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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The strike of the seamen may be in sight -- I mean the end of it. The Federal arbitrator announced his decision today saying that able seamen and firemen of the CIO union should have raises in pay of five to ten dollars per month. The Federal arbitrator is James Lawrence Flagg who used to be chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. Flagg said he was sure that this would be a satisfactory solution. However, this doesn't settle the row on the West Coast. The decision affects only sailors in Gulf ports and on the Atlantic coast. Federal arbitrator Flagg expects to make ~~th~~ an aware for the Pacific Coast union in a few days.

In New York City, two Associations of truck owners filed suit against Local 807 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters of the AF of L: a suit claiming two million dollars in damages as a result of the New York truck drivers strike which has now lasted 19 days. They charge that the New York local violated the Smith-Connally anti-strike law and they named the officers and entire membership of the local as defendants. Economists of the port of New York authority figure that the total loss to New York industry and commerce has already run up to four hundred millions and that it will take two months for this country to recover from it.

Another rather bad day on the New York Stock Exchange. The heaviest volume of trading since May 1940. Market values went down lower than they have been since April of last year. The net loss on paper for yesterday and today in the neighborhood of four billion dollars; the selling so heavy that the ticker was seven minutes late and the exchange for the first time in six years sent out flash quotations. Altogether two million eight hundred and ninety thousand shares were sold.

Well the big question under discussion here in Washington today has been, how did Secretary Byrnes feel about the Wallace promise? That promise to stop talking about our foreign policy until after the end of the Paris Peace Conference? I guess we'd all like to hear the answer to that one. There had been reports that Byrnes at first was dissatisfied with the promise, dissatisfied with anything less than Wallace's resignation. But President Truman and his Secretary of State, talked over the trans Atlantic teletype today, they talked for twenty minutes. The White House wouldn't say what they talked about but we can guess. Dispatches from Paris report that after the conversation was over, Byrnes appeared to be in a particularly good humor. White House Secretary Ross was interviewed by the Press again today, what the reporters wanted to know principally was whether a deal was involved in Wallace's promise to restrain his eloquence from now on. Did he receive

some promise from the President in exchange for his promise, perhaps the nomination for second place on the ticket in 1948? Charlie Ross replied that there was nothing remotely resembling a deal, no quid pro quo. And he added, I can testify to this personally. Ross said that he himself was there most of the time when Wallace was having that long session with the President. One part of Henry Wallace's promise has thrown a monkey-wrench into the Democratic plans for this year's campaign, so we are told. He said that if he could not talk about foreign policy, he would not talk about domestic affairs either. Well, the National Committee had him scheduled for a number of speeches all over the country in a dozen States. Without him, how are they going to appeal to the Left-Wingers, how will the Democrats make their appeals to them. One immediate consequence is that the speech that the Secretary of Commerce was to have made to the East-West Association here in Washington Monday night, has been cancelled. Arthur Paul,

Director of the International Trade Activities Bureau
of the Department of Commerce, is going to speak in
place of his chief.

Navy Secretary Forrestal and Secretary for War
Patterson deny categorically ^{Henry} Wallace's accusation
that there are high officers in our Military
Establishment who are in favor of our having a war
with Russia now, before the Soviets get that atomic
bomb. Patterson and Forrestal say that there is no
such military thinking in the War or the Navy
Department. We know of no responsible Officer in
Army or Navy who has ever advocated or even suggested
a policy or plan for attacking Russia, that was the
way they put it.

The Pope in Rome has just assigned an American bishop to investigate the arrest of Archbishop Stefanek by Marshal Tito. Minsignor Joseph Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, Florida. He also holds the office of acting Apostolic Nuncio. He left Vatican City today in a special plane for Belgrade. As a matter of fact, Bishop Hurley had just finished spending six months there, and he'd gone to Rome for a rest. The arrested Yugoslav Roman Catholic Archbishop is a close personal friend of Pope Pius. The story from Rome is that Archbishop Stefanek has never taken any part in politics, so the motives for his arrest baffle the Vatican.

Winston Churchill who at the outbreak of World War II invited the French to become joint citizens with the British, now advises France to get together with Germany and organize a United States of Europe. Churchill says that a Federation such as that would not in any way interfere with the United Nations and could exist within its framework. The idea of a United States of Europe is by no means a new one. It originated so far as I can recall about twenty years ago with a writer of Austrian-Japanese birth now in the United States. He had devoted a large part of his life in an effort to get this idea accepted. The late Premier Briand of France was in favor of it, and the idea has appealed to many thoughtful people. Churchill, so far as I can recall is the first Englishman to back this idea. He spoke today to a packed audience in the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Churchill said, "Something ought to be done about the plan, and done quickly, the time may be short, meaning of course, the danger of another

catastrophic war. Churchill even went so far as to say that a planned European Union would strengthen the United Nations. France and Germany, said he, must take the lead, together with Great Britain and the British Commonwealth of Nations. And then he went on to add, if only Soviet Russia would join in, then all would be well. At the same time, the great war Prime Minister of Britain didn't back down from his stand that Germany should be stripped forever of the power to rearm and fight another aggressive war and he has not weakened in his conviction that the guilty should be punished, but when they have been punished, said he, there must be an end to retribution and that the survival of Europe depends upon its nations forgetting their ancient antagonisms in the face of the atomic bomb. Churchill went on to say that the atom bomb fortunately is now held by a nation that will never use it except in the cause of right and freedom. And then he went on to the further obvious statement that in a few years

this awful agent of destruction probably will be in the hands of all nations, and he said that might mean the end of what we call civilization, possibly even disintegration for this globe on which we live.

