

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

You might describe the Nazis tonight as having an acute attack of ~~political~~ indigestion, indigestion that spreads over an entire continent. Hitler's men seem to be astonished and aggrieved to find that they're not being held in what you might call "esteem and affection" by the people of the countries ~~they've~~ ^{that they have} overrun, conquered, and virtually imprisoned. They ~~are~~ ^{are} retorting with violence and iron regulations. Oslo, capital of Norway, is hemmed in by a strong concentration of German troops. Anybody trying to enter the city without a special permit is promptly laid by the heels and clapped into prison. It's martial law and the death sentence for any Norwegian ~~opening~~ ^{openly} showing his hatred for his conquerors. The Nazis declare it's a Communist plot. Actually, the workers at the factories just walked out yesterday, said they weren't coming back.

The slightest punishment for disobeying the Nazi

regulations will be ten years at hard labor. Joseph Terboven, who rules Norway for Hitler, has warned the helpless Norwegians that any vestige of resistance to collaboration in the European new order will be smashed by force of arms. Gauleiter Terboven proclaimed a state of emergency, which brings martial law, ~~A~~ state of emergency until further notice. Strikes are forbidden, public meetings, even casual gatherings in the streets. From seven o'clock to four in the morning all Norwegians must stay *at home*. ~~in their own houses~~. All theatres closed, all picture houses. No traffic in the streets after six thirty in the evening, restaurants closed at six, no alcohol served, no dancing. That part of the order seems a trifle ironic. One can hardly imagine the people of Norway wanting to dance these days.

A couple of days ago, we heard what was happening in France. But in addition to that I've some private information that is ~~mighty~~ interesting. For obvious reasons I can't tell the source, ~~of it~~. But, ~~I can say that~~ impartial observers who have been traveling in the Occupied Zone come back with the picture ~~that~~ *of a vast* ~~there has been an enormous~~ change in the attitude of the French

people. My information is that collaboration with Nazi rule is

a complete flop. (The French are not expressing themselves as

desperately as the Norwegians, but their smoldering hatred for

the Nazis is growing. The pro-Nazi fulminations of the Parisian

newspapers, bought by Nazi money, are like the crackling of thorns

under a pot. No real Frenchman has any use for them.

WAR

~~The positive war news comes from Moscow tonight.~~ Nazi

forces retreating pell mell on the central front; Hitler's legions along the line from Gomel to Smolensk ~~are~~ on the run from the

That's the Russian story as of today.
Red armies of Marshal Timoshenko; There were two separate and

distinct battles, the Reds pushing behind an advance guard of heavy tanks. ~~They~~ ^{ing} smashed ^{lines,} the Nazis; ^{ing} destroyed five hundred and thirty-eight of their tanks, and inflicted ^{ing} casualties ^{estimated} ~~guessed~~ at

more than eighty thousand. The Soviet bulletins mention entire

Nazi divisions and regiments wiped out. They picture the German

armies as pushed back over the River N, presumably the Dnieper.

The Russians are still driving, they say, and the Nazis on that central front have made try after try to get back the initiative,

^{have}
but failed.
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Further south, Odessa is now entering on the second month of siege. And they claim that its defenders are today even more confident of being able to hold out. During the first month

it, they claim to have
of ~~that siege, they~~ wiped out one-half of the entire Rumanian

army. The forces defending the place called the pearl of the

Black Sea, include not only Red army battalions, but marines and

popular guards. A telegram from Odessa to Moscow reports that ~~neither~~ neither the bombing nor the artillery fire against civilian quarters has daunted the spirit ~~or preparedness~~ of the people of Odessa.

As for Leningrad, Moscow says that from one sector alone the Germans were driven back, ^{without gaining a yard,} leaving tens of thousands of dead under the ~~the~~ deafening roar of artillery fire. The siege of Leningrad begins to recall the famous beleaguering of Verdun in the last war. ^{With} ~~Certainly~~ the casualties ^{perhaps just} ~~are~~ as terrifying, ~~and~~ ~~awful even to imagine.~~

From the Nazi side, [?] ~~we get~~ nothing definite. **Just**

~~Generalizations:~~ The high command for instance announces that German armies are engaged in continuous and successful attacks. Radio Berlin ^S ~~claimed~~ that Stalin's air force had been so badly ^h crippled that any action by Russian planes ^{is now} ~~was~~ out of the question. Everything else from Berlin is vague and unconvincing, though the silence of the high command often has preceded factual announcements of spectacular importance.

