

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest about Finland sounds amazing; bewildering. According to this report, while Hitler and Great Britain altho fighting eachother bitterly, they are both sending war planes, arms and munitions to Finland -- both helping Finland. Hitler helping the people who are fighting his ally, Stalin.

The report comes through London. So we wonder how much there is in it. And there's a circumstantial report that the Finns have received twenty British fighting planes and other war supplies.

In addition, that the Finnish Government has received delivery of some fifty war planes from Italy. A dispatch from Rome

conveys a story that Italians are falling over themselves trying to volunteer for war service in Finland. Not so much ^{for} ~~that they~~ love Finland but ~~that they are responding to the campaign of hatred against the Reds in all the official Fascist papers.~~ *because they hate the Reds.*

From Geneva comes word that the League of Nations will not wait for the Soviet Government to resign. The Russians will be kicked out. ~~Here's your Dst and portfolio, what's your hurry?~~

Last Monday we heard that ~~the~~ Soviet pilots had been ordered not to bomb any inhabited towns and Soviet newspapers said those orders were not necessary, that the Red pilots were too humanitarian to do such a thing. Helsinki reports today that the Red air force had ^{again} bombed Finnish towns in the north and along the eastern frontier, but that anti-aircraft guns had shot down a ~~some~~ ^{couple} of Red planes.

The Finnish War Office reported today that the Russians have lost no fewer than twenty thousand killed, wounded and captured. They claim that such a cost in man-power is ~~quite~~ heavy in view of the inconsiderable gains ~~that~~ the Reds have made. They also admit that the Bolsheviks have captured and occupied four islands in the Gulf of Finland. And the latest rumor current in Helsinki,

has it that the Reds are bringing pressure upon Esthonia to ~~join~~
in the ^{war} ~~attack~~ on Finland. Already the Soviets are using air bases
on Esthonian territory. The claim is made that the Commander-in-
Chief of the Esthonian Army has been ordered to Moscow.

Ironically enough, this is Independence Day for Finland. All over the world the Finnish people are celebrating the Twenty-Second anniversary of the day on which they became a republic.

President Roosevelt sent a message to Helsinki, in which he said to President Kallio, that America hopes these tragic days may not be long, giving way to a happier era.

Having sent that cordial cable, Mr. Roosevelt went into conference with a couple of advisors to consider means of helping the Finns.

One possibility is to allow the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to make loans to help the Finnish people buy food and other things from the Surplus Commodities Corporation.

COMMUNISTS

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There were two parliamentary incidents today which illustrated the fear and hatred of Communism ^{that} the Soviets have ^{aroused} ~~caused to spread through~~ ^{in the} all Scandinavian countries. The House of Deputies in Sweden was in session, when a Communist member arose to speak. The ~~incident~~ instant he did so, a hundred and sixty deputies got up as one man and walked out of the Chamber. Only fifteen deputies remained in their seats, most of them Communists and the rest Social-Democrats.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Chamber was also in session. The leader of the Communists there stood up, not to make a speech, merely to ask a routine question of the Minister of Commerce.

In that Danish Parliament almost every member walked out, leaving only two deputies and the Minister of Commerce in the Chamber.

² ~~These two~~ ^{remaining being} ~~are themselves~~ Communists. When they had thus finished

~~speaking and the others had returned~~
~~expressing their sentiments, in what must be admitted a quite~~

~~dignified fashion,~~ ^{a Danish} ~~a National Socialist~~ ^{of the pro-German group} deputy made a motion that

Denmark break off diplomatic relations with the Soviets.

There's no mistaking the vividness of the terror in and around the Baltic. The Swedish Government has concentrated troops

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that have been newly mobilized, at Boden, ~~that~~ a fortress at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia, only seventy miles from the frontier of Finland ~~...~~ ¹ inside the Arctic Circle. Boden is called the "locked door" of Sweden. The fortifications are of steel and concrete and they overlook a mountain pass where the most northerly railroad junction in the world is situated.

