

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The trial of Congressman May and the Garsson brothers entered a new phase today. After months of stalling and searching, Dr. Henry Garsson finally produced the stock-certificate-book of the Cumberland Lumber Company, also its minutes -- the Company that is a crucial factor in the trial. Government lawyers charge that this was the concern used to cover the fifty-three thousand dollars supposed to have been paid in bribes to Andrew May when he was a congressman.

Dr. Garsson explains the long delay in giving up the exhibits <sup>that</sup> hadn't been able to produce them for the benefit of the F. B. I. because he had been utterly unable to find them. It was only when he was moving from his new home at Far Rockaway, New York, that the missing documents came to light; The government prosecutor wanted to know why he had not told about finding those records before. Garsson said he had given them to his lawyer and thought that absolved him of responsibility.

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He flatly denied that he and his brother had bought twenty-one hundred acres of timber in Kentucky and created the Cumberland Lumber Company as part of a conspiracy to bribe Andrew May. That the former Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee acted as a fiscal agent for the company, and had nothing whatever to do with organizing it.

This was an historic day at New Delhi, capital of Hindustan. (Viscount Mountbatten, the Viceroy, called a meeting of seven men representing the different division among the four hundred million people of India. To them he told the plan he had brought with him from London for establishing the new administration of that vast sub-continent after the British withdraw.)

The Viceroy's government has abandoned its former idea of creating a united India, a federal union somewhat similar to ours, under a single government. (The scheme proposed by Mountbatten today is to divide India into two states, Hindustan and Pakistan; Hindu and Moslems. Each with separate governments,) boundaries to be drawn by an international commission. Even the great provinces of Bengal, Punjab and Assam, will be divided up between the Hindus and Moslems. We hear that Mountbatten told the Indian leaders that if they didn't like this British plan, they'd have to devise a better one themselves. That the British, can do no more.



## CHINA

This was to have been the first day of a general strike in China, a general strike fomented by Communists. But it didn't come off -- not even in the mildest form. The failure of the attempt is described as a victory for the Chiang Kai-shek government.

Chiang had what he called a "showdown" with Communist agitators, and apparently won the first round. His police carried out raids on key places throughout the country in the early hours of the morning, before dawn. They arrested some twelve thousand, accused Communists, killed a couple of students, and wounded others. The Kuomintang government also imposed martial law on Mukden and Tientsin, also cut the telephone service between Peiping and the two great universities outside the city walls.

The arrest of students has aroused Dr. Hu Shih, former Ambassador to Washington, now President of Peiping University, who said it was ridiculous to assume that the students are Communists. The under-graduates ~~XXXX~~ of the three principal colleges at Peiping have vowed to



continue their strike until their arrested fellow students are let out of prison.

At Wu Chang, under-graduates gave the police a fight, and their were many broken heads.

## HUNGARY

(Uncle Sam will send neither food nor any other kind of relief to a Communist Hungary.) The State Department so announced today. The previous Hungarian government has obtained, from Washington, a promise of credits to the tune of more than thirty millions -- to help Hungary. But the news of the Communist coup has caused the State Department to issue an order freezing more than half of that amount, fifteen millions. Too late to cut off the whole amount.

This was our first official reaction to the Communist upheaval at Budapest.

Newspapermen asked whether we intend also to send a protest to the Kremlin. (It is no secret that the usurpation of power in Hungary by the Reds was brought about by Soviet force, and very thinly disguised.) In answer to State Department replies that its chiefs are studying the situation. ----->

The shutting off of funds from Hungary means more money for not only Italy, but also Iran, from Uncle Sam. Washington will shortly give the Teheran government credit for thirty million dollars to refurnish the Iranian army.

This afternoon, two more leaders of the Hungarian Small Holders' Party resigned their positions in the Cabinet. One of them, the Vice-President of the Party, had been speaker of the National Assembly; the other Secretary General of the Party, had been Secretary of State.