TAYLOR FOLLOW ROOSEVELT

A prime source of curiosity today was the Vatican;
~~the Vatican~~ and the visit there of Myron S. Taylor, President
Roosevelt's personal representative. Taylor went to the palace
of the Holy See in full pomp and ceremony. He was clad in
full evening dress, though it was broad daylight, and as he
walked up the steps the Swiss Guard in their picturesque
medieval uniforms gave him a salute. ^{and illustrious} ~~A~~ dignified monsignori
then greeted the President's personal envoy and took him up
to the private library of the Pontiff on the second floor.

Pope Pius, arrayed in gleaming white robes and the
white Pontifical skull cap ~~the~~ with ^a the golden Crucifix around
his neck, ^{gave Myron} ~~then gave~~ Taylor an audience lasting more than an hour.
The conversation was in English, which the Pope speaks fluently,
~~among several other languages.~~ Before his visit to the Vatican,
^{Myron} Taylor had had a long conference with Cardinal Maglione, the Papal
Secretary of State, ^{who} ~~His Eminence~~ had cut short a vacation in his
home town at Kastoria. ~~especially to see Taylor.~~ ^{for this,}

As the President's envoy came out of the Vatican, he
~~later~~ told reporters that he had delivered a message to the Pope.

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The ostensible explanation was that this was part of President Roosevelt's plan to maintain contact with the heads of American civilization and Catholic civilization during these critical times. He then added that he would have another conference with the Papal Secretary of State tomorrow and a second audience with the Pontiff next week, after which he will return to the United States.

A grapevine report from Vatican City has it that ^{Myron} Taylor had talked to the Pope about certain phases of ^e ~~that~~ broadcast that President Roosevelt will deliver tomorrow.

ROOSEVELT

Mr. Roosevelt had intended to speak for only fifteen minutes over the air tomorrow evening. But today he announced that he will stretch the time to twenty-five minutes. An indication of the importance of the announcement for which we and some other parts of the world are waiting.

The President left Hyde Park this morning aboard a special train for Washington. At New York he was joined by Lend-Lease Administrator Hopkins and Justice Rosenman, who is at present referred to as his one-man brain trust. For tonight the President has called in Secretaries Hull, Stimson and Knox, the men he relies upon most heavily when he's going to make any proclamation on foreign relations.

A good deal of attention is being given to Secretary Hull's announcement that from now on Americans who want to get home from belligerent countries don't have to travel on American ships. The restriction has been lifted. They can travel on British vessels or any kind that will give them passage.

LEND-LEASE

The Government of Great Britain has made formal and official answer to the accusation that lend-lease goods from America are being exported to other countries in competition against American commerce. The answer comes in the shape of a memorandum from British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. All materials received in Britain under the lend-lease act are required only for the prosecution of the war effort. His Majesty's Government has taken and continues to take action to *see to it* ~~secure~~ that these goods are not in any case diverted to the furtherance of private interests. *That's the British reply.*

Eden says further that lend-lease material sent to Britain has not been used for export, and every effort will be made in the future to insure that they are not used for export. Then he continues to say that His Majesty's Government have not applied and will not apply any materials in such a way as to enable their exporters to enter new markets or to extend their export trade at the expense of ^{*American*} ~~the United States~~ exporters.

Eden then goes on to set forth that the British Government has been restricting British exports anyway. They've been confined

But this memorandum did not satisfy the isolationists in the Senate. Senator Nye ~~fn~~ of North Dakota said he'd much prefer to have a denial from another source than Anthony Eden. There have been too many reports about those charges for a denial by Eden to satisfy him. On the other hand, Congressman Woodrum of Virginia, the temporary Speaker, said he was glad to have that memorandum from Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, said it clarified the situation. Although, he added, few Congressmen in the House ever had believed the charges.

MOVIES

The show of the week in Washington is that investigation of the movies. It has become another battle ground for Isolationists and Interventionists. They had it hot and heavy this afternoon with Republican Candidate Wendell Willkie as the head and forefront of the Interventionists. For the Isolationists the center of the stage was taken by Democratic Senator Bennett Champ Clarke of Missouri. ^{who} ~~He~~ appeared not as a Senator but as a witness, ^{and} insisted on being sworn. ^{sen. Clarke} ~~He~~ was in a passionate mood ~~when~~ as he declared that a handful, a small ^{clique} ~~click~~ of men in Hollywood have transformed seventeen thousand American theatres into seventeen thousand daily and nightly mass meeting^s for war. He charged the rulers of moviedom with having opened their houses to the idea of war, to the glorification of war, to the glorification of English Imperialism, to the creation of hatred for the people of Germany and now of France and even to the hatred of those in America ~~who~~ disagreed with them.

