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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: *

News has just come in that margin requirements for trading in stocks have been boosted one hundred per cent. So decreed by the Federal Reserve Board -- in an ~~obvious~~ obvious attempt to check Stock Market speculation! Anybody who wants to take a flyer in the market, will now have to put up a margin of one hundred per cent. In other words, pay the full price.

STRIKE

The conference on steel came to a deadlock today - the attempt in the White House to come to an agreement on wage increases in the steel industry. President Fairless of ^{U. S.} ~~the United States Steel Corporation~~ and Philip Murray, head of ^{the} C.I.O., argued the matters for a couple of hours, and then announced that they had been unable to make any progress.

Whereupon they were summoned to the office of President Truman, who handed them a proposal of his own for a settlement of the wage dispute. The President asked Fairless and Murray to consider the White House proposal, and report to him tomorrow - saying whether or not they considered the presidential plan acceptable. We are not told the nature of the Truman proposal - but it is believed to be along the line of trying to get a wage agreement in steel that would set a pattern for a general settlement of the wave of strikes.

In the meat strike, Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach is having a session tonight with Company and

Union representatives - and also the Chairman of the Fact-Finding Board the Secretary appointed today.

A three-man committee was named to do the fact finding, and immediately afterward the conference was called

late today, in a determined effort to end the ~~xxxx~~

packinghouse walkout. — *and has ended in a stalemate — that's the latest.*

There was a flurry of violence in Kansas City, where forty policemen broke through a picket line and escorted fifty workers into a Swift ~~packinghouse~~ *plant*. Those workers were members of an independent union, which has refused to join the strike.

From all over the country comes word about the prospects of a meat famine. In some places there is no particular shortage, and buying is normal - Texas, for example, the great cattle state. But from other areas, far and wide, the news tells of dwindling meat supplies and panic buying by housewives.

In Los Angeles, there was a battle in the electric strike today. The police were enforcing a court

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to
order limit the number of pickets at a plant. They got
into a battle with fifteen hundred C.I.O. electrical
workers. The cops tried to rush the mass picket line,
but were beaten back - whereupon they resorted to
tear gas. Assailed by clouds of lacrymose vapor,
the picket line dissolved, and the police escorted ^a~~the~~_^
force of office workers into the plant.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Last night's news about General McNarney putting a ban on homesick demonstrations in Europe turns out to have been part of a sweeping order issued by Chief-of-Staff General Eisenhower - an order applying to the army everywhere. This was stated today by General Eisenhower himself - explaining matters to a congressional sub-committee. He has sent orders to all commanders, telling them to put an end to the demonstrations. ~~the~~

~~He said that individual soldiers can make complaints about demobilization if they want to. "But," he declared, "the time for mass demonstrations is past."~~

~~This is accompanied by word that in Honolulu the Army commander, carrying out the Eisenhower mandate, has had three soldiers confined to quarters, charged with continuing these "I want to go home" agitation.~~

PEARL HARBOR

Twice today

~~This afternoon~~

Admiral Kimmel, amended

~~some what the statement he made this morning - but he didn't change it materially.~~ He said the reason the Japs were able to knock out our Pacific fleet on that disastrous December Seventh, was because they had been able to fix up a kind of aerial torpedo that would operate in shallow water. In this they outwitted the best brains of our Navy - experts who had been trying to devise a torpedo that could be used in shallow water, and had failed. We thought no such weapon existed.

All aerial torpedoes that we knew about needed sixty feet of water, ~~had to go down that deep.~~ Pearl Harbor was from thirty ^{five} to forty feet deep - and it was supposed that the warships were safe against air torpedo attack - on the theory that the missiles launched by planes would bump against the shallow bottom. However, the Japs got around that - ~~by attaching wooden~~ ~~skins to old-fashioned torpedoes.~~ The wooden skins kept them from going too deep, and they operated successfully in shallow water.

How successfully is indicated by Admiral Kimmel's statement today- that nearly all of the vital damage to the warships was done by torpedoes, and not by bombs.

He indicated that the Jap device had been quite simple - attaching wooden finns, and remodeling the old-fashioned torpedoes to some extent.

The latest news tells of an attempt to call former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill before the Pearl Harbor inquiry. Republican members of the Committee made the suggestion, saying they wanted to ask Churchill about what commitments, if any, the late President Roosevelt made to Churchill when they met at the conference atsea which produced the Atlantic Charter. The Democrats on the Committee objected and charged that

it was "headline hunting." The question was put off.

