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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Events in Europe moved today with a frightening swiftness, so swiftly that if the pace is continued, the speedy result must be a plunge into the abyss of war!

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During the day, disturbances in Czechoslovakia increased to such a pitch that there seems to be outright insurrection among the Sudeten Germans. (Hitler's Nuremberg oration yesterday was immediately followed by disturbance among the Sudetens, a series of incidents that increased in violence all day today.) The latest reports indicate that fifteen people have been killed and forty wounded in outbreaks of violence here, there and everywhere throughout the Sudeten area.

~~At the town of Warmsdorf, Czechoslovakia, thousands of Germans crossed the border into Germany and there celebrated the Hitler speech. They were supplied with torches and staged a night torchlight parade back into Czechoslovakia.~~

At another place, eighty Sudetens on bicycles rode up to the border and demanded the Czech officials open the barriers. They threatened the officials with violence and forced the opening - whereupon five hundred Czechoslovak-Germans streamed into Germany for a Nazi celebration.

At one railroad center, three hundred men seized the railroad station, tore down the Czech flag and hoisted the Nazi Swastika. They captured a railroad train and pasted Swastikas on the sides of ^{the} ~~the~~ coaches.

At the town of Plan, crowds ripped the Czech coat-of-arms from public buildings and smashed windows.

Baymish-Kronow

At Boehmisch-Koamau, the Swastika was hoisted on public buildings and crowds stormed through the streets singing Nazi songs. In a clash with the police, four gendarmes were injured.

At Baerringen, a mob of two thousand ~~rioted~~ rioted in front of the post office and threatened to hang the postmaster.

At Pilsen, seventeen Sudetens were arrested and the

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police say they were in possession of stores of pistols and ammunition.

In the Fuerstein district, fifteen hundred Germans were rioting. From a church tower Sudeten marksmen fired on Czech soldiers, ~~and~~ ^{and} one ~~soldier~~ was killed. The troops did some shooting of their own and killed a ~~number~~ ^{member} of the Sudeten party.

Near Wassersudden, a Czech official stopped a German truck and told its occupants to get out. They replied by opening fire. The Czech police fired back and killed the owner of the truck.

At Asch, eight thousand Sudetens were massed in the streets. A policeman was pulled off his motorcycle and severely beaten.

Telephone lines were ripped down near Karlsbad. At Neuren, Nazi rioters smashed the stores of all Czech and Jewish shopkeepers.

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Near Marienbad, a Sudeten crowd tried to storm the headquarters of the police. Many were injured in the battle that followed.

At Hagelbach, two automobiles were stopped by the police, foreign cars, presumably German. The occupants jumped out and took it on the run, firing back with revolvers. One Czech was wounded. From another car fifteen or twenty shots were fired at Czech police.

At Teplitz-Schoenau, a Sudeten crowd of five thousand fought with the police and a Sudeten deputy was beaten.

At the old City of Marienbad, Swastika flags flew throughout the town, ^{and} Sudeten Germans with Swastika arm bands, took over the job of directing the traffic.

Incidents of violence could be multiplied tenfold.

Add them altogether - it looks like a state of virtual civil war.

(To this uprising, the Czechoslovak government answered with drastic swiftness - proclaiming martial law in the key Sudeten sections, martial law of frightful severity - at least on paper. All public meetings and parades forbidden, and any act of rioting punishable by death. Drum-head court martial, four judges, ~~announce the verdict~~, all death sentences to be executed within two hours.) Appeal to Prague permitted, within

two hours - after that brief interval, ^{the} condemned to be hanged. With every board of four judges, four functionaries to be in attendance - a minister of religion, a doctor, a hangman and a hangman's assistance.

Will that dire severity be imposed - all rioters to receive the death sentence ^{and be} ~~to be~~ hanged in two hours?

That's a grim question to ask - with the might of Nazi Germany a mere few miles away, German armed might ~~is~~ that Hitler vowed would be used to defend the Sudetens against oppression.

