

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There was dark prophesy in Washington today -- terrifying prophesy. Some savage things stated by George H. Earle, former governor of Pennsylvania and later American minister to Bulgaria and Turkey. Earle declared that if and when Soviet Russia gets the atomic bomb, it will be used against us.

"I think," said George Earle, "that the situation in the United States is completely desperate." And he explained by saying that the nation which uses the atomic bomb first is almost certain to win. He said the American people were, in his words, "too naive and charitable" to strike first with the atomic bomb. To which he added the following dire and dreadful prophecy. "Because we won't attack first," declared Earle, "I don't think more than ten percent of us will be alive five years from now!"

These statements were made to the Congressional committee on Un-American Activities and led to a

bitter charge against the Reds in this country. "There is no doubt," said our former minister of Bulgaria and Turkey "that American Communists and their sympathizers are the agents of a ruthless enemy bent on our destruction."

He recommends that we should atom-bomb anybody who refused to permit inspection by the U.N.

Also that we should keep in some place, like in the remote Black Hills of Dakota, a great supply of the most terrible atomic weapons, ready for action the minute the first atomic bomb hits us.

GENERAL ARNOLD

Along that line here's a message here from General Arnold, who commanded our Army Air Force in the victory of World War Two. Since retiring from the Air Force command, he's been living out here in California, in the Valley of the Moon, and today I took the occasion to ask him for some reflections about our own national needs in the way of air power right now. The reply from "Hap" Arnold, is, we need air reserves!

He reasons it this way:- "Air power comes closer to spelling National Security than any other one thing," says he. We know of course that it takes air power to hit with the atomic bomb. And, adds General Arnold "one thousand of our latest long range bombers may cause some over ambitious war-promoter to stop, look and listen." Hap Arnold points out that we cannot maintain in peace-time, an Air Force of the full strength necessary for war. So what can we do?

"In any future crisis," he says "we must count on the reserves to supplement our strength -- and quickly. We must have reserves that will bring our air power to

full strength -- almost over night."

General Arnold speaks of the air reserves in industry and in science. He refers to former Air Force men who take time out from their normal and business activities -- to keep their hand in. "These" says he, "are the vital man-power -plus which will make this nation secure by keeping it strong in the air."

was over-ruled by the Council President Aranha of Brazil, who decided that Warren Austin should proceed with his address.

And so the new American policy was formally presented to the U N today -- thereby meeting the criticism that American aid to Greece and Turkey meant a by-passing of the United Nations -- the U N ignored. Warren Austin put the matter before the Security Council in this fashion:- He said that American aid to Greece and Turkey is an emergency measure, temporary -- something to be done in a hurry, until the U N itself can act. He indicated that this country expected the world organization to take over the problem in due time. He didn't go into the military aspects of the matter, the angle of checking communism. (The four-thousand-word statement simply outlined the critical ~~situation~~ needs of Greece and Turkey and the American intention to aid those countries -- pending action by the U N. Every

CONFERENCE

In the diplomatic cut and thrust, at the Moscow Conference, a neat American counter lunge was made today. This was in response to a Soviet attack on the subject of Germany's great industrial area -- the Ruhr. Molotov, wielding the diplomatic rapier, lashed out with a demand that Soviet Russia be given a ~~prime~~ voice in the control of the Ruhr. The Soviet suggestion is that, in the peace treaty with defeated Germany, there should be a proviso internationalizing the rich factory area of western Germany -- with Soviet Russia having a hand in the administration.

The counter thrust today was a demand made by Secretary of State Marshall that the same sort of thing should apply on the other side of Germany, apply to Silesia, the great industrial area ~~in~~ to the East. He proposed that Silesia be inter~~nationalized~~^{nationalized} and the western democracies be given a voice in the control. That was lunging with shrewd aim, Silesia being a number one segment of the huge slice of eastern Germany ^{that} ~~is~~ is claimed by Soviet puppet Poland.

So to internationalize Silesia, with the western powers sharing in the administration, would be a severe check to the ambitions of communism. The United States and Great Britain don't agree that Red Poland should have so much of eastern Germany, which gives added point to the counter-thrust delivered by our diplomatic fencing master, ~~General~~ General Marshall today. If you talk about internationalizing the Ruhr we talk about internationalizing Silesia.

BEVIN

The news men in Moscow pass along some information about what happened when ~~xxxx~~ met Stalin.-- And it would seem that the Soviet dictator put the British Secretary into something of a hole. What did Stalin say to Bevin? We're told that the wiley Joe offered Soviet economic aid to Britain.-

In a big hearted way ~~Stalin~~ Stalin told Bevin that Soviet Russia would like to help the British out in the troubles they have been having -- ~~that~~ bad winter, with ^{its} ordeal of frosty cold and fuel shortage.

All of which was calculated to put Bevin in an awkward spot -- having either to accept or reject aid from Stalin. Obviously, in the present crisis of contention between the western democracies and the Soviets, the British ~~xxxx~~ would lose a lot of prestige if they accepted an economic handout from benevolent Uncle Joe. At the same time, to refuse the Soviet charity would not be so graceful either. It was something to make Bevin's British face grow red, when Stalin offered aid to Britain. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

~~some~~ ^{comment} Moscow newsmen [^] that Bevin made a mistake in having that Kremlin interview with Stalin -- not so clever. Our own American Secretary of State Marshall has been smarter -- in refraining from a trip to the Kremlin thus far. Stalin might have a trick up ~~h~~ his sleeve to embarrass Marshall, just

as he has embarrassed Bevin. ~~American diplomatic~~ ^{that} sources in Moscow still insist [^] the Secretary of State has no plan for a talk with Stalin. ~~But,~~ among newsmen the belief is that General Marshall will make a call at the Kremlin toward the end of the conference of the Big Four. -- ^{That is} [^] at a time when a personal chat will not ~~the~~ affect [^] proceedings -- or, perhaps when some final and conclusive decision might be swung, by taking the matter personally to the Soviet all-highest.)

