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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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EGYPT

Today at Cairo, throngs of Moslems were in the great mosque of Al-Azhar, for the daily noon time prayers. When these were completed, they streamed out, and hundreds of them trooped in a mob, shouting slogans - a demonstration organized by what is called "Moslems Brotherhood." They were protesting against action in the United Nations Security Council at New York.

Egypt is demanding that the U.N. take action to get the British out of Egypt -- the point of dispute being whether or not Egypt, when evacuated by the British, is to get the Sudan. The latest before the Security Council is a Brazilian proposal to recommend that the British and Egyptians get together again and try to settle the dispute. This Brizilian proposal has the support of Great Britain, also the United States, France, Belgium and China.

So today the demonstrating Moslems, streaming from the prayer in the mosque of Al-Azhar, shouted a complicated denunciation: "Down with the United States, down with Brazil, down with Great Britain,

down with France, down with
~~Brazil, Great Britain, France,~~ ^{d-w} Belgium, and China!" they
 roared. In other words, down with nearly everybody. To
 which they added: "Long live unity ~~in~~ in the Nile Valley!"

It wasn't long before the demonstration
 clashed with the police, and (a wild melee was on. The
 police tried to drive the rioters off with clubs, but
 were driven off themselves. They ^{police} were assailed with
 bricks and stones, missiles of every sort, pieces of
 furniture, chairs, ^{— the works — or the Egyptian equivalent.}
 The Cairo gendarmes, after being
 badly battered, opened fire with guns, ~~and~~ shotguns
 loaded with buckshot. Which turned the main streets of
 Cairo into a greater pandemonium than ever) - the mobs
 sprayed with volleys of buckshot. These appear not to
 have been of the death-dealing sort; but, scores of
 rioters were wounded.

All of which was reflected a quarter of
 the way around the world - all the way to the U.N., the
 Security ^{Council session} ~~Council~~ at Lake Success, Long Island.
 There, an Egyptian, with a black beard and a red fez,

staged a one-man riot. The Security Council, in dignified quiet, was considering the Egyptian question, and the Prime Minister from the land of the Nile was about to speak, presenting his country's case, when the one-man riot broke out.

The disturber was Mustapha Momen of Cairo, who has daily been a spectator at the Council proceedings - conspicuous because of his Moslem garb and the way he turns ~~x~~ to the East and prays at the required Mohammedan times of the day - praying ^{5 times daily in} ~~the~~ the direction of the Holy City of Mecca. This afternoon, he suddenly jumped up in the spectators' gallery, and started shouting denunciations of the Security Council - ~~xxxxxx~~ to the utter amazement of the Egyptian Prime Minister, who was about to speak.

The police came charging, and seized Mustapho Momen of Cairo, black beard, red fez and all, ^{— gave him the works —} and tossed him out, but not before he had given his own uproarious version of the ~~the~~ slogan - "Down with the United States, Brazil, Great Britain, France, Belgium and China," ^{and so, down with nearly everybody.}

EGYPT

News tonight tells of riots elsewhere in Egypt. The demonstrating Moslem brotherhood tried to sabotage two British ships at Port Said. A spokesman for the brotherhood claims at least a hundred of his bretheren have been wounded, including Sheik Hassan El Banna -- his injuries, buckshot wounds.

A Cairo report records sixteen police casualties.

During the day, Premier Mahomud Fahmy Pasha, Egyptian representative to the Security Council at Lake Success, cabled the Egyptian Minister of Public Security to urge that there must be no more demonstrations. This after he received a cable from the injured Banna. Stimulated perhaps by that buckshot, Banna cabled: "Blood is flowing in Cairo" -- and, a lot more. A fervent message urging the Security Council to safeguard Egypt's interests in the middle East.

SECURITY COUNCIL FOLLOW EGYPT

In the Indonesian dispute, the United States has shifted its position. Today, before the Security Council, the American Delegation withdrew the offer of American mediation.