In fact, the issue was immediately raised in intensely swift and dramatic form. (This afternoon the Sudeten Nazis answered the martial law, the hanging law, with an ultimatum. Henlein, the Sudeten Fuehrer, sent a telegram to President Benes of Czechoslovakia, demanding that the martial law be instantly revoked) - that, and more. The Sudeten ~~ultimatum~~ ultimatum embraces four points. First - call off the martial law. Second, take the Czech police out of the districts with German minorities and put the police power in the hands of the local burgomeisters - German burgomeisters. Third, reduce the

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strength of the military police to normal and have them establish an understanding with the burgomeisters. Fourth, keep all military units away from the civilian population.

From Berlin ^{came} ~~comes~~ the comment that the only answer the Sudetens ^{would take would} ~~will take will~~ be - "yes", an unqualified "Yes". That, from Berlin, which ^{has} ~~is~~ the real control of what happens among the Sudeten Germans.

~~What will the Czech answer be?~~ If President Benes yields ^{ed} ~~s~~ to the Sudeten ultimatum, he ^d ~~is~~ be virtually handing the government of the German areas over to the Germans. If he refuses ^d ~~s~~ to yield, the Sudeten party ^{gave} ~~gives~~ warning in these terms - it ^{would} ~~will~~ not be responsible for the consequences. (It is believed that if the Prague government insists on its martial law, the result will be an insurrection - that quickly followed by German invasion.) It would be impossible to keep the German Nazis in check, once the martial law hangings were started.

When ^{would} ~~will~~ the fateful decision be made? Might soon - for that peremptory Sudeten ultimatum had a time limit. And the time limit ^{was:-} ~~is~~ - six hours. That short, that peremptory!

So no wonder a late dispatch from Prague tells us that the Czechoslovak Cabinet is in session all night, in session now.

(And here's the latest - and it may be one of the most fateful bits of news in years. A dispatch flashed from Prague tells us the decision of the Czechoslovak government. The answer is - No; No to the Sudetens. Or rather, no answer at all. The government of President Benes makes public the announcement - that it will ignore the Sudeten ultimatum, pay no attention to it.)

The Czechs didn't even wait for the ultimatum to expire. The time limit was set for one A.M. over there, eight o'clock according to our Eastern Standard Time - two hours from now. But already the answer has come in. The Prague government says it cannot even consider an ultimatum from a political party within its borders. So - just let it pass.

It is believed that this may swiftly lead to war, with the Sudetens staging an insurrection and Hitler sending German troops across the border to aid them.

PARIS-CZECHOSLOVAK

From Paris there's a flash of reassuring word. In the midst of an anxious night the Czechoslovak minister is reported to have informed the French government that the Prague rejection of the Sudeten ultimatum was not altogether one hundred percent. The ultimatum is turned down --as such. But President Benes is willing to discuss the martial law situation with Sudeten Leader Henlein. Terms might be arranged something like this:- Prague to call off the martial law, ^{if} ~~with~~ Henlein will issue a proclamation to his followers ordering them to keep the peace and maintain order.

So there may still be a compromise.

AIRPLANE

An American army plane flew across the border on Saturday and crashed near Glen Cove, Ontario. Soon afterward the word came from Canada that the Canadian army authorities had been asked by the United States War Department to search the wreckage of the plane and retrieve a military secret -- a bomb sight.

Today, the War Department in Washington announced there was no bomb sight at all aboard the plane, so military secret of any sort. The only reason for a search of the wreckage, to recover valuable instruments that might have survived the crash

And now comes the late dispatch from Canada saying that the Ontario provincial police have recovered a machine gun sighting device. It was picked up by a spectator, as a souvenir.

Apparently the search for the missing machine gun sight gave rise to the report of a hunt for a military secret.

ELECTIONS

The late primary news today only confirms the earlier tydings. Yes, Tydings is the word - meaning news, also meaning the Senator. (The latest figures available at this moment show that, with nearly all of the election returns in - Senator Tydings has beaten his opponent,) Representative David Lewis, *beaten him* by upwards of thirty thousand votes.

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The meanings of all this ^{were so} ~~above was~~ well canvassed in advance, there's little need of discussing them. (Once more the New Deal purge has failed,) after the President dramatized his opposition to Senator Tydings by going into Maryland and making an address against him. The Senator, I suppose, can be rated as *No. 2 man* among the scheduled purge victims, the second in importance of those slated for defeat in the primaries. The Number Three man would seem to have been (Senator Cotton Ed Smith of South Carolina - he was victoriously renominated a week or so ago, the first important defeat for the purge.) Number One man, without doubt, is Senator George of Georgia, who the President ~~xx~~ said is a gentleman and a scholar ~~xx~~ - but they don't talk the same language. (The George of Georgia contest comes up

tomorrow, as the culminating climax of the purge.)

