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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Now for the war news, - there's not much of it. The only spectacular story is about last night's Nazi raid on Alexandria. Of course the capture of Crete makes such a raid considerably easier, Crete being only five hundred miles away from the city at the mouth of the Nile. According to the Germans, they set the British naval and air base there on fire. The information from the other side comes through the Egyptian Ministry of the Interior, which reports that high explosives and incendiaries were dropped on the city, many houses destroyed, and more than a hundred people killed.

The chief importance of this raid is that it may indicate that the Nazis' next move will be a direct onslaught against the Suez Canal.

British general headquarters for the Middle East announced that there was nothing of importance to report today. But unofficially, it is being said that Sir Archibald Wavell is now strongly enough established around Syria to enable him to extend his fighting front.

There's a story from Istanbul that General Catroux, Commander of the Free French forces in Palestine, wants Wavell to plunge into Syria. But Wavell, say the Turks, is holding back. The Ankara radio reports that the British definitely will march into Syria in a few days.

And here's the news from Syria itself. General Dentz, the French-Commander-in-Chief there, has ordered all his French forces to their posts, and issued a dramatic proclamation, to his troops in which he said, "We will defend our possessions with all out strength." Then he denied the stories that the Germans were trying to use Syria for attacks on the British. Germany, he declared, simply asks France to maintain possession of her territories, nothing more, nothing else.

From Istanbul, on the other hand, comes the story that there are already five thousand Nazis ~~■~~ in Syria, engineers and technicians, ~~■~~ plus a thousand men of Goering's air arm, enough to ~~man~~ two hundred German planes.

FRANCE

Secretary of State Hull issued a strong statement today, a statement pertaining to France, the Vichy government. The Secretary declared that it looks as if France may be moving into the camp of the aggressor nations. The Franco-German collaboration makes it appear as if the Vichy Government were joining the Nazis. That may cause a great change in the relations between the United States and France - so said Secretary of State Hull.

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From Vichy we hear that the United States Embassy <sup>over</sup> there is being deluged by letters from the French people - hundreds of letters. These express opinions regarding the collaboration between France and Germany. The great majority of the writers denounce the <sup>partnership</sup> ~~collaboration~~ in angry terms.

But why all the letters? The reason is a series of broadcasts originating in London - British radio messages to the people of France, telling them about the Vichy-Nazi collaboration and suggesting that they write to the United States Ambassador to France about it.

## PEACE

Peace talk is in the air again, so they say, Washington has rumors of negotiations between Hitler and Britain. These rumors follow close upon the arrival of Ambassador Winant from London.

The story is that Hitler is again offering Churchill terms of peace and that Britain will talk terms unless the United States rushes into the war at once. This comes in a story from Washington by Ludwell Denny, Washington correspondent of the NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM and other Scripps-Howard papers. Denny declares it is a fact that within the last month, Hitler has been looking for the chance or an excuse for another peace offensive. The dramatic arrival of Rudolf Hess in Scotland may have been one index pointing that way. Then again, Denny points out that not long ago Senator Connally of Texas, who is an important member of the Foreign Relations Committee, intimated that he had heard information about peace moves abroad. And of course it's an undenied fact that

The British have been shocked by the defeat at Crete, the victory of Nazi air power over British sea power.

Winston Churchill is being criticized openly for the first time since he became Prime Minister.

But the rumor ~~is~~ that Ambassador Winant brought with him a

request for Uncle Sam to get into the war is without confirmation.

In London those closest to the Prime Minister believe it most unlikely.

The story by Ludwell Denny from Washington next conveys a report from Vichy of an interview between Hitler and John Cudahy, our former minister to Belgium, who has been in Europe gathering news from an American syndicate and magazine. This report declares that Cudahy, who is on shipboard sailing back to New York, brings with him a draft of Nazi peace terms.

