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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I'm broadcasting from Cannon Mountain tonight, in Northern New Hampshire, in the White Mountains. <sup>\*</sup>Cannon Mountain this weekend is the most important spot in the American world of skiing. ~~and~~ For that matter I guess you could say it is the most important spot in the entire world of skiing. The National races are to be held here, ~~tomorrow, and Sunday.~~ But they might as well be called International races, <sup>you might call them -</sup> because some of the top contestants are from Canada, others from Norway. ~~And there are~~ many famous Austrian, French and Swiss ski stars <sup>are</sup> entered among the one hundred ~~and~~ forty-one racers, who under their own power will be travelling at terrific speeds down the precipitous Richard Taft Trail, tomorrow and Sunday. ~~##~~

After I review the highlights of the news of the world, I'll come back to Cannon Mountain for a moment and tell you a little more about this, one of the most spectacular and hazardous of all sports events.

The top story in the <sup>news tonight is about strikes</sup> world's news today ~~comes from:~~

## STRIKES

In the labo. world, the auto workers have turned down an offer from General Motors - a compromise proposal.

A conference of two hundred delegates representing a hundred and seventy five thousand workers, voted unanimously - no, the proposal wasn't good enough. So the strike goes on with the union reaffirming its demand of a raise in pay of nineteen and a half cents an hour. And today brings the result of a strike vote in the Railroad world. The powerful Brotherhoods represent the Engineers and Trainman, voted overwhelmingly in favor of a nationwide strike - the date to be set by the union. There will now be negotiations.

There was peace in Philadelphia today - an end, for the time being at least, of fighting between cops and pickets in the General Electric strike. The union after the bitter violence of previous days, had planned a mass demonstration today and the police were prepared for more trouble. But the demonstration was called off which reduced disturbances to mere hooting and jeering, with cat-calls.

PALESTINE

From Palestine comes word that may have a formidable meaning - news that the several factions of Zionist extremists have united. Hitherto, the terrorist war against the British has been conducted by three separate groups - and these now have amalgamated for concerted action. This is announced by a clandestine newspaper issued by the Jewish underground forces in Palestine.

*R* Of the three groups of terrorists, the largest has been what is called - the jewish resistance movement. The hebrew name is - Hagana. It claims eighty thousand members, and has been the most moderate of the three. Next comes an organization called - irgun; ~~This is much smaller, with some two thousand members; but, more~~ violent. Finally - the Sternists; ~~These are followers of Abraham Stern, the Jewish terrorist who was killed in nineteen forty-two.~~ There are said to be only three hundred Sternists - but they are the most extreme revolutionaries of all.

*R* ~~As an example of the independent operation of each of the three groups, we have a statement in the Clandestine Zionist newspaper that the attack on the British police at the former German Colony near Tel Aviv was carried out by the Jewish resistance. It was the Irgun group that made the headline assault on British airfields~~

- while the Sternists were responsible for one of the most recent of the terrorist attacks.

Campaigning on their own, these revolutionary outfits have been formidable enough, and now ~~they have got~~ <sup>that they are</sup> together, <sup>have</sup> and joined forces, ~~they'll plan together and operate together,~~ <sup>they</sup> and ~~they~~ would seem to present a greater menace than ever <sup>7</sup> to the British in Palestine.

## IRAN

The news on the subject of Iran is confusing. Tomorrow is the deadline in the ancient land of Persia - the time set for the withdrawal of all allied troops. That was the schedule set by the big Three, in one of those roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conferences. - the troops of the three powers to get out of Iran six months after the end of the war.

There is no question about the American and British. All American troops are out of Persia already - <sup>our</sup> the forces sent in during the war when the southern supply line to the Soviets ran through Persia. The British have only six hundred soldiers left ~~in Iran~~ <sup>at there,</sup> and they are to move out on the dot - tomorrow.

The big question has been - the Russians. Would they evacuate, according to schedule? It is known that Moscow has its eye on Iranian oil resources. And then there is that question of Azerbaijan, where an autonomous rebel government has been set up, with the Iranians complaining that the red army has prevented them from putting down the insurrection. Would the Soviets move out and leave the Iranian regime, established under conditions of red army control, <sup>leave it</sup> to fend for itself?

The news today was contradictory. One bulletin announced that the

Soviet forces would start their withdrawal tomorrow. The Iranian premier was reported to have been informed by Moscow that the red army would begin its withdrawal on the day of the deadline.