In Maine, too, the late word confirms the early word - a clean sweep for all Republican candidates, governor and congressmen. Maine thus remains solidly in line with Vermont - the two Republican Siamese twins of American politics. And what of Vermont? Well, the Green Mountain Boys are voting tomorrow. And so sure is the G.O.P. up there that the news is being given out in advance - a Republican victory.

HINES

The question about another trial for Tammany Leader James J. Hines was answered today -- answered by the one best qualified to do the answering. (District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey sets the time for a second Hines trial with these words:- "At the earliest possible date." That's not so precise as to month, date and day of the week. ^{And} ~~But~~ he undoubtedly means -- mighty soon.

All this times most interestingly with the political status of Prosecutor Dewey. It had been assumed universally that he would be drafted as Republican candidate for the Governorship of New York in the November election. After yesterday's verdict of mistrial in the Hines case, which was no Dewey triumph, Republican leaders instantly spoke ~~up~~ up and said the set-back would make no difference -- Dewey was their candidate anyway.)

^{TP} ~~The But~~ Now would that affect ^a ~~the~~ new Hines trial? Could one be staged before Dewey could be nominated? He could ^{hardly} ~~undoubtedly~~

56 ~~he~~ do so big a prosecuting job and campaign for the governorship at the same time. ^{Well} The Hines defense made the instant demand that

no new trial be held until the Fall political circus was over, until after November election. But ~~now~~ now the District Attorney announces that ~~Jimmy~~ Hines ^{will} ~~would~~ be brought to the bar again

at -- ~~quote~~ "The earliest possible date!" ~~End quote~~ ^{And} How does that affect politics and ^{the} candidacy for the governorship?

There was some report early today that Dewey might change the indictment of the Tammany leader. It was Dewey's question about Hines and the chicken racket that caused Chief Justice Ferdinand Pecora to declare a mistrial. Some ^{supposed} ~~imposed~~ that Dewey would broaden the indictment to take in other rackets. But the answer now is -- No. This afternoon's statement by the Prosecutor describes the charges he will bring against Hines in the second trial, describes them in these words:- "The same identical ~~trial~~ indictment." So it will be the "Dutch" Schultz lottery racket with Hines of Tammany Hall accused of having been the political fixer for the mob -- the same all over again.

BANDIT

On September Seventh, near Taylor, Arizona, a mail truck was speeding along the road. Ahead was a passenger car, a sedan, which swerved and swung across the ~~road,~~ ^{highway.} And the truck had to stop. Out of the sedan jumped two men with masks across their faces and pistols in their hands. They held up the mail truck, seized ^a ~~seized~~ twenty-two thousand, five hundred dollar payroll, leaped back into their car, and drove away.

Today, at Kansas City, one of these two bandits, now under arrest, told the police a strange story of crime adventure. He said that, having successfully committed the robbery, he and his outlaw pal decided how they'd invest the money, ~~the payroll loot they had stolen. And it was a most flaunting idea of outlaw hi-jinks. With the twenty-two thousand and five hundred dollars, They'd tour the gambling houses of the nation; They'd go from one city to another, and have a fling at the forbidden temples of chance. wherever they could find them. Of course, they didn't expect to spend their money that way - they didn't expect to lose, they hoped to win.~~

It was a great gaming idea, and they started out from

city to city, from ^Wgabling house to gambling house. ^HThis took them at last to Kansas City, and there they met their disaster, their Waterloo. Not at the roulette wheel or the poker table, however - but Waterloo in the guise of a pretty girl. ~~Maybe if they had stuck to gambling, they would have been all right.~~

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it was highly suspicious for robbery victims just to let it go
at that. And so they had to accompany the taxi driver to the
police station and there they reported the robbery and kept up
the pretence that they were gamblers from Seattle. But the cops
were suspicious, and held them for investigation. The one thing
their story couldn't stand was investigation. So tonight the
truth is out - how the two mail robbers went on a gambling tour
of the nation [^]and met a girl. And s-l-u-t-m.

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