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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The first task tonight is to form some opinion of the big event of the day and take a look at the reverberations here and abroad of that worldwide situation. There is history in the fact that today in Chicago, President Roosevelt -- dedicated a bridge. The chief executive of the United States presided at the opening of Chicago's Outer Link Highway Bridge. And what a dedication it was, probably the most portentous bridge-opening in history. For it brought from the lips of the President a renunciation of the policy of American isolation in world affairs, a scrapping of dogmatic neutrality!

Talking of war and the threat of war, aggression and treaty breaking, (Franklin Delano Roosevelt spoke these words: "There is no escape through mere isolation of neutrality.")

From a bridge and dedication, it's a long way to so momentous a declaration of the foreign policy of the United States.

Yes, it seemed rather a startling, incongruous, dizzy jump.

The President executed the lead in this fashion: After paying his compliments to the bridge in Chicago and telling about the good state of affairs he had observed in the west, he said: "I've been compelled to contrast our peace with the very different scenes being enacted in other parts of the world." He called them a reign of terror, international lawlessness.

There's no need to quote any further along this line. Just take what all of you think about the war and killing and bombing in this world right now and try to imagine your ideas expressed in vivid phrases of Roosevelt eloquence. He mentioned no nation, but Japan and the Far Eastern war were inevitably the foremost surmise. He referred to ninety percent of the people of the world as peaceful and ten per cent aggressive, which would neatly include Japan, Italy and Germany.

What about the United States? That's where the renunciation of isolation and neutrality came in. On that theme the President expanded as follows: "It is a matter of vital interest and concern to our people that the sanctity of international treaties

and the maintenance of international morality to be restored," said he. How restored?

(He described this worldwide war trouble as an epidemic and that took him to the word "quarantine." Did he mean sanctions such as were vainly applied to Italy in the Ethiopian affair?)

The final phrase of the presidential peroration emphasized the mood of action: "America hates war!" he cried. America hopes for peace, therefore America actively engages in the search for peace."

Such was today's dedication of a Chicago bridge, which for some reason Franklin Delano Roosevelt chose as the occasion for so important a declaration of international policy.

There's a touch of anti-climax. A late hot flash from Washington reveals an error in presidential arithmetic.

Referring to the Kellogg-Briant Peace Pact, the graduate of Groton and Harvard said it was signed some fifteen years ago. Actually, it was signed in Nineteen Twenty-Eight, that makes it some nine years ago!

(And now, what's the responseto the "quarantine idea", here and abroad? Members of Congress were swiftly queried and

their response was an almost unanimous chorus of applause. Even senators and representatives known to be violently isolationist, strong for neutrality, gave their approval to the quarantine. One lone voice spoke a rather wistful misgiving -- Senator Borah. The Idaho statesman approved, but with a melancholy accent. "China is a peace-loving nation," said he. "She needs cooperation. But she does not get it. It is impossible to cooperate -- except to go to war." So there the presidential word "quarantine" was extended to another word, a shorter and uglier word - "war."

In Europe, the British Cabinet is meeting tomorrow to consider the meanings of the President's pronouncement. At Geneva, the reaction was even swifter. While the President was speaking, a Committee of the League of Nations was bringing out a report condemning Japan under the Nine-Power Pact, a report calling for a conference of the nations that signed the treaty, a conference to do something about Japanese violation. The moment the President's quarantine speech became public, the League Committee made an alteration in the report. It had recommended that nothing should be done to weaken China. Now that was changed, made more drastic, turned into a recommendation

that China should be helped, that each League power should consider ways of coming to the aid of Nanking. That's today's immediate international result to the presidential quarantine idea -- as the League of Nations cheers.

Here's last minute word from Italy. And it's no cheer. A Fascist official describes the President's address as Demagogic and vague. From Japan -- silence, so far.

In Wall Street -- stocks went down -- fear of war.

