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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Along with some thousands of other people I'm in Brattleboro, Vermont tonight. And, Brattleboro is bulging. The population has expanded so much that even the citizens of the town have had to open their homes to take care of the visitors. But more about that in a few minutes. First, here are some of the highlights of the day's news, as it has been coming in to me over a special Western Union wire.

## ATOMIC

The Soviet bombshell of yesterday was followed by another today. I suppose you'd call them - - Atomic Bombshells. Yesterday Moscow Vice Commissar Lozovsky admitted that the Soviets had ~~indeed procured~~ <sup>gotten certain</sup> secret Atomic information in Canada - - though ~~it was~~ of little value.

<sup>Then</sup> ~~but~~ he attacked the Canadian Government for making public the discovery <sup>of Russian</sup> of Atomic espionage. <sup>spying.</sup>

Today's blast was delivered by the newspaper Pravda, official organ of the Communist party - - and the pravda article was broadcast by the moscow radio. The new soviet charge is that the government of Canada made public the spy sensation for a purpose that pravda described as follows; "In order to help bevin, who placed the british government in a difficult position by statements at the U N O assembly? Well, we all recall that recent U N O wrangling in London - - the verbal clashes between British Foreign Secretary Bevin and Soviet Vice-Commissar Vishinsky. And now the moscow version is that Bevin's onslaughts against Vishinsky were all wrong, and great britain knows that they were all wrong, and so does Canada. So the Dominion comes to the rescue of the Mother country, trying to pull Britain out of the Diplomatic hole, by delivering a counter - attack against the Soviets - - in the form of the disclosure of the spy plot to procure Atomic bomb secrets. Pravda treats

the spy sensation as a mere anti-soviet campaign - - for reasons of International Politics.

It didn't seem to occur to Lozovsky yesterday or to Pravda today - - that such a matter as the unearthing of Atomic bomb espionage might be considered ~~to be~~ legitimate news in Canada, information to which the Candian public might be entitled.

The mere matter of freedom of news and information, keeping the public informed of the doings of government, never seems to occur to the Soviets-

- and they can only suspect deep and devious motives. *are what are they up to?* *tonight in* There is plenty of tension ~~in the~~ world capitals because of the Soviet-

Canadian argument about Atomic bomb espionage, and in London today foreign

Secretary Bevin made mention of talk of eventual war between Great Britain and the Soviets. This he dismissed with all that *well known* ~~bevin~~ energy.

"It is said, " declared the British Foreign Secretary, "that we are drifting ~~to war~~ with Russia, or are likely to." To which he added; "I cannot conceive any circumstances in which the Soviet Union and Great Britain would go to war."

*Let* he stated that his own belief in British friendship toward Soviet *is* Russia was so great that he would like to see the present British-Soviet treaty extended. London has a twenty-year pact with Moscow, a pact of

friendship - - and Bevin said he would like to see this extended to fifty years.

In Washington, President Truman made some cautious comment on the subject of <sup>the</sup> Atomic espionage in Canada. He said he was sure that the bomb secrets held by our own country were fully protected. A newsman asked the President whether he had ordered any special precautions after disclosure that ~~espionage~~ <sup>spies</sup> in Canada had transmitted atomic information to a foreign power - ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> Soviet Russia, ~~as we know~~. The President replied that he did not take any special precautions, because he felt at the time that our security measures were adequate. To which he added quickly that he thought they still were adequate. In other words, our atomic secret is well guarded.

The President was asked whether, in view of the revelation of atomic espionage on the part of Soviet Russia, he would recommend an American loan to the Soviets - - something on the order of the four billion dollar loan to Britain. He said - - No, he had no plans for recommending a Soviet loan to Congress. He qualified this by adding that his negative reply did not exclude the possibility of such a loan - - a Soviet loan might still be brought forward.

In Congress, the subject of atomic espionage, evoked an ominous word

today, the word - - "Treason." Senator Bridges of New Hampshire spoke of people who might transmit atomic information to a foreign power - - like Soviet Russia for example. The Senator stated; "Any person who would deal with a Foreign power, and sell <sup>out</sup>/<sub>low</sub> ~~this~~ country, is guilty of *True, of course,* treason." The Senator went still further, and included the possibility of negligence in checking atomic espionage." Those in high places who fail to take action," said he, "should be up for treason."

## INDIA

In India the ~~mutineers~~ mutineers have turned warship guns against the shore, opening fire. This has happened at both Calcutta and Karachi.

In London the report is that the mutineers have taken over twenty - four vessels - - which would seem to include most of the British Indian Navy.

*R* This is a sudden climax of the Indian navy disorders that have been going on for days - - a strike of sailors protesting against the slowness of demobilization. On previous nights we've heard of demonstrations and rioting, and now the whole thing has turned abruptly into a major crisis. The rioting on shore has assumed the proportions of a widespread insurrection - - topped off by the mutiny of the warships of the Indian Navy.

