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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Roosevelt certainly produced a sensation in ordering all German consulates closed. Among those taken by surprise are many Nazi consular officers. The chancellor of Hitler's consulate at St. Louis admitted that the President's order had been expected, but, not so soon. He also said, what many others are saying, that ~~the~~ Nazis will no doubt retaliate.

Captain Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's quondam pal who is now consul-general at San Francisco, admitted the President's order comes as a complete surprise to him.

Mr. Roosevelt's order makes a pretty clean sweep of all the Nazi activities in this country - that is, all open activities, all the open sources of propaganda, espionage and sabotage. He orders all the propaganda offices closed -- including the German Library of Information, the German Railway and Tourist Agency and

Trans-ocean News Service.

At first it was assumed that this meant a well nigh complete break-up of diplomatic relations. But in later dispatches from Washington it was emphasized that this positively does not go that far and that the order does not affect the German Embassy at Washington.

So, there will still be formal means of communication between Hitler's government and our own.

In Washington it was taken for granted the Nazis will retaliate as the chancellor at the consulate of St. Louis predicted. There is even speculation as to whether the Nazis will throw out the American correspondents at Berlin. Retaliation for the President's kicking out of the Trans-ocean Goebbels News Agency.

Immediately after Mr. Roosevelt's order was promulgated, the police placed a guard around the consulate in New York. Merely as a precautionary measure. When Father Knickerbocker's cops arrived they found a crowd already there!

Today's startling order was communicated to the German Embassy by the State Department and its text is interesting. It sets forth that it has come to the knowledge of this government

~~the~~ agencies of the German Reich in this country, including German consular

establishments, have been engaged in activities wholly outside the scope of their legitimate duties. And <sup>it</sup> adds, <sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ these activities have been of an improper and unwarranted character.

The communication of the State Department states further that these activities rendered the continued presence in the United States of those agencies and consular establishments inimical to the welfare of this country. ¶

The communication was over the signature of Sumner Wells, ~~as~~ Acting Secretary of State, and stated

that <sup>he</sup> ~~it~~ was directed by the President to request that all German

~~XXXXXX~~ nationals connected with the agencies <sup>I have</sup> mentioned and all

German consular officers, agents, clerks and employees of German

nationality shall be removed from American territory before July

Tenth. <sup>¶</sup> And Sumner Welles ends with <sup>these polite</sup> ~~the light~~ words, "Accept,

Sir, the renewed assurance of my high consideration!" ~~Jolly dogs,~~

~~these diplomats~~

<sup>we are told, comes as</sup>  
The news, ~~was~~ a complete surprise ~~to~~ Berlin, <sup>But so far</sup>

<sup>there is</sup>  
~~evoked~~ no official comment. The Nazis have not yet taken time to

duplicate Mr. Roosevelt's order freezing Italian and German funds

in America.

One sensational feature of ~~this order is that it is~~ <sup>the kicking out of the consuls is</sup> ~~issued~~ <sup>that it comes</sup> while the ink is hardly dry on the decree ~~that~~ <sup>which</sup> froze all ~~the~~ <sup>over</sup> Axis funds here. Today it became known that the freeze order

goes for the funds of the German-American Bund and other Fascist organizations in the United States. It also became known today that agents of the Treasury, Department of Justice and the State Department are sleuthing around, tracking down disguised Axis funds.

Over in Rome, Mussolini beat Hitler to it in retaliation for that freeze order. But he made his more drastic, <sup>making</sup> ~~he made~~ it apply to the personal funds of all Americans now residing in Italy, some five thousand of them. ~~That~~ <sup>ins</sup> produced some serio-comic results. For instance, Americans in Rome suddenly found all their charge accounts shut off in their favorite restaurants and cafes. Then came the butcher and the grocer asking for cash, which the banks would not cough up. Very soon the telephone lines in Rome were exceedingly busy with Americans

trying to borrow from one another. Reynolds Packard, head of the United Press Bureau in the Eternal City, had been asked out to dinner tonight. But his host told him that the dinner was all off unless Packard would lend him a hundred lire, meaning five bucks. The host in question had a five hundred dollar

express order which arrived over the weekend ~~and~~ <sup>but</sup> couldn't get a nickel on it. So officials of the American Embassy were busy around the ~~Fascist~~ <sup>Italian</sup> Foreign Office, trying to make arrangements for ~~individual~~ American residents to get enough cash to eat on.

