

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The political surprise of the moment, internationally speaking, is the success of General DeGualle in the French municipal elections.) The dispatch from Paris reports that the General himself is surprised.

~~The election returns in Paris surprised the Communists - plenty. They pulled a strike on the eve of the election -- made half the Parisians walk to work. They even threatened to call a general strike, trying to intimidate the government. But the Ramadier government refused to be intimidated. Instead, they concentrated a strong military force around Paris, and promised to use it in case of any disorders. The Reds, seeing they couldn't get away with it called off the transport strike.~~

The election will bring about no immediate change in the government, although the returns indicate that DeGaulle

~~drew his strength principally from the party called the~~  
~~Popular Republicans, and the Ramadier Socialists.~~ This  
does not mean that DeGaulle will be called in to form a  
cabinet. And a spokesman announced that the General  
would refuse office even if Ramadier called upon him.  
He'll decline to assume any national responsibility --  
unless a majority of all the French people call upon  
him to do so in a general election. And the next regular  
general election will not be held until next May. The  
next chance for the DeGaullists to show their strength.)

(In yesterday's municipal elections, they <sup>the DeGaullists</sup> polled forty-one  
point-five-percent of the total.) With the Communists  
getting twenty-nine-point-seven percent. (The most  
surprising part is that the DeGaullist party only went  
to work ~~xx~~ six months ago.)

ADD FRANCE

The French Communist leaders were staggered by the success of the supporters of Charles de Gaulle. Having called off their subway bus strike, they clammered for conversation with the new government -- the subject of these conversations, <sup>the</sup> Communists threatening to call a general strike if their demands are not met. <sup>R</sup> No news as to what these demands are; but <sup>after</sup> the first of these "so-called conversations", a Communist official appealed to the powerful French Socialist Party to merge with them, saying that if the Communists and the Socialists unite, they will have a majority in the French ~~House of Chamber~~ <sup>of Deputies</sup> ~~Representatives~~ -- the Communists appealing to the Socialists to fight the influence of General de Gaulle.

<sup>R</sup> The chances, however, of a merger between the Socialists and the Communists are slim. The French Socialists <sup>-- all of</sup> definitely do not like the Communists, <sup>^</sup> which means a majority for the de Gaullists. and the Socialist supporters of Premier Ramadier.

## BRAZIL

The government of Brazil will soon issue a formal statement of its reasons for breaking off relations with Soviet Russia. ~~After~~ Actually, this breach is already an accomplished fact. It would have been announced and explained sooner, but the Brazilian Embassy in Moscow met with delay in choosing another power to represent ~~it~~ Brazil in Russia.

The reason for the action is a stream of abuse that was poured on President Dutra in the controlled-Russian newspapers. The Brazilian Embassy protested, and the Soviet government declined to offer any satisfaction or apology.

## CHINA

The State Department today defied members of Congress who demanded to be informed of what General Wedemeyer learned on his official tour of China and Korea. The general has been back in this country almost a month, - and so far no information has been given out; although he has submitted his report to President Truman and Secretary Marshall. The State Department declared today that the policy of secrecy will be followed on the grounds that it would be inadvisable -- in fact harmful, to publish the Wedemeyer Report.

## KOREA

In Far Eastern Korea, everything is at sixes and sevens. The first thing we heard about it today was that Uncle Sam's State Department had rejected a note from Moscow, accusing us of being responsible for the delay in establishing a free government in the land of Cho-sen. There was a time when the rejection by a government of a communication from another government was a serious rebuff, almost an international insult. Today it's a commonplace, merely a polite way of saying "you're ~~another~~ *another!*"

Specifically, Molotov, on October Ninth, wrote Secretary Marshall that the United States had infringed the Moscow agreement by listening to what the Russians call "reactionary groups" in Korea.

The State Department reply said that Molotov's letter had no meaning, because the Korean business has been turned over to the United Nations anyway.

The General Assembly has long since consented to consider that troublesome question.

