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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Chinese government is ready to talk peace with the leaders of the Chinese Communists. So says Chinese Nationalist Premier Sun Fo in Nanking today. Sun Fo has formed a new war cabinet. He insists that it must be an honorable peace -- what he terms "A just agreement." Otherwise the Chinese Nationalist government will fight on - opposing the Communists to the end.

Meanwhile, a U.P. dispatch from the Far East describes the immediate future of China as hanging on the decision of the Generalissimo. Chiang is said to be considering whether to resign, and leave China; or delegate his political powers, and go out and fight the Communists himself.

The U.P. dispatch says that American opinion in China is that Chiang must finally resign. One American source in Shanghai reveals that President Truman asked the Generalissimo if he had considered resigning. This when Chiang appealed for more aid.

But, in China they are saying there is no leader to take his place: and that there will be no further resistance if he quits. Then the Reds would overrun all of China. The Generalissimo may not be all that is desired as a leader, they are saying, but who in China has had such vast experience? The Generalissimo, they say, is the only man who can be relied on never to become a Red puppet -- if the Nationalist government were to form a coalition with the Reds.

But, (Chiang is expected to fight on. A Nanking news dispatch says he will try to hold <sup>Nanking</sup> ~~the city~~ as long as possible, then retreat slowly southwest, toward Canton.) There, backed by his brother-in-law, T.V. Soong, that he will try to fight a lengthy war -- always hoping for increased help from the U.S.

## HURLEY TO FOLLOW CHINA

At his home in Santa Fe, tonight, ~~General~~  
~~John Patrick~~ Hurley, ~~our~~ former Ambassador to China,  
*came out in defense of*  
~~defends Generalissimo~~ Chiang Kai Shek. He says the  
United States forced China to make territorial  
concessions to Russia and Great Britain at the Yalta  
Conference. Further, that after the death of F.D.R.,  
the State Department directed him, General <sup>Pat</sup> Hurley,  
to disregard the Roosevelt policy, which he describes  
as favoring <sup>Western Power</sup> imperialism, in Asia. ~~by the western powers.~~

The former Ambassador also says that the  
present trouble in China is because our diplomats  
surrendered the principles and objective for which  
we were fighting, and to which all the Allies had  
agreed. ~~Maximum~~ After Yalta, he points out, that the  
Soviets got the Kurile Islands, the port of Darien,  
Port Arthur, and control of all the Chinese railroads  
in Manchuria.

Chiang Kai Shek and his government were subsequently blamed for these surrenders to Russia, but says Hurley, Chiang Kai Shek is not guilty. Instead "He stood courageously and almost alone against the encroachments of Russia and Great Britain."

General Hurley quit his Ambassadorship to China in Nineteen Forty-Five, he says, because U.S. diplomats contended that his policy in supporting Chiang's government was personal. As for General Marshall's famous special mission to China, Pat Hurley says it was doomed to failure all because the Marshall had orders not to help China until Chiang came to an agreement with the Chinese Communists.

## INDONESIA

The Indonesian Republic has asked us for military and economic help against the Dutch. The request was put today to Acting Secretary of State Lovett. Afterwards the Indonesian emissary told reporters he had asked our government to halt Marshall Plan aid to Holland. That is, unless the Dutch stop their military operations in Java. He added that his people intend to set up a government in exile, on the island of Sumatra.

Our Acting Secretary of State told the Indonesian that any statement we make will have to be made in the United Nations Security Council.

Meanwhile in Paris today our delegate called an emergency meeting of the U N Security Council to consider a resolution requesting withdrawal of Dutch troops.

Dr. Jessup flew from the French Riviera,

where ~~xxx~~ he has been taking penicillin treatments, to take this step. He described recent Dutch action in Indonesia as most important. So grave that he flew to Paris against his doctor's ~~xx~~ advice, and spoke with a heavy red woolen scarf around his neck.

However, the Security Council has delayed consideration of the fighting in Java for forty-eight hours, at the request of Russia. Molotov says he wants the U.S.S.R. represented, and Jacob Melik, <sup>*the Soviet Delegate to the Security Council*</sup> ~~his deputy~~ <sup>*who*</sup> is in Berlin. On hearing this, Dr. Jessup offered to fly Melik out of Berlin in an allied airlift plane. The offer was declined. But Melik promises to be on hand Wednesday.

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We hear from Paris that the American resolution will say that the Netherlands has not kept faith with the U N, with the commission that is trying to settle the conflict of Indonesia. Therefore that

we consider the Dutch to be the aggressor.

During the day, the Chief Dutch delegate in Paris delivered a memo to the Security Council, to the effect that the Netherlands government will continue its action. The Dutch claim they invaded Indonesia to restore peace and order. Therefore their decision will not be ~~xxxxxx~~ revoked.

In Batavia, the Dutch military commanders have clamped down strict censorship.

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Meanwhile, in Washington Australian Ambassador Norman Makin was discussing all this with Acting Secretary Lovett and he was followed by Ambassador Sir Rama Rau of India, with a formal statement of the Delhi government's attitude.

In India, at Jaipur, Pandit Nehru stated last night that the Dutch invasion of Indonesia would have serious repercussions throughout Asia. Also, that

India cannot remain an idle spectator, even if she is  
in no position to give the Indonesian republic a helping  
hand.

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## WAR LORDS

As nearly everyone expected (the United States Supreme Court rules that it has no authority to reprove the seven Japanese warlords.) In reply to their appeal our highest court answers that it has no jurisdiction. Justice Murphy wrote the lone dissenting opinion. With Justice Jackson taking no part because he was our prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials.