Our proposal had been that we'd gladly act as a conciliator in an effort to end the fighting between the Dutch and the Indonesian Republic, but the Indonesians preferred to have the United Nations do the intervening. So today, American delegate Hershel Johnson recommended that the Security Council take immediate steps to end the war in Java. The Security Council has already brought about a "cease fire" order for armistice; only that prescription of the international doctor "didn't take" - both sides charging violations of the truce. Now the American suggestion is - try again, the Security Council to make an offer of mediation.

JUGOSLAVIA

The State Department replies to charges made by Red Yugoslavia. Last night, the Ambassador sent over here by Communist Dictator Tito charged that the United States was trying to put an economic blockade on Red Yugoslavia. *How is that? Why* Because we refuse to ~~go through~~ sending charity relief supplies to Tito - who, of all the Red Puppets, has taken the most vicious action against us.

π The Communist Ambassador had to admit, of course, ~~that~~ that Yugoslavia got huge amount of American Relief supplies, the fattest kind of hand-outs from UNRRA - we providing seventy-two per cent of the UNRRA funds. But, said the Red Ambassador, this charity from the United States could not be balanced off against the lives that Yugoslavia lost in the war.

Today's reply, made by Lincoln White, spokesman for the State Department, gives a scathing retort. Our State Department points out that we, too, sacrificed American lives in the war - one result of which was to build up the Red tyrannies that are now our enemies. On top of which, we poured billions ~~in~~ into UNRRA to

feed Soviet satellites like Jugoslavia.

The Red Ambassador last night also complained that we had failed to unireeze Jugoslav funds held in this country. To this our State Department gives answer by pointing out that the funds are still frozen ~~because~~ because there are claims and counter-claims that remain to be settled. One of our claims is for compensation in the case of the two American Army Transport planes that were shot down by Tito fighters. ^{TP} The Jugoslav government, at the time when things looked so ugly and threatening, conceded to the extent of paying a-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars to the families of ^{the} five American airmen who lost their lives in the flaming crash - when our unarmed American ~~tx~~ transports were shot down. ^{re} But Tito, the Red Despot, has to this day ^A refused to make any compensation for the planes that were destroyed.

BULGARIA

(Soviet Russia rejects the American protest about the death sentence decreed against Petkov in Bulgaria. There the Communist dictatorship has condemned the leader of the Peasant Party, the opposition to the tyranny of the Reds. Petkov, in Bulgaria, represents democratic liberalism - so he is doomed to be executed.)

We ~~are~~ ^{have been} protesting because this is another violation of the Soviet promise of Democratic freedom in the satellite countries. Bulgaria is supposed to be run by an Allied Control Commission - though, of course, the Balkan nation is really under a Red Despotism, dominated by ~~Russia~~ Moscow. Our government demanded that the control commission review the case of Petkov, and that the Soviets stop the execution, while the case was being thus reviewed. But today the Soviets answered - no.

^{TP} Moscow refuses to let the Allied Control Commission do anything, and drags out again that old brutal ironic argument - it would be an infringement of the Sovereignty of Bulgaria. That is - the sovereign independence of a Red Puppet.

REFUGEES

The three refugee ships, with forty five hundred Zionists aboard, sailed for Hamburg today. For twenty five days, ~~they~~ they lay off the coast of Southern France, while the refugees maintained a sort of oceanic sit-down - saying they wouldn't leave the ships to land anywhere except in Palestine, to which destination they had tried to go. Many offers were made to ~~give~~ give them a haven in France, from which country the immigrants had started out. But they said no. The British announced that, if they still refused to go ashore, they would be taken to Germany and put in camps there. Today a final offer was made, and ~~was~~ ^{was} still rejected. So the British ~~crews~~ crews pulled up anchor, and set sail - destination Hamburg.

When they get there, the refugees will be forcibly removed, say the British - who at the same time deny a rumor they'll be put in the horror camps at Belsen. They'll be given ~~some~~ ^{that are} camps, the best available, say the British.

