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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The doctors tell us that the best way to get through a heat wave is not to think too much about the weather. So tonight I am not going to tell you how hot it was, here, there or anywhere. I'll simply pass along a promise made by Uncle Sam's meteorological people -- that it's cooler already in Chicago, and as far east as Northern Indiana.

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I hope you have been listening to that unusual V-J Day program on CBS during the past -- with Robert Montgomery ~~MC~~ing it. A most impressive radio - hour - that!

## HURRICANE

From New Orleans, news of a tropical hurricane howling up the Gulf of Mexico east of Tampico, a mighty twister threatening to blast inland north of the Mexican oil port. A wind velocity of a hundred ~~mi~~ to a hundred-and-twenty miles an hour.

The New Orleans ~~xxxxxx~~ weather bureau sent out reconnaissance ~~flights~~ flights which located the center of the hurricane at about a hundred and thirty miles east of Tampico, the storm whirling northeastward.

The New Orleans weather bureau advises small craft on the lower Texas coast to remain in port.

## MARSHALL

Thousands of Brazilians were at the Rio Airfield today, to cheer Secretary of State Marshall. Among them were the Brazilian Foreign Minister, the ex-foreign minister, and the top Generals of the Brazilian Army.

In his first speech, Marshall said he was sure that the Representatives of the American Republics would be successful in giving an example of solidarity to the whole world. That, he said, was the real purpose of the inter-American conference, to consolidate the peace of the world. The first goal would be to implement the pledges taken in the act of Chapultepec, during the war. By implementing them, he meant putting them in the form of treaties within the framework of the charter of the United Nations.

## TRUMAN

President Truman today broke one of the oldest rules in politics, a rule particularly binding upon Presidents; never admit you've made a mistake. In face of that tradition, Harry Truman today acknowledged he had been wrong; on this the second anniversary of V-J Day. He had predicted that by this time the nations of the world would be at peace. He added that he still has hopes.

Seeing that the President ~~ix~~ was in a reflective state of mind, newsmen today asked him whether he also thought he was wrong in using the then new atom bomb to bring the war with Japan to a swift conclusion. The answer to that was no, emphatically no. Much as he had hated to make that decision, hated to have to make that decision, he still thinks today that he did right, did right in saving the lives of at least two hundred thousand American fighting men. To back up his point, he related

a little incident from his school days. This was when the future president and his class were studying the battle of Gettysburg. The history instructor made one remark which Harry Truman never has forgotten. Said the Teacher: "Any school boy's after-thoughts on military strategy are worth more than all the forethoughts of all the Generals."

~~The newsmen asked him what about the inter-American conference at Rio De Janeiro. To that the President replied that, despite all the croaking prophecies, he, for his part, was quite confident it would be a success.~~

~~They asked him how much he thought the Marshall Plan for rebuilding Western Europe would cost. That one he ~~was~~ was unable to answer. *He said* that not even estimates are possible until the various committees have finished their investigations.~~

The correspondents were curious about the purpose of Attorney General Tom Clark's move to investigate high prices. Did the President entertain the hope that this would cause the cost of things to drop? No, replied, Mr.

Truman, he doubted it in most cases. But, he continued, it will point a finger at individuals responsible for charging outrageous sums.

And what about a special session of Congress?

Said the President, no occasion for it.

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( Death for the twenty-two Nazis convicted of responsibility for the indescribable cruelties perpetrated at Buchenwald. An American military tribunal today pronounced the sentence. )

Out of the thirty-one prisoners accused of having beaten starved or tortured <sup>to death</sup> fifty-one thousand people, ~~to~~ ~~death~~ five got off with life imprisonment. <sup>One</sup> of these ~~one~~ is a Jewish Doctor, another the Prince Zu Waldeck.

Perhaps the most revolting creature of them all is a woman, Ilse Koch, <sup>who</sup> ~~she also~~ gets off with a life sentence, ~~merely~~ because she is expected to give birth to a child in October.

While that sentence was being pronounced another American Military Tribunal at Nuremberg began the trial of twenty-one officials of perhaps the greatest trust in the world, ~~the~~ ~~infamous~~ I.G. Farben, which means the International Dyestuffs Company. <sup>Said to have been</sup> ~~it was without a doubt~~ the greatest cartel of chemical manufacturers in the world, for its activities covered <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ widest ~~possible~~ area in industry. They are accused of planning, preparing and

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initiating wars of aggression and invasion of other countries, of deportation to slave labor of members of the civilian population of the invaded countries, of the enslavement, mistreatment, terrorization, torture and murder of millions of persons.

They all pleaded not guilty.



## HINDUSTAN

(Exit British India,) enter Pakistan, Hindustan, and the Princely States. In place of ~~an~~ one country under the ~~British~~ British Raj there are now, in effect, three countries, three nations.

