

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The most absorbing topic for today and days to come is and will be that stupendous war-aid bill. Nothing much has been done about it so far. But, the opposition is organizing. In Congress the opponents on both sides of the fence have chosen Senator Wheeler of Montana for their leader.

The Speaker of the House today turned the bill over to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. And there was drama behind the scenes for Congressman May, Chairman of the Military Committee, wanted to have the first say on that colossal measure. He made a motion that it should be referred to his committee. But the answer to that was an overwhelming shout of NO. The House upheld the speaker so loudly that they didn't even count the votes.

Another concrete move was a substitute bill offered on the Republican side of the House. The man who presented it is a new Congressman, Simpson of New York, the man who was recently voted down as G.O.P. leader in the Empire State.

The Simpson Bill has this difference from the Democratic

measure which officially bears the historic number H.R. 1776: it puts a definite limit on the President's authority, cuts it down to two years. That's one point. Secondly, it restricts the loan of war materials to -- first, England or any member of the British Commonwealth. Also Ireland. Likewise to any other country to whose defense our Congress declares by concurrent resolution, vital to the defense of the United States.

Simpson pointed out that granting President Roosevelt unlimited power to pick the countries was one phase of the bill that came nearest to giving him the right to declare war, a right which Congress should carefully safeguard.

And as it has been pointed out by many not to put a time limit on the bill might be tantamount to giving the President Dictatorial powers in perpetuity. For if there were no time limit the powers granted to the President could only be ended by repealing the act.

Which means that if the President

chose to veto the repealer, it would need a two-thirds vote.

Also today
Naturally there's much talk about Wendell Willkie and
the support he is giving to the bill. *There is* ~~It became evident today~~
~~that there's a wide difference of opinion about this, among the~~
and
Republicans, ~~as indeed there is among the~~ Democrats.

Outside ~~of~~ Congress there were several loud protests.

General Robert Wood, Acting Chairman of the America First Committee,

declared that the war-aid bill would destroy our Republican form

of government and make the President a Dictator with the right to

override every law on the Statute book and take us into war whenever

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he ~~saw~~ *sees* fit. General Wood ~~used these words~~ *said this* in a telegram to

William Allen White, retiring Chairman of the Committee to Defend

America by Aiding the Allies. *Gen.* Wood invited White to join him in

uncompromising opposition to the war aid bill.

There is dissension in the No Foreign War Committee,

the Committee headed by Verne Marshall, the Iowa editor. O. K.

Armstrong of Springfield, Missouri, announced today that he's

resigning from that committee. Armstrong was one of the three

incorporators of the committee. But, he explains, he can't agree

with Verne Marshall on policy. Armstrong is going to start a new outfit, an organization to be known as The Peoples' Campaign Against War.

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Later today Senator Wheeler let out a blast against the War Aid bill. Like other opponents he declared that it would have the effect of establishing a dictatorship in this country, without limit. He ^{is} ~~was~~ perfectly willing ^{he says,} that we should sell surplus war materials to Britain. But he added these words: "I don't want to finance China's war, England's war, or Greece's war." Then he asked whether the Roosevelt administration would also want to finance the reestablishment of Poland, an effort by the Finns to get back the territory taken by the Russians or by the Ethiopians, to free themselves from Italy. He made light of the loan-lease plan. "When peace comes," he declared, "the whole world must reduce armaments so that no nation can start an aggressive war." To ^{that} ~~which~~ he added the question, "What use to us will be all that second-hand junk then?" The Montana Senator also made the charge that the New Deal administration ~~xx~~ had started a smear

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campaign against everybody who ^{comes} came out in opposition to the
bill. But he ^{declared} ~~added that~~ he didn't care; he'd been ^{said} ~~smeared~~ smeared
often.

Here's an opinion of particular interest to people who are subject to the draft. There ought to be a uniform rule throughout the country to place married men who are living with their wives on the deferred list. So says Mrs. Roosevelt. And, she says she feels strongly about this.

So far no definite rule has been officially laid down and it's up to the local Draft Boards. Mrs. Roosevelt thinks there should be a definite policy; ~~xxx~~ first, take single men who haven't gotten under way with their careers and who are not in the middle of their ~~xx~~ schooling. Second, married men who are able to support their wives even while in service. Also married men whose wives can support themselves.

