

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The unexpected still continues in Finland -- claims of military success by the tiny nation against the huge army of the Soviets. (The latest bulletin from Helsinki tells of heavy fighting all day in the Karelia sector, the part of the Finnish border nearest the great Soviet City of Leningrad.) It has been a focus of battle ever since last Thursday, when the Red invasion began. (The Finnish report tells of two platoons of Red Army troops wiped out today, Six Soviet tanks destroyed, and one Red plane shot down.) The Helsinki announcement claims that in the last three days, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday -- the Red Army has lost two thousand men and sixty-four airplanes in the Karælian sector alone. And here's a late report that the Finns today bombed the Soviet Arctic air base and destroyed sixty planes there.

An official soviet war bulletin denies that the Red Army has lost

anything like as much in men and material as the Finns declare.

But there's one thing significant, (the Moscow bulletin does not

announce any large advances in Finland, ^{no} ~~any~~ blitzkrieg drives on

the order of the German conquest of Poland. ^{And Moscow admits unexpected difficulties!!} Taking into account

the claims of both the Finns and the Reds, it is clear that the

Finnish resistance is holding. That in itself is amazing. ^{So} ~~the~~ tiny a

military establishment ~~of the Finns~~ standing off the monster Red

army, even for a space of days. If the resistance of Finland should

continue like this, for any prolonged period of time, it might be

taken as showing up the much vaunted Red battalions of the Soviets.

The subject of Finland still continues to be worldwide - indignation seething around the globe. Of the Scandinavian neighbors of Finland, Sweden today decreed extraordinary military measures in preparation for possible war - troops called to the color^s, fortifications manned, and a blackout tonight in the eastern part of Sweden.

In Great Britain today, Foreign Minister Viscount Halifax declared that Hitler had sold out the northern nations to the Russian Communists. He officially stated the contention that

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British-French negotiations with Soviet Russia broke down because of Stalin's demand that he be allowed to do what he is doing right now. Nazi Germany agreed to let the Soviets have their way, and that's how the Hitler-Stalin pact came about - a sell-out, said Lord Halifax. He referred to one suggestion, and it was rather a surprising thing to mention in Great Britain now. The suggestion - that the Allies patch up a peace with Hitler and go after Red Russia. The British Foreign Minister said that such a policy would be short-sighted. And the Allies, while expressing all sympathy with Finland, continue to declare that the Number One objective is to crush Hitler. They won't do anything drastic to oppose the Soviets, and thereby put Stalin actively in the war. ~~with Hitler.~~

From Italy - the same surprising news as on previous days, demonstrations against ~~Soviet~~ Russia. (In Milan and in Rome, crowds of Fascist students shouting against the Soviets and cheering Finland. There's one report that Hitler is trying to persuade Stalin to go easy with the little northern republic) - this as a concession to Fascist Italian opinion, a concession to Mussolini.

At Geneva, the chorus is swelling - "Take action against

the Soviets for the attack on Finland, expel the Reds from the League of Nations." This demand ^{today came} ~~comes~~ particularly from the western side of the Atlantic Ocean, the Latin-American nations. Argentina and Columbia ~~today~~ ^{ing} demanded that the League expel the Soviets. Peru, Chile and Ecuador are threatening to resign unless the League machinery be set in motion against the Communist aggressors.

And Latin-American indignation is producing reactions in our own government circles. In the State Department it was said that the United States is ready to join the other American republics in denouncing the crime against Finland.

Here's one angle that will touch the imagination of this nation. ^(on Dec.) ~~On October~~ Fifteenth, ten days from now, Finland will face its next instalment on the war debt it owes to the United States. Don't we all know that the Finns, of all peoples, have never defaulted once in a debt payment to the U.S.A.?) But what will they do now, invaded by the biggest nation on earth and in deadly peril of Red horror and destruction? (The government of Helsinki informs Washington that the payment due on December Fifteenth will be put

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on the line as usual. It amounts to two hundred and thirty-four thousand, six hundred and ninety-three dollars. Will we accept it? Today President Roosevelt proposed that this payment on the Finland debt be used for the benefit of the Finnish people.) At his press conference, the President declared that when Finland presents the money to the Treasury Department, it will be accepted. But ~~the~~ *he* ~~President~~ has instructed Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau to ~~put~~ place the sum in a special account. And Congress, when it gathers on the first of the year, will be asked to use the Finland debt-payment for the benefit of the Finns.

