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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(In London tonight a resolution was introduced in the House of Commons calling for immediate action towards forming a constitutional federation of the nations of Western Europe -)
to save democracy.

The resolution backed by members of every party represented in Parliament, except the Communists, is openly ~~referred~~ referred to as the "proposal for the United States of Europe" its supporters calling for the immediate establishment of a council of western Europe composed of the sixteen Marshall Plan nations, and western Germany. This council to be in continual session.

Already, the original resolution which carries the signatures of seventy-one members of Parliament - has been translated into fifteen languages and sent to the parliamentary bodies of fifteen other nations.

A spokesman in London says that the labor government was caught ~~xxx~~ completely unawares by the presentation of the resolution. ~~xxxxxxx~~ The seventy-one signatures were obtained after only one day of canvassing. The whole thing a surprise move.

Tomorrow say the supporters of the resolution. The number of signatures will probably be doubled -- members of Parliament being almost universally enthusiastic for such action -- all ready to go ahead and frame a constitution for - "A United States of Europe".

British parliamentarians, regardless of party and political allegiance today taking unprecedented action towards European federation. The first real parliamentary effort to bring about that century old dream. Will it work? And will it mean the downfall of Britain's Socialist government? The mother of parliaments has ~~xx~~ never been called upon to consider a proposal of such portent - comparable perhaps to the laying of the foundation stone of a new era in the history of Europe.

RETAKE

WESTERN UNION

(The treaty ~~is~~ for a western union was completed today - the pact for an alliance of European democracies to halt the march of Communism. It's to be signed next week -- a fifty year agreement between Great Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Binding these countries to throw all their military power into the battle, if any one is attacked. ~~This is a~~
a collaboration of European countries without precedent, ~~a western union~~
~~union~~

Italy will be invited to join after the all-important election in April unless the Communists win out. *Moscow is*
declaring

saying
that today's treaty is not legal and has no authority, because the people of the nations making the treaty were not consulted.

When Moscow says "people" it means - Communists. Moscow blames the ~~whole~~ whole thing on that good old Soviet scare-crow -- American imperialism.

TURKEY

It ~~was~~ rumored in London that Soviet Russia has made a proposal to Turkey. What kind of proposal? Why, a treaty - along the lines of the treaty that Stalin proposed in a personal message to the President of Finland, which, of course, recalls the treaty between the Soviets and Czechoslovakia - that prelude to the Red seizure of Czechoslovakia. A Moscow treaty has a way of meaning Soviet ^{satellite -} ~~satellite~~ -- something that would produce a world upheaval if applied to Turkey. The London dispatch adds that Turkey, having received the invitation, ~~to the treaty~~ has decided to resist any threat made by the Soviets.

NORWAY

(to follow Turkey)

And according to a C.B.S. report from London tonight,

Russia is looking west -- at Norway. High British officials,

reporting that Soviet ^{Russia will} ~~will soon~~ ask Norway ~~the land of the~~

~~Swedes~~ to discuss a military treaty with Russia. This ^{report}

^{is} ~~information~~ based on recent ^{conversations} ~~talks~~ between the Norwegian defense

Minister and the British War Office.

At the Security Council of the United Nations today a demand was made for U N action against Soviet Russia. Moscow charged with fomenting the Communist Red seizure of Czechoslovakia. The motion was entered by the Republic of Chile. ^{AP} ~~the~~ One thing is certain;- the ~~an~~ Chilean resolution will bring about a public debate in the Security Council on the subject of the Soviets and the Communist ~~gaspita~~ coup in Czechoslovakia.

PALESTINE

All day today, at the United Nations, the rumor went round that America was reversing its stand on Palestine. ~~Maxim~~ Uncle Sam withdrawing support for the U.N. Plan for partition and establishment of a Jewish State. The charge was made openly by Russian delegate Gromyko ~~ma~~ after the big power consultations with representatives of the Jewish agency. Gromyko attended that consultation but took no part.

The rumor gained ground because of the American insistence that the United Nations should consult once ~~gain~~ again with both Jews and Arabs in the hope of reaching some compromise agreement.

Then the rumor mongers seized on the American attempt to persuade the British to delay their withdrawal from Palestine. Every-one running round in the corridors whispering how ominous that looked. "Gromyko must be right" they said.