From the wreck of that Belgian trans-Atlantic Liner there are at least five survivors, perhaps seven, possibly more of the forty-five who made the tragic flight from Brussels. Uncle Sam's Coastguard Plane Catalinas found the wreckage and the wreckage of two other big planes that crashed during the war. The remains of the big D-C-4 are near Gander, Newfoundland. Circumstances, mainly weather and the rough country are making it a tough job to get through to the wreck. The Cataline first sighted it at dusk last night. There was a ceiling of around two hundred feet so the searchers couldn't be too sure. Today they identified the wreckage beyond doubt. Tonight Army rescue teams have been landed by the Coastguard flying boats and are now chopping their way through thick pine forests to get to the scene of that disaster. Apparently the big airliner smashed into a hill some twenty miles southwest of Gander Airfield, hit and caught fire. In addition to the dense pine woods, crews have to make their way through marshes, over heavily forested

hills. One party landed on a lake five miles from the scene, another on a tributary of the Gander River.

Coastguard Commander Robert Alexander, Operations Officer of the North Atlantic Patrol is in command of this rescue work. A TWA pilot from Alexandria, Virginia flew over the scene this morning. He said he saw three persons on the ground waving their coats, then later he spied four others walking some four miles distant from the plane.

Lieutenant Schrader of the Coastguard reported having seen five persons alive, one child, two women and two men, the plane badly burned, but still in one piece, wings still attached and it had cut askew through the trees for some five hundred yards before it burned. The rescue teams are going to work all tonight if necessary. The cause of the crash, a heavy fog just as the pilot was coming in for a landing at Gander. The worst commercial airline crash on record.

One of the most cherished plums that can fall into the lap of a young lawyer is job as Secretary to a Justice of the US Supreme Court. So a young man who becomes Secretary to the Chief Justice of that Supreme Court, he is considered fortunate indeed. The newly appointed Secretary to Chief Justice Vinson is an ex-football star, Whizzer White. Remember Whizzer of the University of Colorado, sensation of some years back, a crack athlete and also head of his class as a student? Whizzer White after leaving the University won a Rhodes scholarship. He also knocked down 15,000 a year in professional football. He gave it all up because he wanted to get on with the serious business of life, his law career. Although a gridiron ace, he graduated in 1938 from the University of Colorado with a straight A average. Then he played pro football with the Pittsburgh Steelers for a season, that brought fifteen-thousand dollars. Then a year as a Rhodes scholar in England at ~~Oxford~~ Oxford, two years in Los Lagale, then

another year of professional ball with the Detroit Lions. He got a little more of that much needed big dough which a young man can use when he is starting out in life. Then came the war in which the Whizzer gave a good account of himself in the Navy. And how did he land this unusual job? With the Chief Justice of the United States. What strings did he pull? Why he got the idea all by himself and wrote a letter to Chief Justice Vinson who didn't know the Whizzer from Adam. Yes they gave him the right name at Boulder, Colorado those years ago. He's still whizzing along.

One cold night in January 1940, Arthur Pacific of Patterson, New Jersey, put on his hat and coat and said to his wife, "I think I'll stroll down to the corner tavern for a drink, Honey." And he got back yesterday, after six years. You say there must have been a mickey finn ~~in~~ or something in that drink. You're right. When Arthur Pacific woke up, he was in the bunk of the Folkstill of an Italian freighter somewhere in mid-Atlantic, for Arthur had been shanghaid, yes sire, in this day and age. And our story turns out even wilder than the usual shanghai story because when the ship docked at Naples, The Fascists got hold of Arthur and they shunted him off to Germany to do forced labor and in all that time, all these years he was unable to communicate with his wife or with anybody else. After V-E Day, Arthur Pacific got a job in a displaced persons camp in Europe where he worked until our military Government people gave ~~him~~ him transportation home. And in that brief few sentences we get the saga of Arthur Pacific of Patterson, New Jersey. Oh yes, there is one thing more. One of the first things Arthur did after

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Coal mines are shutting down in three States because the men can't dig the coal without meat. In six Kentucky Counties the shortage of meat amounts to a famine and it's almost as bad in the rest of Kentucky as well as in Virginia and West Virginia. John L. Lewis from Washington today sent a message to the Federal Government of Agriculture and the price de-control board saying that grave unrest is growing throughout all mining areas all because of the ill-considered, ill-timed re-establishment of OPA.

The headquarters of OPA at Washington received 1,700 telegrams and letters today protesting the order to roll back prices to what they were June 30th. Restaurant keepers say they just can't do it. From all over the country, tales of butcher shops closing down. Butchers mobbed by angry housewives who think that the butchers are lying when they say they have no meet. Housewives are begging to be convinced that their empty larders are due to OPA, and they're expressing their complaints where they'll be heard. One restaurant keeper, tired of telling his customers, "Sorry,

no stea, no pork, no lamb, no ham, no veal, no
bacon -- he covered an entire wall of his restaurant
saying: "How do you want your eggs?"

And now, Hugh, how do you want your eggs?

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