FASCISM

The much debated Congressional report on Fascism was released today. Last year, a companion piece was made public - "Communism in action." The present study, made by experts of the Library of Congress, has the title - "Fascism in action." There was a lot of controversy about publication - but now we have it.

"Fascism in Action" has a foreword written by Congressman Patman of Texas, who warns us that there are, in the Congressman's words - "Many strong symptoms of Fascism in our own democratic society."

In another prefatory piece, Dr. Ernest Griffith, who directed the preparation of the report, makes a comparison between Fascism and Communism. He gives his reason in these words: "To prevent Communists from taking any aid or comfort from the exposing of the other major form of totalitarianism." Dr. Griffith notes that, while the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis had dangerous international aspects, there appears to have been no Fascist equivalent of the Communist program of world

revolution.

The Reds may well take note, likewise, of the general inference deduced from the despotisms of Hitler and Mussolini. This inference, the news dispatch from Washington summarizes in the following words: "The Axis powers failed to win World War Two because they built up such a worldwide hatred of Fascism, that it finally destroyed them."

NEW YORK

In Brooklyn, a strike of fifteen thousand longshoremen ended quickly today, but in Manhattan four thousand dock workers are still continuing their wildcat walkout - thereby tying up a number of ships, including the big U.S. Liner America, stalled in harbor for the third straight day.

The Brooklyn strike began this morning, ~~when~~ when a gang of men marched along the docks, urging a strike - so fifteen thousand walked out. That brought the immediate action by the Union chiefs, who ~~announced~~ declared that the whole thing was a Communist trick - the Reds butting in and fooling the dock workers into believing that a strike had been 'called. The intervention of the union leaders was immediately effective - the Brooklyn longshoremen going back to their jobs.

ADD NEW YORK

The office of defense transportation is threatening to declare a ban on rail freight shipments to New York docks - this ban in order to prevent a jam-up of freight on the docks if the walk-out involves many freighters.

Late tonight, it was announced that the sailing of the America which has been held up since Wednesday has been cancelled, passengers will have their money refunded.

One of the side lights of the cancellation of the sailing of the America: ^{Movie actress} ~~xxxx~~ Carole Landis ~~xxxx~~ carrying her bags ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ ashore and dubbing the strike as disgraceful.

As for the crew of the America, they lose twenty-thousand dollars' pay because the ship isn't ~~xxxx~~ making this voyage.

The unfortunate passengers may have to wait for a long time before they get to their destinations because all bookings these days are made weeks in advance. All an aftermath of The World War.

INDIAN RAIN

There was rain at Parched Phoenix, Arizona, today. Not made by the white man's modern method of dumping powdered dry ice on cloud formations. This time it was ancient magic, rain made by the Hopi Indians -- with rattlesnakes.

The Hopis, alarmed at the great drought ~~had~~ in Arizona, held a snake dance. A ~~we~~ weirdly painted Indian snake priest leaping up and down the precipitous slopes of the Mesa, a rattlesnake writhing and twisting in his mouth. Nearby, the ancient and the braves prayed to the Rain God.

Lo and behold, within a few hours of the celebration of this mystic Hopi dance, down came the rain, in torrents. Torrential rain that drenched the desert and filled the barren water courses.

Uncle Sam's weather bureau, however, takes a prosaic view of the Hopi magic. The bureau officials claim they had predicted rain hours before the snake dance began.

MIDWEST

They could use some Hopi ~~is~~ magic in the Middle West. From Chicago tonight more news of drought and blistering heat. The most serious since the dust bowl era. And every additional day of it means less corn and higher prices.

Today corn, for delivery in September, rose to two-dollars and forty-six cents a bushel, the highest price ever paid in the ninety-nine year history of the Chicago board of trade. A year ago the price was a dollar and thirty four cents.

How long will this drought last?

The weather man says it may be cooler next week, but that temperatures will stay in the nineties in Illinois and Indiana.

