

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: -

Foreign reactions to the Nuremberg verdict are coming in. The Russians are reported shocked and amazed -- amazed that only twelve of the defendants will hang.

In Moscow one Russian told the United Press reporter: "That's the biggest crime of all," echoing the sentiments of many Russians who never doubted that all twenty-one top Nazis would die.

Meanwhile, from Rome comes a surprising reaction. *Rome* (The newspaper of the Catholic Action Organization calls the Nuremberg trials a "vendetta." It goes on to say that the judges represented nations responsible "for the three most infamous acts of the war -- the two atom Bombings and the dismemberment of Poland."

The Italian Catholic paper concludes its bitter diatribe against the Nuremberg verdict by say-

ing:- "The three most infamous acts of this war are to be blamed on the side which today is judging* First, the Molotov-Von Ribbentrop Pact of 1939, which dismembered Poland; Second, the atomic bombing of Hiroshima; and Third, the atomic bombing at Nagasaki.

NUREMBERG

Tonight at Nuremberg, three men, ^{Meinert} ~~Meinert~~ Schacht, von Papen and Fritsche, are back in the same old place - back in prison. Today, in the war criminal trial, they were declared not guilty, were set free, and given passes to go wherever they pleased. But tonight - there they are, back again, in the war criminal prison. The reason is - they're afraid. They're afraid that some of their fellow Germans may try to kill them. ^{TP} After their exoneration today, Schacht, von Papen and Fritsche, had their first taste of freedom, appeared before a press conference, and walked around a bit, then asked the Allied authorities - could they go back to jail for the night? That privilege was granted them, so right now they're occupying, not ~~the~~ cells, but just rooms in the prison where they were locked up for ten months, during the trials.

Von Papen's lawyer has asked for a military

escort to guard him on his way to his home - which is in the
the
British zone. Schacht's lawyer, tomorrow, will put in the
^ same request ^{for his client -} - and it is thought that Fritsche too may
ask for protection on his way home.

~~This comes as rather a surprise - just as the
verdicts of not guilty were a surprise in the cases of
Schacht, the wizard of Nazi financial scheming,
Von Papen, an arch villain of Hitler diplomacy, and
Fritsche, ^a propaganda chief under Goebbels. The Soviet
member of the tribunal voted for their conviction, and
took exception to their acquittal - entering a dissenting
opinion. ~~However,~~ a majority of the court ruled that,
according to evidence, those three did not take part in
the conspiracy to make war, or in the crimes of Nazi
atrocities.~~

~~There's no surprise in the death sentences
imposed on Goering, ^{Ribbentrop,} von ~~Papen,~~ Rosenberg, Streicher,~~

and the other heirarchs of Nazism. They were arch conspirators in the world-crimes of ~~Nazism~~ ^{Hitler}. They, themselves, were not astonished - if we can judge from their bearing in the courtroom today, as they were brought in one after another to face the verdicts pronounced by the British Chief Justice. They were stolid, phlegmatic, with a sneer or two.

When Goering was brought in, the first to hear sentence - he had some trouble in adjusting the ear phones. The Chief Justice spoke in English. The ear phones brought translations in other languages. Goering's ^{phones} were to have been adjusted so that he could listen to the German version. But something was wrong, and apparently what he ~~heard~~ heard was Russian - which language he doesn't understand. So it would seem that the former Number Two man to Hitler never did hear the sentence - in any way that he could understand. He acted as if it didn't

matter - he knew what it would be. He was sure of that. So Goering, who once rode the tide of pride, splendor and tyranny - didn't go to any trouble to hear the verdict against him, was not sufficiently curious, was not in any doubt.

The latest is that the Allied Control Council, governing Germany, will convene early next week, to consider the appeals of the Nazis convicted - the eleven condemned to hang, and the seven sentenced to prison terms of from ten years to life. The general opinion is that the appeals will be surely rejected, and we hear that the death sentences will be executed on October Sixteenth, in that same prison at Nuremberg.

TREASON

In Washington, in the files of the Department of Justice, there's a list with eight names on it, and that list is marked with the word - treason. The eight names are those of Americans who have been indicted on the charge of having done treasonable propaganda work for the enemy in the European war. And one of these came home today - Constance Drexel, a fifty-one year old woman of Philadelphia.

She was immediately taken into custody, and the supposition was that she was being arrested on the charge of treason - to be held for trial. But this turns out not to be the case. She's being held because of doubt about her American citizenship. Constance Drexel was born in Germany, came to this country as a child - and had a career as a writer in the United States. During the previous World War, she had difficulty because of pro-German sympathies, and in Nineteen Thirty-Nine went

back to Germany where she gave broadcasts on the Nazi radio during the war.

The Department of Justice discloses that when the war ended, a team of lawyers was sent to conquered Germany to uncover evidence against the Americans on the list of indictments for treason. They looked thoroughly into the case of Constance Drexel, but were unable to find sufficient evidence against her, so she will not be tried.