*TR* Today a stern warning was issued by British Vice Admiral Godfrey, Commander of the Navy of India. He declared that the mutiny would be put down at all costs, even if the Indian Navy had to be destroyed - - with the sinking of the ships. The vice <sup>i</sup>Admiral declared that the government was prepared to use what it called - - "Force to the uttermost even if it means the destruction of the Navy of which we have been so proud."

And, with that, <sup>o</sup>came word that powerful units of the british navy were steaming to put down the mutineers. <sup>50</sup>~~This was~~ stated in London by Prime Minister Attlee, who appeared to be much worried by the mutiny in

India. He had told the House of Commons that British warships were on their way, and added that the situation out there was so confused that he could give little precise information.

And now the mutineers on the war ships have opened fire with cannon, four - inch naval guns. At last reports a bombardment of the shore was going on. And this not only at Calcutta, but also on the other side of India, at the great war port of Karachi. From that place we have few details.

As for the rioting on land, matters at Calcutta came to a crisis today when mutineers seized castle barracks and barricaded themselves in that building. The rioting sailors, after rampaging through the streets, were herded toward castle barracks, and this they are now holding as a fort. Violent fighting went on all day - - with heavy exchanges of gunfire between the mutineers in barracks and the troops of the government. Late word is that the mutineers have offered to surrender - - they sent an emissary, under a white flag, seeking terms. This seems to have been fruitless because we hear that the British forces rejected the terms of surrender and were preparing to storm the barracks.

The outbreak has spread to still other cities in India, like Poona, and has become more than a naval mutiny. Other elements have joined the revolting sailors - - like units of the British Indian Air Force. 74

And civilians, too, are in the outbreak - - as a quick showdown approaches between the mutineers on the vessels of the Indian navy and the warships of Great Britain steaming to the scene.

EGYPT follow India

This was a day of ominous news along the line of British Empire - - outbreaks by Native peoples of many places. The sudden flare in India is accompanied by the same thing in Egypt, - - where violent fighting against the British broke out today.

For more than a week there have been anti-british demonstrations in the ancient land of the pharaohs, and today the climax burst in Cairo, Alexandria. Other places too - - Like the fabled city of Heliopolis.

The worst disturbances were at Cairo, where mobs of students went on the rampage in the middle of the city. ~~The first serious incident of violence occurred when~~ a mob closed in on five truckloads of british troops. Determined not to be trapped, the soldier drivers speeded their trucks and drove straight through the assailants, running them down - - four students killed, we are told. Instead of being intimidated, the crowd went wild with fury - - pressed the attack on the trucks, and were able to overturn two. They set the trucks on fire. What happened to the british soldiers who were in them is not stated.

Then the mob stormed on to a british barracks and hurled flaming torches and gasoline into the buildings. Students on rooftops hurled

## NAZIS

In Germany, a new tone of doubt <sup>enters</sup> ~~comes into~~ the mystery of Martin Bormann, who was deputy fuehrer to hitler when Nazi Germany collapsed. It has been officially stated, <sup>had</sup> ~~on the ground of testimony~~ by witnesses, that <sup>Deputy Fuehrer</sup> ~~Adolf Hitler~~ Bormann was killed during the flaming fall of Berlin. Yet his name is on the list of War criminals being tried at Nuremberg, his name never removed from the list. Bormann is technically one of the defendants. - - ~~although he is not there.~~

And there are <sup>more</sup> ~~plenty of~~ rumors in Germany that he is still alive. <sup>And, there's</sup> ~~So on top of all this comes~~ a new twister - - ~~in the form of news~~ from Germany about <sup>of</sup> ~~a~~ Nazi underground youth organization called - - The Edelweiss Pirates. ~~This is~~ Said to be a widespread, outfit, ~~which has for~~ Its Secret token - - the Edelweiss, the Alpine flower. The members either <sup>boldly</sup> ~~wear~~ a sprig of Edelweiss, <sup>or, they</sup> ~~in their coat lapels or~~ carry the alpine flower secretly.

At Munich, a number of Edelweiss pirates are being held for trial, and today the word is that five of them have informed the allied military authorities that the real leader of their underground gang is Hitler's deputy fuehrer - <sup>They say all</sup> ~~is~~ Martin Bormann. ~~Their version is that~~ the stories of Bormann's death are false; ~~and~~ that the ~~one-time~~ Deputy Fuehrer ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~hiding~~ in the mountains, where from a secret headquarters

he directs the operations of the undercover Edelweiss. One of the members has blurted out a lot of specific detail; how the Edelweiss bands keep radio contact with Bromann. And he has described how they received orders from the former Deputy Fuehrer.

Another account is that the real leader of the Edelweiss Youth underground is a former German Fighter Pilot, an Ace credited with the destruction of two hundred Allied planes.

Well, what about all this Edelweiss business that sounds so weird and mystifying? The Allied Military authorities are inclined to believe much of what they have heard. For one thing they think the Edelweiss organization may be made up partly of the homeless nomad young Germans who roam half destroyed Germany today. Ranging from sixteen to twenty years of age. They wander around getting involved in robbery and violence. The belief is that their real purpose is juvenile crime, rather than the subversive political activity that would go with an underground Nazi youth organization. But, it ~~xx~~ may be both.