DEFENSE

Ten billions more for defense! That's the next appropriation Congress is asked to make. <sup>The bill</sup> ~~It~~ has already run the gauntlet of the important Appropriations Committee of the House. You might say that, except for differences over details, it's a foregone conclusion that Congress will give the President the money. The exact figure is nine billion, eight hundred and twenty-six million, five hundred and nine thousand, four hundred and ninety two. That's what the Appropriations Committee recommends. It's even more than the President asked for, nearly six hundred and fifty millions more.

It gives authority to General Marshall such as ~~the~~ a Chief-of-Staff of Uncle Sam's army never has had before. Under this bill he can order whatever tanks and equipment for the armored forces he thinks justified. ~~As the Committee puts it,~~ "by the state of world affairs." It also recommends that he be given a blank check for twenty-five million dollars, to use just as he sees fit. <sup>It's</sup> ~~This is~~ the second largest single appropriation in history.

Some interesting facts came out in the hearing of this

bill, but only just now they are being revealed. That at a conservative estimate, the Germans now have a capacity for turning out three thousand aircraft a month. And that after the factories in occupied territories have been organized, this capacity can be boosted to four or even six thousand planes a month.

PROPERTY DRAFT

From Washington and elsewhere we've heard rumblings and alarums about that bill to enable the government to seize our property. Secretary of War Stimson wants Congress to hurry up about it. The bill is most essential to the defense program. The government needs to have the power to take over not only property and materials but patents. Then the Secretary uses these words:- "On the one hand we've been hounded for not getting along fast enough and on the other hand we've been held up by a lot of frivolous objections," meaning, objections to that draft property act.

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*Sec. of War*  
~~Colonel~~ Stimson declares that the reasons why the bill is necessary are clear. For instance, he says, at present the Government can take over a plant only if the manufacturer refuses to produce, under Section Nine of the Selective Service Act. But under that law the War Department could not seize a plant in which there's a strike such as the long delayed walkout of the Allis-*Chalmers* ~~Chalmers~~ factory in Milwaukee or the present aircraft factory strike in California. Then there are patents the Government badly needs, *patents* ~~They're~~ held by the German government at present. Also there are a great many tools which are needed for defense, now being used in factories that



are not working on defense orders and under the present laws they're immune from seizure.

That's the side of the argument put forward by the War Department.

The Military Affairs Committee of the Senate will begin to hear arguments for and against this bill on June Sixteenth. For instance, ~~the influential~~ Senator George of Georgia says the bill is much too sweeping, couldn't pass in its present broad form. <sup>still more</sup> Senator Hiram Johnson of California puts it strongly; ~~declares it is the damnest~~ <sup>says its the blankety blankest</sup> piece of legislation he has ever seen.

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Today Secretary of the Interior Ickes had some things to say about -- oil. He told of possible restrictions in the consumption of gasoline for automobiles and fuel oil for furnaces, -- restrictions in the Eastern states. This may happen in a month or so. So stated the Secretary of the Interior, who is also the Defense Oil Coordinator. ~~He, And he added these words: "As soon as I get my feet on the ground, I will do what is necessary."~~ He

explained that he'd have to study the data concerning the stores of petroleum products on hand in the Eastern states.

Talking to a press conference in Washington, the Secretary of the Interior and Defense Oil Coordinator discussed the question of automobile driving. He referred to the possibility of what are being called \*-"gasolineless Sundays." It would appear that Sunday is not the only day -- "just a phrase," said Secretary Ickes. Other days may be included -- all the days. He said it may come to a point where, in his words, "automobiles can't be driven for pleasure on any day."

The Secretary spoke of the possibility that householders may have to go easy in the use of oil to heat their homes. That may come about, he agreed. "If I were a house-holder," he explained,

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"and were building a house and had to determine whether to use oil or coal I would hesitate before putting in an oil burner."

He <sup>also</sup> said the problem of automobile driving on one hand and oil heating on the other might turn into an alternative.

People might have to choose either one or the other -- not both.

The Secretary expressed it in these terms:- "An option between driving and home heating."

