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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:-

I am broadcasting away from Radio City tonight for a change. I am down on the New Jersey coast, in Asbury Park. I came down here for two reasons: One, to visit my parents -- my father happens to be a Doctor in Asbury Park. So, of course, I come here as often as I can. Second, I came to pay my respects to our neighbor who lives right across the street from us here in Asbury, a man who, I believe, has broken all records in the history of America, for the length of time that he has been in office, twenty-three years as Mayor.

Right at this moment, I am down on the waterfront, with the rollers sweeping in from the ocean just outside the window. I am in a banquet room at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, attending a banquet in honor of Mayor Clarence Hetrick of Asbury. I haven't had time to pick out the people here, but I understand thousands have bought tickets to the banquet.

I understand one reason for the dinner is that the city is being re-financed; they have made great progress in putting

Asbury on a sound financial basis in this day when so few things financial seem to be sound. And, that certainly should be something worth celebrating.

## TENNIS

Let's jump from Asbury Park to London for a moment.

Today was another California day of triumph over in London. In the women's tennis tournament for the championship at Wimbledon three Californians won overwhelming victories: Helen Wills Moody, after having been beaten a couple of times on her come-back trial, was invincible today. She blazed the court with sideline smashes; her placements were brilliant; and she was on top of the game all the time. Miss Kay Stammers of England, was unsteady, in and out. So the victory ~~for~~ for Poker-Face ~~Helen~~ Helen was in straight sets. And another Helen of California won out in similar easy fashion. Her opponent, a champion from Poland, is renowned for slashing, aggressive tactics on the tennis court. But today Helen Jacobs did the attacking, with drives to the corners, and smashing volleys. She ran her Polish opponent from one side of the court to the other. Once again it was an affair <sup>of</sup> straight sets. The third California victory was scored by Alice Marble. She forehanded and backhanded a tennis lady from France right out of the game. The fact that she also won in straight sets tells how invincible California was today. The only American to lose was Sarah Palfrey Fabian, and she's from Massachusetts.

## PALESTINE

There's a somber bit of news tonight from the ancient land of Palestine, that land where the glad tidings came announcing the Prince of Peace. Angry agitation in the old sea port ~~xx~~ city of Haifa tonight, crowds gathering, muttering, and the authorities are afraid of violent revolt -- all because a man is to be hanged. That's not a thing unheard of in unhappy Palestine these recent months -- with British overlords employing stern justice to stop Arab violence against the Jews. But the man under sentence of doom is named Solomon Ben Joseph which indicates that he is no Arab insurgent. He will be the first Jew to suffer the capital penalty at the hands of the British since the Palestine disorders began.

Solomon Ben Joseph was accused of shooting into a bus-load with Arab passengers. When he was arrested they found two pistols and five bombs in his possession. So he was convicted. And now there's angry agitation and bitter unrest among the Jewish population at Haifa -- and there may be an ugly clash.

## SPAIN

The limelight of the European news is focused on a diplomatic call made in Rome today. Lord Perth, the British ambassador had a conference with Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, and the report is that the Ambassador conveyed to Mussolini's son-in-law the anxiety felt by the British government because of the Franco bombing of British ships in Apsin. Prime Minister Chamberlain is facing a national outcry because of these bombings, and this threatens to jeopardize the British-Italian agreement, so said Lord Perth to Count Ciano and it is believed that he asked the Italian government to do something to curb the Franco war plane attacks on merchant ships. Such is the report from Rome. It follows news from London that the British government sent a note to Franco denying that British merchant ships attacked were violating the non-intervention agreement. Franco made the claim that they were carrying war munitions. To this London replies -- No, they were not.

## GERMANY

Today, the Hitler government issued a denial of rumors that had been flying around -- rumors of a Nazi purge in Austria, the Nazis themselves being arrested and sent to concentration camps. The story is that when Hitler seized Austria, plenty of his Austrian disciples thought the big bonanza had come, that they were all in soft, that they'd all get jobs. But, there weren't as many jobs as there were Nazis, and thousands were disgruntled. The discontent became so acute that Hitler sent his own men to Vienna for a clean-up. This took the form of numerous arrests of malcontent Nazis who were sent to a concentration camp in Bavaria.

