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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The news today gave us a bit of drama on the theme of - peace. The culmination this evening is, a new peace move - by Belgium and Holland, King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina joining in a diplomatic effort to end the war. ~~That's the secret of the mystery that lasted and lingered for hours, and had people wondering, trying to guess.~~

The story begins shortly before midnight last night. At The Hague, capital of the Netherlands, suddenly appeared ~~the King Leopold of Belgium~~ ^{of the} ~~King~~ ^{King} - after a racing motor trip from his own capital at Brussels. King Leopold was immediately received by Queen Wilhelmina, and in the royal palace a conference began. Instantly, it was remarked: - ^{how} ^{that} surprising the Belgian King should have left Brussels at that particular time. It was the day of the death of ~~Burgomaster~~ ^{the famous old mayor} of Brussels, Burgomaster Max.

~~He was~~ Belgian national hero, ^{of World War renown,} ~~whose courage and patriotism~~
~~during the World War had earned him the devotion of all Belgians.~~
~~The death of the national hero, it was pointed out, would have~~
~~kept the King in Brussels unless~~ Something of the most momentous
^{must have taken Leopold}
importance ~~had drawn him~~ to Holland.

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For long hours in the dead of night, ^{he} ~~King Leopold~~
conferred with Queen Wilhelmina, and then with the Foreign
Minister of the Netherlands. They talked in a room facing the
street, and spectators could see Leopold of Belgium pacing the
floor and waving his arms in excited gestures, as he talked.
Then out of the palace dashed Prince Bernhard, consort to Crown
Princess Juliana. He jumped into a waiting automobile, and drove
off at high speed. It was assumed that he was taking an important
message somewhere. The conference of royalty last night was
followed by further conversations today - in an atmosphere of the
utmost tenseness.

From here and there came ^{significant} ~~small~~ bits of news. There
were renewed reports that Nazi Germany was about to violate the
neutrality of Belgium or Holland, or both. ~~Some accounts had it~~

that the German army would launch a drive through the two neutral countries in an effort to out-flank the French Maginot line.

Another supposition was - that what Hitler really wanted was to get naval and air bases on the Dutch coast. Such bases would be of the utmost advantage in launching short-range submarine attacks against Great Britain, and ~~of~~ even greater purpose in hurling air raids against ~~Britain, the~~ ^{the nearby} English coast, ~~lying so near the Dutch~~

From Berlin came ominous word of a council of war held today by Hitler with Field Marshal Goering and the Army Commanders, General^s von Brauschitch and Keitel. Did that portend some new military move? One dispatch, via London, related that German shock troops and tanks were concentrating on the border of Holland, a heavy mechanized force under the commander of General Blaskowitz. He was ^a ~~the~~ Number One commander in the blitzkrieg that destroyed Poland. You may remember his face in the newsreels of the surrender of Warsaw. Working on ^{the} picture at Movietone - I then thought I had never looked at ^{a more} ~~such a~~ grim and forbidding face, that profile seen through the window of the bus.

There were strange reports that last night Belgian

army pursuit planes made extensive flights near the German frontier, and that there was Belgian anti-aircraft fire - meaning what?

Nobody knew. Moreover, there were rumors that France was evacuating territory and making military moves along the Belgian border.

Was France preparing for action in Belgium - perhaps anticipating a German invasion?

Later on in the afternoon came the most menacing word of all - from Germany. (High Nazi officials spoke out with a warning addressed to Belgium and Holland - accusing those two small neutrals of conniving with the British blockade.) "They let Britain hold their ships for weeks on end without doing anything about it," said the Hitler mouthpieces. ~~"Such an attitude is scarcely consistent with true neutrality," contended the Nazis. Germany all along has wanted the neutral countries to do something about the stopping of neutral cargoes - some of which Germany might get.~~ And this afternoon a spokesman of the Hitler Foreign Office uttered these words:- "It is up to the small powers to do something more than make mere paper complaints regarding the British blockade." *Might that be a pretext for an invasion?*

All of these things put tense emphasis on the conferences in the royal palace at The Hague. It was raining today in the capital of Holland, but for hours crowds stood in the drizzle outside the palace, watching and waiting in anxious expectancy. What were the King and Queen and ministers of state discussing? Was it an immediate threat of German invasion? Were they laying a joint plan of action in case of attack? Toward mid-afternoon, King Leopold emerged from the palace and drove back to Brussels. Shortly afterward, an official bulletin was issued, revealing the secret of what that urgent royal conference was all about.

A move for peace, King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina offering to mediate the war, making a joint offer to Great Britain, France and Germany, official messages sent to London, Paris and Berlin - already sent. In fact, the peace messages were dispatched at the time the King and Queen were conferring in the royal palace at the Hague.