It has been estimated that the freezing of American funds in the Axis countries ~~would~~ <sup>will</sup> tie up between five hundred and six hundred million dollars. However, all those hundreds of millions were tied up already by the Nazi and Fascist governments as for several months it has been impossible to draw ~~on your funds~~ <sup>any money</sup> from Europe.



ALUMINUM

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The Aluminum Company of America became the target for some harsh remarks by Secretary Harold Ickes today. The Secretary of the Interior was testifying before the Senate Committee investigating defense production. Chairman Truman asked him about the shortage of aluminum. And Ickes replied. Said he: "If it ever has to be written that this war was lost, it may be because of the recalcitrance of the Aluminum Company of America."

He then went on to accuse the Alcoa of trying to block the government in an effort to expand the country's aluminum resources.

Senator Tom Connally of Texas then suggested that if the Alcoa did not watch out, the government might take a hand. The Senator from Texas is the author of the bill which the Senate has already passed, giving the President power to take over any defense plants that fall down.

OIL FOLLOW ALUMINUM

It has been suggested that the threatening moves which Hitler is rumored to be making against Russia are caused by a shortage of oil. The Foreign Policy Association today tells us this is not so. And that Hitler has plenty of oil for even his prodigious military machine. But, we are told he has not enough to make the economic machine of Europe work properly.

A survey of the petroleum situation shows that the Nazis control only two and a half per cent of the petroleum production of the entire world. The British control ten and a half per cent, in addition to which they have access to almost unlimited additional supplies, meaning ours.

In this connection, Secretary Ickes as Coordinator of the American Petroleum Industry told a press conference that he had never seen a greater or more commendable willingness to cooperate with the government than that displayed by the American oil industry. And he added that he believed there was nothing the government could suggest that they would not be willing to do.

## DIET

We've been hearing considerable of late about malnutrition in our own country. Some saying that one-third or more of the American people are poorly fed -- suffering from bodily deficiencies brought about by improper diet.

Well, the Institute of Food Technologists at Pittsburgh heard a statement to the contrary today.

Dr. Tobey did admit that the diet standards among our people do need improving. But, he said, the physical examination of one million men for the draft indicated that hardly fifteen per cent might be suffering either directly or indirectly from improper nourishment.



INDICTMENTS

Uncle Sam

~~The government~~ went into ~~serious~~ action today, in a campaign against the rising prices of food. The law officers have started with certain people and firms in the pea canning industry. Sixty-nine companies and individuals <sup>are</sup> ~~were~~ indicted by a federal grand jury at Chicago. ~~They are~~ <sup>accused</sup> of being in a conspiracy to reduce the area of the ground planted to peas, to regulate the number of cans each ~~packing~~ canner ~~was to~~ pack <sup>s,</sup> and to fix ~~the~~ ~~prices paid by the~~ consumer. <sup>prices.</sup>

The grand jurors handed down true bills against thirty-one canning companies, <sup>against</sup> thirty-five officers and employees of those companies; also, the Canned Pea Marketing Institute and the Canned Pea Market and Cooperative. <sup>And the news</sup> ~~The way the news was given~~ out indicates that this <sup>is</sup> ~~was~~ merely the first of a series of moves <sup>on the part of</sup> ~~that~~ the Department of Justice. ~~is going to set afoot.~~

INSTALMENTS

An important government official issued a warning today which will concern a great many people. The gist of the warning is that we should go easy with buying things on the instalment plan.

*So warns*  
~~And that comes from~~ Emil Schram, Chairman of the Board of the

*Chairman*  
Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Schram was talking to the

National Retail Credit Convention whom the problem concerns

intimately. He told the credit men that pay checks are growing,

unemployment decreasing and the national income this year will

approach the eighty-five billion dollar mark. To which he added

that the considered opinion of our financial leaders is that we

cannot in times like the present mortgage the future to

uncontrolled instalment purchases.