QUOTATIONS

Here's a striking thing said, as the Fifty-Second Triennial General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church gathers in Cincinnati. Judge Dallinger of New York, speaking before the Brotherhood of St. Andrews, gave the warning. "If the western world does not change its pagan ways," said he, "China, Japan and Korea will be sending missionaries over here in fifty years."

As for striking ecclesiastical pronouncements, we can always depend on Father Coughlin. He finds a favorite subject nowadays in Supreme Court Justice Black and the Ku Klux Klan. And as usual, he is flamingly forthright. Of Justice Black the radio priest said today: "He swore a solemn oath to Almighty God before a flaming cross that he would exercise hostility to Catholic, Negro and Jew. Now he repudiates that oath as he takes a new oath to sustain the Constitution of the United States!" That's the Father Coughlin touch.

The Supreme Court, by the way, is having another kind of difficulty - camera trouble. It's an iron-clad rule that no photographs are to be taken of the nine justices in session.

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52 { Yesterday, a guard found a candid camera hidden in a man's derby hat. The guard confiscated that instrument of photographic candor. But today - a photograph of yesterday's Supreme Court proceedings appeared in a New York newspaper. They missed out on one of those underhand, secretive and not at all candid cameras.

52 { That's only the third time that anything like that has happened, the third time the stern Supreme Court rule has been broken. Last spring, a woman snapped a Supreme Court picture with a camera concealed in her purse. And before that, in Nineteen Thirty-Four, a venerable elderly German had a tiny photographic mechanism fitted into the head of his cane - and he pointed the head of the cane and took pictures.

DETROIT

Today in Detroit they're having an election which is an extension of the sit-down strikes and big labor battle last winter. At that time, the Auto Workers Union decided to carry the strike campaign on into a political campaign -- and carry the next Detroit elections for the C.I.O. Voters went to the polls in that election today, six hundred thousand of them. All the strength of the Auto Union has been thrown to the C.I.O. candidate, Patrick O'Brien, while Auto Union head, Homer Martin, was at the Waldorf today addressing a vast throng for Mrs. Meloney at New York Herald Tribune Forum. Will the C.I.O. dominate Detroit politics? We'll know when the votes are counted.

ED THORGERSEN

L.T.:- Well, this is the night before. Before the opening of the World Series. Ed Thorgersen will be on with me for a minute or two every evening during the classic between the Yankees and the Giants. He'll bring us hot flashes from the game. And tonight he's here with last minute impressions about the probabilities for the Series, and tomorros's game. Play ball, Ed.

ED:- Hello Ladies and Gentlemen: The stage is set -- the cast of characters well rehearsed -- the curtain call has sounded -- the mood is tense -- ominously calm -- a feeling of impending climax prevades back-stage -- for tomorrow, after the symphony of marshall music and a roaring multitude will have rendered appropriate overture, will come the shrill raspy cry "Play Ball " -- and thus the curtain will rise on a mighty baseball drama co-starring the Giants and the Yankees -- play will begin -- but hovering over the spectacle -- invisible to all -- will be a lady of great renown -- an extremely fickle lady -- idolized -- yet feared by every player in the cast -- they call her Lady Luck -- on whom she smiles -- a star is made -- on whom she frowns -- even though he be champion -- he becomes a chump -- So tonight -- the eve of the great October classic, brings

to mind a few great moments of yester years -- when heroes were born -- while others were consigned to oblivion -- according to the whims of Lady Luck.

In 1931 -- into the series between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Philadelphia Athletics popped a Pepper Martin --unheralded -- unsung -- yet -- when the smoke of battle had lifted -- Martin had stolen five bases, tied a world series record of twelve hits and established a batting average of .500 -- his performance virtually catapulted the St. Louis Cards into the world championship -- Lucky Pepper Martin.