The same negative story applies to still another on the list, Edward Leo Delaney of Illinois. The team of lawyers couldn't find enough evidence against him - so he won't be prosecuted either.

In the case of two others on the list, however, the indictment for treason will be pressed. ~~By~~ Robert Best of South Carolina and Douglas Chandler of Baltimore will go on trial for delivering Hitler broadcasts in wartime.

Fifteen German employees of the Nazi propaganda organization will be brought over to this country to testify against them.

Still another on the list is Ezra Pound, the poet - a famous pioneer in modernist arts of verse. Ezra Pound stayed in Italy during the war, and did broadcast work for Fascist Italy. He has been brought back, and has been found unsound of mind - ^{now} ~~he is~~ in a mental institution.

That accounts for five on the treason-list of eight.

The other three named in the indictment have vanished.

There has been a search for them, but they've never been found. One is reported to have died in Germany, another in a Russian prison.

(Such is the status today of the list of Americans who, in Nazi-Fascist lands during the war, have been charged with treason to their country.)

CHINA

Chinese Communist General Chou En-lai has just issued an ultimatum to the National Government in Nanking. He says it must call off its drive on the important Communist base of Kalgan, in North China, or all peace talks are off.

It was in Kalgan, that a Chinese Nationalist General was executed last week, executed on the charge of being a spy sent to Kalgan to organize underground opposition to the Communist Government there.

American policy in China also came in for more criticism from the Chinese Communists, a charge that the Government of Chang Kai-shek has asked the United States for 200 million dollars worth of munitions. Chou En-Lai said all this at a press conference in Shanghai today.

LOLOS

Last night I told about the five American flyers said to be living as slaves, in the wilds of western China, and of a rescue mission about to take off for the Land of the Lolos. Well, it seems to have bogged down. Delays over silver, and salt to be offered as ransom.

CORDELL HULL

Tonight there's a Tennessean from the backwoods who needs all that toughness-of-physique ^{which is} traditional of the pioneer stock of America. Cordell Hull will be seventy-five tomorrow. He has been ill for two years, ever since he retired from the office of Secretary of State. Last night at the Naval Hospital, at Bethesda, Maryland, he had -- a slight stroke. Today he rallied satisfactorily, ^{so} reported the doctors, ~~But~~ the latest news shows him in critical condition.

~~Cordell Hull has had a life of unremitting labor -- long years of prominence in the affairs of government of this nation, a public servant distinguished for his hard work. He was~~ Secretary of State for a longer period than any of his forty-five predecessors. He served at the head of American statecraft for nearly twelve years. He won the Nobel Peace Prize. His labors in behalf of international organization won for him the nickname of -- Father of the United Nations. During his past two years of illness, he has been

writing his memoirs, material for history. Right now he has two-hundred-and-fifty thousand words in chapter form, and is shaping up the remainder -- mighty good for a sick man.

xi Well, he was born and grew up on a backwoods farm, in the hills of ~~Kentucky~~ ^{Tennessee} -- an exceedingly rugged area seventy-five years ago. And let's hope that his pioneer physique will carry him through the crisis of illness -- and enable him to go on adding the rest of the chapters to those two-hundred-and-fifty thousand words of headline history through which Cordell Hull has lived.

LABOR

Labor Department officials met around the clock last night and today with ship operators and representatives of the strikers, but no conciliation is in sight.

Meanwhile, the shipping strike spreads. Harry Bridges, West Coast President of the C.I.O.'s International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union says in San Francisco: "If the walkout is not settled within three days, it may well run into three months."

Pittsburgh, crippled by a power strike, is also having a walkout of hotel employees -- some sixty thousand are reported idle tonight in the Pittsburgh area, with a loss so far of some 125 million dollars, in earnings and sales and so on.

MOVIE STRIKE

And about that, pitched battle in Hollywood. Today the pickets mobilized fifteen hundred strong. Hundreds of veterans among them, ~~ix~~ and these wore their uniforms. Two hundred police had the job of breaking the picket line and opening the streets. With swinging clubs they charged pickets, and a violent battle developed -- with cops and strikers mixing in furious fashion, many rolling into the gutters as they punched and wrestled. When it all ended, sixteen persons were in hospitals -- nine of them police officers, and thirteen strikers were carted off in patrol wagons -- under arrest.

THEFT

said to be a
Charles Bernstein, peacable citizen of Los Angeles, stopped today for a traffic signal. By the time the green light flashed, Bernstein was poorer by \$100,000.

It all happened in broad daylight, with a cop only a few yards away and peacable Citizen Bernstein being robbed of a fortune in valuable gems.

No sooner had Bernstein stopped his car than its door was opened and a man darted in beside him, shoving a gun against Bernstein's side. Then the man calmly separated ~~the~~ Bernstein from his briefcase and ~~took the~~ *departed.*
~~way he came in~~

Bernstein, an associate of one of the largest diamond brokerage firms in the country, said that his briefcase contained more than one hundred gems weighing a total of 333 karats.