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## BIRTHDAY

It's tomorrow in Moscow, now. And the Soviet radio has been telling about the birthdays of the day - Tuesday, December Twenty-first -- all kinds of birthdays; Ivan and Illya, and little Davidovich. And along with the rest, read in the same flat tones: Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, born December Twenty-First. Premier Stalin is sixty-nine. But the big news in this story maybe is tagged on at the end: a message from Prague saying that Marshall Tito is sending Premier Stalin a message of Congratulation. I wonder if he'll get any answer?

COSTA RICA

All quiet on the Costa Rican front. Today former President <sup>Caldron</sup> ~~Rafael~~ Guardia, announced that he is abandoning his attempt to regain power. He says he was betrayed by those who had promised to rebel when his troops crossed the frontier from Nicaragua. But they didn't. So, the ex-Presidente went on the air from somewhere today -- presumably Nicaragua -- and he proceeded to denounce the people of Costa Rica as "most ungrateful". He followed this with the solemn pronouncement that this is the last time he is ever going to try and save his Costa Rican fellow countrymen from their fate.

What will he do now? Oh, he says he's heading for New York, to forget -- forget all, especially the ingratitude of the folks who didn't rise up and rebel when he led that sorte across the frontier from Nicaragua the other day. He's through with them and tonight all is quiet on the banana front.

## TAYLOR

Myron Taylor, President Truman's emissary to the Vatican today was awarded the Medal of Merit. The seventy-four year old Protestant industrialist was assigned to the Pope in Nineteen Thirty-Nine by F.D.R.

In presenting the decoration Mr. Truman spoke of the way the former head of the U.S. Steel Corporation has labored for world peace. At age seventy-four he said ~~Myron~~ Myron Taylor is right now at the zenith of his power.

All of which may indicate that President Truman does ~~not~~ not intend to listen to all those who object to Myron Taylor's many missions to the Vatican.

## SCIENTISTS

The news today tells of a new peril of the atomic age. According to Dr. Joseph Hamilton, medical physicist of the University of California, five American scientists are going blind. Scientists losing their sight because of radiation from atom smashing machines. The lenses of their eyes, said to be injured by radioactivity while working with the great cyclotrons. Radiation cataracts of the eye caused from exposure to the bombardment of neutrons.

Dr. Hamilton says that such injuries can result only from the process of smashing the atom -- the operation of those huge cyclotrons. He adds that these injuries to the lenses of the scientists' eyes have only become apparent, several years after they were bombarded by neutrons. There are five cases now; each a pioneer in operating cyclotrons.

## WEATHER

In the Dakotas, tonight high winds, with the storm heading for Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. In Wyoming, the winds up to seventy-eight miles an hour. In the East, highways still clogged. Trains running late, air travel slowed down.

In New York, thousands of autos were stalled in the streets last night. And naturally they all collected a good share of the fifteen million tons of snow which the weather bureau tells us fell on the metropolis. One motorist reports how he got up bright and early this morning to retrieve his car, which he had left on a crosstown street last night - when he couldn't see enough to drive home. - He found it -- or that he did one of many in a row. So he started digging -- with the help of two boys at a dollar apiece.

When they finally dug it out, it wasn't his car! Finally he found his way down the street -- next to a hydrant.

## GREENLAND

The latest from the Greenland ice cap. The eleven marooned flyers are still there. Three attempts have been made to rescue them by glider. All have failed. On the third try the glider was actually off the ice, up about fifty feet, when the tow rope snapped. Fortunately no one hurt.

And, now from the Air Force we hear there's a blizzard. Rescue attempts to be abandoned until the storm passes.

Meanwhile the marooned evidently are fairly comfortable. Snug and warm in a super-igloo, built by blocks of ice. While outside the blizzard howls and it's forty below. ~~They~~ The marooned airmen have had a special heater dropped to them; also warm clothing, food and even books, magazines and their Christmas mail.

A regular Christmas card snow scene -- in an igloo built for eleven, like Bob Flaherty's Nanook of the North.

Yesterday one of the marooned eleven had a pleasant shock. One that is hard to believe. His wife called him on the telephone. She said to the operator: Connect me with that igloo on the Greenland ice cap I want to talk to Jim. And they put her through -- by radio telephone.

I wonder what she said? Whether she told him it was snowing here? And that she wished he would hurry home and shovel out the driveway to the garage?

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

In London, ~~city of Scotland Yard,~~ they have something new in burglar alarms -- records that will call the police -- on the telephone -- for you. They are already installed in Buckingham Palace and at Windsor Castle -- to protect the fabulous treasures of the British crown.

The idea is so simple I wonder it hadn't been thought of before. The new burglar alarm is operated by a button, under the carpet. If uninvited guests enter Buckingham Palace, the intruder touches the button, sets off the phonograph record, and in goes the automatic telephone call both to Scotland Yard, and to the nearest police station.

What does the record say? In <sup>characteristic</sup> ~~the expression~~ of British accents it says: "Intruders have entered the precincts of Windsor Castle" -- or "Buckingham Palace" -- as the case may be. And, the burglar alarm

keeps on repeating that until the Bobbies arrive.

I imagine we'll have this device over here shortly. All fixed so you can have it ready to operate when you go off for a weekend. On the record something characteristically American, I suppose, such as: "Robbers in the apartment of Nelson Case. Help, police, hurry before the so and so's get away!"

At any rate, the idea has possibilities,  
Nelson?