The wounds which the war inflicted upon the security of nations have not healed; on the contrary, some are far deeper than ever. Never before so much talk of universal security -- never before so few signs of it. So said ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> Pope today in a message to his College of Cardinals, and broadcast to the world at large.

Almost half of the year Nineteen Forty-seven has gone by, says the Pontiff, and so far the flood of ~~the~~ problems to be solved is equalled only by the humiliating lack of solutions. He went on to say that unless the sentiment of brotherhood is re-awakened, bringing about an order of ~~right~~<sup>right</sup> and of peace, the consequence will be a progressive decadence -- new and incalculable calamities.

He warns the victorious nations that the revolutionaries of tomorrow are now exploiting the dark and dismal forces of disintegration. And he expressed the wish:- "May the rulers of State not slip this opportunity, for it may be, God forbid, the last opportunity."

He implores them to delay no longer in giving the world a just and lasting peace.

He reminds the world that we were to see the triumph of liberty over despotism and over violence. And then adds: "How can liberty flourish except where justice and law command respect for individual and collective dignity?"

Youth and the family, in grave danger!

Then he ended on a note of hope; with the words - "Fear not!"

## ALDRICH

Some optimism from a banker, about the threatened money crisis. Winthrop Aldrich, President of the International Chamber of Commerce, today declared that any financial upheaval would not take on the proportions of a worldwide depression. A recession? Maybe; but one that will not spread; and, Europe need not fear.

Aldrich said all this at a meeting of the International Chamber. He spoke of "a corrective" recession if the policies of economic liberalism of the International Chamber of Commerce are followed. Drawing a distinction between recession and depression. Recessions only to be expected in a country going ahead full tilt.

And he continued that, since the war the price-and income structure of the economy of the U.S.A. had become distorted, -- all of which may produce the recession.



Former Secretary of State James Burns has been hired by the Motion Picture Industry. As a special council to work with Eric Johnson. Especially when the House UnAmerican Activities Commission has its hearings.

## TAXES

(The House of Representatives today carried out its final step with the tax bill,) passing the version agreed upon in conference with the Senate. The majority was overwhelming; two-hundred-and-twenty to Ninety-nine.

This puts it up to the Senate, and Republican leaders say they'll have a vote on it tomorrow and deliver it on the President's desk by tomorrow evening -- (the measure to reduce taxes for some forty-five million inhabitants of the U.S.A. -- cut taxes to the tune of four billion dollars.)

## RENTS

The control of rents by the federal government will continue until March First, but no longer. However, it will be permissible for tenants to pay fifteen per cent more than they have been paying, provided they consent. It will be lawful for landlords and tenants to make voluntary contracts for a raise of no more than fifteen per cent. That became definite after a vote in the Senate today.

There is still considerable discrepancy between the bill passed by the House and the Senate version. But that provision is in both of them. The differences will have to be reconciled in conference.

The draft passed by the Senate would create rent boards all over the country, to settle on a local basis. Their chief function would be to deal with the thousands of individual landlords who have been complaining that rent ceilings have worked a hardship on them, in view of higher wages and other expenses.



## CURLEY

The Supreme Court of the United States today ~~ym~~ turned thumbs down on James M. Curley of Boston, former Governor of Massachusetts. Ex-Congressman, and now Mayor of Boston.

After he was convicted of using the mails to defraud, Curley campaigned for the mayoralty, and the people of Boston elected him, mail fraud or no mail fraud. He was sentenced to serve six to eighteen months in a Federal prison -- more than a year ago. But Curley appealed, and the Court of Appeals confirmed the sentence. Now the Supreme Court of the United States does likewise.

Curley's lawyer says he will apply for a re-hearing. But unless he is able to procure new ~~sixd~~ evidence, it is unlikely he'll get it.

## SHIP

There is a ghost ship sailing the Great Lakes tonight, a "now-you-see-it, now-you-don't," vessel. The S.S. Jupiter flitting about the Great Lakes like a giant water bug trying to avoid National Maritime Union pickets.

Today she unloaded a cargo of iron ore at Toledo, but sailed away quickly when she was refused a load of coal.