(And, today there is no longer a Kaiser-I-Hind, meaning Emperor of India.) The Empire which Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield, erected in Eighteen Seventy-Seven, with Queen Victoria as Empress, comes to an end - the end of an era that began with Lord Clive, Job Charnock and the old East ~~India~~ India Company. The largest of these three new nations is Hindustan ~~Hindustan~~, the Hindu state with an <sup>area</sup> ~~size~~ of six hundred thousand square miles and a population of two hundred millions; its capital at New Delhi. with the ex-Viceroy Lord Louis Mountbatten, staying, for the time being, as Governor General over the Hindu State. The second in size, Pakistan, the Moslem state, ~~is~~ has two-hundred and sixty-thousand square miles, and a population of sixty millions. Its capital, Karachi, as I explained last night. With the aged Mohammed ~~Ali~~ Ali Jinnah as

not only President of this new nation but with the title of Governor General, too.

The princely states, put them all together and they have a total area of seven hundred thousand square miles and a population of ninety-five million. There are five hundred and sixty-five separate states in all, ruled over by Maharajas, Gaikwars, Begums and so on.

The expectation is that eighty-five million out of the ninety-five million in these Princely States, will be Hindu in sympathy -- and that the others will form a connection of some sort with Pakistan.

One significant point about what is happening out <sup>there</sup> ~~there~~ is that in Hindustan are all the largest cities, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Delhi. Likewise the Hindu nation includes the major agricultural and industrial resources of that great sub-continent.

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( The climax ~~is~~ of the independence ceremonies now in progress, will come at half-past

eleven, this evening, Eastern Daylight Time, when the retiring Viceroy, Lord Louis Mountbatten will ride for the last time in the ceremonial vice-regal coach behind eight white horses, from Government House, New Delhi, to assembly Hall, and there formally hand over the seals of office with the shades of Lord Curzon, Lord Reading and all the other great Viceroys looking down from on high and talking to each other of the days when they ruled in India.

It has been rather generally forgotten I believe, that the origin of the great empire which now passes out of British hands, can be found in the high price of that common necessary cooking ingredient, pepper. Many of us today can do without it altogether. But before the days of refrigeration, pepper we are told, was even more necessary than salt, -- needed for the preservation of food.

For instance, when the Gothic King Alaric descended upon Rome in Four Hundred and Eight A.D., part of the ransom for the city was three thousand pounds of pepper.

In the Sixteenth Century, the Dutch, who had become predominant in the East Indies, had a monopoly of pepper, and when its price on the new Amsterdam market rose to eight shillings a pound, -- which in presentday values would mean about eleven dollars, -- the English grew furious. Also, they decided that they ought to have their share of such a rich market.

So, in Sixteen Hundred, Queen Elizabeth granted a royal charter to an association of merchants.

plus a couple of ~~the~~ enterprising noblemen, called "The Governor and Company of Merchants of London trading into the East Indies". That Association subsequently became known as the East India Company, or in popular parlance, the John Company. It was through the enterprise of The John Company that not only India, but Burma, Ceylon and part of Borneo were added to the dominions of the British Crown.

The yielding of the rule over those vast dominions to their polyglot inhabitants, is a course of lamentation, even fury, to many British people. The feelings of these were expressed by Winston Churchill during the war when he said that he had not become His Majesty's First Minister in order to preside over the liquidation of the British Empire.

But the ruthless course of history has been too swift and too powerful for Britons who share the sentiments of their greatest war Prime Minister

And today before our eyes -- and I doubt if we are fully aware of its import -- we are

witnessing one of the major changes  
in the history of nations. For remember that one-  
sixth of all the inhabitants of this planet, live  
in India.

## ATOMIC

Doctor Robert Moon, thirty-six year old nuclear scientist of Chicago, is a man with a problem -- and a new job. If he can take it Dr. Moon has been offered a job as chairman of the Physics Department at a Canadian University. He said at Chicago today that he cannot take this position in Canada because he might be prosecuted under the Atomic Energy Act. This Act authorizes the death <sup>penalty</sup> ~~penalty~~ for any American who discloses restricted atomic information outside this country.

Dr. Moon built the giant cyclotron at the University of Chicago and aided the U S. Government in atomic research at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He wants to take that job in Canada, but he doesn't know who will give him permission. First he filed a <sup>petition</sup> ~~petition~~ with the atomic energy commission. No reply. No reply in spite of the intervention of the Canadian government, the U S state Department, and Congressman Marion Bennett of Missouri.

A spokesman for the U S Atomic Energy

Commission admitted today that representatives of the commission have had several discussions with Dr. Moon, that they tried to give him as much guidance as possible. "But" said the spokesman "the atomic energy Commission is not in any position to give Dr. Moon any assurance or guarantee that his future actions will not involve a violation of the act."

