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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Washington announces that we are to meet with the other Atlantic powers late this week. To decide how far this country can go in guaranteeing western Europe against aggression. These talks, we hear, may result in a North Atlantic Security Pact. Such a pact to involve us so we will give Western Europe all possible help -- short of armed intervention -- in case of military invasion.

Canada, France, and the Benelux nations already have their fifty year military pact. Each to help the others if any one of the five is attacked. They want us in on the deal. But, we cannot commit ourselves to military in that way. With us only Congress can declare war. So we are expected to go as far with the Atlantic powers as possible -- anything short of sending troops.

U.N.

In Paris today, the United Nations General Assembly voted to adjourn next Saturday, and begin work again in New York on April first, Nineteen Forty-Nine. This decision, <sup>says the dispatch,</sup> ~~we hear,~~ virtually rules out any hope of the state of Israel becoming a member of the United Nations this year. Also, those Palestine Peace Plans are among the unfinished business of the Paris session of the United Nations. One reason for this ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> Israel's opposition to the American-British plan for a three-nation conciliation Commission to bring permanent peace to Palestine.

ISRAEL FOLLOW U N

Word from Tel Aviv that Dr. Ralph Bunche, UN mediator, has arrived in the Israeli capital. He has come, says the news dispatch, to sound out the Government; whether it's willing to open up direct peace negotiations with the Arab states. Last week Bunche talked with Arab leaders in Amman, Transjordan, and Cairo, Egypt. The belief in Tel Aviv is that the division between Jews and the Arabs is less than it was--teal hope for peace.

Meanwhile from Haifa comes news that the fiery Druze -- tribesmen from a remote mountainous region in Syria, have sworn allegiance to the State of Israel! The Druzes have long been renowned as tough fighters -- and raiders. History tells how they've been fighting the Turks and the Syrians and the Egyptians for centuries. And now, to make another chapter in their strange history, this fiery tribe is reported to have joined the Israeli.

BERLIN

About yesterdays municipal election in Berlin.

(Our State Department today has ~~warn~~ praise for the Berlin citizens, because they turned out in such large numbers to vote - in the face of Communist threats of violence.

The Berlin people cast an overwhelming anti-Communist vote, in spite of Red threats to their safety. Which our State Department <sup>calls a</sup> ~~describes as a~~ ~~type of~~ civic courage, worthy of the admiration of the democratic peoples of the world.

## UN-AMERICAN

In Washington today, Congressman Nixon of the House Un-American Activities Committee revealed that Whittaker Chambers has formally accused Alger Hiss of stealing confidential State Department documents. These to be delivered to Russia's top secret Police Agent in the United States.

Nixon says that Former Communist Chambers, who is now a senior editor of Time Magazine, <sup>(He)</sup> made the specific charge in pre-trial testimony in a Baltimore Court, where he is answering a suit for libel brought by Alger Hiss. <sup>Congressman</sup> Chambers' testimony, according to Nixon, reads that Hiss agreed to obtain Documents from the State Department after a meeting with Colonel Boris Bykov. He is the man whom the Committee named as the head of the Russian ~~Secret Police~~ <sup>military intelligence - the chief Red spy</sup> in this country. After that meeting, according to Chambers' testimony, Hiss is ~~alleged~~ <sup>alleged</sup> to have begun a fairly consistent flow of such material.

<sup>Congressman</sup> Nixon told reporters today that none of the sixty-five documents produced in court ever reached the Russian

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spy. This because there was apparently an arrangement for Hiss to give the micro-film copies to Chambers, who hid them in <sup>that</sup> a hollowed-out pumpkin, <sup>there</sup> ~~where they were~~ discovered by an investigator working for the Committee.

R When the Committee begins its public hearings it is expected to call such witnesses as Former Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State Robert Lovett, <sup>top State Dept official</sup> and Francis B. Sayre, ~~He's~~ the man said to have brought Alger Hiss into the State Department. <sup>TP</sup> Sumner Welles is quoted as telling Chief Committee Investigator ~~Robert~~ Stripling that publication of some of the film-papers would be, what he terms, "emphatically harmful to the nation." <sup>- even now</sup> To which a State Department Official today says the Department does not know what papers are involved and cannot say whether the Nation's Security is concerned, until ~~State~~ Department Officers <sup>ials</sup> get a look at the Documents. <sup>TP</sup> Congressman Nixon however, says he will never vote for the information in the microfilm copies to be made public. Apparently it's too hot.

GRAND JURY

Meanwhile, (in New York today, a Federal Grand Jury inspected the <sup>case</sup> microfilm copies of the secret ~~government~~ documents.) These <sup>are the</sup> documents, ~~which~~ Whittaker Chambers alleges were stolen by communists, and which he has <sup>d</sup> in that hollowed-out pumpkin on his Maryland farm.

Chambers appeared before the Grand Jury. Also Alger Hiss, whom Chambers accuses of belonging to the Communist underground during the war. They both gave their testimony separately, neither meeting the other.