ROBIN MOOR

As many of you no doubt have heard, the survivors of the American ship, the ROBIN MOOR, are safe at Capetown. But for ~~this~~ no thanks are due to the Nazis. For the commander of the U-boat that torpedoed the American ship appears to have been none too concerned about what happened to them. Full details have not yet come, but the seven missing passengers and twenty-eight of the ROBIN MOOR's crew were rescued by a British craft and landed at Table Bay, at the tip of South Africa.

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So far as we know, here<sup>is</sup>~~s~~ what happened when the Nazi U-boat stopped the ROBIN MOOR. The submarine signalled to the freighter's master to send a boat with its papers. A lifeboat commanded by the chief officer rowed a mile-and-a-half to the submarine, where the mate identified his vessel as an American ship. Thereupon, the German gave the Americans twenty minutes to abandon ship. The mate expostulated, pointed out they could hardly lower their boats and get the crew and passengers into the boats in such a short time. Thereupon, the Nazi said all right, and gave them half an hour from the time the chief mate returned to the ROBIN MOOR. When the passengers and crew were in the boats,

and had rowed clear of the ship, the Nazis fired a torpedo at the helpless Yankee vessel and then shelled her until she went down.

The brief bulletin from Capetown hints at another of those thrilling stories of an eleventh-hour rescue on the high seas. For over here hope had been abandoned for the thirty-five Americans adrift on the South Atlantic.

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All the lifeboats of the ROBIN MOOR had rowed off together after the torpedoing. They had headed towards the Brazilian coast. At the end of five days they became separated, and only one lifeboat was seen by the Brazilian steamer, the one that took eleven persons to Recife, in Brazil.

The eleven survivors in that boat say that the Nazi submarine commander had promised to broadcast the approximate position of the ROBIN MOOR'S lifeboats. Whether he did so, we don't know.

Depositions made by the eleven survivors from Brazil are being sent to Washington by airmail.

WAR

A fierce battle in North Africa, another just as ferocious in Syria! Sir Archibald Wavell appears to be making an all-out drive on Libya. Both the Italian and the German high commands admit that the Imperial forces have let loose ~~an all-out~~ <sup>a mass</sup> attack on the Sollum front. From the British side we hear that Sir Archibald Wavell's desert fighters have pushed ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> lines to within forty miles of Tobruk, but the Australians are still withstanding a desperate siege.

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The Nazi high command claims that the British have lost sixty tanks in ~~that~~ <sup>this</sup> assault and ~~they declare~~ that German planes have bombed enemy columns and mechanized concentrations with disastrous effect. But the British claim to be pushing ahead toward the relief of Tobruk.

In Syria, the French General Dentz started a ~~vehement~~ <sup>British and</sup> counter-offensive against the Free French column advancing on Damascus. However, the British and Free French allies have captured the place called Kissoué, ten miles to the south of Damascus, and Vichy admits that in spite of the counter-offensive the Allies are still holding that place.



From Beirut we get a story of a dramatic naval engagement. British warships came steaming up to the entrance of the Bay of Beirut, early this morning, when suddenly the citizens of the port woke up to the thunder of naval guns. Two French destroyers had the hardihood to engage the British warships and for half an hour cannon thundered not only within earshot, but within full view of hundreds of Beirut citizens. Finally the British withdrew, and the French destroyers retired into the inner harbor.

CHURCHILL

The baccalaureate ceremonies at the University of Rochester, New York, were quite unusual today. One of the men to receive a degree was the Right Honorable Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Great Britain. But he couldn't be there in person to be made a Doctor of Laws by Rochester, so that part of the exercises was conducted by radio.

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Churchill's address accepting the honor was broadcast over the networks of the National Broadcasting Company. He said he felt he almost had the right to speak from Downing Street to Rochester University ~~and the people of the United States~~ because his Mother was born there, and his Grandfather, Leonard Jerome, lived there for many years. In fact, Leonard Jerome used to edit the ROCHESTER PLAIN DEALER.

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It was a speech full of characteristic Churchill phrases. Whatever happens, he said, the British will endure to the end. The old Lion with the lion cubs at her side stands alone against the hunters armed with deadly weapons and impelled by desperate and destructive rage. Then he asked:- "Is this tragedy to repeat itself once more?" He answered the question himself with

the words, "No, this is not the end of the tale. The stars in their courses," declared Churchill, "proclaim the deliverance of mankind.

United we can save and guide the world."

And now what do you

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