The text begins with these words:- "In this hour of anxious tension for the entire world, and before the war in western

Europe breaks out in its full terror, we are convinced that it is our duty to raise our voice once again in warning."

So they offer to mediate.

And at once today British, French and Germans join in giving the King-Queen offer a firendly reception. But, say government sources in London, the peace move may not get anywhere. The Allies will not consider any terms lkely to be agreeable to Hitler. Paris takes the same attitude; and Berlin tonight expresses doubt that the Leopold-Wilhelmina messages will have any result.

So we're left to wonder. The Belgian King and the Dutch Queen must have known perfectly well that they had little or no chance of mediating the war right now. Then why their message? There's some surmise that their purpose was really to relieve the Nazis. Anypeace move right now fits the plans of Hitler.

SOVIETS

Another sweet message of peace echoes tonight from Red Moscow -- a call for the end of the war, the war to be turned into Red Revolution and the fury of class struggle. This gentle theme has been sounded for several days by the various Soviet bigwigs. Today the pleasing message is officially given to the world by the Comintern -- the Communist Internationale. In Moscow Dimitrov, Secretary General of the Comintern, issued directions to the Bolshevik faithful all over the world.

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The mention of war provides the keynote in the Soviet call to form a new line-up. "We must," it says, "organize a front between Communists and Left Wing Social Democrats who oppose war."

Today's manifesto issues a call to the workers in the belligerent nations. "Put an end to this war," it directs.

The Comintern pronunciamento takes the usual Soviet fling at the United States. "Under the flag of neutrality," it thunders, "the American bourgeoisie is encouraging further spreading of the flames of war. The United States is becoming an Anglo - French munitions factory, making vast profits at the expense of the peoples of belligerent countries." So the American Reds also are exhorted to activity in the new united front decreed by the Comintern.

All this in the midst of Moscow's big Red celebration, the twentieth anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution in Russia. There were huge demonstrations in Red Square. Voroshilov, Commander of the Red Army, made a speech, in which he proclaimed anew that the Soviets will stay out of the war.

One interesting thing was noted. On the grand rostrum where stood Red Dictator Stalin, Foreign Commisar Molotov, and

Red Army Commander Voroshilov -- another familiar Bolshevik figure was noted. Right along with the rest of the big shot comrades was Litvinov. Remember that former Foreign Commissar who was so prominent in the news when the Soviets bulked big in the affairs of the League of Nations, and when they were lining up with the Democracies against Fascism? Litvinov's fall from power may have been an advance sign of what has to come -- the line-up of Stalin with Hitler. He dropped into something of obscurity, but today was up there as big as life, with Stalin and the other ace-high Commissars.

SOVIET RECEPTION

~~this afternoon and evening,~~
Right now in Washington big times are on at the
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Soviet Embassy -- a gala reception in commemoration of the
Bolshevik Revolution, ^{of} twenty years ago. And Washington society
has been having an amusing time figuring out who will go and
who won't -- after the way the Moscow comrades have been
blasting the Allies and also the United States.

Here are some prominent persons who are not among
those present:- British Ambassador Lord Lothian had a previous
appointment; Japanese Ambassador Kensuke Horinouchi was
compelled to make a trip to New York today; Italian Ambassador
Prince Colonna was out of town; the Spanish Ambassador isn't
going because the Franco Government does not enjoy any
diplomatic relations with Moscow; Chairman Key Pittman of the
Senate Foreign Relations Committee had a previous engagement.

TP Among those present are, the diplomats of the Scandinavian
countries, yes, and Finland. I suppose they feel it wise
~~to~~ to accept Soviet hospitality. Oh yes, and the German
Embassy -- Hitler's charge d'affaires, Dr. Hans Thomsen, is
there with bells on. How could a Nazi miss a Communist
function?

Mrs. Senator Borah was asked today whether she was going, and she said she was. "I think it's terrible," she observed, "the way people of this town act toward diplomats who can't help what their countries do."

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SHIPS

The State Department today said "No" -- in the proposal to transfer American ships to the flag of Panama. Secretary of State Hull raised his objection to the plan, which would permit eight of the biggest American boats to do business in the war zones. He informed the United States Maritime Commission that he believed the whole thing to be contrary to the spirit of the Neutrality Law.

This followed an announcement by the Maritime Commission that it was holding up the permit, needs time to study various angles.

