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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

~~X~~ In the Security Council of United Nations, Poland and Russia did not even get to first base^{today} with their demand for a breach of diplomatic relations with Franco Spain. Sir Alexander Cadogan, ~~the~~ head of the British delegation, put the case against them in a nutshell. In substance, it is what our own former Ambassador Hugh Gibson has been saying for years - that it is idiotic to show your resentment of another country's government by removing your envoys. That, says Gibson, is just the time when you need them most, to report ~~on~~ what's going on.

Well, Sir Alexander Cadogan followed that line *in the present issue* ~~about Spain~~ Poland and Russia want the United Nations to recall its diplomatic missions, as a token of our dislike of the presence of Nazi intriguers in Spain.

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Such a step, said Cadogan, would leave the field free to the Germans in Spain and we ^{would} ~~should~~ have no check on them. As it is, something is being done to uproot German influence, being done at the instance of our diplomatic missions who are watching the Franco government closely.

[Cadogan interjected a sarcastic remark ^{Concerning} ~~In~~

the matter of German assets in Spain. The Spanish government, said he, so far has been more cooperative and compares favorably with the attitude of other governments. Not mentioning any names, he intimated that anybody whom the cap fitted might put it on.

✓ After Cadogan finished, the Netherlands, Brazil, China, threw in with the British and Americans, and that made five nations opposed to the Polish suggestion. In short, it is out of the window.

At midnight tonight the United Nations Organization that has been frantically trying to solve its housing problems in the Greater New York area will inherit a comparatively new building on the shore of Lake Lemman at Geneva, Switzerland. This is the magnificent palace of the League of Nations, erected at a cost of fifteen million dollars. A considerable part of this sum was donated by Americans, even though the United States, whose President, Woodrow Wilson engineered the League into existence, consistently remained the only great power to refuse membership.

The reason for the timing as regards this inheritance is that As the clock strikes twelve tonight the League of Nations dies.

Born on January First, Nineteen Twenty, when the Treaty of Versailles became effective, the ^{League} struggle for twenty-six years, three months and eight days in futile efforts to remove the roots of war. The final

ceremony officially announcing the approaching death knell took place today in ^{the} ~~the~~ great Assembly Hall - decorated with the famous black and gold murals of the Spanish painter Sert depicting the victory of the peoples of the world over war -- a complete victory that possibly still may lie in the ~~xx~~ indefinite future.

Few mourners were present -- less than five hundred persons ^{filling} ~~that filled~~ only a quarter of the space. And there were no flowers. League veterans, notably the eighty-one year old Viscount Cecil of Britain and ^{Paul} Henri ^A Boncour of France, showed no emotion, as the great project to which they had given a great part of their public lives came to an end.

Delegates attending from thirty-five of the forty-four nations that still held League membership filed ^{out} ~~by~~ silently. The only opinion that was voiced, was that the United Nations must now take up the torch that has fallen from the dying hand. Flags of tribute ~~were flying for the last time~~ on the Quai Wilson named after the American President.

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RETAKE

A skeleton staff of two hundred will remain at Geneva until the end of the year, to liquidate the eleven million, seven hundred thousand dollars worth of assets that remain, and arrange the transfers of the buildings and technical services to the United Nations. Just what the new organization will do with its palace in Switzerland now that it has just accepted a three-years' lease of the Sperry-Gyroscope plant at Lake Success is not yet decided. Meanwhile the folks out in Nassau County say that seven thousand people will be thrown out of jobs.

Among the legacies left ^{by} the League, one might find suitable warning signals for the benefit of the United Nations. In avoiding the mistakes of the League, the United Nations delegates might do well to lay aside the rose-tinted spectacles that led those former seekers-after-peace into a lotus-land of ~~delusion~~ ^{delusion} on the shores of Lake Lemman.

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It never did. In many ways it was an alluring picture ^{but} ~~and~~ it was painted on the rotten canvas of self interest. The League argued, muddled and evaded for ^{over} ~~nearly~~ two decades. And in the welding of peace | the major purpose of its existence, | it accomplished exactly nothing.

TRIAL

R Hans Frank, who became internationally infamous as the Nazi Governor General of Poland, confessed today that he felt terribly guilty over six and a half million Poles who died while he was Governor General. He told the international court at Nuremberg that he is willing to bear responsibility.

But don't be fooled by such an admission. It's just what the other top Nazis have done, ^{starting} ~~beginning~~ with fat Hermann Goering. They begin by admitting everything, then deny each charge point by point. Frank says that his feeling of guilt has come over him in the five months during which he has sat in court listening to the testimony of others. Then he explained: ^{Part 6} ~~The~~ reason I say Yes, is because I cannot before my conscience allow that the responsibility for what happened should be handed over to these small people." And he added:

"I myself never ordered the establishment of concentration camps. But if Adolf Hitler personally

turned over that dreadful responsibility to his people,
then it must be mine too."

His ~~fixi~~ lawyer asked him several questions.

"Did you establish a ghetto?"

"Yes."

"Did you introduce the marking of Jews?"

"Yes."

"Did you introduce forced labor?"

"Yes."

Then ^{Frank} ~~he~~ said he was deeply touched when two bishops
were shot in Poland.

BASEBALL

The tycoons of baseball are about to have 1 for union trouble. For the last three months, an organizer has been quietly at work enrolling members in the American Baseball Guild. The club owners are not in ignorance of this, because some of them have been charged with having violated the Wagner Act. and intimidating their players. It is illegal for any employer to intimidate his employees or even to discuss the joining of the union, with him. But it is not illegal for goons to club employees into joining the union or even for them to intimidate the wives and children of employees - that is not against the law.