However, all this would seem to be qualified, if not contradicted

by an announcement broadcast in Moscow, <sup>which</sup> ~~this~~ stated that there

would be a withdrawal - but only a partial move <sup>out</sup> out. Tomorrow

according to the Moscow radio, soviet troops <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ begin the

evacuation of certain parts of Persia - and ~~would~~ stay put in <sup>other parts,</sup> ~~other part~~

The area to be evacuated is named as eastern Persia - east ward from Teheran to the borders of Turkestan and Afghanistan. "As for Soviet troops in other areas of Iran," says Moscow, "these will remain until the situation has been cleared up".

We do not know what is meant by - "cleared up." But we do note that one sector from which the red army will not withdraw is

Azerbaijan, ~~that is~~ the place where <sup>that</sup> ~~an~~ autonomous regime has been set up, <sup>that</sup> ~~a~~ puppet government sponsored by the Soviets. -

~~declare the Iranians.~~

<sup>We don't</sup> ~~one does not~~ know how it will all work out, but the Iranian

question with its deadline for tomorrow, would certainly seem

to have been included in statements made by secretary of state Byrnes last night - his address before the Overseas Press Club in New York. Secretary Byrnes was decidedly in harmony with Senator Vandenberg - who, the other day, called for an American policy of firm dealing with Soviet Russia. ~~last night~~ The Secretary of

State, declared <sup>to my Overseas Press Club colleagues</sup> that America would defend the charter of the United Nations. And, speaking of the great powers, he said;

"we have no right to hold our troops in the territories of other sovereign states, without their approval and consent freely given."

Which certainly would seem to apply to the red army in Iran - the Iranian government having demanded that all foreign troops get out, ~~the~~ Russian included.

MAN CHUREA

The Chinese government has received a bill of particulars concerning the goods the Soviets have taken out of Manchuria - a list of machinery and factory equipment. This word comes from Manchuria and states that Chinese officials have submitted the figures to the government of China. Tens of thousands of pieces of machinery from over twenty plants, ~~have been~~ taken away - including more than five thousand heavy machines from the ~~Mukden~~ <sup>M</sup> arsenal alone.

In the background of all this is the fact that, during the Japanese occupation in Manchuria, the Japs did a lot of industrial <sup>developing</sup> setting up industries, turning mukden into a sort of manchurian pittsburgh. With the surrender of Japan, it was agreed that China should get back its province of Manchuria, including the industry built by the Japs - or so the Chinese thought. They felt, naturally enough that they were entitled to what the Japs left in the province they stole from China.

We heard the other day how a Soviet commander in Manchuria had told American newsmen that the red army was stripping the place of machinery and factory equipment, <sup>according to an agreement made by</sup> ~~in accordance with~~ the big three.

This has been denied, American secretary of State Byrnes declaring that the Soviets had never been authorized by any big three



agreement to take machinery out of Manchuria.

~~So what have we~~ <sup>And</sup> now along the line of legality ar' right? ~~comes a~~

curious tale from China: This ~~gives~~ intimations of a deal between Soviets and white russians - curious bedfellows, reds and whites.

History tells how, with the triumph of the bolshevik revolution in Russia, thousands of anti-communist Russians, who had fought against the red army, fled to Manchuria ~~in~~ among other places.

~~And~~ They have been in Manchuria ever since - that province having a considerable population of white russians. ~~THEY~~

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ <sup>There</sup> They intrigued constantly against their old enemies, the bolsheviks, <sup>they</sup> and stayed on during the Japanese

occupation. When the Soviets took over after the surrender of

Japan, <sup>then what? You'd have thought</sup> ~~you'd think that~~ matters might have gone hard for these

white Russians - now in the hands of the reds.

~~But what do we hear?~~ <sup>But</sup> a dispatch from Mukden states that, as the

war ended, white Russians in Manchuria bought up all sorts of properties from the Japs. They bought <sup>them</sup> ~~these~~ from the surrendering Japs for a song - a volga boatman song, or something not so good.

And now the white Russians possession of the purchased properties is being upheld by the soviets, the reds and whites having made

what the Chinese call - "a peace agreement." In other words, the Chinese upon trying to take possession of the properties, find the Reds arguing, "Oh no, these things belong to our old pals, the white Russians! "

PERSECUTION

The contention between the Roman Catholic Church and Soviet Russia came more vividly into the open today in a declaration at the Vatican. <sup>a</sup> Statement attacking the Soviets was made by the Cardinal in charge of matters connected with Roman Catholic Populations incorporated in the Soviet union. ~~Previously, Pope Pius the twelfth had spoken in measured terms of Soviet persecution in Ruthenia, that is - former polish and czechoslovak territories. And now a blazing denunciation is issued by French Cardinal Tisserant.~~ ~~He states~~ that Moscow is making a concerted attempt to obliterate Catholicism in Ruthenia and that the Catholics there face martyrdom in the form of what he calls - "arrest, deportation to Asia, prison, forced labor and death."