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The Missouri Senator then declared that the distribution of pictures was controlled by about five companies. Although anyone can make a film, ^{provided he} ~~and~~ can collect ^{the} ~~his~~ money ^{to produce it,} ~~for it,~~ he couldn't

get to first base without the consent of the huge companies because they control the theatres, said he.

The principal dissenting voice among the Senators came from McFarland of Arizona, who asked Senator Clarke what was the good of that investigation, what did he expect to come out of it? Clark then inferred that the question was irrelevant, since many facts of supreme importance had been developed as the result of previous investigations which began without any stated purpose. For instance, he cited the Federal Reserve Act.

That aroused Advocate Wendell Willkie. He leaned dramatically over the press table; "That makes this whole affair illegal, removes the last taint of legality from the proceedings," said he.

Wendell Willkie gave a side show fro the reporters in which he charged that the investigation was entirely in the hands of the Isolationst Group in the Senate and was an attempt to sabotage the Foreign Policy of President Roosevelt and to stifle free speech.

WILL

The will of the President's Mother has been made public.

We are not told how much the estate is, but everybody knows that it is considerable. The major share of it will go to Mr. Roosevelt himself. He gets the entire Hyde Park estate, some twelve hundred acres. He doesn't like it to be described as an estate, and calls it a farm. The President also gets nine-tenths of his mother's personal property - cash, securities, bank deposits.

The remaining one-tenth of the personal property, meaning money and securities, is divided into six equal portions, set up as trust funds for the First Lady and for the five Roosevelt children.

RAILROAD STRIKE

Fourteen railroad unions were all set to go on strike tomorrow evening at six o'clock. Those were the unions of non-operating workers. The brotherhoods, the men who actually operate the trains, were raring to go on the Fifteenth of September. But the President made a quick move and his action has postponed ^{it} ~~all~~ ~~the business~~ for sixty days. The solution hit upon by Mr. Roosevelt is the appointing of a board. ~~Yes,~~ ^{of} another board, five men, to investigate and make a report. It was just such an action that prevented a disastrous railroad strike three years ago. At that time the management wanted to hand the men a fifteen per cent cut. The President appointed a board, the board investigated, reported against it and its findings were approved. So there was no strike, no cut in the pay envelopes.

But one board has already been ~~at work~~ trying to settle this latest argument between the men and the management, the National Railway Mediation Board. It went to work on August Fourteenth, but couldn't do anything effective. The President ^{evidently hopes} ~~believes~~ that five men ^{will} ~~would~~ succeed where three failed. But what they decide will not have the force of law nor even of a presidential edict. What will settle that dispute will be public opinion.

LOUIS

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis is all set to be one of

Uncle Sam's doughboys. He ^{thinks} ~~said~~ he'll like the army, ^{So said the Brown} ~~said so today~~

^{Bomber today at} ~~in~~ his camp at Greenwood Lake where he is training for his fight

with Challenger Lou Nova, ^{the fellow with} ~~of~~ the cosmic punch. — ^{Joe will} maybe.

~~He'll~~ probably go off to another sort of camp, one of

Uncle's military camps, soon after his fight on September

Twenty-Ninth. ~~He~~ has Wife Marva to thank for being drafted. The

draft board at first put him in Class Three-A, because of kinsfolk

supposed to be dependent on him. But Mrs. ^{Joe's} ~~Louis's~~ suit for divorce

brought out ~~a lot of interesting~~ facts about Joe's income that

caused the Board to think again and put the Champion in group One-A.

And now all he has to do is ~~to~~ pass his physical examination. If a

heavyweight champion can't pass the army's physical examination,

that will be something.

BASEBALL

Now for the really big question of the day, the pennant in the National Baseball League. This morning the Dodgers were three full games ahead of the St. Louis Gas House Gang. Each of them had to play a double-header, St. Louis against the lowly Phillies, and the Dodgers against the Fighting Cubs. The first games of those double-headers make it look had for "Our Bums", as they're called in Brooklyn. The Gas House Gang took the Phillies three to two, while on the shore of Lake Michigan the Cubs nosed out the Dodgers five to four.

That's all we know so far, ^{is too} But even that ~~makes life~~ *much for some of us rooters,* ~~more exciting on the banks of the Mississippi and the Hudson.~~

Hugh, come on cheer

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a 1/4 us up!