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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

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A British expeditionary force has landed at Athens and also at Salonika. It has been rumored for some time that Sir Archibald Wavell had sent part of the Army of the Nile to help the Greeks against the threatened invasion by the Nazis. But all reports have been vague and unconfirmed. Today's report is not official. It is made in a dispatch from New York, copyrighted by the United Press. And the U.S. declares that it has ^{the} news from private sources. British army headquarters in London were asked to confirm or deny the story, But the United Press Bureau in London cabled back that it was unable to reply to those inquiries.

Nevertheless, the United Press received information from other authorities abroad that the expeditionary force detached from the Army of the Nile had left ~~the~~ Egypt last week. Presumably it sailed from the great naval base at Alexandria.

The story carries no details, we don't know how ^{large} ~~much~~ is either the contingent sent to Athens or that to Salonika. In Belgrade, the capital of Jugoslavia, it is rumored that there are altogether ten British divisions now in Greece, some hundred and eighty thousand soldiers.

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At the same time it was announced in London that Australian and New Zealand battalions which were originally sent to the British Isles, are now in the ^{Near} ~~Middle~~ East. That's official. There is no indication where ² ~~those~~ Anzacs ~~had been~~ landed. But the implication is that they are either part of the expeditionary forces in Greece or else were sent to the Army of the Nile to replace the divisions that had been sent to Athens and Salonika.

At any rate, we may expect to hear of engagements between the Nazis on the one hand and Greeks and British on the other quite soon. There are supposed to be two hundred thousand Germans on the Greek frontier.

ALBANIA

Some rather baffling information comes about the war in Albania. It comes from Yugoslavia. Italian motorized and mechanized units in great strength have been sent to Scutari in northern Albania. That's quite close to the frontier of Yugoslavia. The report continues that most of those troops were taken away from Durazzo in central Albania.

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All of which is quite puzzling. There seems to be no clear reason why the Italian general staff should detach forces from central Albania and send them up north to the neighborhood of the Yugoslav border. Nevertheless, reports are rife from the frontier that Fascist troops in large numbers have been arriving at Scutari all day. *And that may bring some interesting and exciting developments in Albania.*

KIEL

The British Air Ministry reports a dashing feat by British bombers tonight. They made a long flight, three hundred and sixty miles from their bases ~~and that's long for a bombing plane~~ and blasted the daylights out of Kiel, ~~That's~~ Hitler's great submarine base ^{at} ~~also~~ the Baltic end of the Kiel Canal. They also rained destructive fire on the docks at Bremerhaven and ^{on two} ~~two of the~~ big airports in northwestern Germany.

The daring attack upon Kiel was delivered because the British Admiralty had received information that it was the key point for the submarine blitzkrieg that Hitler has been promising for the Spring. This is not the first time the British have paid it a visit. ^{In fact it was} ~~but actually~~ the thirty-third raid ^{on Kiel.} ~~that has been made in~~ that district; ^{And judging by} ~~But according to~~ the reports of the Air Ministry, it was the most effective and destructive.

CHURCHILL

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There were cheers in the British House of Commons ^{this afternoon} as Prime Minister Winston Churchill spoke. He was talking about the British Aid Bill which President Roosevelt signed yesterday. Speaking in behalf of Britain, he offered the thanks of the country, in the name of all freedom-loving people. And he declared that with that bill the United States proclaimed a new Magna Charta by dedicating her overwhelming industrial and financial strength to insure the defeat of Naziism. "By virtue of that new Magna Charta," he continued, "the United States will make it possible for nations great and small, to live in security, tolerance and freedom and to erect a healthy and advancing civilization."

It was only a short statement, but almost every sentence was interrupted by prolonged cheering by the members of Parliament..

BRITISH AID

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And Congress today received President Roosevelt's request for seven billion dollars to carry out the Lend-Lease Bill. With it he sent a ~~short~~ letter of ^{about} ~~only~~ one thousand words, in which he announced that he had signed H.R. Seventeen Seventy-Six, ~~xxx~~ through which our country is determined to do its full part in creating here in this country an adequate arsenal of democracy.