## POPE

The scene at St Peter's today is described in colorful terms by the *host*  
*A* ~~many~~ <sup>have been</sup> newsmen who ~~are~~ covering the elevation of the new Cardinals.

Some twenty - five thousand ~~people~~ crowded into the largest Church  
in the world, ~~and~~ united press correspondents <sup>at</sup> Norman Montellier cables; -

"The milling throng, which jammed under the dome of Michaelangelo,  
included black veiled Italian women, American soldiers, Polish  
Commandos, Chinese priests, Tall Swiss Guards, and <sup>at</sup> ~~Representatives~~  
of a score of nations.

"They cheered the Pope, " the dispatch goes on, "and ~~pushed forward~~  
~~to receive his blessing. The people~~ pushed frantically toward him from  
all sides, as the Pontiff was carried on his golden throne amid a  
fanfare of silver trumpets, followed by Prelates and Vatican dignitaries  
clad in medieval costumes."

Such was the scene that came to a climax when Pope Pius the twelfth  
enacted the culminating ritual of the elevation of the Cardinals - -  
the presentation of the Red hats. To the papal throne, each new  
Cardinal advanced, as his name was called. He bowed deeply three times  
and kissed the pontiff's hand and slipper -- ~~at~~ - old symbolism of  
medieval homage. Whereupon the Pope placed on his head a broad red hat  
~~the visible~~ token of the dignity of a cardinal - - the red hat that

the prelate actually will never wear, but which will be placed on his coffin when he dies.

Of the four new American Cardinals, Glennon of St Louis was first.

Then followed Mooney of Detroit, Stritch of Chicago, and Spellman of

New York <sup>— in that order</sup> receiving the Red Hats of the Cardinalate.

Tomorrow the formalities of the secret consistory will be held - -

and that will conclude the historic ceremony, the creation of the

largest and most international group of Cardinals in the history

of the Roman Catholic Church.

## PELICAN

In Washington an official has retired from Government service, a department of Agriculture editor, who thirty-six years ago wrote two of the best known lines in the english language - - A two-line poem, with which ~~virtually~~ everybody is acquainted.

In nineteen-ten, Dixon B. Merritt, <sup>in a moment</sup> ~~was a fit~~ of inspiration, <sup>wrote</sup> ~~on~~ ~~the subject of a bird, and he wrote.~~

"A wonderful bird, the Pelican,

His bill holds more than his bellican."

The truth of the statement was so striking and the rhyme so magnificent that the jingle <sup>went round the world,</sup> ~~became speedily a popular favorite.~~

In all this, as related in the story from Washington, there is one surprising thing. I've always known the epic about the Pelican in the form of a limerick, as most people have - - and the original author is credited with only the first two lines of the limerick. So who wrote the other three <sup>that go this way:-</sup>

"He can hold in his beak

Enough for a week,

And I don't see how the Hellican."

Those last three lines, were perhaps contributed by some unknown genius, who rounded out the poem about the Pelican and made it a

full fledged limerick.

*well,*  
The news today states that the original author, editor Dixon

Merritt, upon leaving his present Government job, will go back

to farming - - his original occupation. *And there,* ~~well,~~ In the art of

Agriculture, the tilling of the soil, Dixon Merritt may find a

new flash of inspiration, he may write a poem about some other bird.

~~bird - like the woodpecker, or the Turkey Buzzard.~~ If he farms  
up here in these glorious Vermont hills  
he is sure to be inspired again. This  
time instead of immortalizing the Pelican  
he may give us something beautiful  
about the woodpecker.

## BRATTLEBORO SKI MEET

To return to snowy Vermont for a moment, Brattleboro is crowded with skiers tonight. The biggest jumping meet on the famous Brattleboro Hill, since Nineteen Forty two, is scheduled for tomorrow. The jumpers, many of them war veterans, will try and beat the record set by Torger Tokle, just before the war. Torger who became an American citizen, joined the mountain troops, and was killed in action in Italy. Some of Torger's old rivals will be leading the field tomorrow: Captain Art Devlin, a flier who was shot down twice; Jay Rand, paratrooper who was in every paratroop landing during the war. Both he and his pal Devlin were wounded. But, they are back jumping again, taking those prodigious leaps that are just about the most spectacular moment in the whole world of sport. Veteran Steve Bradley, has returned from a cocoanut island in the Pacific and will be jumping. Of course, Merrill Barber will be on hand, this is the home of Barber, one of the greatest jumpers this country has ever produced.

The dark horse, one of them at any rate, is a lad just

in from Norway. They say he is sensational, and may be the man to take the place of Torker Tokle. At any rate, he has a name that sounds like someone about to take off from a ski jump. It is Haakon Hostmolingen. Well, there will be a lot of us out there tomorrow to see what Haakon Hostmolingen can do. And now back to radio City where I am going to ask my old Norwegian friend Hugh James to say SOLONG FOR ME.