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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

When France gave up the fight, ^{we all thought the news} ~~the news was beyond~~
^{in fact} ~~measure~~ overwhelming, cataclysmic. But what comes over the wire
tonight is hardly ~~a bit~~ less ~~revolutionary~~. For there is no doubt
that ~~what~~ is happening on the continent of Europe today is nothing
short of revolution.

It would be interesting if everybody listening-in
could have an atlas and turn it to the map of Europe. If you ~~would~~
put your pencil on the spot marked "Gibraltar" and run it clear up
into the Arctic Circle to the northernmost tip of Europe, you would
be marking out one solid Fascist bloc. That's what the information
from Europe means tonight. A Fascist continent from the topmost
tip of Scandinavia to the south shores of the Mediterranean, from
the Atlantic and the North Sea to the frontier of Russia.

Such is the lightning-swift consequence of

~~That's what~~ the conquest of France ~~has~~ meant. A revolution

which transforms the Third Republic ^{of France} into a cooperative state.

The program is all set, ^{and} it's all over but the shouting. It will be

an accomplished fact less than forty-eight hours from now. This

news, ^{comes to us from} ~~by the way, comes through~~ Berlin. ^{And} ~~Of course~~ Berlin controls

all the sources of news from France now, ~~and the Nazis are on the~~

~~inside, in fact the revolution is being accomplished under their~~

~~guns.~~ But this time there's no reason to doubt that the information

must be substantially correct. In fact, it is ~~virtually~~

corroborated in French newspapers.

The French Parliament will meet at Vichy on Wednesday. ^{And}

The Germans even profess to know how long the session will last,

one hour and twenty minutes. The Senate and the Chamber of Deputies

will not have a quorum, but not a single member will raise that ^{point.}

^{Says a French newspaper: "We cannot be limited by technicalities."}
~~points~~ The Senators and Deputies will vote the Third Republic

out of existence. They will then formally adopt a new Constitution.

The words "liberty", "fraternity", "equality", will pass into history,

as interesting fictions, legends of a dead republic. The resolution

will be offered by Pierre Laval, Vice-Premier of France, the friend

of Mussolini who wanted to make friends with Fascism while the

agitation over Ethiopia was going on. To Laval's resolution,

the Senators and Deputies will just say one word - "yes."

And they'll
all be "yes men" from now on!

The new France will be ruled by Marshal Petain and

the men now surrounding him. ~~Apparently~~ *I* it will follow the

Italian rather than the Nazi model. There will be *an Upper* house just

like the Chamber ~~of Fasci that~~ Mussolini established. And

according to the German version of it, there won't be many of the

present French Senators in that upper House. The lower Chamber

will be modelled on the Fascist Chamber of Corporations.

Industry, business, labor, farmers, all walks of endeavor,

will be represented. But there'll be no parties, no Communists,

no Royalists, no Radicals, none of the multitudinous factions and

blocs that marked French politics for so many decades. And of

course, as in Italy and Nazi Germany, trade unions will also pass

out of existence.

The Deputies and Senators don't have to rubber-stamp

this Constitution without knowing about it. They will get

together with the heads of the government *tomorrow* in private and at least

know *on* ~~to~~ what they are voting "yes". So passes the Third Republic!

As for Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Norway,
no plan has been announced yet. But the Nazis make no bones
about those little countries. They're definitely in the Nazi
orbit, though King Haakon let it be known today that he notified
the Norwegian Parliament that he would refuse either to abdicate
or to renounce the succession of his family.

That leaves one peculiar spot on the map of Europe.
Little Switzerland shows up in the center of the picture as a
Republican oasis in that vast Fascist bloc. ^{But} there is no doubt ^{but}
~~what~~ the Swiss will eventually be forced into line with their
neighbors by sheer pressure of economics if nothing else.
As for the rest of Scandinavia, there has long been no doubt
about the tendencies of the Swedish regime. ^{By} ~~by a sheer~~ force of
geography and circumstances, the Swedes have been dragged into
the Hitler ~~orbit~~ circle.

And today's reports from Stockholm indicate a
still stronger Swedish leaning to the Nazi scheme of things.
The British government addressed a protest to Sweden, complaining
that Hitler was getting materials over Swedish territory. The

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British pointed out that when they wanted to go to the help of Finland, the Swedes refused to allow them passage across their land. Tonight's reports from Stockholm indicate an unfavorable answer to that protest. Anyway, all this was a foregone conclusion.