Well, American delegate Warren Austin, late today took strong issue with the talk that the United Nations has abandoned ~~pariki~~ partition. This country, he says emphatically, has been pushing for eleventh hour consultation with Jews and Arabs - with "a strict view" towards partition. "No truth whatever

in the Soviet statement,¹ he added.

And finally after a three hour meeting between the United States, France and China in the offices of the French delegation in Manhattan -- where Gromyko sat in and listened, -- refusing to speak - it was announced that ~~xxx~~ representatives of the Arab higher committee have been invited to attend the next session, ~~of big power delegates, on~~ Monday morning. This after representatives of the Jewish agency told today's meeting that partition of the Holy Land ~~was~~^{is} "the irreducible minimum" for the Jews.

Meanwhile, the news ^{that} is the British will not alter their schedule. They are pulling out of Palestine on May Fifteen.

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the British General calls - "immoral and unchristian". He states that a powerful U N Police Force is needed to suppress not only Arab but also Jewish extremists. Both sides are eager for the British to evacuate - "so they can slaughter each other" says the British General.

To which he adds the following powerful ~~xxx~~ statement:

~~xxxx~~ "The world has almost no conception," says he, "of how much blood will be shed here when we're gone. The ~~xxx~~ only way this bloodshed can be avoided," he adds, "is to have an armed police force, big enough to disarm both Jews and Arabs."

Meanwhile, the fighting goes on in that ancient bible land. Today the Jewish militia ^{— the men of —} Haganah beat off an Arab raid against a Jewish settlement north of Jerusalem -- in the hills of Samaria, whence came the Good Samaritan. ^{And —} Another clash between Haganah and the Arabs ~~was~~ over toward the Dead Sea -- in the Desert of Sodom, where the ^{real} biblical cities of iniquity stood, Sodom and Gomorah. There the battle went on for hours today.

MacARTHUR

In Tokyo today, the (G I officials of the Army newspaper Stars and Stripes and of a radio station run by soldiers, heard from MacArthur headquarters.) What was the trouble? Well, the G I newspaper and radio officials printed and broadcast news accounts about those organizations of veterans-against-MacArthur. We've been hearing about Ex-G I's rallying against the MacArthur boom for the presidency -- and, surely, there was no more interesting place to break the news than Tokyo. ^{TP} At the same time, both Stars and Stripes and the G I ~~radio~~ radio told of the formation in the United States of groups of Veterans-For-MacArthur.

(Today they were informed by public relations officer Colonel Echols that stories from the United States about "Veterans-Against-MacArthur" - should not be published or broadcast in Japan.) Colonel Echols explained that such items were not "straight news". And might be considered controversial. Stars and Stripes and the G I radio station in Japan are not supposed to present anything controversial - which would seem to put a ban on stories about Veterans-Against-MacArthur. The public relations officer ^{the} at headquarters of the supreme commander did ~~it~~ ^{not} say anything about news concerning - "Veterans-For-MacArthur."

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Would that also be controversial? It would take a
wiser head than mine to answer that.

MEYERS

(General Bennett Meyers was found guilty today, in Washington, a federal grand jury convicted him on three counts of subornation of perjury. That is, on the charge of having arranged for a false story to be told, under oath, by the self-styled former ~~dummy~~ President of ~~an~~ ^{the} aircraft equipment ~~company~~ company, which General Meyers is said to have owned under cover.)

The three counts of subornation of ~~is~~ perjury carry a maximum penalty of thirty years in prison -- in addition to which Meyers still faces the charge of having ^(committed) ~~committed~~ perjury himself, before that Senate inquiry in Washington.

(The former high official of Air-Force-procurement-during-the-war, took the verdict today with unflinching stocism) -- calm and unmoved, as the jury pronounced him guilty.

ART

At Los Angeles today, an accusation was made, a charge was hurled. There's a conspiracy - there's a plot. This time it's not a red conspiracy - although there's a good deal of red in it. Because this has to do with art, and you know how much red ~~can~~ there can be in a painting. The blast is against modern art, surrealist painting - denounced as a plot to destroy civilization. How? By getting us so completely bamboozled that ~~next~~ we won't know what is real and what is a goofy dream. We'll get so used to the cockeyed way ~~these~~ modern artists picture things, that we'll think - that's the way things are.