Such is the story that has been flashing, a story which Berlin makes haste to deny. But the rumor remains insistent!

## AEROPLANE

Here's a news item of special interest to the Japanese. From Russia flashes the word of a non-stop distance flight. And Russia has plenty of distance. From Moscow to Vladivostok, for example -- across part of Europe and all the way across Asia -- that's what two Soviet flyers did. They flew the four thousand three hundred and forty-seven miles in twenty-four hours and landed in Vladivostok today. Had they come this way Mayor Hetrick, they would have flown all the way across Europe, all the way across the Atlantic, and perhaps landed here on your beach, Mayor Hetrick.

## MUSTACHE

Here's one that may interest the Mayor of Asbury Park.

A town in Italy today witnessed a curious sight. A barber's chair set up in the street, and one prominent citizen -- the Mayor -- playing the barber, shaved off the mustache of another prominent citizen. Mustachios can come big in Italy, and the whole town saw a major shaving operation. It was all because the two prominent citizens got into a hot card game, and one of them having staked all the money he had on his hand, finally bet his mustache. And lost! The winner himself shaved them off -- and in public.



PRINCE

The Swedish Crown Prince, still ill today, So he didn't take any part in the Philadelphia festivities -- and as at Wilmington yesterday, it was his son Prince Bertil, who did the honors. A fleet of yachts and speedboats escorted the Swedish yacht up the Delaware River to the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and there a welcoming committee was waiting -- in frock coats. Prince Bertil in all his gold braid, dedicated the American-Swedish Historical Museum, and received a brotherly welcome in the brotherly city. The only trouble was that it rained on the festivities, and, Crown Prince Gustaf ~~Adolf~~ Adolf had to remain in his sick bed. He's on his way to New York, there to receive treatment by specialists. And if the Crown Prince wants to get well in a hurry I suggest he come down here to Asbusy and recuperate on this glorious beach front.

ROOSEVELT

(The financial exploits of Jimmy Roosevelt, the President's son are a common theme of speculation. He is known to have done mighty well in the insurance business, and today the Saturday Evening Post comes forward with an account of Jimmy's insurance achievements -- in an article written by Alva Johnson.) And the refrain in the article is -- "Jimmy's Got It."

Alva Johnson says this is a by-word among insurance men who go out to write big policies and find out that young Roosevelt has already written them and all they can say is -- "Jimmy's got it."

(The President's son is described as having picked up the technical aspects of insurance, policies and premiums with unusual talent.

\* The Post declares that Jimmy's fellow insurance men estimate his earnings at more than a quarter of a million a year.)

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## RELIEF

There's pathos in the word:- Unfortunate. ~~But~~ Especially when somebody's remarks are characterized as -- unfortunate. It means, talked out of turn, made indiscreet remarks. Today, the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee in Washington used that term in passing opinion on the speech made by Deputy W.P.A. Administrator Aubrey Williams. That was the address in which the Administrator gave some advice to the W.P.A. workers. Support your friends -- was the gist of it. That provoked some violent criticism, on the ground that it was using relief as a political weapon. Administrator Williams responded with a letter to the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee in which he said that his remarks were not political at all, had nothing to do with votes and election. Today, the Senate Committee gave its verdict, saying the remarks were -- unfortunate.

Mayor Hetrick, sitting here beside me just about holds the all-time American long-distance record for being Mayor of a city. Mayor for some twenty-three years. How did you do it Mr. Mayor? Surely be avoiding the making of remarks that could be called -- "unfortunate."

MAYOR H: No, Lowell, I have often spoken out of turn.

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L.T.: Then how do you explain your breaking all records for your length of time office?