WEST VIRGINIA

The State of West Virginia is in the position of having one United States Senator too many. And that isn't meant as sarcasm. It all arises because of a ~~xx~~ political tussle.

The incoming Governor is Matthew N. Neely who resigned ~~his~~ his seat in the Senate to become Governor. He succeeds Homer A. Holt, the retiring Governor, who is one of his political opponents. But, before Holt gave up the seals of office he used his prerogative to name Clarence E. Martin, former President of the American Bar Association, to that vacant seat in the Senate.

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Well, the new Governor, Matt Neely, expected something of the sort and to counteract it he resigned from the Senate precisely at midnight last night. Thereupon he was immediately and secretly inaugurated as Governor, not waiting for the formal ceremony. And then his first act was to name a Dr. Rosier, President of Fairmont State Teachers College, to the seat which he, Neely, had vacated.

Meanwhile, of course, there's Senator Kilgore, who was elected to take the seat recently held by young Senator

Rush Holt.

And, that's how West Virginia comes to have three
Senators. Or appears to have.

PARDON

There was a dramatic scene today in the executive mansion of the Governor of Georgia; ~~at~~ Atlanta. Governor Rivers was making ready to surrender his office to ~~the man who succeeds him~~, Governor-elect Eugene Talmadge. And before he left he signed his name to a ^{romantic} ~~sensational~~ State document.

Eleven years ago a couple of undergraduates at Oglethorpe University committed a robbery. They ~~kill~~ held up a ~~drug~~ drugstore, and one of them fired a shot which killed the clerk. They were arrested and brought to justice. One of them was Richard Gray Gallogly, of a family prominent in Atlanta.

Both ^{amateur bandits} ~~of them~~ received life sentences. ^{IPY on} Some people may recall the name of Gallogly because of the spectacular jail break ^{Richard Gallogly} he achieved in Nineteen Thirty-nine. He got as far as Texas, accompanied by his pretty young blonde wife, a former school teacher who had married him while he was a convict in the penitentiary. Gallogly ^{extradited} was caught and brought back to prison, to serve out the rest of his term.

Several months ago Governor Rivers of Georgia issued a parole to George Harsh, the ^{other} man who had taken part in that

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holdup, the man supposed to have actually fired the shot.

The document that Governor Rivers signed today, one of
his last, was a full pardon for Richard Gray Gallogly; also for ^{one} Harsh. And as they ~~and~~ left the Executive mansion ^{the} pretty blonde
Vera Gallogly said "God bless you, Governor, for giving me my
husband," *as well she might.*

SHIPS

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Storms on the Atlantic; three ships in distress,
and they within easy radio earshot of the mainland. First of
all came the news that a steamer of the American West African
Line was in trouble two hundred and forty miles East Southeast
of New York. Four cutters of Uncle Sam's coastguard and three
other vessels ~~WERE~~ went to the rescue, as well as a coastguard
airplane.

Next came a call for help from another steamer of
the same line, ^{batling mountainous} ~~which was laboring in the~~ waves between New York
and Bermuda. ^{also} ~~And~~ Norfolk, Virginia, received a message that a
ship of the Barber Steamship Line was taking water in her foreward
hold and ^{about out of control.} ~~seemed to be unmanageable.~~ Altogether a busy twenty-four
hours for ~~Uncle's~~ Uncle's coastguard.

IRELAND

There's growing excitement in England over the ^{touchy} ~~dynamite~~ problem of naval and air bases in Ireland. The Churchill government is being urged to take them if the de Valera government will consent. And one London newspaper exposes a Nazi plot to ^{not} ~~seize~~ ^{grab} control of the Emerald Isle. [#] De Valera, says the London News-Chronical, was ^{assured} ~~made aware~~ through diplomatic channels of the willingness of the Nazi government to provide every possible assistance to Eire. However, the News-Chronicle adds, the DeValera government promptly turned down the offer of any Axis help. That, says the London paper, happened just before the Nazis ~~bombing~~ bombed Eire twice in succession.

At the same time it became known that the Irish are facing a food shortage, particularly wheat. That's official, ^{and} ~~it~~ was announced by the Minister of Industry and Commerce. ^{Their} ~~and~~ outside source of supply is virtually cut off and they ^{have} ~~ve~~ not been able to procure any shipping to transport wheat to Eire.

MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

An American correspondent was on a British battleship in the Mediterranean when it was attacked by German airplanes. And one of the things he reports is that the battle for control of the Mediterranean has developed into a duel between the British navy and Hitler's air force. Evidently this was the first time that British men-o'-war in that sphere had been faced with Nazi dive-bombing.

And it seemed evident to that American reporter that the Nazis had sent their ace bombing pilots down to help Mussolini. They first appeared overhead at about eight thousand feet. There they broke into three flights, and dived almost vertically, straight at the British warships. As the Nazis dived the British sent up a barrage of thousands of shells. These made a cloud so thick that it would not seem possible the planes could keep going. But they did. Maneuvring with remarkable skill the Nazi aces plunged through the barrage, and some of them seemed to come down to within less than a hundred feet of the water before dropping their bombs. And not one of them could be seen falling into the sea. Later, however, they were intercepted by British fighting planes and some of them were shot down.

Again and again the German pilots displayed the same daring and skill. However, they did not appear until after British cruisers and

destroyers had sunk one of Mussolini's destroyers.

Evidently there is a lot of difference between being attacked by Italian and German bombers.

It is noted that the American reporter did not say whether the Nazi dive bombers had scored any important hits. About that there was a silence almost eloquent. Both Nazis and Fascists claim that British warships were seriously damaged; but of this there is yet neither confirmation nor denial.

R.A.F.

The latest achievement of the British Royal Air Force was a ~~xxx~~ chain of raids that carried the bombers as far east as the River Danube. Both fighters and heavy ~~xx~~ planes also *delivered a* ~~carried out a~~ machine gun attack on the Nazi troops concentrated along the coast of Belgium, Holland and France; ~~Those are the~~ troops believed ~~to be~~ massed there by Hitler in preparation for the next attempt to invade Britain. The R.A.F. bombers *(likewise)* ~~also~~ made raids throughout Germany and Italy, one of them on Axis oil supplies near Venice.

GREEKS

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The Greeks in Athens were busy enjoying themselves today, ^{Joking about} ~~jeering at~~ the news from Rome, the news of the latest shake-up in the Italian High Command. The Hellenes interpret ^{re shuffling of generals} Mussolini's ~~latest shake-up~~ as a direct consequence of the capture of Klisura by Greek armies in Albania. ^{Greeks} They claim the fall of Klisura smashed the Fascist defense in southern Albania.

In Rome it's ~~politely~~ stated that General Soddu, the Underminister of War, has been called from Albania because of ill health. General Cavallero who succeeds him, is Chief of Staff of the Italian army ^{now takes} ~~and is taking~~ personal charge of the campaign in Albania.

(~~follow this with Phillips story~~)

LAMBIE - ABYSSINIA

Remember Dr. Lambie, the American who was Haile Selassie's chief advisor, in the days before the King of Kings was obliged to take it on the lam? Well, Dr. Lambie, is back on the Abyssinian ~~front~~ border again. He recently wrote a book entitled "A Doctor Without A Country". When he became a sort of Grand Vizier to the King of Kings he was obliged to give up his American citizenship. But a Bill has passed the Senate which is intended to restore those rights.

I have just had a long message from Dr. Lambie. He sends it to me from deep in the Sudan. In one telegram he describes the death of Dr. Robert Grieve, a young American from Seattle, and his wife, who were bombed at Doro, on the Abyssinian border, an important village where ^{we} ~~the~~ was no reason at all for the Italians to drop bombs. Dr. Lambie says that Bob Grieve was attempting to signal the Italian planes with an American flag and actually fell, with the flag enveloping him.

But what is more to the point at present, Dr. Lambie says that until a few months ago the Sudan was almost unprotected

58 1/2 and now all that has changed. He believes the British are ready for a big push, and says John Bull's war machine in Africa is now going in full gear, with the trailer car of Haile Selassie fastened on behind. He says that large numbers of Abyssinians have been living in the Sudan since the Italo-Ethiopian War. And, they are yearning for their cool Abyssinian mountains. Their cry at present said Dr. Lambie is:- Addis Ababa! Only a month away! On to Addis Ababa!

9 Dr. Lambie, "The Doctor Without A Country" ~~believes~~ believes that the push is on now, the campaign that will as he puts it "change Benito Mussolini into Finito Mussolini."

59 1/4 And now before we say Finito here's Hugh.