors. The question I -pute to him is one that I presume he hears a dozen times a day:- "How are you getting on with war contracts, production for National Defense? " His reply was that right now the automobile world is rather badlyworried. The big companies all have been ordered to cut production of cars and plunge into production for national defense. But, you can't do it just like that, by magic. New tools must be made. "This means," says the Vice-President of General Motors,"that we face a d angerous period when vast numbers of men may be put out of employment, right now at the time of the year when, normally, the big automobile companies are stepping up production, building their new models.

Paul Garrett says that the only way this vast unemployment can be avoided will be by integrating the two things, the building of cars, and the change over to work on defense contracts. And, the men in Washington should turn their thoughts in that direction right away.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

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The Government is not going to extend daylight saving through~~t~~ the winter. That extra hour of daylight will not be the rule in any part of the country - after September twenty-eighth. During the summer some thought that it might be a good thing to continue daylight saving right through the winter - especially in certain regions. (The southeastern states, for example. The reason ~~was~~ <sup>being:</sup> - national defense, the possibility that there might be a shortage of electrical power for defense purposes. By keeping the extra hour of daylight, the people ~~would~~ would use less electric power for lighting.

The Federal Power Commission made a survey of the situation, with a special analysis in the ~~southern~~ southeast. They figured out what the saving of power would mean to defense industries. And now, on the basis of this, they make their report, The power commission will not recommend that daylight saving be continued in any part of the country after September twenty-eighth - the day when clocks are to be turned ~~back~~ back an hour.

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The Commission, however, stated that this is by no means the last word. There might be a change of conditions that would warrant daylight saving, in which case it would be decreed. Hence, the Commission thinks that Congress should give the President power to order the extra hour of daylight ~~whenever~~ whenever and ~~wherever~~ wherever it might be required.



MOVIES

Tempers flared high at the movie investigation in Washington today--though the point of angry debate might seem to have had little to do with the question of war propaganda in motion pictures.

The one supporter of the administration foreign policy on the Senate Sub committee is Senator McFarland of Arizona. He has been opposing the isolationist members all along, and today his opposition rose to the pitch of shouting. He cried out that his fellow members were trying to create prejudice against the British.

This had reference to a statement made by Senator Tobey of New Hampshire, who recited information from what he called "Authoritative Sources." The Senator declared that the British ~~Supply~~ Supply Council in Washington was following a policy of ~~discrimination~~ discrimination--this in the matter of hiring people to work for them. He said the British refuse to employ persons of Irish, German or Jewish descent. And he added that he would produce witnesses to testify to that effect.

That's what Senator McFarland denounced as an attempt to create prejudice against the British. Then he proceeded to read an official letter denying the charges, a letter written by Sir Gerald

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Campbell, British Minister in Washington.

Just what all this had to do with war propaganda in motion pictures is not clear, but later on the hearing got around to the point at issue. Darryl Zanuck, Vice President in charge of production of Twentieth-Century Fox, gave testimony and denied that Hollywood had ever been asked by the government in Washington to make feature pictures that would arouse a war spirit. He pointed out that in the gangster era, Hollywood produced gangster pictures exposing the Underworld. And Similarly, said he, Hollywood later produced Anti Nazi pictures exposing Hitlerism.

## HURRICANE

The Number Two hurricane of the season of big winds is lashing the ocean to the south of the Island of Jamaica.

Only a few days ago, the first great hurricane of the year swept through the Gulf of Mexico and hit the coast of Texas. This second one makes two in quick succession.

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It is whirling along at about seventeen miles an hour, and its present course may take it to the coast of Central America. However, those ~~vix~~ violent circular storms of the Caribbean often turn northward through the Yucatan Channel, between Yucatan and Cuba, and continue their way across the Gulf of Mexico. So our own gulf coast may possibly be in for another blow.

There are fears of a tragedy at sea - a ship lost in the hurricane. The American motor ship Ethel Skakel sent a wireless distress signal saying she was sinking in the storm. Today Navy officials at Panama City stated that a patrol vessel had searched the area reported, but had failed to find any sign of the motor ship. And from San Juan, Puerto Rico, we hear that a Navy patrol plane today sighted two men on a raft, it is ~~feared~~ feared that they may be the only two survivors of the

foundered vessel.

Much farther to the North, the storm winds are blowing - the tail end of the previous hurricane. A three thousand ton freighter was blown ~~in~~ onto the southeast light shoals ~~of~~ Block Island, Rhode Island. The vessel is aground, ~~between~~ beaten by heavy seas. "It looks as if she's ~~going~~ going to stay there," said members of the Coast Guard today. The crew has been taken off, although they at first refused to go. They're a game lot of sailors, and they wanted to stick with their ship - which had thirty feet of water in her engine room.

The tail end of the hurricane is tied to another kind of news from upper New York State. The wind there has been whipping forest fires. Eight thousand acres ablaze in the Adirondacks, with new outbreaks of fire reported from time to time. Five hundred men are battling the blaze, but the report is that they'll not be able to get the flames under control until the wind has died down, that last breath of the hurricane.

The forests are ablaze in another way this week end - with the gorgeous colors of autumn. More beautiful than ever - so it seems.

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In a London police court today a man played his part with dignity, a man who for a long lifetime has made a profession of that quality - dignity. George Arliss, the veteran actor who ~~was~~ won theatrical fame as a portrayer of ~~stages~~ stately roles.

He was most famous in that of Richelieu, the great Cardinal statesman of France - and how well George Arliss could wear the red

robe of the Lordly Prelate; also as Disraeli, Queen Victoria's prime minister.

Today George Arliss was on trial, was convicted and sentenced. He was accused in a matter that had to do with rigid financial regulations in ~~war-time~~ war-time Britain. Every citizen in the United Kingdom is required to register any securities that he may hold, and the indictment was that George Arliss had failed to register more than fifty-two thousand Dollars' worth of American stocks and bonds. The implication was that he had tried to dodge his share of the war burden placed on Englishmen - had done that by hiding securities that he held in the United States, trying to keep them safely for himself.

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The court proceedings had all the dignity that the ~~an~~ veteran protrayer of Majesty could have wished. The Lord Mayor himself presided as ~~magnistrate~~ magistrate, and he made

a concession to the actor - who is seventy-two years old.

*Disraeli*  
~~Richelieu~~

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at the bar was permitted to sit down, take a chair - ~~that~~ though it is British custom for a defendant to stand at the bar. A concession of courtesy - which was about all the concession that Arliss got. He was found guilty of gross and culpable negligence, and the Lord Mayor imposed on him a huge fine of eighteen thousand dollars.

In addition to dignity, George Arliss, acting on the stage, has been notable for his gift of irony. That quality too was present in the verdict. He was ordered to pay the court costs - forty-two dollars. That, as an anti-climax to the fine of eighteen thousand, must have brought a wry smile to the face of the old actor.

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the man who in our time ~~added to~~ *spread* the fame of Richelieu and Disraeli.

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And now Hugh, the man who spreads the fame of Blue Sunoco.