In Helsinki a Swedish diplomat resigned his job with the legation to join the Finnish army and fight for Finland. And this ex-diplomat declared that Sweden soon will realize that it is impossible for her not to go to the help of Finland. ~~Let's remember, however, that this is just the expression of one man's opinion. But the action of these deputies in the Swedish and Danish Parliaments leaves nothing indoubt about the feelings of Scandinavians in general towards the people of the Soviets.~~

~~GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY.~~

~~The European kaleidoscope shifts again tonight, the
spotlight switches to the countries bordering on the Black Sea.~~

The latest moves from Moscow provoke the guess that Stalin is about to stir up the Balkans, ~~He's~~ ^{beginning} with Rumania. As in the case of Finland, the Red tactics take the same pattern as those that Hitler applied to Czechoslovakia and Poland. Violent attacks in the Soviet press, accusations of oppression in Bessarabia, which used to be Russian Czarist territory, charges that Russians are being mistreated by the Rumanians. The same old stuff ^{that} has become so familiar ^{that we} ~~that any of us~~ ^{all} could ^{recite} it ~~to ourselves~~ without reading the dispatches.

And of course the Soviet papers are urging the Rumanian Reds ~~in~~ to organize, demanding that King Carol's government fall into the Soviet net, form a treaty of mutual aid just like Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Behind the suggestions lurks the same old threat.

In almost the same breath some of the Soviet ~~member~~ press is attacking Turkey, criticizing the foreign policy of the Turkish government.

On top of that, comes a bulletin from Istanbul, which is made to sound portentous. Franz von Papen, Hitler's Ambassador, paid a quite unexpected and mysterious visit to the Turkish Foreign Minister today. Nothing is said about the purpose of the visit, what was discussed or its accomplishment. But it is made known that the Turkish Foreign Office received the Nazi Ambassador at the request of the National Assembly. And nobody says why the National Assembly made such a request.

Coupled with all this in the news is an editorial that appeared in the newspaper which Hitler himself owns and controls. It went almost to the length of comparing Stalin to Alexander the Great, saying that the Soviet forces could now penetrate into Asia, meaning Persia, along the line ~~of~~ of conquest followed by the great Macedonian.

KUHN

Fuehrer Fritz Kuhn of the Deutsch-America Bund sleeps in Sing Sing tonight. He was removed to Ossining this morning and on the way to New York's great penitentiary it was observed that he took his medicine with a smile. He told one of the jailors that his health was all right, that he was just a little upset, that's all.

Warden Lawes let it be known that he is going to keep the American Fuehrer in the segregation building of the penitentiary, and that for his own welfare and the good of the institution. Somebody asked him what does he mean by that, and the Warden refused to say any more. But it was reported that his real motive was to protect Kuhn from injury by some of the other convicts at Sing Sing. Particularly those of Jewish or Polish origin.

ENGELBERG

A ghastly crime came to light in Brooklyn today. The victim ~~was~~ a forty year old man and his position, ~~was~~ secretary to the German Consul General in New York. His name, ~~was~~ Walter Engelberg.

~~The first outrage was brought to light by~~ Associates of Engelberg ~~at the Consul General's~~ They wondered why he hadn't reported for work this morning. He didn't answer his telephone so they went to his house, and had to force their way in. There they found his body, beaten to death. The room was a shambles and evidently the German Consul General's secretary had ~~only~~ been killed after a terrific battle.

KENNEDY

His Excellency, Joseph P. Kennedy, Envoy Extraordinary and Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the court of St. James's, returned to America today. He came by air, ^{aboard the} clipper. And one of the first things that Boston Joe did was to have a laugh at the expense of American newspaper ^{men.} With his broadest ~~Boston~~ Irish grin, he told them:- "You reporters have made it easy for your Ambassador to London. After kidding me about being ^{pro-English,} ~~pro-British~~ joshing me for admiring the King and Queen so much, it certainly made me feel good to see all of you rolling in the streets when King George and Queen Elizabeth visited the U.S.A."

Of course one of the first questions the reporters asked Joe Kennedy was, - What do the British think of what the Americans think about the British. His Excellency replied that the British people and government understand the American attitude thoroughly, "At the same time," he remarked dryly, "they can't quite reconcile our expressions of sympathy in their cause with our determination to stay neutral."

The most important part of what Joe Kennedy knows about what's going on over there he was naturally unable to make public. He said he had come home partly to spend Christmas with his

large and healthy family, and partly because the information he has for the State Department is too confidential for the cables, even with the most secret of codes.

CANADA

A prominent union leader has been arrested in Canada.

C. H. Mallard, Secretary of the Canadian Congress of Industrial Organizations was taken up by the provincial police, charged with breaking the regulations for the defense of Canada. This is the consequence of a speech that Mallard made a week ago to the Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, a speech in which he talked about the plans of the Canadian Government for nationalizing the munitions plans. Incidentally, Mallard himself is a veteran of the last World War.