It is to be decided later - whether or not to call

Churchill, who is in this country, ~~resting in~~ ^{sitting under}

a Florida palm tree, having a well-earned vacation.

U.N.O.

At the meeting of the United Nations Organization in London, Great Britain today offered to put three provinces in Africa under the trusteeship of the U.N.O. This ~~was~~^{is} stated by British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin - in an address before the U.N.O. Assembly. Bevin named - Tanganika, the Cameroons and Togoland. These African territories are not, strictly speaking, British colonies - they're mandates. That is, they were acquired by Britain from defeated Germany after World War One - acquired under the mandate system of the League of Nations. Now, Britain is taking steps to transfer these mandates, granted by the defunct League, ~~of Nations~~, to trusteeship under the U.N.O. The two things are pretty much the same, mandate and trusteeship - just different names.

Foreign Secretary Bevin stated likewise today that still another area under British control may soon be declared an independent country. Transjordan - the Arab state east of Palestine, beyond the Jordan.

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This Transjordan country is now ruled by an Arab king - *the famous Emir Abdullah, brother of the late King Feisal.*
~~under British protection, and its independence might~~
 have some bearing on the troubled question of the Holyland. There have been Zionist suggestions that Transjordania should be a part of Palestine. As for the vexed problem of the Holyland, Bevin refrained from making any statement today, saying that would have to wait until a report was in from the joint British-American investigating committee, ~~which is to make recommendations about Palestine, Zionism, Jewish homeland. The Commission is now beginning its task.~~

At the U.N.O. meeting in London, Foreign Secretary Bevin was followed by ~~the Czechoslovak~~ Czechoslovak Delegate, Masaryk, *who* made a proposal that the United Nations Organization should take control of the armament industries of the World. Masaryk urged that the U.N.O. should give protection against possible abuses of science, the militaristic employment of ~~the~~ weapons of destruction produced by science. This of course would include -

the atomic bomb. The atomic problem has ~~of course~~ been placed before the U.N.O. And now the proposal is that the world organization should control every sort of armament - ^{the} weapon producing industries of all the nations of the world, including Soviet Russia, and our own.

HITLER

At Berlin, the Allied police are holding a woman, who got a million Marks from Hitler. At the pre-war rate of exchange, that came to about four hundred thousand dollars. A middle-aged secretary, she was paid that much for betraying the man who was the top leader of the bomb plot to kill the Nazi Fuehrer toward the end of the war and who was scheduled by the conspirators to succeed Hitler as head of the German government.

Karl Goerdeler, a former mayor of Leipsig, escaped when the plot failed. Other leaders, including top-ranking generals, were executed by the enraged Nazis. However, Goerdeler could not be found. He evaded the manhunt.

Then, in an East Prussian town, a woman secretary, Helen Schwaerzel, employed in an airplane factory, happened to be in a restaurant - and there she saw a familiar face. Through family acquaintance she had known Karl Goerdeler - the order for whose arrest was broadcast far and wide. She hurried to the airplane factory where she worked, and told an official -

who went to the restaurant and seized Goerdeler. The woman secretary today explained that she had never been a member of the Nazi Party - but had been loyal to Hitler.

After the execution of Goerdeler, she was taken to Hitler's headquarters, and there introduced to Der Fuehrer, whom she idolized. Hitler was so pleased that he handed her a check.

A Million Marks! There must be some mistake, she thought. But Hitler responded: "That's all right. I want you to have - a million."

But the blood money didn't do her much good - with Nazi Germany collapsing, she went into hiding. Today, in jail, she was questioned by Allied Intelligence officers - they believing she might know some Nazi secrets.

CHINA

In China, they are sending investigators to look into trouble spots that still exist, after the Chiang Kai-shek-Communist agreement for a democratic government of China. There are places where fighting is still going on between ~~xxxxxx~~ the Nationalists and the Reds - each side blaming the other. So now they're forming what the news dispatch calls - teams of "cease fire" investigators. Each consists of three men, a Nationalist, a Communist delegate, and an American ~~xxx~~ Army colonel appointed by General Marshall. The teams of cease-fire investigators, are making trips to disturbed areas - to put a stop to hostilities and see who is to blame. Three teams took off in American Army transport planes today - and others are going tomorrow.