The President was asked whether Comrade Stalin might not consider this to be unneutral. F.D.R. replied that it would not be unneutral. *He* said the funds need not be spent for war planes to help the Finns defend themselves, but might be used for relief in Finland.

What about breaking diplomatic relations with the Reds? That is being demanded far and wide in this nation. The Republicans are making an issue of it. Apparently, Washington does not intend to break relations. The President today said that criticisms of the

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American foreign policy usually emanated from Soviet Russia, Nazi Germany, and the Republican National Committee. He was asked whether he included Ex-President Herbert Hoover along with the Communists and Nazis. And Mr. Roosevelt replied that his explanation spoke for itself.

KUHN

(Fritz Kuhn was sentenced today and gets two and a half to five years in prison.) He could have got from fifteen to thirty years. ~~But~~ ^{Wallace} Judge [^] sentenced him only on the counts connected with the misappropriation of a legal fee, counts that charged theft and forgery -- doctoring the books. There were three of these counts and the Judge gave the "Bundesfuehrer" two and a half to five on each. He decreed that the three sentences should run concurrently, ~~but~~ ^{be} [^] served at the same time. It is one of those legal fictions, and means a simple term of from two and a half to five. ~~years~~

On the other counts against Kuhn the Judge suspended ~~his~~ sentence. These concerning the money ~~he~~ ^{Fritz} [^] paid to move the furniture of his Golden Angel, the Heaven-sent blonde who in the trial cheerfully testified against him. Fritz won't have to serve any time at all for the romantic part of his financial escapade.

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(Judge Wallace told the Chief of the American-Nazis that he was not being sentenced ~~for~~ ^{as} [^] what the Judge called "a rabble rouser or a hate dispenser". His Honor said he didn't

think Fritz was very important in these Nazi activities. "I am going to sentence him" declared the Court, "as an ordinary small-time forger and thief, and not because of his dissemination of any gospels of hate."

The case of Fritz Kuhn, the Bundesfuehrer, now goes to appeal. Sabbatino said his first step would be to seek a Writ of reasonable doubt.

KIDNAP

A strange story of kidnapping comes from Phoenix, Arizona - told, it is said, by a kidnapper who has confessed. Ten years ago he abducted a twelve year old girl - because he wanted to spite her father. Thereafter he was a fugitive with the child, kept her in hiding. Often he forced her to remain concealed under a bed, to avoid detection.

Years went by of this furtive, wandering existence. When the girl was fifteen, he married her. They ^{are} ~~was~~ now the parents of four children.

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Several months ago, he deserted her and the children at Miami, Oklahoma. An odd end to a kidnapping - the victim not released, but deserted. Today the fleeing kidnapper-husband and father was under arrest at Phoenix, Arizona, and the authorities announce that he has confessed the story of abducting the child and marrying her when she grew older.

JUDD FOLLOW KIDNAP

Another story from Phoenix, Arizona - this one telling of a woman who awakened last night and saw a mad, leering face staring at her through the window, a grinning, distracted woman looking in and brandishing a razor. [^] *And the apparition was real.* It was Winnie Ruth Judd, the insane murderess whom they call the "tiger woman!" - [^] *She has* escaped again from a public institution, once more on the rampage. There were screams and hysterics, and these frightened off the tiger woman. The police picked up the trail, and were searching intensely today - so far without any reported result.

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It seems odd ^{that} ~~down~~ in Arizona they can't keep the tiger woman locked safely away. She escaped several weeks ago, frightened a lot of people with wild menace and a knife, and then surrendered voluntarily - after a widespread hunt had failed to catch her. Now once again she's loose, this time she escaped from the state hospital with a razor. The razor part of it would seem to cap the climax of something or other. *What kind of a guard do they keep there?*

DIVINE

~~Here's~~ a dark secret. Today Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian, the Black Eagle of Harlem, declared, "I am sworn to secrecy."

He's trying to mediate in the suit brought against Father Divine, who is indeed a coffee-colored divinity to many thousands in Harlem.

~~One of the Father's former "angels", who doesn't believe that peace~~
is so wonderful, is suing him to get back ^{that} sixty-five ~~th~~ hundred dollars ~~which~~ she claims she deposited in the heavenly treasury.

It was expected that the court proceedings would cast a flood of illumination on the finances of the little negro Messiah, a subject that has long been of interest to Uncle Sam's income tax men.

~~Today, however, up stepped Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian.~~

We've heard of him at various times in the news. He commanded Haile Selassie's air force in the days before the Ethiopian conquest.

