

INTRO

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I am broadcasting tonight from the heart of the world of automobiles. Everywhere -- motor cars. Everybody working, thinking, talking, on matters concerning engines, steering, car upholstery and brakes -- also ohing and ahing about a revolutionary new fiberglass Kaiser.

On Friday evening, I told how I was changing to a new sponsor - on a network with twice as many stations. And today, I'm at their giant plant out here near Detroit, automobile capital of the world - at Willow Run -- largest building in the world under one roof, eighty-five acres of it -- seeing how Kaiser turns out cars. Now with Edgar Kaiser and a hundred or so of his top executives sitting here with me, let's look over the news.

CONFERENCE

London states that consultations are on for a conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big Three. This, as a preliminary to the top-level Bermuda meeting, which has had to be postponed <sup>indefinitely</sup> because <sup>British</sup> Prime Minister Winston Churchill cannot attend, for at least a month. Doctors tell him he must rest. The seventy-eight year old Prime Minister is tired, worn out.) ~~But the hope is that he may be able to attend a Bermuda conference four weeks or so from now. In~~ <sup>the western countries</sup> ~~Meanwhile, they don't want the diplomatic transactions to be postponed all together. They want~~ <sup>held up completely. This means</sup> ~~the international impetus to continue. So there will be~~ a meeting at the second level -- the Foreign Ministers. So announced in the London House of Commons today.

Churchill's attack of fatigue puts the British government in a difficult position. His intended successor has been Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden -- Eden the favorite candidate all along. But he is ill -- in this country, recovering from an

operation in Boston. Eden had to take time out from his job, and Churchill has been filling his place as Foreign Secretary -- in addition to being the Prime Minister. ~~Which~~ which may account for the weariness and debility of the aged statesman.

In any case, with Churchill incapacitated, ~~for at least a month~~ Britain is left with ~~no~~ neither a Prime Minister<sup>n</sup> or a Foreign Secretary. Over the weekend, substitutes were appointed. The Chancellor of the Exchequer R.A. Butler becomes Acting Premier, and the Marquess of Salisbury takes over the Foreign Office. The Marquess of Salisbury is a Peer, ~~and in~~ <sup>the</sup> fact, ~~a~~ leader in the House of Lords. In the Cabinet, he's Lord President of the Council. Now - Acting Foreign Secretary. In that capacity, he will attend the newly announced ~~no~~ conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Western Big ~~Four~~ <sup>Three</sup> ~~Three~~.

One irony in the situation is that France now -- has a Premier. The Bermuda Conference was delayed several times, because of the Cabinet crisis

in Paris. For more than a month, there was no Premier to go to Bermuda. Then, at the eleventh hour, the National Assembly decided it had better do something to remedy the absurd situation. They did -- installing a politically unknown industrialist, Joseph Laniel, as Premier. For the purpose -- of having a top man go to Bermuda. <sup>TP</sup> The new Premier gave an interview to Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press in which he stated the policies he would pursue at Bermuda. He declared himself in favor of a meeting of the Big Four, the Western Powers to ~~go to the~~ <sup>meet</sup> conference with Soviet Russia. Which supported the position taken, all along, by Winston Churchill. But, ~~the~~ Premier Laniel also stated with emphasis, that there must be some tangible proof, of Soviet good will, which corresponded with the declaration by our own President Eisenhower -- that Moscow, in its peace talks, should produce deeds, as well as words.

So, the new Premier in Paris, stating his policy, was all set for Bermuda. But, now, the only

thing in immediate prospect, is a meeting of the Foreign Ministers, where Foreign Minister Georges Bidault will represent France. We, of course, will send Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Those at the meeting to be Salisbury--Dulles--Bidault.

Word from the ailing Prime Minister is that he is not bed ridden -- just relaxing at his country home in the Green Hills of Kent. He is described as cheerful and joking. But he's out of the whirl of politics and statesmanship -- for the time being at least. There are many in London who wonder -- will the seventy-eight year old Sir Winston ever take up the heavy burden again.

Tonight the London Daily Mirror which supports the Labor Party called for the retirement of the Prime Minister saying: "Churchill is fagged out."