Then the President used these words:- "It will be a bulwark of our own defense, it will be the source of the tools of defense for all the democracies who are fighting to preserve themselves against aggression."

This letter was addressed to Speaker Rayburn of the House of Representatives. Mr. Roosevelt said in conclusion that to accomplish these objectives he transmitted an estimate in the amount of seven billion dollars, and he strongly urged the immediate passing of that appropriation. The details of the estimate were set forth in a letter from Harold D. Smith, Director of the Budget. And here are some of those details: For aircraft and aeronautical material, including engines, two billion, fifty-four millions; for ordinance, supplies, materials, including armour and

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ammunition, one billion, three hundred and forty-three millions;
for tanks, armoured cars, automobiles, trucks, and so forth,
three hundred and sixty-two millions; for vessels, ships, boats and
other water craft, six hundred and twenty-nine millions.

Of the seven billions, seven hundred and fifty-two
millions will have to be spent on facilities and equipment to turn
them out. That includes buying land, erecting factories, and so forth.
Then there's another whopping item of one billion, three hundred and
fifty millions for agricultural, industrial and other commodities
and articles. That, we take it, means largely food.

(Aside):- Reporters learned from Congressmen that one of the
first parts of that program would be the food shipment, especially
concentrated foods like condensed and powdered milk, cheese, lard,
fats, ~~bacon~~. But, there ^{is} a string to that, a bottleneck:- where are
they going to get enough ships flying the British flag to carry that
food across the Atlantic?

This message was considered so important that the
House departed from its usual routine in handling it. The customary

procedure is to file requests like that with the Speaker.

But this letter from the President was read to the Representatives

by the Clerk of the House. *The committee on Ways and*

Means will get down to business at once.

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BERLIN FOLLOW BRITISH AID

Here's today's comment from Berlin on the Lend-Lease Bill. It's a loud Nazi chorus that Uncle Sam is trying to become the dictator of the world. Furthermore, the peculiar Nazi system of logic leads them to the conclusion that this aid to Britain has handed over the United States to the revolutionary movements that fill Europe. But they don't explain how. The Nazis have been claiming vociferously that their ideology and their conquests have saved Europe from revolutionary movements.

They also claim that this bill means the abandoning of the Monroe Doctrine, and the plunging of our country into world politics. The Nazi spokesman also repeated over and over again the threat made by Hitler, that none of our materials will reach the British anyway; because Nazi U-boats and bombers will take care of that, sink any ships carrying war materials to Britain. They add that the submarine blitzkrieg Hitler promised for the Spring hasn't even begun yet.

Then the Nazi spokesman went on to say that the final answer of the Axis to the passing of the Lend-Lease Bill will be heard after the Japanese Foreign Minister, Matsuoka, has arrived in Berlin.

ROME FOLLOW BERLIN

In Rome, Fascist spokesmen ~~went a little further.~~

~~They~~ declared that the Lend-Lease Bill would almost certainly

involve Uncle Sam in war. Top Fascists declare that the Axis is

determined not to sit tamely by while shipments of ~~ARMED~~ arms are

made to Britain and Greece. In ^{the} future, the Axis will make ^{still} ~~renewed~~

^{more resolute} efforts to sink every ship bound for Britain regardless of what

flag it flies. Mussolini's editor Virginio Gayda wrote that

Matsuoka's visit to Berlin is for the purpose of concerting methods

to achieve the aims of the Axis and the Japanese.

Gayda then made an analysis of the comparative power of Japan and the United States. The strength of Japan's armed forces he said is imposing, and the Japanese war fleet is the third in the world. Although it's inferior to that of the United States by three to five, it is really superior because of the strategic position it holds, meaning probably Indo-China and Siam.

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Still another Fascist newspaper declared that Matsuoka's visit to Berlin and Rome was directly concerned with the Lend-Lease Bill.

JAPAN

There was a big demonstration at the railway station in Tokyo today. A special guard of honor and police escort were on the job, Cabinet ministers, admirals, generals and other high government officials were there to give a send-off to Foreign Minister Matsuoka, ^{who} ~~He~~ left for Berlin, the first Japanese Foreign Minister to leave Japan since the days of the treaty between Russia and Japan at Portsmouth, ~~New~~ Hampshire, in Nineteen Six.

