

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(History has seldom unrolled itself in such thrilling fashion as today. No dramaturge has ever staged a more powerful scene than the one enacted in the British House of Commons. Prime Minister Chamberlain, explaining the fate of Europe in all its terrifying portent, had just finished telling the Commons how Hitler had advanced the deadline for his march on Czechoslovakia.) All set to start his deadly war machine today -- the report current for hours, now official. Denied at Berlin, but Chamberlain had the inside facts.

The Commons spellbound! For the first time in his career as Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain faced a completely sympathetic House. Opposition members as well as government supporters applauded his report of what he had done. (Gloom and fear pervaded His Majesty's Commons -- the Mother of Parliaments. The aged Premier was in the last depths of pessimism.

Suddenly there was a commotion in the Peer's Gallery! A

messenger rushed with a telegram to Viscount Halifax, the Foreign Minister, who as a peer could not take any part in the proceedings.)  
Sitting with him was the Ex-Premier Lord Baldwin, and the Archbishop of Canterbury. Lord Halifax opened the telegram. With a muttered exclamation he showed it to Stanley Baldwin, then rushed out of the gallery. (A minute later he was on the floor of the House, an exceptional act for a peer. He threaded his way to the Treasury Bench where members of the Cabinet sit.

There was a lull in the proceedings. Spectators could see that there was excitement as the message was passed from hand to hand. It reached the Prime Minister. He read it with eyebrows lifted -- while the House and the spectators waited with bated breath. Then Neville Chamberlain in a voice that trembled with the emotion it couldn't conceal, uttered these words: "I have now been informed by Chancellor Hitler that he invites me to Munich tomorrow morning and that he has also invited Premier Mussolini and Premier Daladier." Then he continued: "<sup>Sign</sup> ~~Senior~~ Mussolini has accepted. There is no doubt but that Monsieur Daladier also accepts. (I need not say what my answer will be.)"

(Pandemonium broke loose as the aged Prime Minister of Britain sank back tears streaming down his wrinkled cheeks. The Whole House had jumped to its feet, cheering,) waving papers, and cries of "Bravo!" resounded. Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, leaned over and patted his chief affectionately on the back. The King's Mother, the aged Queen Mary, was seen to leave the royal gallery in the House of Commons, wiping tears from her eyes.

That dusty old Chamber at St. Stephens has witnessed many tumultuous scenes. But never one more fraught with emotion, relief and hope than this one. A relief echoed all over the world.

Chamberlain guessed right, Premier Daladier did accept immediately. And they'll all be at Munich tomorrow. (The British Prime Minister will fly from Hendon Airdrome the first thing tomorrow morning.) Premier Mussolini left Rome by train, and Hitler is also on his way by train. The meeting will take place at one of the new landmarks of Munich, the Feuhrerhaus, Hitler's official residence and headquarters, a sumptuously furnished edifice which contains among other things Hitler's offices, a vast banquet hall, and luncheon room. There the four men will get together tomorrow.

to settle the fate of Europe.

There's a strong indication that they will tackle more than the Czechoslovak problem. This is implied in a semi-official announcement from Rome. Big shots of the Italian Fascisti told newspapermen that the Duce has recalled all Italian volunteers from Spain. If that's true, the intention is obvious. Mussolini will snatch this opportunity to clinch his treaty of friendship with England. And, by the way, here's a bulletin from Barcelona that the Spanish Republican government has ordered the demobilization of the Foreign Brigade, which includes many American.

An official spokesman have ~~been~~ warned us, from Europe, the crisis is by no means over. For one thing, there can be no end to it until all those mobilized millions of fighting men and machines are demobilized. Even after the four rulers have come to an agreement, there will be critical moments.