LABOR PEACE

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In our own land, peace talk is in the air, industrial peace. It's the old, old question of making friends between the American Federation of Labor and the C.I.O. William Green, President of the A.F. of L., asked for an interview with the President today. As he left the White House, he told newspaper men he had gone there to get certain information for the use of the Executive Council of the Federation. But he was not hopeful over the prospects of making friends with the C.I.O. His outfit, he said, stands ready and will respond to a request for a meeting anywhere, any time. That offer has been open for more than six months, but no reply has come from C.I.O. President John L. Lewis.

And while Green was talking to the President, a letter from John L. Lewis to his subordinates was made public, a letter bristling with hostility to the ^{A.F. of L.} ~~C.I.O.~~ Lewis wrote to his regional directors that they should ^{let} ~~have~~ no feeling of consideration for their adversaries weaken their resolve or lessen their efforts. He wants them to put their shoulders to the wheel and give everything they have to help the C.I.O. campaign for getting the building-trades-unions away from the ~~American Federation of Labor.~~

INDUSTRY

"Nothing can stop America from progressing if we only get back to first principles." That was the keynote at the opening session of the Congress of American Industry at New York. Howard Coonley, President of the National Association of Manufacturers, was one of the first speakers. Restore the fundamentals he said, upon which the nation was founded. Restore the greatest individual liberty compatible with public interest.

Senator Millard Tydings of Maryland backed him up with a statement that civilization and prosperity will progress directly as government authority is restrained.

WOMEN

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The State of Connecticut has a law forbidding women to work after ten o'clock in the evening. And today there was a big agitation about that statute. Most women don't object to such an ordinance, but when it was passed nobody ever seemed to think that it would throw out of a job every woman employed in ^{the} show business, whether in a theatre or ^{night club.} ~~a restaurant~~. Seven hundred women entertainers throughout Connecticut are ^{now} complaining that their livelihood is being ~~attacked~~ ^{threatened}.

A union in Bridgeport has brought suit, attacking this curfew measure. It's a union of musicians, restaurant owners and entertainers. They asked a judge of the Superior Court to issue an injunction forbidding the State Labor Commissioner, the Town Prosecutor and the Chief of Police to enforce that curfew. The judge's answer was to request lawyers to submit briefs and he also said that meanwhile the authorities should refrain from prosecuting anybody for employing women entertainers after ten o'clock in the evening.

JESSEL

Two celebrated names came up in the records of a law court at West Palm Beach, Florida. One of those celebrities is Norma Talmadge, once upon a time a reigning queen of the ~~cinema~~ screen. The other party to the proceedings was George Jessel, comedian of stage and radio, also for a while the second husband of Miss Talmadge.

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The cause was a bit curious since the former screen queen went to court to ask protection against Jessel. She swore that he had threatened her with bodily harm, ^{and} asked that he be put under a thousand dollar bond to keep the peace. Jessel appeared through an attorney and entered the plea which when translated means that he didn't care to contest the suit. So the thousand dollar bond was put up that George Jessel would do no bodily harm to Norma Talmadge.

MELLON BABY

A lady appeared in a Chicago court of law to obtain permission to adopt a baby. She had taken the ^{infant} ~~baby~~ from a home for foundlings at Chicago. The lady is Mrs. Richard King Mellon, wife of the nephew of the late Andrew Mellon, multi-millionaire, ^{banker,} art collector, Secretary of the Treasury.

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So a little ^u ~~foundling~~ [^] ~~infant~~ will become one of the principal heirs to one of the ^{world's great} ~~greatest Pittsburgh~~ fortunes.

HUSBAND

A gentleman in Brooklyn appeared as defendant in the County Court today. He was accused of having set fire to his own home. And it turned out in the course of the trial that he ^{the} set fire because the little woman had done something to annoy him. Here's what the judge said to him:

"When you quarrel with your wife, it is out of date to ^{set} ~~set~~ ^{the house} a fire." Then His Honor continued:- "That passed out when lamps ~~passed~~ ^{went} out. A man used to knock over the lamp when he got mad. The modern way," continued the judge, "is to give ^{her} a few slaps." But then the Brooklyn Daniel cautioned all men:- ^{"But be} careful that ~~you~~ you can defend yourself." ~~in return~~

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