All this emanates from an artist - T. H. Robsjohn-Gibbings, [^]which sounds like a surrealist name. He puts it in these words: "People will begin to doubt the reality of actual life if they see enough surrealist paintings ~~in~~ of faces with three eyes and legs in the head." Yes, the portraits made of green triangles and a banquet with shoes in the soup plate.

That's what we're in danger of mistaking for reality, in which case the real world would begin to look like a dream. You see somebody with only a single nose or anything that looks like something and you think you're having a nightmare.

It sounds alarming, and all the more so when T. H.

Robsjohn Gibbings tells us of a recent masterpiece painted by
a surrealist artist. The Cubist Marcel Duchamp ~~as~~ painted Mona Lisa
with a mustache. Which would seem to be the surrealist new look.

~~ladders with old fashioned handle bar soap strainers~~

KINDNESS

Tonight we have ~~several~~ ^{two} stories on a theme that is often under-estimated by cynics - ^{the} a quality of kindness, the downright decency of plain human beings.

One comes from Byron, New York, where today they distributed the money accumulated from - The Lord's Acre. Last year a group of good people in Genesee County decided on some agriculture to help fellow humans brings in distress. They ~~called~~ called it - the Lord's Acre. In the spring they raised a crop of peas. Later, in the summer, they grew a crop of corn. Then, in the autumn, they held an acution. Now, they have put together all the money derived from the Lord's Acre project, a total of seven thousand, six hundred and sixteen dollars -- and this today was divided among charitable agencies of all faiths. Checks sent out - from The Lord's Acre.

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In Washington D.C. Richard Dawson today gave an explanation of the surprising thing that has happened to him. He had to think way back into the past, and think hard - it is all so unexpected.

He's a sixty three year old handyman, who works at

the Providence Hospital in Washington. He gets a hundred and fifty dollars a month, hardly enough to make ends meet. His wife sustained a fall, a fractured leg - the injury so bad she's been in the hospital twice. Bills were piling up - and how could they be paid? Then, yesterday, the news came - an inheritance, two-hundred-thousand dollars in cash and two-hundred-and-fifty acres of valuable farmland in Texas. This rich estate has been left to the hospital handyman by a wealthy Texan whom he hadn't seen for thirteen years - the whole thing an utter surprise.

Thirteen years ago, Dawson was an orderly at the Union Memorial hospital in Baltimore, and one of the patients there was Boun Switz of ^{Delaware,} ~~Baltimore~~ Texas. Dawson is a kindly individual, friendly, goodnatured, As hospital orderly, he had an unfailing patience, sympathy, solicitude - especially so with the Texan who was ill for a long time. After which years elapsed - and then during the war, the Texan lost his two sons, and his wife died. All his family gone - and, to whom should he leave ^(his) ~~(his)~~ property? He remembered the kindness of the hospital orderly years ago, and now has left him his entire estate.

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From Indianapolis we hear of the arrival of Jack Cochrane and his wife and two young children. The family is travelling, making a long trip, and the wonder is how they've managed to get so far. Today Jack Cochrane gave the explanation - "it's only because of so much kindness in the world."

Their home was in Sault Ste. Marie, way up in Northern Michigan, where Jack was employed as a cannery worker. Recently, their house burned down, and they lost all their belongings - nothing left. Completely destitute they decided to leave Michigan and go to West Virginia, where Cochrane has relatives. They started out with a total capital of twenty-five cents - husband, wife, a ten year old boy and a four year old girl. They hitch-hiked.

The journey began with the Michigan State Police giving them rides to South Bend, Indiana - with food and shelter on the way. At South Bend, Sheriff Claude Hauser took over, and drove the family as far as Rochester, Indiana. At Rochester, the Sheriff of ~~Ramitan~~ Fulton County, Lawrence Norris, took them into his home, and entertained them with a big dinner yesterday. Then the Fulton County Red Cross gave them bus fare to

Indianapolis, where they arrived today. They've made more than two thirds of the long trip, because of the sheer goodness of people.-- Today Jack Cochrane said: "I didn't know there was so much kindness in the world."

And that Nelson should be a good note on which to sign off for the weekend.