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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The Palestine problem goes to the United Nations. This is now made definite in London. All negotiations have failed -- as British Prime Minister Attlee informed the Arab delegates; to which he added that the Palestine problem now becomes the responsibility of the U.N.)

The British will renounce the mandate. In so doing they will offer to turn over to the U.N. the mandate to administer Palestine which they were given at the end of World War One.)

Meanwhile, in Palestine, the death sentences of three members of Irgun Zvai Leumi have been confirmed. British Commander Lieutenant General Sir Evelyn Barker, who is leaving Palestine, has placed the entire army and

police forces on the alert - ready to meet the retaliation that the Jewish underground Irgun Zvai Leumi has threatened if its three members are executed. They said they would strike back with what they call - a blood bath. So tonight tension is at a climax in Palestine.

BRITAIN

Today's action by the British Government had that good old British spirit. Prime Minister Attlee says "No" to President Truman. No, Great Britain does not want shiploads of American coal to be diverted from continental Europe to Britain, ~~■~~ to ease the coal shortage

~~Yesterday, ^{Mr.} President Truman made the offer,~~
~~that this country wanted to help the British people in their desperate plight, and he noted that~~ ^{There are} ships, carrying American coal to various European countries, ~~were~~ now on the high seas. The President said we were willing to order the coal ships to change course, ~~and take their~~ tonnage of fuel to England.

~~Why does the British Prime Minister refuse?~~

~~But today Attlee~~
Today ~~President~~ ^{Attlee} cabled President Truman as follows:

"I need not say how grateful we are for your readiness

to assist in the difficult times through which we are

passing. ~~But~~ ^{"But} ~~Attlee went on~~ the need for coal

in Europe is no less pressing, and we could not ask that

~~■■■■~~ cargoes should be diverted from Europe to the

United Kingdom." ~~In other words, the British are having~~
^{The British are having}

a tough time, but so are other countries of Europe - and Britain does not want to benefit at their expense.

The coal crisis eased up a bit today, thanks largely to the weather, the temperatures rising slowly. This afternoon in London the thermometer climbed to thirty-three -- the first time it has been above freezing in many days.

One news dispatch today tells of a cut in broadcasting -- the British Broadcasting Company ordered to stay off the air for five hours a day - to save coal.

FRENCH STRIKE

France had a taste of a general strike today - five million civil service workers staging a brief walkout. It was a demonstration; - the union wanting to show what it would mean if a general strike were called in dead earnest.

The news dispatch from Paris states:

"Policemen quit their beats, telephones went dead, the State-owned radio stations stopped broadcasting, Trains, buses and subways ~~were~~ were halted; and teachers dismissed school in the middle of classes." All France was paralyzed; Paris thrown into a state of bewildered confusion, with accent on a fantastic snarl of traffic. The strike lasted for four hours, but it took a long time afterward to get things straightened out.

Civil Service workers staged monster parades, in which the Red flag of the Soviet was prominent - and the marchers sang "The Internationale", the hymn of the Communists. The Civil Service workers belong to a labor organization with Communist leadership - and the Red Union chiefs were showing their power today.

U.N.

(Before the Security Council of the United Nations this afternoon, Gromyko demanded that we destroy our atomic bombs - without waiting for a system of atomic control.) The Soviet Delegate lambasted the U.S.A. He declared that we ~~are~~ are holding our atomic power as a ~~menace~~ menace of aggression, ~~that~~ We should destroy all the bombs we have, at once - says Gromyko.

LILIENTHAL

The dispute over President Truman's nomination of David Lilienthal ~~is~~ grows more and more complicated. Mr. Truman steadfastly refuses to withdraw Lilienthal's name, while the ranks of Lilienthal ~~opponents~~ opponents seem to grow. The latest from Washington is that a Senate investigating committee is considering a direct appeal to Mr. Truman that Lilienthal's name be withdrawn.

Top leaders of the Senate atomic committee, Vandenberg of Michigan and Connally of Texas, conferred this afternoon with Secretary of State Marshall. Shortly thereafter a secret meeting of the atomic committee as a whole was held. Nine of the committee members will comment one way or another, but the word is that the committee has decided to go to the President and ask him to scratch Lilienthal off the list.

The committee is said to feel that both the White House and the G O P ~~is~~ majority in the Senate are now in impossible positions: Republican

leaders fearing the charge of isolationism if they join with southern Democrats to vote ~~af~~ against Lilienthal on the Senate floor; and the administration facing the unpleasant possibility of having a major appointment thrown down.

Meanwhile the anti-Lilienthal group in the Senate is already casting about for a new candidate to head up the nation's atomic energy board. Former Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, and former Senator Admiral Thomas Hart, retired, are said to be leading the field.

BUDGET

The Congressional Budget Committee has voted that cut of six billion dollars. Previously, a subcommittee had recommended that six billion should be ~~xi~~ slashed from the money that President Truman wants for government expenses during the coming fiscal year. ^{all of} ~~^~~ which was followed by a lot of argument against so large a cut. Particularly - against the slash of appropriations for the Army ~~and~~ and Navy. However, the six billion idea was okayed ~~today~~ today by the full ~~big~~ big committee representing the Senate and the Lower House.