~~Cardinal Tisserant refers to the fact that the only religious organization permitted in the land of the Soviets is the Russian orthodox church - which takes us to the fact that the Soviet attitude on religious matters has now-adays departed far from the old-time atheism and anti-religious crusade of the primeval bolsheviks. The Catholic contention is that the Soviets plan to force Russian Catholics into the orthodox church, which is under Soviet domination.~~

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## SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

In Germany, Berlin has had its noisiest and most uproarious political meeting since the end of the war - probably since the rise to power of Hitler, thirteen years ago. The rambunctious get-together was held by the Social Democrats, Germany's traditional socialist group - moderate. The question at issue was a proposal that the social democrats should merge with the communists - to form a unified German Socialist party.

That proposal aroused a storm. The speaker who advocated a merger with the communists was howled down by two thousand angry delegates. He tried to deny charges that the German communist party got its orders from Moscow. The denial was greeted with a howl of ridicule. The pro-soviet speaker shouted that the Third International<sup>^</sup> had been dissolved and that Moscow <sup>now does</sup> ~~did~~ not dominate the Communist parties in other countries. That was greeted with howls of -

"dictatorship!"<sup>uh</sup> Finally, the argument was presented that a Union of Socialists and Communists would be the best guarantee for democracy. The bracketing of Communism and Democracy was drowned out by howls of laughter.

When a vote was taken, eighty per cent of the delegates voted against a merger with the reds - voted amid scenes of bedlam.

The issue now goes to the Social Democratic voters of Berlin - they to decide in a secret ballot. One supposition is that the acrimonious dispute may result in a split among the social democrats, with the pro-communists walking out.

The list of stars is so long, and so scintillating, that I hesitate to mention any names. The women will be racing too, but not with the men -- racing for the woman's championship.

The Wurtele twins, Rhona and Rhoda, of Canada who have been winning so many races are on hand. Barbara Kidder of the University of Denver, the Neidlinger twins from Hanover, and so on and so on.

As a result of the tragedy on the trail a few days ago, when Captain Vic Constant, West Point coach crashed into the trees, the racing committee has put in several control gates. These ~~are~~ will in no way cut down on the ~~the~~ excitement of the race. But they should lessen the danger.

I've ~~been~~ been talking to Roland Peabody, Sel Hannah, Roger Langley, Alex Bright, Dr. Elmer, and a number of other ski personalities of national importance, about the terrific speeds now attained by racers. Records on all trails are being broken.

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CANNON MOUNTAIN

# RETAKE

Now for the benefit of all who are interested in skiing, and that includes millions of people, something further about the ski races here on Cannon Mountain tomorrow and Sunday. One hundred and forty one stars of the ski world are entered for the Downhill Slalom and Combined championships. Each year, <sup>(except during the war)</sup> this race is held in a different part of the country. (This year the event seems to loom bigger than ever before, because it was not held during the war.) Most of the men taking part are just back from service. And although nearly all of them have had little or no chance to ski during the war, judging from the way they have been racing down Cannon Mountain today, trying out the trails they are as good as they ever were, and perhaps a little more daring. Toni Matt, has just come back from the Aleutians, <sup>and</sup> where he was marooned all during the war, and where he won his commission the hard way. Walter Prager, Dartmouth coach, and one of the world's top ranking Mountaineers, just back from years of service with the Tenth Mountain Division, will be racing. Barney McLean and Jerry Hiatt, stars from Colorado, have just flown in, and Dick Movitz, from Utah. Kristofer Berg, Norwegian star, who had his adventures in the war, is here, running for Harvard.

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I wish I ~~would~~ had more time to talk about this.

Just one thing more. There are millions of skiers in America now. And the organization doing more than any other to solve the problem of ski accommodations is the national ski patrol. Funds are needed for its work. Every skier in America should contribute from one to ten dollars or more. If you are interested in skiing, and ~~want~~ it made safer, send your dollar or five ~~or~~ ten, tonight to Minnie Dole -- Minnie is an abbreviation for Minot -- Minnie Dole, National Ski Patrol, Graybar Building, New York City. If you send it to me I'll be glad to pass it along to the National Ski Patrol. No skiers should fail to do this.

Well, hope to see some of you on ~~the~~ Cannon Mountain watching the most spectacular of all ski races, tomorrow. And now for my s along until Monday, back to Radio City, to you Hugh.