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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

This has been another tragic day in aviation. In addition to the crash at LaGuardia Field last night, there have been five more in the last twenty-four hours: - in Japan, Iceland, Holland, Alaska, and now tonight comes word of still another with a heavier toll than any of the others. Bringing the total to one-hundred-and-forty-nine -- ~~prob~~ probably more.

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At Newark, New Jersey, airport officials say the plane - in tonight's crash - took off at about six o'clock with forty-eight passengers and a ~~fn~~ crew of four. Something happened over Maryland.

The airliner on a non-stop flight to Miami, came down in a heavily wooded section, about

four miles from Havre de Grace, in rough country, difficult to reach. By the time a rescue party arrived - it was too late. It is reported ~~as~~ that all aboard, all fifty-two perished.

One eye-witness, who claims he saw the accident from a distance of several miles, says the giant ship exploded in the air.

In New York, investigations were on today, to determine what caused last night's crash of the airliner with forty-eight aboard, the plane bound for Cleveland. On the take off the pilot tried to get into the air, but the plane wouldn't lift. Then when he tried to use the brakes, ^{the plane} ~~they~~ swerved. ~~effx~~ went careening across a road, crashed into an embankment, bounded up and crashed in flames.

One explanation points to a sudden shift in the wind. A thunderstorm was threatening, and at the moment the plane was trying to take off, the wind

changed abruptly - the suggestion is that there was a severe downdraft, which kept the plane from rising. Today the ~~sum~~ ^{of dead} list [^] increased to thirty-nine, and some of the survivors are in critical danger. ~~At~~ The least injured, ~~is~~ the pilot, who was thrown clear.

The air disaster in Japan took forty lives - when an Army four-motored transport crashed into a cliff at the base of Fuji-Yama. With thirty-nine American Army men and four civilians, the plane was on its way from Korea to ~~KxxTxxkx9~~ Tokyo. Flying conditions were bad, heavy clouds - which accounts for the accident -- no survivors.

In Iceland it was likewise a case of a plane crashing into a mountain - an Icelandic airliner with twenty-five aboard. The plane was missing since yesterday, and today the wreckage was found in rugged mountain country of northern Iceland - all lives lost.

In Holland, two planes collided in the air, killing twelve; and in Alaska an Army Superfortress

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crashed soon after a take-off. Three of its crew were killed, nine surviving.

A bulletin from Maryland -- that no one survived that latest crash, tonight. All fifty-two perished.

So some other way had to be found to establish Communist control in Hungary. With the Red Army running things, the majority party was not allowed to take over the government. The farmers had won the election? But that didn't count. The anti-Communist leaders were compelled to accept a coalition, and take Reds into the government. They were allowed to name a premier; but the head of the Hungarian Communist party became Vice-Premier.

Communist influence was dominant - but, that was not enough; the Premier and his fellow majority ~~minis~~ ministers didn't obey the Reds with sufficient alacrity. - So the Communists decided to eliminate them altogether.

The way chosen was to make a charge of conspiracy, and (for days Hungary has been in a dither because of Red accusations - with arrests.) The Premier and other majority leaders were charged with plotting against the coalition. What there was to this is not clear, the Reds having peculiar notions

about what constitutes plotting.

(Several days ago Premier Nagy made a trip to Switzerland on a vacation.) It was a mighty convenient vacation, considering the Communist howls of conspiracy.

(Today's news is that, in the Swiss city of Bern, Premier Nagy went to the Hungarian legation, and submitted his resignation. He is not going back to Hungary. Probably never did intend to go back, not in the face of a series of arrests.

In Budapest today, the place of resigning Premier Nagy was immediately taken by Vice-Premier Rakosi, head of the Hungarian Communist party, who is forming a new cabinet -- all Red.)

There will be a new election with new electoral laws; altered to exclude *-- "fascist elements;" meaning, of course, anti-communists -- who will not be allowed to vote.

The whole thing is an example of Communist technique. A Red coup d'etat to establish a Communist dictator, with Rakossi running the ugly show.

This Rakosi, hitting the headlines of the news today, takes us back to a story we had last night -- an account of what has happened to the Executive Committee of the Comintern. When that Communist International was abolished, during the critical war days when Stalin needed American help so badly, the order of dissolution was signed by the members of the committee -- there were fourteen. Well, one of the members of the Executive Committee of the Comintern, mentioned last night, was this same Rakosi who seems slated to become still another Red dictator of a Soviet satellite.