CONFERENCE

The comedy of French politics is reflected tonight in a decision made by Madame <sup>Laniel</sup> ~~Laniel~~, wife of the Premier. She and her husband, of course, are entitled to live in the splendid Parisian residence maintained for Premiers of France. But Madame Laniel says Mais Non. She won't move. What would be the use -- for such a short time? Since the Second World War French Premiers have averaged five months and twenty-six days in office. So, why move the family belongings for such a brief period? So Says Madame Laniel -- a prudent French housewife.

KOREA

In Korea, the allied reply has been handed to the Communist representatives at Pan Mun Jom. U N commander General Mark Clark tells them that there is no chance of recapturing the twenty-seven thousand anti-Communist ~~xxx~~ prisoners of war -- <sup>released</sup> ~~at least~~ by Syngman Rhee. The Reds, had insisted that all those captives must be retaken. General Clark calls that -- ~~xxxx~~ "unrealistic". Which it certainly is. He says the twenty-seven thousand escapees have simply lost themselves in the civilian population of South Korea.

At the same time, the General calls for the quick signing of an armistice. The liberation of the prisoners, of course, violates the terms agreed on for a truce -- but <sup>(they)</sup> ~~xxxx~~ might as well go ahead and conclude one anyway. General Clark gives the Communists all assurance that the allies will do everything to get the South Korean government of Syngman Rhee to cooperate in an armistice.

The South Korean reaction to this is prompt and angry. They say General Clark is promising to use armed force to compel them to abide by ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> truce.



CAMBODIA

A late dispatch from Indo China pictures an alarming situation in Cambodia. Today, the Cambodian army took over all government buildings in the capital city <sup>of</sup> Phom-Penh. Presumably, at the order of King Norodom Sihanouk, who has been threatening a war of independence against the French. On their part, the French have fortified themselves in another part of the city. So, tonight, the capital of Cambodia presents a picture -- of two hostile camps facing each other.

If this should flare into hostilities, it sure would complicate affairs in Indo china --- where the French are fighting that war against the Communists.

CZECH

Soviet Russia has sent a division of security troops into Czechoslovakia. Security troops meaning - the dread MVD -- the one time OGPU.

Which is graphic indication that things must be going wrong in the satellite country.

Two weeks ago, there were uprisings in the city of Pilsen. The workers assailed the Town Hall, ~~hoisted~~ hoisted the American flag, and ripped up pictures of Stalin. ~~The xxx revolt quieted down, but the unrest continues - especially following the revolt of the workers in Berlin. The situation - threatening.~~

Hitherto, the Soviets have not kept any of their military ~~forces~~ forces in Czechoslovakia. They withdrew Red Army troops in the period following the Second World War -- leaving it to the Puppet government and the Communist police to run things. But now, Soviet Russian troops are back in Czechoslovakia, a division of the sinister MVD.

Meanwhile, disorders continue in East Germany.

Strikes are on -- the railroad to Red Poland tied up.

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~~Police~~ Last week, we heard how Soviet military  
established full ~~BERLIN~~ control in East Berlin,  
following that workers' revolt. But this control,  
we hear, does not extend beyond the area surrounding  
Berlin -- the Province of Brandenburg. Elsewhere,  
in East Germany, discontent is seething.)

MALENKOV

Reports have been circulating -- that Malenkov has been killed. Rumors that the Soviet Premier, successor to Stalin, was done away with in the Kremlin. So what <sup>Have we</sup> ~~happened~~ today?

Here's a dispatch from Moscow telling of the performance of a new opera at the ~~XXXXXX~~ Bolshoi Theater. An opera called "December" by the composer Shaporin. ~~The interesting part of it is that~~  
Malenkov attended the opera. He sat in a box with other Soviet dignitaries -- his first public appearance since the funeral of Stalin. So those reports of the killing of Malenkov -- must have been exaggerated.