JOHNSTON - MOVIES

Here's an add to the ^{Eric Johnson} statement yesterday that American movies are selling American democratic ideas abroad. ~~So Eric Johnston~~ ^{The} President of the ~~motion~~ Motion Picture Association, ^{today} told the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, ~~however~~ there are some exceptions. ~~Eric Johnston~~ ~~announced~~ He mentioned that film-feature of some years ago -- "The Grapes of ~~War~~ Wrath". Remember that screen play depicting the depression-time-plight of the Okies? Right now the Grapes of Wrath is being shown in Czechoslovakia, a Soviet satellite. There they've put another name on the film version of depression-time proverty. ~~and~~ In Czechoslovakia the new title is: Paradise of Democracy. It took some Red comrade over there to think that one up.

FRENCH ADMIRAL

A French court today decreed the death sentence against a French admiral -- the naval commander who ordered the scuttling of the French fleet at Toulon in Nineteen **F**orty-**T**wo. He is Admiral LaBorde, who commanded the Toulon naval base when the Nazis took over what had hitherto been unoccupied France -- that was at the time of the American invasion of North Africa. Admiral LaBorde sank his warships in the harbor -- to prevent them from falling into the hands of Hitler. ^RIn court today the contention was that the French fleet at Toulon should have escaped and joined the allies. Admiral LaBorde answered that it would have been impossible for the warships to have got out of harbor before the Germans arrived. Moreover, he had acted on orders from his superiors. ~~However~~ The court held that he should not have waited until the last minute -- when it was too late.

The gravest charge against him did not, however, concern the fleet. It was testified that he offered to recruit ~~xxxxxxxx~~ a military force in France to fight the Free French of DeGaulle, in North Africa. That counted the most heavily ~~■~~ in the imposition of the capital sentence.

PALESTINE

For some days now, the news from Palestine has been quiet, but today once again there's a flare of violence -- the Jewish underground striking with boldness and audacity. (At the Port of Haifa there's a heavily guarded area, area of oil. That's a terminus of the great pipe line from the Mesopotamian oil fields, and you can guess how vigilant the protection is. Yet today, the Zionist underground contrived to blow up the pipe line in that heavily guarded area, and a vast oil fire raged uncontrolled for hours.)

Three young Zionists believed to be members of Irgun Zvai Leumi, disguised as Arabs, sneaked in -- each a bomb. And they got away as three powerful explosions crashed out -- followed by a roaring oil fire. One of the boldest blows struck thus far by the Zionist underground.

At Houston Texas a man explains that he is giving away eighty million dollars, because he is selfish. Sixty-five year old Hugh Roy Cullen, ~~he~~ who started working at the age of twelve at three dollars a week, has piled up a Texas oil fortune of ~~more~~ ~~One-Hundred-and-Seventy-five~~ million dollars, which he is dedicating to works of philanthropy. ^{TP} He is donating eighty million in one chunk to a foundation for educational, medical and charitable institutions -- because ~~he is so~~ ^{he is so "dogone} selfish," says he. Tonight he put it in these words -- "My wife Lily and I are selfish. We wish to see our money spent during our life time, so we may derive great pleasure from it". ^{TP} I wonder what that Texas oil millionaire would do if he were ~~what~~ charitable?

SLANG

In a London court today ^{a cockney} a prisoner said to the Judge: "I did a drum around the corner. I'm on the trots from Kate". Whereupon the learned Judge asked the prisoner's lawyer to translate, -- Which ~~is~~ is a reminder that, while we Americans think we have a lot of slang over here, it's nothing compared to the jargon of the Cockneys of London. ^P So what turned out to be the meaning of -- "I did a ^{drum} ~~drum~~ around the corner, ● I'm on the trots from Kate"?

^R The prisoner's lawyer translated as ~~follows~~ follows:

"He said he broke into a house and is a deserter from the army".

PRISONER

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rolled one-hundred-and-fifty-feet -- from the impact of jumping from the fifty-five mile an hour train.

But that was all -- no further sign of the fugitive.

The latest is that they have found him in Salt Lake -- twenty miles from the place of the leap for freedom. The hardy fugitive managed to travel that distance. However, he was human, like the rest of us. Police found him in a Salt Lake hospital where the doctors report that he's in "satisfactory condition." Satisfactory -- after that jump.

And now for a jump across the continent from San Francisco to New York-back to you, Nelson.

OIL

A Senate inquiry came to a halt late today, because documents vital to the case ^{are} locked up in ^{the} library of the late President Roosevelt at Hyde Park. ~~This applies to~~ ^{The} charge ^{is made} that the Navy during the war ~~incurred~~ wasted fifty-seven million dollars in buying fuel-oil from the Middle East. Testimony to that effect was given by a witness today. ^{TP} So what did the Navy reply? ~~The~~ spokesman declared that the figures in the accusation ^{are} all wrong, but the documents to prove this ^{are} in the Hyde Park library, ~~and~~ that monument to the late F.D. R. ^{It will} ~~and it would~~ take an order from President Truman to get them out.

delegate, of course, knew perfectly well about the real intention of the Truman policy -- "quarantine Communism." But that, with its obvious reference to Soviet Russia, was diplomatically left out in the presentation to the world organization today.

At the Moscow conference, meanwhile, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov was delivering an attack on Turkey. I don't know if this was timed to coincide with the American statement to the U N, the statement of aid to Greece and Turkey -- but the two things happened simultaneously.