MARSHALL

Secretary of State Marshall has been looking over the condition of world affairs, and it is his considered opinion that they are in a "very critical" state. So the new ~~and~~ Secretary reported ~~in~~ at a closed hearing of the Senate Foreign relations Committee today. .

Later Marshall warned Congress, publicly, that the surest way to invite trouble would be to cut down on feeding occupied Germany, Austria, Japan and Korea.

Earlier today Marshall held a press conference at which he expressed the same views - but in a guarded and cautious manner.

Washington correspondents are learning that the new Secretary of State, with his years of military discipline, is not what you ~~may~~ might call a gossip.

He told reporters that the "problem of getting money to feed the occupied areas is of immediate concern to the State Department, and he

urges Congress to keep its economy axe off those funds.

Beyond saying that "world affairs are very critical" Secretary Marshall would make no comment.

LABOR

~~The~~ Advocates of drastic labor laws were having their innings in Washington today -- witnesses appearing and denouncing union abuses. One was Cecil ~~D~~ De Mille, ~~the~~ famous Hollywood Producer who made history in the realm of the movies. Addressing a Senate Committee, ^{De Mille} ~~he~~ made a dramatic plea for the abolition of the closed shop.

^{He} ~~De Mille~~ told of his own experience. Back in Nineteen-Forty-Four, his trouble^s with the Union ~~was~~ was in the news. He was on the radio at the time, with a program of his own. The union, the A.F.R.A. assessed its members a dollar each for political purposes - political action. ~~int~~ in that hot political year of Nineteen-Forty-Four. Today De Mille told how he refused to pay the assessment, he wouldn't plunk down that dollar bill - and for that reason he was put off the air. The union had a countrywide closed shop with the broadcasting companies, and De Mille was out.

Today he stated: "Because I refused to pay a political assessment, I was deprived of the right to ^{work} ~~to~~"

~~WORK~~

He denounced the Closed Shop as "monopolistic and undemocratic". He ~~arg~~ argued that its abolition would be a benefit to the American worker." "It will free him, " said DeMille, "^{free him from a} ~~from a~~ serfdom unparalleled in American history since the abolition of slavery." He said the closed shop deprives a man of the right to work; and ^{he} shouted: "This is not democracy! It is collectivist absolutism! There is no iota of difference in principle between it and the dictatorships which we have lately defeated on the field of battle!" cried De Mille."

Another witness was Vice-President Harold Story of the Allis Chalmers Co., which is having such a long and stubborn strike, a ~~walk~~ walkout that has lasted for ten months. He told a Senate Committee today that the Allis Chalmers stike was instigated by Communist Officers in the Automobile Workers Union. And he urged Congress, in enacting labor laws, to put a ban on Communist leadership in American Unions. He

said it would not be wise to forbid Communists Union membership, but ~~the~~ ^{that} Reds should not be allowed to hold office in our American labor organizations.

ANTARCTICA

(Down on the South Polar Continent, a plane has landed on one of the ~~the~~ ^{we've been hearing about.} Green Lakes. You can imagine the thrill of the pilot, Lieutenant-Commander David Bunger of ~~Colorado~~ ^{ma} ~~California~~, California, and his crew of adventures ~~of the~~ ^{ere in} Antarctic skies.) Dave Bunger had been one of the first pilots to spot the South Polar Oasis, ~~the~~ Antarctic Shangri-La. - And now down he swooped, landing a seaplane on a Green Lake.

(He says there was ice on the shores of the lake, the whole section ringed with ice - but there was nothing frozen in the lake. He took samples of the water and found it ~~to~~ to be warmer than any other down there - warmer than the ocean, for example.) He reports, however, that there was no sign of steam, such as you sometimes find in volcanic areas of geysers and lakes.

(Scientific aspects of the Green Lakes in Antarctica are discussed by one of the geologists with the Byrd expedition - Dr. Arthur Howard of the ~~United States~~ ^{U.S.} Geological survey. He believes that the ice-free

water in that realm of eternal ice are to be explained by the assumption that the Green Lakes lie above a mass of hot rock, deep down. ^{Which} ~~that~~ would make the ^{the} Antarctic Oasis, the ~~the~~ South Polar Shangri-La, something like Yellowstone Park. The geysers and other hot water phenomena of Yellowstone are attributed to an underlying mass of heated rock. The absence of steam, remarks the Geologist, might not mean much- because in the area there could be steam holes, which the fliers ~~had~~ hadn't been able to spot.

One clue to the problem might be found in the samples of water the airmen brought back from the Green Lake they landed on. Dr. Howard says that an analysis of the water may disclose chemicals to indicate that the water originated at a great depth, where the rocks are hot.

And He thinks ~~that~~ the explorers may find other ice-free regions in the vast depths of the Antarctic Continent. ^{TP} The oasis of the Green Lakes is not very

large - some twelve hundred square miles. The geologist thinks ^{there may be} ~~that~~ other similar areas ^{that are} ~~may be~~ much larger, bigger editions of ^{this} Antarctica Shangri-La.