The organizer of the American Baseball Guild is Robert Murphy, a Harvard man who for three years was an examiner for the National Labor Relations Board in New York. Reporters asked him which players had joined up. He refused to say, explaining: ^{quite} "You know where

they'd land if I gave them away - in Peoria in about three hours." | But he did say that the Guild has a substantial membership in more than half of the big league clubs. He has also received scattered, unsolicited inquiries from men in the minor league teams. The membership is divided fifty-fifty between the National and the American Leagues. Several who have already joined are high salaried stars.

LABOR

President Truman's Fact-Finding Board has recommended a raise of sixteen cents an hour for the operating employees of the railroads, of the Brotherhoods of Railroad Trainmen and Engineers.

Union officials are ^{not} ~~uns~~satisfied. They say that recommendation is far short of what the unions want. There will be a meeting of labor and representatives of the railroads in Cleveland April Twenty-Fifth, to take a vote.

And in Washington the soft coal mine operators walked out on negotiations with John L. Lewis. They left Washington and indicated pretty clearly that they won't come back until Lewis is ready to drop his demand for a royalty on every ton of coal. This, the mine owners declare, just doesn't make sense.

TRUMAN

President Truman is going to have his first real vacation since he took office, ^{and} ~~since he~~ assumed the toughest job in the world. It won't be a very long one, just five days. He is going cruising with the Navy, beginning Sunday, and watch the maneuvers of the Navy aircraft carrier task force. Mr. Truman will be aboard one of Uncle Sam's latest capital ships, the brand new carrier U.S.S. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT. The task force will be somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean. The commander of the ~~task~~ force will be the celebrated Vice Admiral Mark Mitscher, about whom we heard so much while he was head of Task Force Fifty-Eight, in the war with Japan.

PLANE

★ When you're out motoroing, you meet plenty of road
hogs, more every week. But until today there ^{has been} ~~was~~ no
record of one of these dangerous pests in the air. (An
Eastern Airlines plane narrowly escaped crashing and
killing twenty-five people today, because of an
unidentified ruffian' flying another plane, a plane of
military type. Twenty-one passengers and a crew of three
owe their lives to the great skill and fast reflexes of
the pilot of that Eastern Airliner, Captain Joe Kelly.

The airliner was flying through a faint haze
between Philadelphia and Bristol, Pennsylvania. Suddenly,
this military plane appeared only three hundred yards
away, flying directly towards the airliner. The pilot of
the military plane was going about two hundred and twenty
miles an hour, the airliner ~~xxxxxxx~~ xxxxxxx cruising at a
hundred and eighty. If they had crashed, it would have
been at the speed of four hundred miles an hour. Kelly,

like a flash, threw his transport into a sharp dive.

The military plane swooped over and disappeared. ~~XXXX~~

The Army showed a clean bill of health on this episode. There are no Army Air Force planes in that area at all. The Navy has two large fields in the neighborhood. Their commanders have been questioning all their pilots since eleven o'clock this morning. But no Navy pilot was guilty.

Pilot Joe Kelly identified the plane that tried to attack him as an F6F Navy fighter.

Police in Philadelphia saw an unidentified pilot skimming around the statue of William Penn on top of Philadelphia City Hall Monday morning. Out in Missouri, an ex-Army pilot ~~XXXX~~ escaped from the custody of the Jefferson City police early yesterday. He made his get-away in a plane that he stole from the airport at Columbia, Missouri.

PRICE CONTROL

The administration today steam-rollered the Price Control Bill through the House. It's not the bill the Administration wanted, and Chester Bowles is frothing at the mouth. One of his spokesmen hinted that President Truman would veto it. So there'll be a hard fight in the Senate. Bowles declared that in its present form it will send the nation on a joy-ride to disaster. He said it would seventy dollars onto the food bill of every family.

But he ^{said,} ~~added that~~ he has no intention of quitting his job. Do' they ever quit a government job?

In the argument over this issue, nobody seems to have brought up the fact that price control never has succeeded in more than sixteen hundred years. The first time it was tried on a large scale, at least the first time of which we have any definite record, was by the Roman Emperor Diocletian, in the Year Three Hundred and One. The punishment ~~then~~ for violating ^{his} ~~that~~ famous edict, was death. Even so, it was a complete failure, and soon

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fell into abeyance. ^{mm}
A Bowles has argued that the O.P.A. had not the manpower to enforce its rulings literally. In the time of Diocletian, the Roman civil service was so large that it was said to be almost equal to the rest of the population. Wherever it has been tried, price control has had just one effect, to create a black market. The only field in which it is successful is in rent control, since it is pretty difficult to have a black market in houses and apartments.

Here's one of those "what's-in-a-name" stories.

Does a bottle of Canadian ale have to be bottled in Canada? William A. Ayres, Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, thinks it should. But a majority of his fellow Commissioners outvoted him. The result is that that august body hands down a ruling, a three-to-two decision, that any brewer in the United States can call his product Canadian, so long as the label says that it was brewed in the U.S.A.

Commissioner Lowell D. Mason, who wrote the majority opinion, writes quite philosophically. He said: "It's hard to tell exactly what this label does to me. It depends on what o'clock it is, whether I am hungry, thirsty, sleepy, cross or happy."

✓ Chairman Ayres of ~~the~~ the Commission says the issue is not what o'clock it is or how happy his colleague Commissioner Mason is. The issue is more important even

than the label on the beer bottle. (The Federal Trade Commission is a business man's court, and honest business men would like to know how far their competitors can go in misrepresenting their products. For instance, is it legitimate to put the word "Scotch" on whiskey distilled in the U.S.A; "British" on shoes made in St. Louis or Massachusetts; "Sheffield" on silver made here, and so forth, and so on. ~~XX~~

And now, speaking for
Lowell Thomas, So Long
Until Tomorrow.