INDIA

From India we have a prediction that Civil War is about to break out -- Hindu-Moslem Civil War on a scale that sounds terrifying indeed. Three million Indian war veterans, former troops trained by the British, are said to be ready for internal strife that may sweep Hindustan from ~~Qxxxx~~ Cape Kormorin to Simla, and from Waziristan to the Naga Hills. Hundreds of thousands of these are Hindus. More hundreds of thousands are Moslems. Pathans, Afridis, and all sorts of warlike peoples from the Punjab and Rajputana. Still more tens of thousands are tall beared Sikhs, superb fighting men.

When is this likely to break? Well, there's a story tonight that the signal is expected to follow a meeting on Monday, when the leaders of the various India factions will gather to hear the latest British proposals for turning Hindustan back to the people of India. When that is ~~xxx~~ announced, the British scheme for getting out, the prediction is that civil war ~~xxxx~~ will be under way in a hurry - in

Bengal, in Cooch Bihár, in Travencore -- everywhere in that vast teeming land where dwell one ~~fifty~~ fifth of all the inhabitants of this planet.

A small scale Civil War is reported in progress now; within thirty miles of the capital city, New Delhi. There, the Hindu and Moslem peasants are using ancient rifles and home-made mortars in guerilla attacks on each other. And then in the far south, in the Dravidian country, near the third city of India, Madras, a mob of a thousand is terrorizing the countryside.

But local clashes are rather commonplace, or have been since the British have shown signs of getting out. But now ~~we~~ we are told of what are called -- well-organized, armed units, both Hindu and Moslem, "moving across the country in military formations, using proper cover and patrols". That is using orthodox army tactics".

These ~~we~~ we hear are largely demobilized war veterans, led by war-time officers of the Indian Army, whom the British taught modern methods of ~~fight~~

fighting. They are said to have hidden supplies of armament. And today the number of trained fighters said to be available for systematic operations if Civil War comes to India, is estimated at three million.

Everyone who has ever lived and travelled in India as I have, has feared that the pulling out of the British would be followed by unparalleled outbreaks of the age-old Hindu-~~Muslim~~ Moslem feud. But our worst expectations - mine at any rate - were mild, compared with the prospect that now arises - Hindu-Moslem civil war waged methodically by trained masses of former soldiers of the war-time Indian Army. For never before in the three thousand years of recorded history in India - never before were such great masses of men trained for war. In the old ~~xx~~ days, the days of Tamerlane; and Alexander-the-Great, Akhbar, and on down to Clive of India, they fought on elephants, with spears and primitive weapons.

But now -- three million Hindu, Mohammedan and Sikh fighting men, are armed with

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modern high-powered weapons - everything from machine guns to bombing planes.

So if Civil War does come there may be battles that ~~will~~ will make Panipat and Plassy seem like mere skirmishes.

ADD INDIA

More news just in: word tonight that mobs of
Hindus and Moslems are roaming the countryside, burning
each other's villages; with some thirty-five villages
pillaged and burned so far; fifteen of them in a new
outbreak tonight. Roads around New Delhi are said to be
clogged with panic stricken refugees. With the Delhi
government admitting that the military forces in the
United Provinces are inadequate. The situation out of
control.

DANIELS

We have some news tonight that's quite old, but ^{only now} ~~it~~ made public. ~~For the first time~~. Which is likely to be the case when an elder statesman publishes his ~~xxx~~ memoirs - telling things that hadn't been told before. The elder statesman this time is the eighty-five year old Josephus Daniels, Secretary of

the "avy in World War One, later our Ambassador to Mexico, and now ^{back at his old desk editing a newspaper,} ~~a newspaper publisher~~. ^{To be sure,}

~~TP We've had previous autobiography by Mr Josephus Daniels; four volumes in fact. The book that now comes out is the fifth volume of his experiences in large affairs of state. Called "Shirt Sleeve Diplomat", it covers his term as Ambassador to Mexico, from Nineteen thirty-three to Nineteen forty-two, and contains a good deal ~~is~~ about the late President Roosevelt.~~

~~his latest book ^{TP} he tells how F. D. R. ~~one anecdote~~ illustrates the common almost became a naval officer, human faculty of forgetting things, absence of memory~~