Meanwhile, the adventurers down there ^{have been} ~~are~~ staging their first long range push along the ground. Two ^{contractions,} ~~crests~~ called alligators, are on the trail right now - a trail of powdery snow ^{to the} east of Little America. The ground party is to travel four hundred and thirty five miles, establishing an advance weather station and an emergency landing field in unknown territory. That is in the glacial wilds spotted by the air but untouched hitherto by men on foot.

PIPELINE

(The government has sold Big Inch and Little Inch, those two great oil pipelines built during the war.)

How much does the government get for these two mighty Inches? Offhand you might think - comparatively little. Projects and equipment of war emergency have a way of selling for a song when a war is over. But in this case it's not so.

(The price announced today is more than a hundred and forty-three million dollars. Within two per cent of the entire original cost.) The administrator of war assets, Robert M. Littlejohn, describes the sale as "the fastest award and best deal the War Assets Administration so far has made."

The purchaser of Big Inch and Little Inch is a natural gas company down in Texas, which will use the two great pipelines to carry natural gas from the southwest to the Atlantic Coast. A hundred and forty-three million for these famous Inches.

BEAR

One of the few places where this could happen is Alaska. And that's just where it did happen.

In the Alaskan panhandle, at Ketchikan, there's a public library that not only serves the town but also the prospectors and trappers ~~pass~~ passing through. The Library relaxes its rule somewhat for the woodsmen because -- well, because sometimes it's easier to get into the woods than to get out. So sometimes the books aren't returned right away. Which is usually okay with the library at Ketchikan.

Some time ago a prospector borrowed a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" and, when he didn't come in with it after a time, the library wrote to the prospector, wherever he was way off in the bush. More time elapsed, and then the answer came: "I can't return the book, a bear ate it! Please send me a book on bear hunting!"

The library obliged and finally was rewarded from the remote wilderness. The prospector mailed in a badly chewed-up edition of "mein kampf".

Evidently, that hardy ~~man~~ sourdough
learned a great ^{deal} more from the book on bear hunting
than he did ~~■~~ from Hitler's "Mein Kampf". I wonder
how the bear liked "Mein Kampf?"

1/4 I knew a chap years ago in
Alaska who fought a bear with his
bare hands. But that's another
story. Nelson did you ever face a
bear?

PRESIDENT'S MOTHER

Mrs. Martha Truman, mother of the President, is said to be resting comfortably today - after having fractured her hip last night. Word from the Presidential home-neighborhood out in Missouri is that ninety-four year old Mrs. Truman slipped and fell in her home - just one of those household accidents. She broke her hip, which ~~sounds~~ sounds serious at ninety-four. But tonight we have a report from Miss Mary-Jane Truman, the daughter with whom the President's mother lives, saying that the elderly lady was -"resting very comfortably."

~~The President, in Washington, is in constant telephone communication, keeping aware of his mother's condition. Harry Truman has all along demonstrated a strong affection for his mother. Ever since he has been in the White House, he has flown back to Missouri to be with her on her birthday, and when he is vacationing at the "summer White House" in Independence he visits his mother's modest home as often as he can.~~

GREECE

In the quarrel between Greece and Yugoslavia, the Yugoslavs delivered a counter-attack today. A United Nations Commission is over there, investigating the clashes on the Greek-Yugoslav Border; and, today, at a hearing in Athens, the Commission heard from the Yugoslav Representative. He charged that the Greeks ~~x~~ were arming and sending into Yugoslavia, what he called - "War Criminals." Meaning, of course, Anti-Communists who are hostile to the Red Regime of Marshal Tito. Yugoslavia makes a long series of complaints, alleging cases of Greeks helping underground fighters against Tito.

This implied, of course, that there was a Yugoslav Underground, battling against Tito and his Communists. - ~~and this is~~ ^{And, this is} the first time the Tito Regime has ever admitted anything of the sort. In making charges against the Greeks, they let the ~~f~~ cat out of the bag, ^{that} there is an Anti-Communist Underground carrying on a struggle against Tito.

~~The Greeks, on their side, have all along~~

ATOMIC

Here's a late dispatch from Washington - a report that the Senate Atomic Committee is considering a direct request to President Truman in ^{manner} the ~~manner~~ of Lilienthal. The request would be for the President to withdraw the controversial nomination of Lilienthal as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

SIT DOWN STRIKE

Eight hundred feet below the surface of Panther Valley, Pennsylvania, thirteen coal miners are spending the night in considerable comfort. ~~They are~~ ~~they are~~ On a sitdown strike, deep in the mine, five levels ~~is~~ down.

The sitdown strikers of Panther Valley are staging a demonstration because the coal company docked their pay when they left work after mining their quota of coal. Their fellow miners in that particular coal pit, rallied to their support -- the twelve-hundred going on strike. And today the sympathy walkout spread throughout Panther Valley - six thousand going out.

Deep down in the mine the thirteen ~~is~~ sitdown strikers have been receiving supplies of food, cigarettes, ^{and} blankets, from [;] their fellow miners on the surface, who have even sent down an electric heater to keep them ^{war} warm tonight. Not so uncomfortable - at eight hundred feet ~~x~~ below Panther Valley.