He crashed an airplane right before the astonished eyes of the King of Kings. Later, he started on a non-stop flight to Ethiopia, and crashed in Flushing Bay. ^{still} later he was in Haile Selassie's army during the Ethiopian War.

Now the Black Eagle steps into the picture again with an offer to settle the trouble between Father Divine and his former

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"angel." Colonel Hubert Fauntleroy Julian offers to put up the money to square the dispute. He explained today that he is the owner of eight hundred thousand dollars' worth of whiskey, good old stuff properly aged. And he's willing to sacrifice some of that high class hootch in behalf of the Harlem Messiah.

"I am not a follower of Father Divine," the Black Eagle said today. "But I am a negro and I have seen the good things he has done." Whereupon the owner of the eight hundred thousand dollars' worth of whiskey spoke the following praiseworthy thought:-
"Any man who can make great numbers of people quit smoking and drinking, and even make thieves return the things they have stolen, I am for." Quite right, Colonel, but how about all that whiskey if everybody should stop drinking?

As a result of the Black Eagle's mediation, the case of Father Divine versus the ex-angel, was today adjourned - until Thursday. The Colonel would give no details about the possible settlement. "I am sworn to secrecy," said he darkly.

BILL FOLLOW DIVINE

In New York Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lewis went to court complaining that their apartment was made an inferno of noise by a city construction job going on nearby.

That was yesterday, and the judge put the case over until today, and told them to go to a hotel and have a bit of entertainment, a good dinner, some entertainment for the evening, sleep in a first class room, and in the morning a sumptuous breakfast. He added that he would see that the City paid the bill. Whereupon Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lewis spent a glorious evening: the best of hotel accommodations,

Today, the dilemma -- the bill. Hotel, twenty-five dollars. Entertainment, well, you know what that costs in New York. Breakfast this morning, two bucks. Total, sixty-seven dollars. The City didn't want to pay it. Logic pointed to the construction company. But there are a thousand tenants who might make the same complaint about noise. And if each were granted a noiseless night, at sixty-seven dollars per -- well that would run into money.

However, it's all solved; the sixty-seven dollars has been paid by the New York Commissioner of Public Works.

RUNNING

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A new mild flare-up in the world of athletics - there's to be an investigation of the ^{famous} indoor running track at Dartmouth University. The charge is made that the Dartmouth Track is not according to regulations and that runners there have an unfair advantage. If this turned out to be true, it would affect records made at Dartmouth - such as the mile record set by Glenn Cunningham and the half-mile mark by Frank Borican.

The accusation is made to the Amateur Athletic Union in ^{an} anonymous letter. This states that, whereas the A.A.U. rules call for a border two inches high around a track - the Dartmouth track in one section has no border at all. And so - runners have repeatedly crossed over the inside line, ~~and that of course would be a~~ violation of the rules. The unknown writer of the letter states further that the track is constructed in such fashion to give runners an unusual spring - enabling them to gallop faster than on a regulation track.

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Today Paul Jordan, Chairman of the Record Committee of the Amateur Athletic Union announced that although the letter is anonymous, he ^{will} ~~would~~ look into the charges that it makes, will ^{investigate} ~~the~~ ^{that fine} indoor track ^{at} ~~of~~ Dartmouth.

FOOTBALL

The football news today holds out the prospect of a gridiron thriller. The unbeaten ~~football~~ team of the University of Tennessee has been invited to play in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas. Are the Tennesseans accepting? The word today is, "yes", with an "if". There's exhilaration in that "if". ~~Captain~~ Cotton Bowl officials say that the Tennessee attitude is expressed thusly:- "We are ready to accept the bid the instant we have assurance that Texas A. & M. will be our opponent." They'll go to the Dallas Bowl only if they play the Texas Aggies. *They'd pass you?*
8/2 up the Rose Bowl for that.

It seems like the right spirit, Tennessee and the Aggies are the two unbeaten and untied teams the world of football commonly regards as the aces of ~~the year~~ *this season.* Football produces no champion team, but a Tennessee-Aggie game would come mighty close to deciding ~~the football championship of~~ *things for* Nineteen Thirty-Nine.

Both teams have been invited to the Cotton Bowl, with large money guarantees. Tennessee accepts, if the Aggies do.

The Aggies are still to be heard from. *If they say "yes" it may make this year's Rose Bowl look like a Bowl of Small Potatoes.*

And now for a bowl of Blue Sunoca from you, Hugh. How about it Jack you?

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