~~And so Dr. Moon finds himself on the horns of a dilemma. Informed sources say nothing in the Atomic Energy Act requires an atomic scientist to get ~~permission~~ permission to leave the country, and adds, that the Justice Department would normally be called on to give an interpretation of the new law. ~~From~~ From the Justice Department, no immediate comment.~~

Laments Dr. Moon. "No one wants the responsibility of ~~interpreting~~ interpreting the new law". And so the Dr. is up in the air tonight -- the man who can't go abroad because he knows too much about nuclear science.



## POPULATION

Out where the west begins, people are becoming more numerous. This is a fact from Uncle Sam's own census bureau. For instance, the population of California, Oregon and Washington jumped three million, two hundred and eighty-one thousand between Nineteen-Forty and Nineteen Forty-Six, an increase of thirty-three-point-nine percent.

The total increase of all the other forty-five states was only three million, seven hundred and twelve thousand.

In other words, the increase in the population of the forty-five states was only about the same as in the three Pacific Coast states. The biggest jump was in California, where there were, at the end of Nineteen Forty-Six, two million, four hundred and eighty-five thousand more than the Nineteen-Forty.

Years ago, before the First World War, I can remember how in the West it was foretold then that this would happen before many years -- a big jump in population in our Far West. And so it seems to be coming to pass.

## ESCAPE

At Plymouth, Indiana, today two escaped convicts being driven back to prison overpowered their guards, handcuffed them to a tree, and fled in the police automobile. The car was found abandoned and damaged on U.S route thirty. The men, who escaped from the state reformatory at Ionia, Michigan, July twenty-seventh, were recaptured last week at Springfield, Missouri.

Although both prisoners were handcuffed and bound with restraining belts in the rear seat of the police sedan in which they were being driven to the penitentiary, one of them managed to work loose his belt. He grabbed one of the guards in a strangle hold from behind, yanked him to the back seat, seized his gun, and covered the other guard. The two men then unlocked their handcuffs, put them on the guards, and escaped.

Tonight, Indiana Police are trailing the escaped prisoners, who are both heavily armed, and according to the police -- are prepared to fight it out.

## FISH

Here is a fish story, and I don't know whether it will meet with the approval of fish and game wardens throughout the country, but at least it purports to be a true one. A Chicago physician was angling in a creek near his summer home and for weekend after weekend caught nothing. He grew annoyed and decided to do something about it. He dissolved a small benzedrine tablet in half a glass of water and dropped a night crawler into the solution. As any boy knows a night crawler is a pretty sluggish sort of creature usually. But, the benzedrine did something to that poor worm. He started dashing all over the glass, -- cavorting would be the right word I guess.

Then the doc put the night crawler on a hook, and cast him into the creek. In less time than it takes to tell it, he had a five pound bass on the hook. Mebbe the worm attacked and caught the bass. The story doesn't say. At any rate, ever since then, the Doc has caught black bass at will by giving benzedrine to poor worms.

And now Nelson how about a shot of benzedrine --

I mean, how about something to inspire and pep us up,  
from you.

U.N.

Once again Uncle Sam is put forward as an aggressor, an interferer, an all-around wicked fellow. I hardly need ~~to~~ tell you who brought the charges at today's meeting of the United Nations Security Council. Yes, the hapless delegates heard another chapter in that ~~endless~~ ~~xxx~~ endless volume entitled "The ~~Smiling~~ <sup>Grumbings</sup> of Gromyko."

<sup>TP</sup> The U.S.A. has been guilty of the crudest kind of ~~inter~~ interference in the internal affairs of Greece, and our representatives in the council are doing nothing but playing a political game, *said he.*

Gromyko also served notice that the Soviet Union will not permit the United Nations to set up a border watch on the Balkans. The proposal will meet the certain veto. He will also veto any resolution blaming Jugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania for the troubles they have unquestionably caused along the northern frontier of ~~Greece~~ Greece.

However none of this bitter feeling was even suggested in the message sent by King George the Sixth. On the contrary, he said that in thus achieving independence by agreement, the peoples of India have set an example to freedom-loving peoples throughout the world. And he added: "I know that I can speak for all sections of opinion within the British commonwealth, when I say that their support will not fail you in upholding democratic principles. May the blessings of the Almighty sustain you in your future tasks."

The remarks of Lord Louis Mountbatten were of a grimmer texture. He pointed out that the independence of India has been achieved with toil and sweat, and he added that he wished he could also say without tears and blood. Then he referred to the many terrible crimes that have been committed. But he went on to say that far more terrible things might have happened if the majority had not proved worthy of the high endeavor of their leaders, Mr. Jinnah and Mr. Gandhi. In conclusion, His Britannic Majesty's last viceroy went on to say: "This is a parting between friends who have learned to honor and respect one another in disagreement."