The Russians left Seoul today and returned to the Soviet occupation zone in the north of Korea.

It's not quite clear whether they are boycotting the U.S. - Soviet Commission or whether they are accepting the American proposal for recessing until the U.N. Commission arrives.

Before the Soviet general removed himself and his staff, he received a blunt communication <sup>from</sup> ~~for~~ the American Military Commander, General Hodge. The Russians had asked the Americans to throw out the chief of police in South Korea, who the Russians accused of slandering a member of the Soviet Delegation. The slander consisting of a charge that this Russian officer was head of a Soviet spy ring in the American zone. General Hodges replied that he would definitely not dismiss the South Korea police chief, and that any accusations the Police Chief had made against members of the Soviet Delegation were true, that the Russians were planting conspirators and ringleaders throughout South Korea, planting violence and disorder and trying to upset things generally in our part of Korea.

At Lake Success today, Vishinsky repeated his charge that British and Americans in Greece have intimidated the Greek voters, and intimidated the Greek government. And he, said he: "The American government also is determined to hold elections in Korea on the Greek model -- under the Cover of its armed forces."

Today Vishinsky included delegates from some of the other nations, said they behaved in an arrogant, rude manner toward the Russians.

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The Commission which the United Nations sent to the Balkans to investigate, and which sustained all the charges brought by the British and Americans -- well, Vishinsky had a word for that. That the U.N. representatives had accepted "false witnesses, juggles, falsification of documents, grossly strained interpretations and and perversions, falso and groundless generalizations and exaggerations." He piled it on.

When the evidence goes against you, just call all the witnesses liars. Those are his tactics.



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~~WETA~~ Tonight, at Flushing, New York, the United States had a direct answer for all those Russian expletives of villification, brushing aside the Soviet attacks and warning that Uncle Sam might eventually use ~~his~~ troops to protect Greece.

U. S. Delegate Herschel Johnson told the United Nations General Assembly tonight that the United States has assumed "heavy burdens" in Greece.-- That's how he described it; but, that America has no ulterior motives. The purpose of those "heavy burdens", Johnson said, was purely to maintain the independence and well-being of a fellow member of the United Nations -- this fellow member, of course, being Greece.

Johnson did not specifically mention the use of American troops. He merely said that "the Government of the United States would be prepared to cooperate in putting into effect whatever measures are recommended by the General Assembly for the protection of Greece."

<sup>R</sup> Immediately after, Herschel Johnson spoke, an American

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official told reporters that the American representative to the U. N. had <sup>(in mind)</sup> the possibility of American troops being used to protect Greece when he promised that America would back "whatever measures" the Assembly might recommend. American determination to protect the freedom of small nations, within the scope of the U. N. Charter, a warning to Russia that Uncle Sam means business.

## STRIKE

A strike in Canada, coast to coast, ~~is to~~<sup>T</sup> begin November Third; the first major walkout we've heard of in the Dominion in a long time.

<sup>It's a</sup> The difference of opinion between the Brotherhood and the Railways, ~~is~~ over a paid vacation. The Union wants fourteen days off with pay, beginning as of this year. The matter was put up to a conciliation board, whose chairman was the President of the University of Toronto. <sup>The board</sup> It recommended ~~unanimously~~ six days<sup>a</sup> vacation for those who <sup>have</sup> worked for the Railroad for one year; <sup>a</sup> nine days<sup>vacation</sup> for those with three years' service; and twelve for those with five years, ~~seniority.~~

But the railway managements said that scheme would cost too much, they couldn't afford it, and turned down the decision of the conciliation board. So now the Unions go back to their original demand, a fourteen days<sup>a</sup> vacation with pay, beginning this year.

## HURRICANE

The hurricane that tore across Bermuda is not likely to hit the mainland of the United States, but it caused <sup>some</sup> ~~plenty~~ trouble for folks <sup>that glorious</sup> ~~of great~~ to the people who had gone to the island for a vacation.