Said the bandit, as he beat it:
~~The bandit had just one thing to say to the~~
~~diamond merchant:~~ "Keep quiet or I'll kill you."
~~the~~ Bernstein ~~kept quiet.~~ *emitted* not a peep.

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Australia, as the starting place - because it was the farthest point from the United States that we could find.

~~The flyers on this magnificent Navy voyage of the sky were Commander Thomas Davies of Cleveland; Commander W.S. Reed of Washington; Commander E.P. Rankin of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and Lieutenant Commander R.H. Tabeing of Jacksonville, Florida.~~

I don't know why they baptized their plane - the Truculent Turtle. Flyers like to give their ships odd names - but I never heard of a turtle flying, especially when truculent.

Anyway, taking off from Perth, the Truculent Turtle flew halfway around the world - non-stop. They ran into rough winds between New Guinea and Bougainville, then on the ²~~other~~ side of the Pacific they encountered icing conditions - off the American coast. They were in heavy fog until they hit Utah, and here's what they say:

TRUCULENT TURTLE

When the news brought today's big thrill, the flight of the Truculent Turtle, I wondered - why did those aviators ever pick Perth, Australia, as a starting point? They were on a tremendous long distance flight from Australia to the United States, non-stop - why so didn't they take off from Sidney or Melbourne, or some other reasonable place in the Land Down Under? Perth is on the west coast of Australia, ~~the west~~ *the remote* ~~eastern~~ coast, ~~and here Perth~~. It's on the Indian Ocean - which puts it on the other side of the Australian continent, so far as a flight eastward across the Pacific is concerned. Starting out from Perth meant the flyers would have to go winging across the entire width of vast Australia before they ever got to the Pacific. So why pick Perth?

Landing at Columbus, Ohio, today, the explanation

was given in the following words: "We selected Perth,

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had been set by an Army four-motored B-29 - winging
from ^{Japan} ~~the South Pacific~~ to the U.S.A. They exceeded that
by more than four thousand miles - and the Truculent
Turtle ^{is} ~~was~~ a two-motored Navy patrol job. They took off
from Perth with a record load for two-motor bombers.
Their total distance was eleven thousand, two hundred
and ~~thirty-six~~ ^{thirty-six} miles, which is nearly half of the
distance around the world, twenty-four thousand, nine
hundred and two miles. *Time about 55 hours.*

It was a stupendous exploit, and there's nothing
to do except strain one's vocal chords with praise and
plaudits, for everything and everybody aboard the
Truculent Turtle. That is, praise and plaudits for
~~everybody except Joey. He didn't behave so well.~~
~~Joey is the pet kangaroo they brought along, and~~
~~apparently kangaroos don't like ~~xxxx~~ flying, because~~
~~Joey spat and scratched and kicked all the way, ~~xxxx~~,~~
~~a truculent kangaroo aboard the Truculent Turtle.~~

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"When we came out of that soup, we had about a thousand pounds of ice on our wings. One engine quit, but came back in thirtyseconds."

They landed at Columbus, Ohio, not because they wanted to - but because they had orders from the Navy.

In Washington, Navy officials were afraid that the officers aboard ^{might} ~~may~~ be too badly worn out. But here's what they say about that - they felt so fit and fine they wanted to keep on at least as far as Washington, or maybe fly on to Bermuda. Gluttons for punishment! Starting out from the Indian Ocean, they flew across Australia, across the Pacific - diagonally across the South Pacific and North Pacific, across the American continent, and wanted to take in a bit of the Atlantic to boot!

They broke all records for long distance flying, smashed them into tiny bits. The previous record

BASEBALL

There isn't much to say about that ball game today. The Cards had better pitching and better hitting.

Hope is supposed to spring eternal in the human breast, and hope is rather longer than all eternity in the breast of a Brooklyn fan.

MUSIC

Headline from Moscow - the Kremlin purge has hit the music of Shostakovitch. Today, official damnation was heaped upon the Ninth Symphony of that much heralded Soviet composer. Over here, Shostakovitch has been acclaimed with violent applause as the musical genius of the age - and the hurrah for his Ninth Symphony has been deafening - in certain circles. Some critics had muttered that the enthusiasm for the Soviet composer might have a political tinge, the appreciation of Shostakovitch being the most fervent in Left Wing circles. So what do we hear now?

Today, in the official organ of the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, it was stated the Ninth Symphony of Shostakovitch suffers from what the news dispatch calls "ideological impurities and deviations." The following question is asked about the symphony:- "Does this sharp, screaming comparison

of the grotesque with the lyric of infantile joking and pathos seriously express the deeper ideas of our time?"

And the answer is "No." The symphony has ironic and bitter tendencies, says the Communist critic, and he inflicts final damnation by saying that it reflects the unwholesome tendencies of Stravinsky.

So there you have the Moscow ^{musical} party line ~~is~~ --

Raspberries for Shostakovitch and Stravinsky.

But not for you Nelson. Its
cheers for you.