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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

There are some tens of thousands -- maybe hundreds of thousands of happy people here in Seattle tonight and all around Puget Sound. For the CIO Ferryboat strike has just been settled this evening. Ferryboats are mighty important to life around busy Puget Sound.

MOSCOW

At Moscow Secretary of State Marshall rejected another Soviet contention today -- Molotov's demand that industrial production in Germany be increased vastly so the Germans can pay the ten billion dollars worth of reparations to Russia.

General Marshall responded that to permit a giant expansion of German industry, especially in steel, would be to repeat the mistake made after World War One.

At that time, defeated Germany built up a huge system of production, which later formed the backbone of the Hitler war machine.

In opposition to Molotov's demand for ten billions -- is increasing. The British are adamant in their contention that Great Britain had no ~~part~~ part in the secret agreement whereby the late President Roosevelt promised ten billions in reparations to Stalin.

MOSCOW - Laugh

The mood at that gathering of the Big Four is hardly one of merriment -- yet, the laught was loud, something on the order of a horse laugh. Who was the one amused? Why, Vishinsky, the Soviet Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs. Vishinsky laughed at Molotov, and that was something. Molotov, the grim Soviet Foreign Minister doesn't like to be laughed at -- especially by Vishinsky, we may suppose.

(General Marshall was replying, and in no uncertain terms, to Molotov's charge that the United States and Great Britain have taken as much as ten billion dollars in reparations from conquered Germany -- this in the form of German patents. Marshall read an official memorandum, in which it was pointed out that this big hearted country of ours, upon seizing the German patents, proceeded to make them public, immediately -- available to everybody, including Soviet Russia. And the Soviets were not slow to take advantage of this.) In fact, said General Marshall the chief benefactors of the patents the Americans

took over, were -- the Soviets.

On the other hand, what about the German patents and scientific information which the Soviets acquired in their zone? Have they shared any such technical matters with us? They have not! Their claim is that they've never procured any technical data from the Germans, a claim about which our government has plenty of doubt. In fact, the memorandum that Marshall read to Molotov was an American demand that the Soviets share with us what they got, just as we've shared with them the German patents that we took over.

All of which was a comeback so much to the point that it was funny -- and Vishinsky broke into a loud laugh -- a peal of Moscow merriment.

And in spite of all the disagreements today the Four Power session ended on a note of conciliation. Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, mentioning the wide disagreements over the future of Germany said he

believed that, nevertheless, an understanding could be reached. Whereupon Secretary of State Marshall called the Molotov comment - "very encouraging."

GREECE

In the matter of aid to Greece and Turkey to stop communism, eleven congressmen are saying -- show me. They are from the right part of the country to make the demand -- Missouri - President Truman's home "show me state". The eleven Republicans ask bluntly -- does 'the new Truman foreign policy in the Near East mean a possible war with Soviet Russia? ~~They put the question in the following "show me" words.~~ "If Russia regards our entry into Greece and Turkey, for the purpose of arming peoples ~~of~~ on her borders, as an unfriendly act -- ~~how~~ do we propose to maintain our position by force of arms"?

These Republicans from Missouri ask likewise -- what about the United Nations? In this they are joined by Democrats. Senator Tydings of Maryland stated today that the policy of stopping communism in the Near East made the U N "impotent, an empty shell". And Senator Pepper of Florida demanded a session of the Assembly of the United

Nations to consider the Communist menace to Greece and Turkey.

Republican

To the question of the United Nations Senator Vandenberg of Michigan and Democratic Senator Connally of Texas rejoin by supporting the presidential contention that the U N is not prepared to handle the Near East crisis. And to this the average American is likely to add -- how can the U N do anything about the Communist menace to ~~Greece~~ Greece and Turkey while Soviet Russia holds that veto?

MACARTHUR

The State Department makes a declaration concerning General MacArthur's call for a speedy peace treaty with Japan -- followed by a prompt withdrawal of American troops from that conquered country. We hear that the State Department didn't know anything in advance ~~of~~ about the MacArthur pronouncement. ~~Moreover, the State Department does not agree with the General on the subject of drawing up a peace treaty with Japan right away.~~

TP The word in Washington is that the State Department believes the question of peace with Japan should be put off until after the conclusion of a peace arrangement with Germany -- which the ^{Moscow} ~~Moscow~~ conference is now negotiating. MacArthur's view is said to be that Japan should not be compelled to wait that long, -- ~~for a peace treaty.~~ Mac Arthur is represented as thinking that the German negotiations will ~~take~~ drag on for ~~several~~ months, -- ~~maybe for years.~~ ^{And} ~~And~~ ~~meanwhile~~ so long a delay in concluding a peace treaty with Japan will impede

the economy of that country and handicap the recovery of the Japanese people.