Before he left, the Foreign Office made public some more details of the treaty between Siam and Indo-China, the treaty dictated by Japan. The treaty is revealed as a crushing, ruthless ^{surrender} ~~agreement~~ for, among other things, French Indo-China promises to make no agreements of any sort that are not favorable to Japan;— Neither political, military nor economic. In other words, the Japanese obtain complete control over the foreign policy of the French government of Indo-China. Incidentally, Siam -- or rather Thailand as she prefers to be known today -- makes the same promise.

There were loud complaints about this at Saigon, capital of French Indo-China. French colonial officials made the charge that the Japanese cheated shamelessly.

BUS STRIKE

Mayor LaGuardia of New York the other day described the leaders of the Transport Workers Union as "bull-headed, obstinate and stupid." That was because they called the strike of omnibus workers, refusing mediation, and brought about the worst tie-up on New York transit facilities in fifteen years.

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The Dies Committee ~~today~~ *said.* declared that Mayor LaGuardia hadn't said half of what he might have. The leadership of the

Transport Workers Union is worse than bull-headed, obstinate and stupid, says the Dies Committee; it is Communist, definitely

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Communist. The Committee published a report quoting testimony that Michael J. Quill, the President of the Transport Workers Union, born in Ireland, is a Communist, ~~although he denied it a year ago.~~

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And the Committee added that Michael Quill's connections with various Communist controlled organizations have been numerous. It also declared that three other officials of the New York Transport Workers Union were Communists. *Including* ~~They include~~ the counsel for the Union, the President of the New York Local, and the Secretary-Treasurer.

The Dies Committee further intimated that the strike of New York bus workers *all* is part of a Communist conspiracy.

The report uses these words:- "The public of New York and the country as a whole may properly view the present strike as a preview of Communist tactics in an attempt to plunge the country into as much chaos as the Communist Party is able to produce."

And the report adds that the present strike fits into the pattern of Communist theory regarding trade unions and strikes, and ~~it~~ does not fit into any pattern of legitimate union action.

AIR CRASHES

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A former test pilot for Uncle Sam's Navy will investigate the recent aircraft casualties. This was announced today by Senator Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri who is Chairman of a special committee of ~~the~~ ^{those} Senate to look into ~~the~~ ^{the} airship disasters of the last seven months. Lieutenant Carl Harper of the United States Navy, Retired, has been appointed to the job. He was once chief engineer of the Naval Aircraft Factory and had more than two thousand hours' experience both as a pilot and a test pilot. He retired after he was injured while testing one of the Navy's dive bombers.

Fifty-five ^{lives} ~~flyers~~ have been lost in seven months and there are going to be two investigations, one by a Senate committee and another by a House Committee. The Senate committee will inquire particularly ^{into what} ~~what was the~~ cause ^{of} the crash last August in which Senator Lundeen of Minnesota and twenty-four other people were killed. The committee will also try to find out whether any government agency was ^{neglectful} ~~influential~~ in administering air safety regulations and whether safety regulations and air safety devices are adequate. (The senators will also inquire into the rumor that

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LOUISIANA

When the late Huey Long was Dictator of Louisiana, you may recall, his regime was in many respects as complete as Hitler's in Germany. For instance, he had seven undergraduate students expelled from Louisiana State University because they criticized him. The undergraduate newspaper was one of Huey's pet diversions, and he ran it with a strong hand. But seven of the young men in the University School of Journalism didn't care for ~~Huey's~~ Huey's ideas, and he had them fired.

58 1/2 It didn't hurt their careers ^{at all,} ~~much,~~ for five of them subsequently graduated from the University of Missouri; one of them is on the staff of the NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE, one of them got a job with the United Press in South America, and all the others are doing quite well except one who suffered from illness.

All this becomes news because the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University today made atonement for that dictatorial act of Huey Long's. They apologized to the seven undergraduates and offered them the right to enroll in the University

59 once more with full credit for any college work done elsewhere. It's a bit late, but at any rate, "all ^{'s} ~~is~~ well that ends well."

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well that ends well" because we end with a remark