The news from Czechoslovakia has it that President Benes shares in the general belief but is anxious to have a Czech spokesman present. However, none has been invited; so the general supposition is that Czech interests will be represented by the French and the English. It's worth observing that of those four great statesmen,

only one can speak the language of all the others -- Senor Mussolini. Curiously enough, Italian will be the only tongue that won't need to be spoken. The simple procedure would be for Mussolini to act not only as representative of Italy and mediator for the other powers, but as interpreter for the Frenchman, the Englishman, and the German. But that would be the procedure a lot too simple. So they'll follow historic precedent and use interpreters.

ROOSEVELT

One sensational fact about this conference, is the way it came about, to say nothing of the speed. Primarily, the credit seems to belong to our own President. Of course the last minute cable that he sent to Hitler at ten o'clock last night is now almost ancient history. The Germans appeared to receive it goldly, not to say scornfully. A spokesman for the German Foreign Office was asked whether Hitler would answer it. He replied, "No, why should he? He has already answered the American President. There must be an end to this eternal messaging to and fro."

From Hitler himself for the first few hours came nothing but silence. But it turned out that Mr. Roosevelt had backed up his personal cable to Hitler with another to Mussolini. What he said to Mussolini we don't know. But obviously it was cogent. Mr. Roosevelt, in the middle of the night, also informed Chamberlain <sup>of</sup> what he had done. Chamberlain thereupon sent an urgent and eloquent message to the Duce. But up to the time he was telling the Commons what had happened, he had no idea of what had occurred in Rome. And this is what occurred:-

After receiving Roosevelt's message, the Duce reached

for his telephone, and put in a personal call to Hitler. Since he speaks German fluently, he was able to talk with force and persuasion. What followed after that was the breath-taking invitation that Hitler sent to Chamberlain and which Chamberlain read to the overjoyed Commons.)

Here's another significant bit of news. The tone of sentiment in Germany today is notably milder. Even such a perpetual firebrand as Propaganda Minister Goebbels had a peaceful note in his voice when he spoke to a huge crowd in Berlin. One possibility suggested, in Germany, is that Hitler may accept one important compromise: he may be satisfied if the Czechs make what is called a token withdrawal of their troops from Sudetenland on Saturday. Meaning for them to carryout a perfunctory evacuation of some of the Sudeten areas but still keep things under control.

WASHINGTON

Naturally, there was rejoicing in Washington over the peace moves by the President. So far the president declined to make public the terms of his latest message -- the one to Mussolini. Nevertheless, the White House staff admitted that it had been sent and Secretary Steve Early added: "It was sent in the interest of world peace."

At the same time, there were advices from Tokyo that our Ambassador Grew had asked the Mikado's government to use its influence with Germany -- Japan's present ally. Moscoe ways that President Roosevelt also appealed to the Soviets.

There was on discordant note against the background of the jubilant Washington chorus. And that came from the Czech minister, Vladimir Hurban, who said:- "The conference in Munich may do more harm than good to the future of my country." Adding:- "it may end up with more pressure being brought to bear on Czechoslovakia."



## LINERS

There was a flurry around several of the docks in New York harbor today. More particularly, at the piers used by the German steamers. The HANSA of the North German Lloyd was making ready to sail tonight with three hundred and fifty passengers. Suddenly without warning, she sailed at nine o'clock this morning, not a passenger aboard. Then -- the German liner ST. LOUIS reached New York from Germany this morning, unloaded her passengers, turned right around, put out to sea. The Greyhound BREMEN sailed at noon with only two hundred and forty-five passengers, just about half as many as she usually carries at this time of year.

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## STOCKS

The Stock Markets of the world today were like a dizzy merry-go-round. At the opening of the day, prices started to topple. The European exchanges were in a state of tumult. War seemed only a few hours distant, and prices were plunging. The Pound, in terms of the dollar, dropped thirteen cents. And - war commodities went sky high. Wheat at Liverpool jumped six cents a bushel.

But, the bonds of the giant Skoa Munitions Works in Czechoslovakia went down to twenty.

When the news of the Munich conference broke, then everybody rushed for cover. And the price of the Pound started up. And -- also ordinary stocks and bonds. War staples dropping again.