MARINES

Reinforcements of Marines are being rushed against the Japs on Peleliu Island. An additional force of Leathernecks have been sent to check a new Jap offensive on that remote Pacific isle.

All of which would seem to sound like something left over from several years ~~ago~~ ago -- like a belated war bulletin that happened to be lying around and got mixed up with today's news. However, ~~there's nothing obsolete or behind the times about this dispatch telling of Marines fighting Japs on Peleliu.~~ Even at this late date a band ~~of~~ of soldiers of the one-time Far Eastern enemy is fighting guerrilla battles on the island -- harrassing the natives and a tiny garrison of Marines. It is believed that the Japs, not more than a dozen or so made their way to Peleliu, ^{from other} ~~other~~ islands of the Palau Group. They are armed with guns ~~and~~ and hand grenades and are said to be led by a Japanese Naval officer. Amid the crags and jungles of the

island, they are enough of a nuisance and hard enough to dig out - so that an extra force of Marines is being sent from Hawaii to make an end to their depredations. [↑] Still other Japs are said to be on still other islands of the ~~Palau~~ Palaus -- lingering vestiges of the millions of Jap troops that were spread so far over the ^{lands} of the Pacific. Some of them likely enough don't know the war is over, and think they are still fighting by the command of their Mikado.

CHINA

News from China headlines an event that creates the most profound impression out in that great Far Eastern land. (The Nationalists armies of of Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek have captured the city of Yen-an. That name Yen-an had come to symbolize Communist China -- the capital of the Chinese Reds.) In the current Civil War Yen-an has been a major objective for the anti-Communist armies -- the supreme objective, so far as propaganda is concerned.

The Chiang Kai Shek war bulletins tell of ^(violent) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ red resistance at Yen-an, ~~the victorious~~ nationalists killing ten-thousand, ~~and~~ capturing two-thousand ~~prisoners~~. However, the news men at Nanking are inclined to suspect exaggeration. There's reason to believe the Communists may have given up ^{their capital} ~~and were captured~~ without ^{any} fighting. ~~In fact, recent Red propaganda has been intimating that Yen-an would be abandoned -- in accordance with Chinese Red army plans ^{for} ~~of~~ ^{to} ~~counteract~~ ~~ambuscade~~.~~

There's no word about the top ranking Communist leaders, who had their headquarters at Yen-an. Presumably Mao Tse-Tung and Chou En-Lai have fled to some place of safety -- some new headquarters.

~~Of late, Chiang Kai Shek's forces have been making sweeping advances against the Communists in various places -- the Generalissimo preparing a policy of an all-out offensive against the Reds as the only way to end the China Civil War. Today's news tells of a nationalist victory at Chang-Chun and increasing success ~~at Shantung -- along~~ with the climax at Yen-an.~~

ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT

In a New York court today the most interesting business combination was disclosed -- two of the eminent citizens of this nation reported as engaged in a commercial venture. Who are they? One is Elliott Roosevelt, ~~xxxx~~ son of the late President. The other -- Charlie Chaplin, who made millions as the favorite clown of the movies, years ago. (Now what kind of business would such contrasting people as Elliott Roosevelt and Charlie Chaplin be cooking up? The answer, according to the court proceedings is -- Soviet movies. We are told the son of the late President and the one-time star of comic films plan to combine to ~~xxxx~~ distribute Soviet motion pictures in the U.S.)

We know, of course, that Elliott Roosevelt and his wife, movie actress Faye Emerson, were high in the favor of the Stalin people -- on a recent trip to Soviet Russia. They were shown abundant hospitality by the big-shot Comrades -- all that sumptuous ~~xxxx~~ wine-ing and dining for which ~~xxx~~ the

lords of the proletariat are famous. Charlie Chaplin, on his part, has hob-nobbed with Soviet leading lights over here, and has been attacked for alleged Communist sympathies. So in the combination of Elliott Roosevelt and Charlie Chaplin there might seem to be room for lots of interest in Moscow films. -- lots of Soviet, lots of movie.

In any case, in the New York court today a wife demanding ~~alimony~~ alimony declared that her husband was working on what she called -- "a deal with Elliott Roosevelt and Charlie Chaplin" - a deal for the distribution of Soviet motion pictures in the United States.

GEORGIA

(In Georgia the battle of the two Governors came to an end today, -- and Thalmadge is out, -- and Thompson in. -- The Georgia Supreme Court handed down its verdict, and decreed that the State Legislature had no right to elect Herman Thalmadge Governor. -- So therefore Lieutenant Governor ~~H. E.~~ Thomspon is the legal successor to the governorship.)

~~What is Thalmadge doing about it? All along he has been defiant, denying the right of the Courts to interfere with the decision of the Legislature. But today he accepted the Supreme Court decision in good grace. He~~

Talmadge
He immediately left the State Capital, the Governor's office, which he had seized with the aid of State soldiers. Making way for Thompson to take over, Thalmadge announced that he, himself, would run for Governor next year.