(The Microfilms, so we hear, came to light when Chambers was preparing his defense for the slander suit brought against him by Alger Hiss.)

Chambers is said to have told the committee that none of the films ever reached Russia. Some, ~~of them,~~ he added, had <sup>n</sup>ot even been developed.

~~and~~ Why did not <sup>he</sup> ~~Whittaker~~ Chambers mention the secret films when he was examined by the House Un-American Activities Committee last October? William Wheeler, the ex-secret service man, working for the committee, today said that Chambers had said nothing

then, because he did not want to hurt anybody.

The New York Grand Jury sat for three hours today. Both Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss were told to appear again tomorrow, although both ~~of them~~ are due in Washington ~~then~~ for a hearing before the un-American Activities Committee. But the Grand Jury, ~~of course,~~ takes precedence. <sup>And</sup> The Grand Jury, ~~so we hear~~ is all set for a long hearing. <sup>with</sup> Federal judge ~~John C.~~ Knox authorizing the <sup>calling</sup> ~~impaneling~~ of a hundred new grand jurors to carry on the investigation, after the present grand jury ends on December fifteenth.



## WAR LORDS

Today, on the eve of the Seventh Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, the news tells of the U. S. Supreme Court in Washington agreeing to review the convictions of ~~those~~ <sup>two of these</sup> two Japanese War Lords, sentenced to death by the ~~Far Eastern~~ <sup>Allied</sup> Military Tribunal in Tokyo. The Attorneys for ~~former~~ <sup>former</sup> Premier ~~Koki~~ Hirota and General ~~Kenji~~ Doihara will appear before this nation's highest judicial authority on December sixteenth. <sup>They are flying here to contend</sup> ~~To argue~~ that the convictions are illegal; <sup>This</sup> on the grounds that ~~General Douglas MacArthur~~ had no authority to set up a tribunal to conduct what the appeal terms - "Crimes against the Peace."

The Supreme Court, we hear, was split four to four as to whether it should review the case. The deadlock was broken by Justice Robert Jackson, who had previously disqualified ~~disqualified~~ himself from such cases, because he was a U. S. Prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials. <sup>Justice</sup> Jackson said that he voted only because he felt it was not right to let the Japanese War Lords go to the gallows under such circumstances - <sup>that is with</sup> a deadlock in the Supreme Court. <sup>His feeling</sup> ~~This, he said,~~ <sup>was that any such thing</sup> would be ammunition to American

critics in the Orient. They would make propoganda of it.

*Justice Jackson has now*  
So ~~he~~ voted in favor of the appeals being heard. But, he says, although he will hear the evidence, he will not vote again - not unless there is another deadlock.

Now. Supposing the U. S. Supreme Court rules in favor of the defendents: and sets as<sup>^</sup>ide the decision of the Far East Military Tribunal out in Tokyo. How would the other Judges react, the Russian, the British and the Australian Legal Minds, which made up the tribunal? Would they consent to a retrial; because the Supreme Court of another Allied Nation held that their Tribunal was illegal?

To get a clearer view of what seemed a confused picture, I called up <sup>an eminent authority on such matters,</sup> ~~a friend of this program,~~ Edward R. Corwin, <sup>successor to Woodrow Wilson as</sup> ~~McCormick,~~ Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University. <sup>Dr. Corwin confirms my own thoughts on it -</sup> ~~a distinguished International Lawyer.~~ He

says he cannot conceive that our Supreme Court will intervene. If it does, in his opinion the whole proceedings of that Military Tribunal set up by General MacArthur will be invalidated. Why? Because that

Tribunal in Tokyo cannot act without a representative of the United States. So a Supreme Court ruling for a retrial would, in effect, be to void the decision of our representative.

So, adds Dr. Corwin it is just about inconceivable that the United States Supreme Court would intervene to change the verdict of the Tribunal. Because the Tribunal which tried the war-lords is constituted by an agreement of several Allied nations. And the rights of other nations should not be bound by any interpretation from our Supreme Court.

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And from distant Tokyo Patrick Shaw, British Commonwealth member of the Allied Council for Japan, echoes the opinion of Professor Corwin. He says <sup>the</sup>~~that~~ the U S Supreme Court decision <sup>even</sup> to review the death-sentences of the Japanese war criminals is a blow to the legal standing of the allied military tribunal. He describes it as a partial recognition that the tribunal is not <sup>n</sup>~~as~~ international court, <sup>just</sup>~~is~~ "a creation of the President of the United States." If the appeal is carried through, says the British Commonwealth representative, it may damage the legal standing of the tribunal's verdict in international law.

MADAME CHIANG

In Washington tonight Madame Chiang Kai shek makes her first public announcement - this through the Chinese Embassy, to mark tomorrow's <sup>(anniversary</sup> ~~Washington~~ of Pearl Harbor. <sup>She says</sup> ~~That~~ she prays that the world may gain sufficient foresight through the lessons of the past to save civilization in the future. History, <sup>says</sup> ~~she said~~ <sup>Madame Chiang,</sup> is a record of past experiences, of successes and failures, ~~and~~ achievements and errors.