Startling testimony before the Committee investigating Un-American activities. Hitherto, Texas Congressman Dies and his colleagues have been concentrating on the Reds. Today, they ~~are~~ turned the flashlight on the Nazis at our own doorstep. On the witness stand was a man wearing the uniform of a Storm Trooper of the German-American Bund. He was John C. Metcalf, formerly reporter on a Chicago newspaper. He had put in six months associating with the German Nazis, had become one of them -- and then turned investigator for the Dies Committee.

He produced a circular printed over here in German; an invitation to members of the German-American Bund to join in a celebration of Hitler's conquest of Sudetenland next Sunday.

Metcalf also stated that members of that Bund considered themselves in the same plight as the Sudetens.

He charged that Nazi agents, members of that Bund, have managed to procure secret plans of Uncle Sam's latest battleships. And Metcalf said further: "Some of the Storm Troopers are aviation mechanics and are employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation, also by Boeing. So said Special Agent Metcalf. And he added that

the German-American Bund has its own organization of five thousand storm troopers. In case of a war, they would be employed as spies and on sabotage.

Chairman Dies asked whether Metcalf had any information to show that Americans were supporting this German-American Bund. Metcalf replied: "If you go into it more fully you'll probably find that certain high-up industrial leaders in this country, who are Fascist-minded, are backing the movement."

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

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There was an amusing interlude at Saratoga Springs today. The scene was the State Convention of the New York Republicans. On the platform was key-noter Congressman Bruce Barton, who is a big shot in the advertising world, though a comparatively newcomer in politics. Barton ~~of course~~ key-noted a withering attack on the New Deal. He was going along fine, getting a big hand and plenty of laughs. In the middle of one of his sentences a delegate in the ~~rear~~<sup>rear</sup> of the hall stood up and interrupted. At the top of his voice this delegate shouted: "Aw let's nominate Dewey and close this thing up." He meant of course Tom Dewey the racket-busting prosecutor of New York County. The interrupter got ~~as big a hand as~~ as big a hand as Bruce Barton. ~~There was no doubt at Saratoga Springs about the feeling of the main body~~

<sup>TP</sup> The delegates all feel the,

~~The~~ one important thing to do ~~is to~~<sup>is</sup> nominate Tom Dewey for Governor and go home. However conventions are not run in that concise and business-like fashion. They have to be conducted according to rules and precedents. So the nominating of Dewey will have to wait until this evening when the adjourned meeting of the convention will be held.

NORMAN THOMAS

The case of the iron-handed Mayor Hague of Jersey City is to come before a Federal Grand Jury. That's the decision of Attorney General Cummings; he said so this afternoon.

It's all about that incident last April when Norman Thomas, the Socialist leader, tried to make a speech and was forcibly kicked out of Mayor Hague's town. The charge the grand jury will be asked to consider is that Hague broke the federal laws concerning the civil rights of citizens.

## BASEBALL

In our own United States, there's a fight going on which normally would shove nearly all European news to the background. That thrilling nip and tuck phot-finish between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Chicago Cubs. The most sensational race down the baseball homestretch in many a year.

If the Cubs won this afternoon, they'd be leading the League by just half a game.

Let's see what happened at Wrigly this afternoon. Here it is:- Just in -- tied in the ninth -- and then Chicago - 6 - Pittsburgh - 5. So the Cubs now lead the League.

A forgotten man passed away at his home in Philadelphia today. Once his name loomed foremost in the world of motor cars. In late years, one seldom heard of him. Charles Edgar Duryea, the man who invented the first gasoline automobile in America. Before Haynes, before Winton, before Henry Ford. It was in Eighteen Ninety-Two -- the very year I was born -- that Duryea brought forth his first car.

He was also the first man to use pneumatic tires on cars. And surely on a Blue Sunoco broadcast we should salute him! And So Long Until Tomorrow.