~~Josephus Daniels was appointed Ambassador to Mexico ~~xx~~ by Franklin D. Roosevelt in the first year of the~~

To which F.D.R. replied - yes, he had.
In making the appointment, he had forgotten all about
the La Vera Cruz incident - and Josephus Daniels admits
that he too had forgotten about it. Apparently it takes
a woman to remember! - But the Mexicans appeared to
have forgotten also -- and all was well,

~~Josephus Daniels ~~it~~ tells another Franklin~~
Frank Roosevelt ~~story one that dates back to world war~~
~~One. F.D.R. was then thirty-five, and wanted - to get~~
into the war. As Assistant Secretary of the Navy
~~While~~ *While* on inspection duty of the battlefronts in France,
~~had~~ got the idea of joining a battery of Naval
railway artillery. *So he* ~~he~~ talked this over with an
Admiral, *who, on the spot* ~~and going~~ *to give him* promised ~~to~~ the rank of
Lieutenant-Commander.

When he returned to Washington, he told
his Chief, Secretary *Josephus* Daniels, of his intention, *and*
~~then~~ went to see President Wilson - to get ~~his~~ permission.
Woodrow Wilson said! - you're too late. He told F.D.R.
that Germany had just made a request for an armistice,
that the war was ~~about~~ over.

AUTO RACE

The auto race ~~is~~ at Indianapolis was won today by a veteran - Mauri Rose. Coming out ahead in the five hundred mile grind - he gained his second victory in the Indianapolis classic. He was a winner back in Nineteen forty-one. The race today ended with a thrill, the issue in doubt during the last twenty miles - during which Mauri Rose out-stayed Bill Holland of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who came in second.

The race was marred by a tragedy - ~~shortly~~ Shorty Cantlon killed. A veteran of the Indianapolis competition, he came to disaster in his forty-eighth time around the track. His car went out of control, whipped around twice, and ~~crashed~~ crashed into a wall.

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~~minor. In fact, the race today was characterized~~
~~by an unusual number of mechanical breakdowns.~~

GOLF

For the first time in history, Two Americans will compete against each other for the British Amateur Golfing Championship. Americans have won the British Amateur crown-frequently. But this is the first time that the classic event in Scotland goes into an All-American final. Tomorrow, Willie Turnesa of White Plains, New York, and Richard Chapman of Pinehurst, North Carolina, will battle it out.

The two won their way into the final this afternoon by beating two Scots. In a chilly wind-blown rain off the North Sea, Turnesa defeated John Campbell, a thirty-four year old inspector of insurance of Glasgow, while Chapman won from Sam McKinlay, a forty-two year old Glasgow newspaperman.

The Americans were bold, the Scots conservative, in their play. That tells the story. Turnesa and Chapman took the risks, shooting for the pin. This was illustrated ~~by~~ at one point when Chapman's ball was lying even with McKinlays in the fairway. The gallery, in the drenching rain, heard

Chapman's caddy says: "better play it safe."

"I never play safe," replied Chapman, and he hammered out a long shot. His Scottish opponent, McKinlay, elected to play it safe, took a conservative shot -- and lost the hole.

So now the winner of this year's British Amateur Championship will be an American -- either Turnesa or Chapman -- they playing it off tomorrow in the first all American final.

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And now -- a final word from you, Hugh.

And now here's our P.&G. final -- from you Nelson.

ARCHEOLOGY

From the realm of archeology we have an announcement - the unearthing of a Roman city, a town dating back to the Empire of the Caesars. Where? The place named is surprising - India, the farther coast, the east coast of Hindustan. French archeologists report the excavation of Roman ruins near Pondicherry, a place the French retain to this day in India.

Does this mean that the Roman Empire extended to India? No, not quite that - but it would seem to enlarge our notions about the contacts the ancient Romans had with India, commerce, trade relations. Of course, history records the fact that there was a busy trade route, along which the luxuries of India were brought to the City of the Seven Hills - fleets of trading ships making regular trips back and forth across the Indian Ocean on the periodical winds of the monsoon. And, for centuries, ancient Roman coins have been dug up in India.

The Roman town that has now been unearthed was undoubtedly a commercial settlement where traders from Rome built houses and temples of classic architecture -- amid the wild architectural fantasies of India.