<sup>goes on:</sup> - And she ~~said~~ <sup>added</sup> "On this sacred day when you are remembering your dead and Pearl Harbor, I cannot help thinking of our own dead, for both gave their lives for human liberty."

<sup>yet</sup> No word on the success or failure of her present mission to the United States. Merely the comment that she hopes ~~that~~ all the friends of China will be patient.

CRASH (substitute)

In Honolulu word has just come in that ~~the crew~~  
~~of~~ a Navy Catalina flying boat have <sup>s</sup>~~been~~ sighted two  
liferrafts in the Pacific with thirty ~~persons~~ on  
board -- survivors of the <sup>e</sup>~~the~~ C-54 <sup>that went</sup>~~transport plane~~ which  
~~crash landed in the sea~~ <sup>down</sup> last night somewhere near  
Johnston Island. Ever since the news of the crash was  
received, planes of the search and rescue command  
has have been combing the <sup>Pacific</sup>~~seas~~ looking for survivors.  
And now the <sup>first real</sup>~~good~~ news, ~~after~~ Hope had almost <sup>gone</sup>~~been~~.  
But now -- <sup>1</sup>  
~~given up~~, two life rafts sighted. Thirty <sup>men out</sup>~~men~~ <sup>are</sup>~~people~~  
~~afloat on the calm waters of the ocean~~ <sup>on the vast</sup> tonight.  
Fortunately the sea is calm.

## BRIDGE

At Miami the world series is on. Not baseball. Bridge. And with the S R O sign out. No, it's the other way round. Spectators are staying away in droves - from the Nineteen Forty-Eight National Contract Bridge Championships.

Although bridge is a game played by millions of folks, and admission at Miami is free; not a centime charged to watch the top-ranking masters, as they bid their hands and play the cards, nobody seems to care two hoots. No kibitzers. Kibitzer! That's almost an archaic word now. And we used to use it so much. Cabell Greet, eminent lexicographer, tells us its Jewish slang for one who meddles with other folks affairs. Specifically, ~~Specifically~~ a person who, although not a player, butts in with gratuitous advice, to card players. "But kibitzer is now in limbo - an all but obsolete word, The language changes that fast. Maybe that's why the World Series at Miami

is not drawing full houses. Maybe the era of

the kibitzers has passed.

Anyhow, at this Miami clambake they wouldn't be ~~wikend~~ allowed to make loud remarks about the cards and give advice - not to the masters. To laugh and jeer at a bridge world series, that's unthinkable. So the ~~xxx~~ crowds are staying away - maybe at the beach. While up here we await that cold spell said to be moving down from the Arctic.

Which reminds me that this is National Ski Week - or is it fortnight? Right ~~across~~ the country skiers are rallying to the support of The National Ski Patrol, with John Jay and his Olympic Games; in *New York and Chicago this week, and next* ~~this~~ week in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Buffab, Springfield and Boston. And so on across the continent.

Without the National Ski Patrol our great winter sport would be a shambles!



## CHINA

An Army spokesman in Washington today says that American Army supplies valued at eighteen million, six hundred thousand dollars, have been delivered to China since last July. ~~This does not include~~ <sup>ing some</sup> ~~about~~ forty-five million dollars worth of surplus military supplies left in the Pacific and turned over to China, ~~on the spot~~.

Meanwhile, (the news from Nanking tells of three Nationalist Army groups ~~being~~ trapped on the Honan Border, thirty miles southwest of Suchow.) ~~from which they were withdrawn last week.~~ Reports from both the Nationalist and Communist forces tell of bitter battles along the banks of the Grand Canal, a hundred ~~and ten~~ miles ~~to the~~ northeast of Nanking. Which highlights the fact that the Nationalist Generals may have decided to concentrate on defending the <sup>famous</sup> Grand Canal, which Chinese Military Strategists <sup>refer to as a</sup> ~~described as being a~~ Natural Frontier between the North and the South. ~~that~~ is, since the Communists are already south of The Great Wall, the ancient dividing line between North and South.

## RUSSIAN WIVES

Last week we heard a lot about that bitter attack made on the Soviet Union by a Chilean diplomat; because his son's wife, and the wives of many other foreigners, were not allowed to leave Russia.

Today in Paris, the Soviet delegate to the U N legal committee came up with an explanation that is a gem - a lulu. Life outside Soviet Russia is too hard for a Soviet woman. He said that with a straight face. And he quoted a long list of complaints made by Russian war brides who left Russia with their husbands. They all add up to one thing - dishpan hands. Nelson, you could solve that small problem for them.

The Soviet wives wrote home saying they were treated like slaves. They had to cook dinner for their husbands, put warm plates on the table, and know the exact time their men came home. If they didn't there was trouble! So Uncle Joe is worried.

He just doesn't want his nieces to become household slaves. The Russian delegate added that if foreign husbands want to live with their wonderful Russian wives, let 'em go to Russia, where they'll be welcome.

And who cooks the borsch in Muscovy? The men, apparently! Just as you and I do here in America, Nelson.