The winds raged at ~~the rate of~~ a hundred miles an hour, wrecked power installations and telephone lines, and completely closed down all transportation <sup>in</sup> on Bermuda. Fallen trees lie across every road, and one gust of wind blew part of the roof off one of the largest hotels and <sup>all of</sup> ~~blew away~~ the entire roof of a fashionable beach club. The <sup>surf</sup> ~~surf~~ was so heavy that it washed away large quantities of sand from the best bathing beaches.

No ships were open on Bermuda today, and hundreds of visitors are stranded with no means of getting away.

Last heard from, the center of the storm was west northwest of Bermuda, and Uncle Sam's Weather Bureau has sent out warning to all shipping on the North Atlantic routes, all the way from Bermuda to Newfoundland.

## FOOD

The poultry growers of the nation approached the Luckman Food Conservation Committee today with a suggestion for saving grain. The chicken growers say there are some seven hundred and sixty-six million chickens and turkeys in the country, all busy eating, at the rate of fourteen million bushels of grain a week. If a large volume of this poultry is sent to market, we would save around four-and-a-quarter million bushels a week. Which, say the poultrymen, would be more effective than our present scheme of Thursdays without chicken.

The feed processors also came up with a proposal. They say that if animals now held on the farms are culled; -- those of poor quality slaughtered -- we can save another thirty million bushels of grain in the next few months.

MOVIES

The head of one of the <sup>top</sup> ~~biggest~~ movie studios ~~in the~~  
~~world~~ would like a federal law which <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ enable an employer  
to discharge any employee found to be a Communist. The man who  
expressed that wish was himself born in Russia, <sup>Louis B. Mayer,</sup> ~~himself~~  
head of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. "<sup>(said Louis B.)</sup> Communists," ~~declared~~ Mayer,  
"should be denied the sanctuary of the freedom they seek to  
destroy." He said <sup>this</sup> ~~is~~ in Washington today, before a hearing of  
the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Jack Warner of  
Warner Brothers sided with him, only he didn't go quite so far.  
Warner asked Congress to declare the Communist Party illegal.

Sam Wood, an Independent director, declared that the  
most dangerous group in the movie industry consisted of certain  
writers. He mentioned specifically three of them, but the  
only one of whom anybody has ever heard is Donald Ogden Stewart.  
He named John Cromwell, Frank Tuttle and Irving Pichel as  
directors who supported Communists, and told the Committee how  
the Directors' Guild had been organized to fight both Communism  
and Fascism. He ~~named a~~ ~~Producer Walter Wanger as the~~

~~principal opponent of the Guild.~~ He declared that some of the pro-Communist writers in Hollywood were nothing more than agents for a foreign country. He said the Left sympathizers on the coast furnished money for the Reds. Katherine Hepburn, he said, appeared at a rally which cleared eighty thousand dollars for the Kreamlin supporters.

Jack Warner told the Congressmen that he had fired almost a dozen writers, not for being Communists, but for trying to slip un-American twists into their movie scripts. One of them was the writer of the much discussed film, "Mission to Moscow," based on the book written by former Ambassador Joe Davies. Warner took occasion to deny that the late President Roosevelt, or anybody at the White House, had ~~ever~~ tried to bring pressure on him to produce that film. He said he had really done it to help the war effort. And ~~he added~~ that it was not produced for posterity. One Congressman asked him whether he considered now that there were distortions of fact in that picture. Warner replied that never having been in

Russia, he didn't know. All he had to go by was Joe Davies's book. In view of Russia's activity since the war, would he now consider it a propaganda work? The answer was, how on earth could he know in Nineteen Forty-Two just what we would be having in Nineteen Forty-Seven.