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MAYOR H: You will have to put that question to my Asbury Park neighbors. They can answer better than I can.

## GETTYSBURG

The Blue and The Grey met again at Gettysburg today -- this time in friendly meeting.

Union and Confederate veterans held a love feast on that historic grounds where the Union and the Confederacy struggled with the bitterness of death those many years ago. A stellar part was played by James Robert Paul of Charlotte, North Carolina, a Confederate veteran who claims to be a hundred and five years old. He says he's the only surviving member of Stonewall Jackson's Forty-Second Infantry. And that's indeed a distinction. But, James Robert Paul also maintains that he's the oldest Democrat in the country. And that should earn the laurel wreath. Mayor Hetrick -- I don't know what your politics are but that item may interest you.

ARMY

Here's one that may perhaps interest my Dad who is sitting here not far from me tonight. Although a Doctor, he's a Colonel in the Reserves, and hence I suppose interested in the defense of our country. The story is this:-

There will be big military doings this summer. It is announced that the Army will stage the greatest manoeuvres ever. From July thirty-first to September first, more than sixty-six thousand officers and men will go into battle practice. This is the third Army, stationed in the South -- the Army of the South. The soldiers will concentrate at various points from the De Soto National Forest in Mississippi to El Paso, Texas, and they'll march and counter march in the practice of battle. It will be the greatest peacetime concentration of troops in American history.

## MURDER

Strange shadows of mystery and murder haunt the crime sensation at South Hadley, Massachusetts. John Paul Bathelt, Jr. faced the court and was held without bail. A young man of prominent and wealthy family - from x Park Avenue -- he sat in the court room unperturbed, apparently at ease, with two indictments against him. Yes, two -- one for the murder of Charles Morris, the other for the murder of an unknown man. Yet the two charges are the same. The police aren't sure of the identify of the body found in the cement coffin. The only clue is a belt buckle with the initials -- C.M. This, and the disappearance of a race track follower named Charles Morris. So just to be sure, ~~they're~~ there are two indictments -- in case the identification is correct, and in case it's not.

The story reconstructed by the police is of the weirdest sort. A Massachusetts cottage, a killing, body encased in cement and buried in the cellar of the cottage. All this some time ago. The cottage is on the bank of a stream and in the Spring there were heavy rains and floods. The stream, turned into a raging torrent, threatened to wash the cottage away. And the murderer realized that ~~ix~~ if that happened, the body in the cement coffin



would be discovered. So he dug it up and tossed it into the Connecticut River but the cement was of the sort that dissolved in water. It dissolved away, and murder came to light.

One clue is a bullet hole in the cottage. Another is ~~xx~~ an automobile that is now being subjected to the scrutiny of scientific detection, all in the vein of mystery melodrama.

## FURIOUS

The G-men solved another important case today -- the extortion mystery of the Furious Four. That's what it's called. This crime sensation began when a publishing company received a threatening letter demanding five thousand dollars, with these ominous words:- "If you don't pay the undersigned will come down and blow your place up and kill all your people." And that was a case for the G-men! J. Edgar Hoover's bloodhounds of the law picked up the trail. It led to the club house of the gang called the "Furious Four." There the Federal agents found, an eleven year old boy, and they questioned him. "Why did you write that extortion note?" they demanded.

It turned out that the lad had not written the letter of menace, nor had any of the other three members of the Furious Four, all about the same age, eleven and twelve. Whereupon the sleuthing G-men discovered that the dynamiting death-threat had been sent by another lad, who wanted to get the Furious Four in trouble. He was out to get even with them, because they wouldn't let him join their club and make it the Furious Five.

ENDING

When I opened this broadcast I mentioned that I was in Asbury Park, attending a huge banquet, a tribute to Mayor Hetrick, celebrating the re-financing of the city. And now, as I come to the conclusion of my broadcast, may I express the hope that in September you will feel in the mood for another banquet, to celebrate the most successful summer season that you and your sister cities of the New Jersey coast have had in many years, and -----

SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.