BOMB

One of the strangest of crime cases developed today at Santa Ana, California, with the arrest of a seventeen year old college co-ed and her twenty-one year old boy friend, on ~~murder~~ suspicion ~~in the~~ ^{of} murder ^{ing} ~~of~~ the girls parents. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overell, socially prominent in Los Angeles were killed on Sunday when their motor boat, a ~~five~~ fifty-foot power cruiser exploded and sank. It was thought to be an accident until the boat was raised and then dynamite ~~was~~ caps were found, indicating that a bomb had been set to blow up the parents of the girl who today was arrested -- together with her boy friend.

SEATTLE

Arriving in Seattle today, I started going through the newspapers of this great Gateway to the Pacific -- and kept my eye on local news. That's ~~one~~^{one} way you get the savor of ~~the~~^a place -- the neighborhood happenings, what's going on in town. I didn't have far to look for a striking story -- an explosive story, in fact, on the front page of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, was a seven column headline telling about a boiler blowing up -- and it turned out to be one of those always beguiling tales of ~~fr~~ freakish violence.

On Vashon Island here, ~~there's~~^{is} a nursery of plants and flowers, and there ~~is~~ a big boiler exploded, and the island was rocked as if by an atomic bomb. The boiler building, two stories of massive concrete, was utterly demolished. A quarter of a mile away a man standing in a doorway was knocked flat by the blast. At the same distance, the local constable was blown out of his bed. A husband, wife and children had a narrow escape

when a huge chunk of steel blew through the air, just missed their house and knocked down the garage. One piece of the boiler, a mass of steel weighing a thousand pounds was blown for seven hundred feet, like a huge projectile. Yet, in spite of all that violence of explosion, in a populated section, not one person was even injured -- a freakish, and a happy fact.

You ~~could~~ imagine what happened to the green houses at the nursery -- or can you? Large structures, all made of fragile glass and they simply disintegrated in a gale of flying spinters of glass. That is, two green houses did. But a third, nearby, was undamaged. With all the rending detonation of exploding boiler, and flying steel, the green house made of glass stood blythely unscathed, not a pane broken. Another example of the well known fact that explosions can do freakish things.

HEX

Last week we heard of a New York hypnotist who was going down to North Carolina to remove a curse, a hex, from a negro farm hand. The story was that the victim was fading away, wasting away, in danger of death -- because a local negro wizard had cast a spell on him. The theory of the hypnotist was that the deadly power of the wizard's curse was the power of suggestion -- which is also the psychological ~~influence~~ influence of hypnotism. So, ^{hypnotic} ~~hypnotic~~ suggestion could remove that other, that deadly suggestion, the power of the hex.

Well, today's news tells what happened. At Louisburg, North Carolina the ~~Mag~~ Negro farm hand, Steven Richardson, lay in his bed, today, -- still awaiting death, still sure ~~that~~ the wizard's curse would kill him -- the spell inflicted by the seventy year old witch doctor, Adam Alston, called "old man Adam". The Hypnotist, Marsh Babbitt, went to the bedside, and here's ~~hx~~ what happened, as related by the United Press news dispatch:-

Speaking to the negro farm hand, the Hypnotist said : "You know Old Man Adam can't hurt you any more. You know that the hex has been lifted. You're going to start eating, and be hungry. You don't think you are going to die."

The news dispatch goes on to state that witnesses beheld the farm hand in a hypnotic spell whereupon the hypnotist snapped his fingers, and the Negro opened his eyes, and broke into a laugh. "I'm hungry," he said and got out of bed, and added, "I'm sure glad to get rid of that hex!"

After which he had a hungry meal, and seemed to be okay.

And now back across the continent to our friend with the ~~pk~~ hypontic voice -- meaning, back to you, Nelson.

COAL

You can apply all the adjectives meaning "definite and positive" to a declaration by John L. Lewis -- calling off all intention to stage a coal strike on April first. In this the chief of the Mine union obeys the behest of the Supreme Court -- in its recent decision ~~is~~ upholding the conviction of Lewis and the Union for contempt of court. The contract, which ^{Lewis} ~~Lewis~~ tried to cancel expires on April first -- but the mines will still be under the control of the government. That being the case, the miners will not go on strike when the contract expires. -- According to the Lewis declaration today they will stay on the job until at least November fifteenth, -- when the government is scheduled to turn back ~~is~~ the mines to the owners, restoring private operation.

reparations figure of twenty billion dollars, the Soviets to get half. ^R In the text it is stated that the British, as represented by Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, refused to give ^{their} ~~his~~ okay to any figures. So, as the text declares, the figures were recommended by Roosevelt and Stalin alone -- minus Churchill. ^{TP} The argument about the ten billions to the Soviets went on to something unexpected -- a laugh.