## THRONE

In London, tomorrow, Princess Elizabeth sits on a throne for the first time -- a golden throne in the British House of Commons for the Royal Princess -- the first official recognition that she is in direct succession to the crown of Britain -- her first official appearance in the Mother of Parliament. <sup>S. TP</sup> The occasion is an historic one, the opening of the Labor Government's third session of Parliament by King George. ~~the Sixth.~~ An ominous session <sup>that even</sup> ~~of Britain's Socialist Government that~~ may bring about a revolution in the Constitution of England <sup>- for</sup> the Labor Government <sup>is</sup> expected to present demands for the ancient House of Lords to be stripped of all its traditional powers. In particular, the power to check the Socialist Government's nationalization of British industry -- labor calling for a reduction of the powers of the peers.

Under the British Constitution, the House of Lords -- its seats occupied by hereditary peers of the realm, and a few politically appointed peers --

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is supposed to approve all bills and acts passed by the House of Commons, before they can become law. But, since Nineteen ~~Hundred~~ Eleven when Commons passed the law robbing the House of Lords of its right to veto any law, the ancient House has been steadily losing its power. All the peers can do today -- these members of the House of Lords -- is ~~to~~ delay a bill *— hold it up* from becoming a law, for two years. The British Labor Party wants to prevent this two year ~~and~~ delay, knowing that it means any nationalization bill they pass -- particularly the bill to nationalize the iron and steel industry -- can be delayed until after the general election of Nineteen Fifty when the Conservative Party ~~of England~~ might come back into power.

And so, Princess Elizabeth will sit on her golden throne for the first time, to witness the opening of a session of Parliament that may strip the British Constitution of the last vestiges of traditional feudalism.

## CHIEFTAIN

In the mountains of the Province of Azerbaijan, there's a tall, lean, picturesque patriarch, who thinks there's something wrong with Uncle Sam. This mountaineer Sheik, although they don't call them Sheiks in Azerbaijan, is a Khan, with the title of Amir. He told an American newspaperman that it's about time the U.S.A. quit taking insults from Russia.

They are proud fellows, those Kurdish chiftains in their rocky strongholds. This particular one lives ~~xxxx~~ almost under the guns of Soviet Russia, just a hundred miles south of the Russian border. And, while the Iranians at Teheran shiver in their embroidered slippers at the mention of a Russian, His Highness the Amir Khan Sharifi, ~~s~~ snaps his fingers at the Kremlin and ~~xxx~~ vows he will never live under the hammer and sickle. In fact, he swears it on the turbans of his two eldest sons. The Amir Khan Sharifi has nine sons, a couple of them younger than his grandsons. He also has numerous daughters by his four wives, but daughters don't count.

Correspondent Bob Miller of the United Press had quite a talk with Amir Khan Sharifi, a conversation that lasted while those who took part in it drank ten cups of tea.

This Chieftain is proud of his sons, who are indeed a sturdy lot. But he is not proud of the fact that they are illiterate. What makes him disgusted with the Iranian government is that it taxes him but does nothing for him, gives his people no schools, no hospitals, no doctors. ~~xxx~~ If they get sick, they take steam baths, and if that doesn't cure them, they die.

As a matter of fact, it is <sup>rather astonishing</sup> ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ that these rocky individualists consent to pay taxes, because they've never been conquered.

The big Kurd admires Americans but doesn't think ~~mx~~ they keep their word as they should. A year ago, he entertained an American consular official, who promised to help him buy an American automobile and an American power plant. So far he has had no luck. The U.P. correspondent explained to him that in respect to not being

able to buy a car, he was in the same fix as many thousands of Americans.

The Kurdish Chieftain particularly wants a power plant, for his radio. He has a weak four-tube battery-set, and on that all he can get is Radio Moscow, and even that not clearly. He would like to pick up another station, because what he hears from Radio Moscow, he says consists mostly of insults to Americans, and he's fed up listening to that.

This big man of Azerbaijan is almost unique in one respect. He doesn't want anything from Uncle Sam, either a gift or a loan. "Gifts," said he, "are for the weak and will weaken those receiving them."

But he does want to buy a car and an electric generator, buy! -- not for free!

*And now Nelson what from thee?*