RADIO

Another mind

~~One~~ consequence of the Nazi conquests in Europe is a tremendous extension of the German radio network. Nazi programs are now being broadcast not only in the Reich itself, but in France, Italy, the Netherlands, Belgium and Norway. In all those countries except Italy, anybody who listens to any other kind of broadcast, is thrown into prison.

The latest extension of the Nazi hook-up, is to Japan. A station in Tokyo was overheard today, rebroadcasting a German program.

TURKEY

There were strange rumblings from Southeastern Europe today. In fact it was prophesied at Istanbul that Stalin is about to insist that the Turks play ball with the Soviet. ~~The Soviet Government~~ ^{Moscow} is going to submit demands to Ankara in a couple of days. What the Soviet wants most is a change in the control of the Dardanelles, a change ^{of course,} ~~that will~~ favor ⁱⁿ the Soviets ^{at}. They will also insist upon a mutual assistance treaty and order the Turks to be less friendly to Britain.

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CHINA

That episode in Shanghai is not closed after all. I mean, of course, the arrest of sixteen Japanese gendarmes who had invaded the section guarded by Uncle Sam's marines. Yesterday we heard that the Japanese had offered an apology and that American representatives considered the affair as all washed-up. But the Japanese don't feel that way, particularly the army. An army spokesman denied that there had been an apology, and said further that the arrest of those gendarmes was an unfriendly act and a grave insult to the Japanese army.

The Japanese spokesman said further that the incident led the Nipponese to conclude that the marines have abandoned their responsibility as part of the joint defense force of Shanghai. Tokyo is going to make a strong protest and the prophecy is that it will include a suggestion that Uncle Sam's marines be withdrawn from the International Settlement at Shanghai.

MEXICO

It will be weeks before we know the results of

full and final

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that turbulent election in Mexico. All we know tonight is that more than forty people were killed, ^{and} more than four hundred wounded, including a couple of Americans. Both General Camacho, the candidate supported by President Cardenas; and his rival, General Almazan, announced triumphantly that they ^{have each} been elected, ~~they~~

~~but that obviously is wishful thinking by both parties. Nobody~~

~~can know who's elected because~~ ^{But} the official count won't begin until Thursday; ^{then it} and won't be announced until September 1st when the new Mexican Congress ~~is~~ ^{This} meets. ~~It~~ was the first open and

freely contested election that has been held in Mexico in twenty years. General Camacho, supported by the Cardenas Government, campaigned as a Liberal, promising all sorts of social reforms. General Almazan is known to his partisans as "the strong man of the North." He's not only a General, but a businessman and a rich one to boot. Businessmen and all the so-called white collar Mexicans want to see him elected, at least so we hear.

BUND

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A sub-committee of the Senate heard some testimony about the German-America Bund today. Some members of the Judiciary Committee are considering a bill to compel certain organizations to register, organizations that are said to be doing under-cover work in America. G. Wilhelm Kunze, National leader of the Bund, appeared before that sub-committee to protest. Kunze, ^{you may recall,} ~~incidentally~~ was arrested at a Nazi camp in New Jersey after a meeting on July Fourth. He's out on bond at present, charged with violating the New Jersey law which forbids anybody to arouse racial hatreds.

Some of the Senators asked him some rather sharp questions. One of his answers was the ~~stereotyped~~ stereotyped reply made by all Deutsch-America leaders, that the Bund is a patriotic organization. Kunze himself is an American citizen, born in Camden, New Jersey. Senator Connally of Texas asked him why, since he's a citizen of the United States, ~~xx~~ he joined the Deutch-America Bund? Wasn't the United States good enough for him? ~~xxxx~~ Kunze replied that every American is descended from some European stock, he himself is of German descent. He then went on to say that the Bund is not doing any subversive work, not engaged in any military

activity. He denied that it was under foreign domination, denied even that it was a political organization, in the sense of the proposed bill. So Senator Connally asked him why then should he be worried? Kunze replied that if the bill were merely for the purpose of fighting subversive activities, nobody could object to it. However, he just had heard a member of the House of Representatives explain that it was intended ^{specifically} to cover the German-America Bund.

CONSUL FOLLOW BUND.