CAULDWELL

In Australia, the trial of the air ace, Killer Cauldwell, disclosed today some facts about frenzied finance at the Morotai, New Guinea, air base during the war. The tropical hell hole called Morotai was the scene of some of ~~the~~ savage doings, ~~of the war,~~ raided often by the Japs, hit hard by enemy bombing - ~~and~~ ^{from} Morotai, Australian and American pilots flew on exploits of desperate hazard. At the same time, the men at Morotai were running a wild line of finance. ~~AM~~ Money was plentiful, and there wasn't much to do with it ~~in the~~ ^{in that} tedium of heat and tropical miasma.

Killer Cauldwell is being tried for illicit liquor dealings at Morotai, and today it was told how whiskey sold for forty dollars a bottle, and ^{how} they paid thirty-two dollars for a quart of raw Australian gin, which sold at Australian canteens for eighty cents. So there was a huge profit on liquor illegally brought in. Much of it was traded for American cigarette^s - which were plentiful among the American airmen.

For a quart of liquor an Australian could get as many as fifty cartons of cigarettes - and these, taken back to Australia, would sell for as much as a hundred and sixty dollars. By the two-way transaction, an eighty cent bottle of gin might wind up fetching a hundred and sixty dollars.

No wonder Australian flyers, like Killer Cauldwell, dabbled in a business so fabulously profitable. It is stated that on one occasion Australian fighter pilots went on a mission - the real purpose of which was to load up with liquor in Australia, and ~~to~~ take it to that most lucrative market at Morotai.

These disclosures of frenzied finance are merely an extreme example of things that went on *at various places* ~~everywhere~~ in the Pacific theatre of war. I saw a lot of it on the flying trip I made to Pacific bases shortly ~~after the war~~ before the war ended - remote bases where Allied soldiers were *driven half-mad* ~~driven~~ by loneliness and ~~entirely~~ monotony.

ENTERTAINMENT

Tomorrow at the White House, Mrs. Truman is going to entertain the D's, E's and F's. She'll have a tea party for them. The First Lady is going about her social duties methodically - alphabetically. Her plan is to entertain the entire Congress of the United States at tea, but not all at once. She ^{'s} is inviting the Congressmen and their wives in installments - and in alphabetical order. She has already entertained the A's, B's and C's of the House of Representatives, so tomorrow she is going on with the D's, E's and F's.

The First Lady will have two tea parties, in fact - one at four o'clock, for members of the House of Representatives. The other at five o'clock - for Senators ^{and their wives.} The Alphabetical group of Senators to be entertained are the G's, H's, I's and J's. Keeping everything alphabetical, we can summarize by saying, Mrs. T. entertains at tea.

SPOUSE

And now, fellows, prepare to take it on the chin. Here's a collective complaint of your wives, - a list of your shortcomings, the things that wifie resents the most. We have this on the authority of Woman's Home Companion, which magazine took a nationwide poll - asking wives to list their husbands' most irritating traits. Here they are.

First, you husbands' take your wives for granted and are not attentive enough.

Second, your wives are irritated by the way you fail to pick up your clothes - you don't take care of things properly.

Third, you don't help around the house. You just sit there reading the paper, while the little woman bustles around doing half a dozen things.

Fourth, you're late for meals, and when you have an appointment with your wife, you don't care if you keep her waiting for half an hour or so.

~~All of which must have you husbands subdued and remorseful - while wifie jeers and gloats. But don't~~

~~be too jubilant~~ ^{But} ladies, ~~because~~ your turn comes next.

A poll was also taken in which husbands listed their principal grievances.

Their ^{number one} ~~principal~~ complaint is - the way wifie nags.

Complaint Number Two, the little woman talks too much.

Three, ^{she's} ~~they're~~ always late.

And four, ^{she's} ~~they're~~ not neat enough about the housekeeping.

Put the two sets of complaints together, and you have a picture of Home Sweet Home. A picture of - hubby taking wifie for granted, while wifie nags. His clothes are scattered all over the place, while she talks a blue streak. He comes in an hour late for dinner, and the pork chops are cold. They're both late for appointments with each other. And he won't turn a hand around the house, all the while complaining because the mantelpiece is covered with dust.

And now, let's have Hugh James give us ^{something} ~~rendition of Home Sweet Home~~ a soulful ^{before we both start for Home Sweet Home.}