The Jupiter owners have no contract with the C.I.O. Union. Jeered at by pickets wherever she has docked, she has earned the reputation: "Ghost Ship of the Lakes."

A Union spokesman says that the Jupiter is now sailing undermanned and adds ominously that she'll have trouble getting up the Detroit River. Company spokesmen are equally determined, saying, "Our original policy is our policy now."

A National Labor Relations Board Hearing was set for last Thursday to discuss the affair. It was called off when the company declined to send representatives.

## ACCIDENTS

Since six o'clock last Thursday evening, the number of people who suffered accidental death, rose to the total of four hundred and sixty-one. Altho the plane crashes at La Guardia, in Maryland, and elsewhere, accounted for a large number -- by far the largest single item on this fatality list had nothing to do with aviation. Far more were killed in traffic accidents, a hundred and ninety-four -- or more, for the figure is incomplete. The National Safety Council believes that when final reports are in, the number killed, in the last three days, in automobile accidents will run around two hundred and seventy-five.

As the Safety Council and other ~~taxi~~ traffic authorities have frequently pointed out, these accidents are avoidable -- due to carelessness. Entirely unnecessary. The ~~exp~~ experts tell us that the real danger lies not so much in speed as in the man who weaves in and out of the line, and the man who passes another car on a hill or a curve.



Mother Nature played her part in the national holiday disaster role this time. A tornado killing six, in Oklahoma; and, last night another in Arkansas that took a toll of some thirty-four more.

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As for the plane crashes, Congress is getting ready to investigate. Senator Brewster of Maine has called an executive session of his subcommittee on aviation to decide whether to conduct an ~~opening~~ <sup>open hearing.</sup> Congressman Miller of Maryland is accusing the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Civil Aeronautics Administration of gross negligence and dereliction of duty.

At La Guardia, and other airports, it was reported today that not a seat was empty either for short or long-distance flights -- with scores waiting in the hope of benefitting by cancellations. So the crashes have had no immediate effect on air travel.

Secretary of Commerce Averill Harriman points out that insurance companies are so optimistic about air travel that they will write you a five thousand dollar

one-trip policy for as low as twenty-five cents. Mr. Harriman added that air accidents will increase if Congress cuts the funds of the Civil Aeronautics Administration.

HELICOPTER -- follow ACCIDENTS

Here's an interesting item: Helicopters to be used for flying both air mail and freight, on short runs.

The Civil Aeronautics Board issued permission today on an experimental basis. The first experiments to be conducted in southern California. The C.A.B. issued a certificate for airmail deliveries between the city of Los Angeles and thirty towns and post offices within the county.

Uncle Sam's postoffice has been in difficulty with its mail truck deliveries in that part of the country because of the prodigious traffic congestion there. The Civil Aeronautics Board calculates that Helicopters will be able to deliver mail anywhere from four-and-a-half to nineteen hours faster than trucks, on weekdays; and twenty-four hours faster than trucks, on Sundays and holidays.

And now Hugh will you take off -- powered by Dynafuel -- of course.



## NORMANDY

To those Californians who may have thought they say the famous ocean liner, Normandy traveling down a California highway over the Holidays. You were right -- it was the Normandy -- a thirty-five-foot model built to travel on highways, not high seas.

M.W. McClean, of Santa Monica, had promised his bride an ocean going honeymoon. Not being able to arrange that he built her scale model of a great luxury liner in which they are going a-voyaging.

McClean was Chief Engineer aboard an American freighter during the war, and met his bride in far off Calcutta. They returned to Santa Monica to be married.

This ingenious mariner constructed his Normandy - to-scale on an automobile chassis, and just like the real thing -- the main deck complete with swimming pool, tennis courts, and masts that fold back to go under bridges -- at a cost of Forty-Five Thousand bucks. For that you could do a lot of voyaging across the Seven Seas.

So far this Normandy has encountered no storms; nor has anyone rocked the matrimonial boat. and it can do sixty miles an hour -- which is good even for the

Normandy.

And now Nelson, will you unfurl your sails, and  
get under way?