An official recommendation has been made that Fritz Wiedemann, German Consul General at San Francisco, should be prosecuted. The recommendation comes from the United States Commission at San Francisco. Fritz Wiedemann, ~~you may remember,~~ has been described as a ^{close} ~~personal~~ friend of Hitler. The United States Commissioner declares that Consul General Wiedemann should be charged with conspiracy in connection with the case of a German citizen in San Francisco who has been accused of failure to register as a German agent. The Commissioner made this recommendation after hearing testimony against that German agent. In the course of that testimony it was brought out that the agent had had several conferences with the San Francisco Consul General. And the Commissioner said:- "A consular representative has diplomatic immunity so long as he does not step outside his consular duties."

Then he added:- "The testimony shows that this German agent was personally delivering consular mail to several consulates. Those consular officers committed an overt act when they conferred with that agent without registering his presence here."

THEATRE

A member of Congress is keenly exercised over the influence of Communists in the American theatre. Republican Representative Lambertson of Kansas has published a statement in the Congressional Record that there are seven Bolsheviks on the government council of the Actors Equity Association. Lambertson declares that one of these was elected in deliberate preference to Tallulah Bankhead, daughter of the Speaker of the House. Lambertson also declares that a Communist is Executive Secretary of the Radio Actors Guild, and that the new Executive Secretary of the American Guild of Variety Artists is an organizer of distinct Communist sympathies.

DEFENSE

When President Roosevelt returned to Washington from Hyde Park today, one of the first men to meet him was Louis Johnson, Acting Secretary of War. And the latest news from the War Department is that the army is thinking of asking Congress for a law which would compel manufacturers to fill any orders offered to them by the Army or Navy. So far this is only a suggestion.

~~Probably~~ The leaking out of this information ^{may be just} is a trial balloon.

Some officials of the War Department have been getting up a draft ^{That much is certain} for this proposed law. But Acting Secretary Johnson admitted that

already private industry is cooperating with the government one hundred per cent and doing a grand job. ~~Nevertheless,~~ There are ^{however} officers in the Army who are demanding some measure of control

over manufacturers. At present a manufacturer who doesn't want to take a contract for the national defense, ^{just} doesn't have to.

THIRD TERM

There are two big questions in the air today. The first is, when will Hitler start his blitzkrieg on England? The second, which comes closer to us, ~~is~~ - when will Mr. Roosevelt give us the big answer about the third term? business?

From all accounts, there are now two people who know *the latter.*
~~what's what,~~ One of them, of course, is the President himself.

The other, we learn, is Postmaster General and National Chairman Jim Farley. But that doesn't do the rest of us any good, as neither of them is telling. And the probability remains that the country at large will have to wait until a week from Tuesday or Wednesday.

Vice-President Garner made a call at the White House today and had a talk with his chief. Several other Democratic leaders in Congress were with him, including Senator Barkley, the Majority Leader. As he left the White House with the Vice-President, Barkley said:- "The President told us no secrets."

Still another state delegation swung into the Roosevelt column today. Up to now the delegates from Massachusetts were definitely pledged to Postmaster General Farley. But today the

leaders of the Massachusetts group made the prophecy that the pledge would be ignored and that ninety-five per cent of those thirty-four Massachusetts votes will go to the President for a third term. And, the indication is, that they'll even go on the first ballot.

WILLKIE

Some time tonight we shall know who is to be the Manager of the Republican Campaign, also who will be the new Chairman of the National Committee. *— John Hamilton, Sam Pryor, or someone* Wendell Willkie, the candidate, is *else.*

in Washington now; flew from New York by plane. He had a meeting

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~~xxxxixxxxx~~ with his running mate, Senator McNary of Oregon, *whom he had never met before.*

~~and~~ At half past seven there will be a dinner at which the G.O.P. candidate will get together with leading Republican Congressmen and Senators.

It does ~~not~~ seem likely now that Willkie will pay that visit to *F. D. R.* ~~President Roosevelt~~ which we've been hearing so much about. As a matter of fact, it isn't quite clear who suggested it, unless the idea came from some of the newspaper correspondents.

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Mr. Roosevelt's secretary, Stephen Early, was asked about it today and he said Mr. Willkie had not sent in any request for an appointment or even given any signs he wants one.

SAFETY

There's one satisfactory note in the reports of what happened over the Fourth of July holiday. There were only eight deaths from firecrackers. Of course that's eight too many, still it's a conspicuous, even a spectacular, improvement over what used to go on when we thought we weren't being loyal unless we celebrated Independence Day hectically.

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Another great safety advance is reported, which is of particular interest to my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, who take much to heart the work of the National Safety Council. Fatalities on the highways were extraordinarily fewer this year. In fact, there were only half as many as usual.

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And that's good news to all
of us, Hugh!