ASSASSIN

For months now, the name of Herschel Grynszpan has fallen out of sight. You may not even remember him - the young Jew who killed a Nazi diplomatic official in Paris, and thereby provoked a violent anti-Semitic outbreak in Germany, ^{the} ~~an~~ orgy ~~of~~ anti-Jewish violence that shocked the world *last year.*

What has happened to Herschel Grynszpan? The last we heard, months ago, was that he was still awaiting trial for his crime in Paris. Since then, war has come between France and Germany. So what about the assassin of the Nazi diplomat?

Today we have a flash. The courts in Paris have rejected the plea made by Herschel Grynszpan, ~~the complaint will have to be made by~~ What plea? That he be allowed to join the Polish Legion in fighting against the Nazi army. He asked that he be released and allowed to enlist, and then after the war be taken back to face the charge.

The court refused. And with this comes the information that in the trial of Grynszpan, the complaint will have to be made by the father of his victim. The father is a German. So the trial will have to wait until after the war.

ELECTIONS

Elections far and wide, most ^{of them of comparatively} ~~cases of~~ minor importance,

and ~~anyway~~ it's too early for word ~~in~~ about any returns -

except that voting was heavy. So we'll have to wait until later

in the evening, and listen to our N.B.C. stations for election

night round-ups.

FOOTBALL

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Here's some football news, but without any rah, rah, rah. The first item comes from Yale, where the varsity emotion is expressed by a deep and painful groan. Today Yale Coach Ducky Pond addressed the big blue team, and he didn't go - "rah, rah," ~~or~~ *even "boola, boola."* ~~It~~ ¹ It reminded one more of the old bulldog "bow, wow, wow" - the way he barked. ~~at them.~~

The coach began rather mildly by describing his eleven as - "the worst I have ever coached." Then his roar increased in loudness and fierceness, as he made his description still stronger, "the worst team I think I have ever seen on a Yale field," said he. "Or on any other field" - after last Saturday's shellacking by Dartmouth, to the horrifying score of thirty-three to nothing. Ducky Pond, going into an analysis, described the attitude of some of the players as - "not at all satisfactory." And he added these sinister words - "There is something wrong with the competitive spirit." What do you mean, Coach - the big blue team wouldn't go out and die for dear old Yale? *Whatdoyou mean?*

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Ducky Pond climaxed with these three ominous words - "It means changes," he proclaimed. And changes it meant, all right,

a wholesale yanking of players from the varsity team. Only three players are sure of their places - Captain Bill ~~Starbuck~~^{Stack}, center; Bob Brooks, tackle; and substitute back Ted Harrison. All the others of the team will have to battle it out, win their jobs all over again - or be reduced to the rank of ~~the second team~~^{scrubs}. Yale is likely to go to the game with Brown on Saturday with virtually a new line-up.

The second absence of "rah, rah, rah" comes from the University of Chicago, ~~the skyscraper cathedral of learning over~~^{over?} which Prexy Bob Hutchins presides. Chicago "U" has had an unusual season - unusually bad, ~~terrific, stupendously bad,~~^{terrific, stupendously bad,} The team has scored twelve points ~~all season,~~ in all the games it has played, and has been scored on for a total of two hundred and one points, ~~that's~~^a thumping total! - ~~the boys got thumped around a lot.~~ Two hundred and one to twelve - the University of Chicago, ~~must be~~ the mid-western Yale!
only more so.

Today's complete lack of rah, rah, rah, comes from the ~~of Chicago~~ "Campus Daily" of the University. The "Campus Daily" issued a blast against the administration of Prexy Bob Hutchins, who is ~~hardly~~ reputed to bother about such matters as mathematic^s, chemistry and

However, the Campus Daily sees a ray of hope -- It says:- "We have learned happily of a secret meeting of five hundred loyal graduates of the University this week," who met to confabulate on the pitiful pigskin situation; "interested enough to devote their time, and we hope their money, to buy as a good football team."

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DRUNK

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What is the difference between scientific research and getting drunk? That was a question before a judge in Boston today. The story begins eight days ago when a graduate student of Boston University was arrested for being a bit unsteady on his feet, indulging in loud and not very sensible conversation, singing a song or two, and going whoop-la all over the place. He explained that it was all a matter of scientific research. In his collegiate work he was preparing a thesis on alcoholism, and had been experimenting. It was a highly successful experiment, the police agree. They turned him loose, hoping ~~he~~ that he had done enough research to have learned all he needed to know for his ~~thesis on~~ alcoholism ^{thesis.}

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Yesterday that same graduate student was arrested in the same state of research, and once more he explained that it was merely a scientific experiment. ^{graded his research work zero;} Today the judge said [^] "Ten days in jail." ~~that~~ [^] to give the researcher time enough to think over his experiments - [^] correlate them, as ^a ~~the~~ ^{would say.} scientist ~~say~~.

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And now Hugh, what have you to relate or co-relate?