Two years later -- the Giant best Washington -- four out of five. A series to be remembered -- not for its hero -- but the unkind fate decreed by our lady friend who frowned on Washington's able catcher Cliff Bolton -- It happened in the fourth game -- eleventh inning -- score tied at one all -- Giants coming to bat -- Jackson bunts -- Mancuso sacrifices -- Jackson is on second -- Ryan lines out to sharp single -- Jackson scores -- Giants are now leading two to one. Washington comes to bat -- two minutes later the bases are loaded -- one out -- Comes Cliff Bolton to bat -- his chance of a life time --

golden opportunity -- headlines -- fame -- all are his -- for the
price of a single -- Manager Bill Terry orders his infield deep --
the possibility for a double play -- Crack -- goes Bolton's bat --
Ryan at shortstop is on the ball -- he whips to second -- who tossed
to Terry at first -- the Bolton is out on the double play -- Tough
luck -- had his drive been one foot wider -- two Washington runs
would have crossed the plate to win the game. A fateful whim of
Lady Luck -- and so we wonder tonight on the eve of the year's great
baseball spectacle -- who'll be the hero -- who the goat -- who'll
be favored by the Leading Lady -- Lady Luck.

WINDSOR

Tonight, in the news flash the words -- come-back. Who's out to make a come-back? That's the startling part of it -- His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor. A come-back with Duchess Wally at his side.

The dispatch comes from Paris, where, that couple so renowned in matrimony are sojourning right now. The news begins with an announcement by the Duke's Secretary, that on Sunday H.R.H. will depart on a trip to Germany. Not the U.S.A. -- not yet. There'll be a German trip first. The Ex-King is due to visit our own American shores to make a study of the housing conditions of the poor, workmen's homes. And he's going first to Germany for that same purpose -- to observe housing conditions there.

All this study of housing is part of a campaign for a come-back so say personalities close to the Duke. It is stated that the ex-king is out to win back the immense prestige that was his when he was Prince of Wales.

This news today increased that perplexity in Washington. Some say -- there'll be a reception for Duke and Duchess at the White House. They point out that when the celebrated couple arrive, the Washington

social season will be in full swing. Others talk for a private audience of the Duke of Windsor by President Roosevelt. It is pointed out that the social reform ideas of the Duke are somewhat like those of the President -- both interested in the problem of housing.

But to all of this there's a directly opposite view. Some government officials cite the fact that the conflict between Edward The Eighth and the British Cabinet began with the King's solicitude for the distressed areas of Wales, his demand that wretched living conditions there must be remedied -- "something must be done." So, if he were granted distinguished White House honors on his trip here to study housing conditions -- it might be interpreted abroad as a slap at the British government. This might be all the more the case in view of today's report that the Duke's housing studies are part of a come-back -- a come-back as a champion of better treatment for workers.

Washington officials may be perplexed, but that's not so in labor circles. Today, at the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Denver, there were cheers for the Duke's housing visit.

One labor leader said: "It would stir up further interest in housing conditions in America." The President of the Plumbers Union was vivid: "I always thought the Duke a fine fellow!" the big boss plumber burst forth. "Anybody who can fall off a horse, be laughed at and then keep on riding -- that is something I admire," said he plumbing the depths.

FOLLOW WINDSOR

Another American woman with a title flashes in the news today - Countess Haugwitz von Reventlow, the former Barbara Hutton of the Woolworth fortune. Friends of the Count are quoted as saying that he intends to become an American

citizen. Wonder what's wrong in Denmark.

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We began this broadcast with things the President says -- so let's end it the same way. Just something written on a postal card, a personal message to be sent through the mail -- sent to sixty million people.

In Washington, Director John Biggers of the Unemployment Census revealed the details of the questionnaire today. That postal card of unemployment questions. It doesn't consist entirely of questions. There's a personal message on it from the President the purpose of which is to persuade people to fill in the card and mail it back. The presidential message reads: "If you give me the facts, I shall try to use them for the benefit of all who need and want work and do not now have it."

A presidential message, not to Congress, but to sixty million of us, and now this personal message from me to you:- "SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.