The unusual heat has taken a heavy toll -- thirty-six dead from the heat, forty-two drowned -- with August still threatening to be the hottest on record.

VIRGINIA HILL

At Miami Beach, Florida, tonight, doctors are fighting to save the life of Virginia Hill, ex-girl friend of Bugsy Siegel, the dope czar wiped out by gangsters in Virginia Hill's California residence. She is reported to be suffering from an overdose of sleeping pills complicated by bronchial ~~pneumonia~~ pneumonia. Tonight she is in a coma, ^{given} oxygen continuously. Her doctor says "the outcome is doubtful".

FIGHT

From Hollywood, news of a musical clash -- the principals Benny Goodman of clarinet fame, and Tommy Dorsey, trombonist. The scene, a recording session.

Goodman arrived late, a studio employee being sent to haul him out of bed. He and Tommy Dorsey then got into an argument and one of the two passed an uncomplimentary remark. The next thing, Goodman went through the music stands from a right to the Jaw. And on his way down he managed to land a kick to the Dorsey shins.

The sequel to this lack of harmony: an unfinished recording.

And this would be unfinished without you,
Nelson.

RIO

L. J. - Suroco and P. & G. Friday, Aug. 22, 1947.

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BASEBALL---

I have a sad, sad story here about baseball and it virtually rings my heart for the dignified Branch Rickey, boss of the Brooklyn Dodgers, whom the sports writers like to call the "Deacon" and the "Mahatma." The beloved bums are doing okay - the trouble concerns the hi-toms.

That name, in itself, represents a Branch Rickey inspiration - the hi-toms. Down in North Carolina, the Brooklyn Farm system has a minor league team, class D, which used to belong to the town of Thomasville. But ~~But~~ Rickey amalgamated the Ball Club with a nearby place called High Point. Thomasville has thirteen-thousand people, while High Point has forty-thousand. Get the Rickey idea? You combine the baseball fans in both places by having a two-town team, and you get a lot more customers. Hence the Hi-Toms.

The combination began this season, and everything was fine and dandy - the fans of both Thomasville and High Point flocking to see the ~~Hi~~ Hi-Toms. True, the Hi-Toms sank deep in second division in a Class

D North Carolina Bush League, but that didn't seem to matter - the customers from the two towns kept coming.

Now, however, comes the tragedy. Last Sunday, eight of the ball players went to a party, and forgot to go home. This breach of training rules was reported in a newspaper story written by a High Point sports writer - and the offending ball players drew a fine of ten dollars each. One of them, a star pitcher, angry about it all, got into a row with the sports writer - so rambunctious a row that the pitcher was suspended.

All of which might seem to be just another baseball rhubarb, as they say in Brooklyn, except for the fact that High Point rallied to the support of the High Point sports writer, while Thomasville rallied with equal enthusiasm to the support of the pitcher - and the thing turned into a feud between the two North Carolina towns.

The climax came when, out on the ball field, the pitcher took a swing at the sports writer, a fan got into it and swapped punches with a policeman, and

a near riot developed. Today the news is that a near state of war exists between Thomasville and High Point, with Branch Rickey's bush league ball club in the saddle, *— in between the two.* Such is the catastrophe which has befallen ~~that~~ that brilliant inspiration - the Hi-Toms.

Today the Manager of the team said the situation was beyond his control and he was referring the whole thing to the Deacon, the Mahatma, the boss of the Dodgers - presumably on the basis that anybody who can run ~~things~~ things in Brooklyn, can ~~x~~ handle a near civil war in North Carolina. ^{??} The manager of the Hi-Toms remarks in a mournful voice: "Sad thing!" says he, "if two towns, seven miles apart, can't get along and share a ball club, ~~how~~ how do they expect to get along with Russia?"

^{??} And the plaintive echo is - how?

And now — how!

ADD EYPT

The latest from the U N - still
another Egyptian raising a rumpus, making it a two-
man riot, which threw the security council into
confusion.