## TAX

There was a sudden switch in Congress today -- in action on the bill to extend the excess profits tax. The House of Representatives was about to vote, when the Republican leadership -- suddenly called the vote off -- postponing it. ~~Floor leader Congressman Halleek of Indiana, explained -- it was because of the procedure used to bring the measure to the floor of the House. Highly unusual procedure.~~

~~The extension of the excess profits tax, strongly backed by the Eisenhower administration, was bottled up in the Ways and Means Committee. The chairman of which, Congressman Read of New York, is bitterly opposed to the tax. So the Administration couldn't get it out for a vote.~~

~~Last week, however, Republican leaders in the House tried something new. They by-passed the Ways and Means Committee, and took the matter to the Rules Committee -- getting that group to send the bill to the floor of the House. Unusual -- but apparently it could be done.~~

A bitter fight was in prospect. When, today, Republican Floor leader Halleck announced - he ~~xx~~ had found another way to get a vote on the extension of the Excess Profits Tax. He said the Ways and Means Committee would now, send it along to the Floor of the House.

Congressman Reed shows no sign of relenting.

But other members of the committee might turn the ~~xe~~ trick. All of which remains to be seen - in the battle of the Excess Profits Tax.

## TRUMAN

Senator McCarthy may summon Former President Truman to testify. Which could bring about -- a resounding battle of the jawbone. (H.S.T. is well known for explosive words -- and he hurled some epithets at McCarthy of Wisconsin in the political campaign last year.)

Today, McCarthy said he would ask the Senate ~~xxxx~~ Investigating <sup>Sub-</sup> Committee, of which he is Chairman -- to "invite" the ex-President to tell about a lot of names he got from Canadian Prime Minister McKenzie King, back in Nineteen Forty-five. Names of Americans ~~xxxxxx~~ connected with an espionage ring, smashed in Canada in that year. Did President Truman turn these names over to the Department of Justice? McCarthy is inquiring about that. And, if he finds that Truman did not, he'll want to question the former President at a Committee hearing.

Today, H.S.T. was told about ~~xxx~~ this -- in New York, while he was making a tour in the Big Town. News reporters asked him -- for comment.

~~To which~~ H.S.T replied: "What I could tell you, you ~~can't~~ wouldn't print. Therefore, I say, no comment." <sup>P</sup> Well, if you couldn't print it, you ~~we~~ can't say it on the radio. So we'll have to let it go at that.



## DROUGHT

The White House announces that farmers stricken by drought in the southwest are getting relief -- in the form of livestock feed. One hundred and ninety two counties in Texas and Oklahoma will receive eight million dollars worth. Farmers -- threatened with immense loss of cattle in the disastrous dry spell.

## NEW MEXICO

New Mexico reports exchanges of gun fire out in the mountains -- clashes between parties of armed men, something like a war. An outbreak of the old Tierra Amarilla feud -- which has been going on for ninety years. At one point, ~~in the mountains~~, a road block. Snipers firing at the defenders -- the authorities sending in state troopers, to break up the battle.

It all goes back to a Mexican land grant in Eighteen Thirty-Two, when Don Francisco Martinez was given title to two-million-and-five-hundred-thousand acres, a territory <sup>^</sup> larger than Delaware and Rhode Island combined. Today, land owners trace their title back to that old Mexican grant. They ~~were~~ *are* opposed by rangers and loggers -- in quarrels over water and timber rights. The feud flaring from time to time -- and once again today, with gun fire in the mountains of Northern <sup>New</sup> Mexico.

## ENDING

This visit to my new sponsor reminds me of the first vivid impression I ever had of automobiles. Here at the Kaiser plant I can't help being reminded of that feeling years ago -- a Rip Van Winkle feeling.

As I grew up in Colorado, automobiles began to come in, but they were still fairly rare and unimportant -- when I went off on travels around the world, to Arabia, India, Afghanistan, Africa, Australia. Where the means of transportation were -- the camel, the bullock, the Asiatic pony - and some cars which I had no chance to drive. I was gone for years -- and, when I got back to America, I was pop-eyed: The streets of New York -- lined with automobiles. Not as many as today. But it looked fabulous. The motor age was on in full swing. And I might as well have been asleep during those years. I felt like a Rip Van Winkle.

But I wasn't discouraged. I felt -- I could drive one of those things. Nothing at all like this new Kaiser Dragon. Anyhow I steered it around after a fashion, and went to get a license - and was ignominiously turned

down.

Today, with this program, I've gone on into the middle of the very latest in motor car development. And now, here at Willow Run, I the one time Rip Van Winkle am turning this Kaiser-sponsored program over to -- Mike Fitzmorris in New York.