*the oil problem?*  
The reason for ~~all of this is~~ a shortage of tankers.

The transport of oil from the Gulf coast to the northeastern states is accomplished by a fleet of tankers operated by the oil industry. Fifty of these have been taken over by the government to aid in a shuttle system of transportation to Great Britain. *And*

It is the requisitioning of oil-carrying-vessels which threatens the shortage. There's plenty of <sup>*petroleum.*</sup> ~~oil.~~ The industry can produce all that the public may need - all that national defense may need.

In fact, all that anybody may need. And there's authoritative opinion in the oil industry that if no more tankers are taken out of service between the ~~six~~ Gulf coast and the eastern states - there will still be enough to supply the demand.

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PILLS

We've heard a lot of stories from the war zones that Nazi shock troops before going into action are doped up. We used to hear the same story in the last war but it never was proved.

*this time*  
Nevertheless, <sup>^</sup>the rumor comes back hotter than ever, and today it's confirmed by high ranking officers of Uncle Sam's army. The German officers do use what doctors call "fatigue pills" to pep up the fighting spirit of <sup>their</sup> ~~the~~ troops. The information comes from Colonel Paul Logan, ~~who is the~~ diet expert in the Quartermasters Corps. He says ~~that~~ the Nazis use a <sup>stimulant</sup> ~~dope~~ made of corn sugar spread with citric acid. Corn sugar goes directly into the blood stream. The citric acid produces a heavy flow of saliva so as to get the sugar into the digestive system as quickly as possible.

British soldiers in Crete reported that the Nazi parachute soldiers fought them with what appeared to be super-human endurance and ~~they~~ had the appearance of having been drugged.

But Uncle Sam's army has a better dope than that!

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So Colonel Logan told a committee of Congressmen. "Our fatigue medicine consists of a cracker made of whole wheat, soy bean meal, ~~or~~ ground beef muscle, whole milk, hydrogenated fat plus vitamins and minerals. Sargeant, pass the minerals."

## STRIKE

A new strike and a serious one. ~~It's~~ In one of the biggest aircraft plants in the country, the factory of the North American Aviation Company in California. Again, a strike called by the C.I.O. <sup>And -</sup> This factory turns out about one-fifth of the whole country's output of fighting planes.

The strike began ~~at three o'clock~~ this morning, ~~Pacific Time, that's at seven o'clock Eastern Daylight Time, began~~ just as the night shift were going off duty. Promptly the officials of the company closed the doors of the factory, ~~told the employees~~ <sup>H</sup> ~~not to report for work~~. This walkout, they say, is the most serious blow yet to the national defense.

## FLOODS

After weeks of drought, floods. The rivers of western Pennsylvania and northwest Virginia are on a tear, overflowing their banks, carrying death and destruction over a large area. Two big river boats were sunk in the Monongahela, while half a dozen barges were carried away down stream to become a danger to navigation. On the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad, a locomotive and nine cars were toppled over. In western Pennsylvania hundreds of people in at least two towns are trapped, isolated by the high waters.

The tired business man is not a fiction, says the eminent Doctor Edgar Allen of the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn. He told this to the American Medical Association today. There is definitely such a thing as a tired business man, says he. But he's not necessarily the T.B.M. of comedy, a fellow with a balloon tire where his waist ought to be, bald as an egg, and soft in the heart for chorus girls and over-decorative secretaries.

The real tired business executive, says Dr. Allen, is a man with high blood pressure, hardening arteries and bad temper. His brain is weary, his muscles are tired, and his stomach is acid. And he eats too much. Almost everybody eats too much, Says Dr. Allen. And he adds that in the struggle of life the race is not to the swift but to the thin. Therefore, everybody should fast occasionally for two or three days at a time. And he says further that we should try to get more spiritual stimulation than we do, meaning thereby spirits that do not come out of a bottle.

Advice for you, Hugh, as you are about to go on a diet of home cooking.