

L.T. - SUNOCO. FRIDAY, SEPT. 26, 1947.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(To me, this is going to be a difficult broadcast, my last broadcast for the sponsor with whom I have been for fifteen years, the Sun Oil Company. Also, my final broadcast, for the present at any rate, over the N.B.C. network, with which I've been for seventeen years.)

Joe Pew, Chairman of the Board of Sun, is sitting beside me, and has asked for a few moments of this period, so after taking a quick look at the news, I'll turn the microphone over to him.

What has been happening in the world today? Let's see --

INTRO. TO MR. PEW

As I mentioned when I went on the air a few minutes ago,
the head of the Sun Oil Company is with me tonight, because
this is to be my final ^{session} ~~night~~ on the air under their
sponsorship. To all who are listening, I now turn you over
to ~~my sponsor, and~~ old friend, J.N.Pew, Jr., known far and wide
as Joe Pew.

FOR MR. PEW

Fifteen years ago last June, Lowell Thomas first broadcast news under sponsorship of Sun Oil Company. It has been ever since a happy and uninterrupted association.

Together, with the whole-hearted cooperation of the National Broadcasting Company, we pioneered the radio news field, providing the listening public with truthful, clean, wholesome news, intelligently presented, without bias or favoritism.

Back in 1932 when Sunoco first sponsored Lowell Thomas, there were only ten full-time network news reporters and commentators.

Today, I am told, there are over 125 regular full-time news broadcasters on the four networks and that altogether some 6,000 men and women are engaged in gathering, preparing and broadcasting news over the radio facilities of this country.

This growth in news broadcasting indicates how

greatly the American people have come to rely upon radio for the news of the day and all the facts which shape our destinies. It demonstrates need for great vigilance to assure accurate, complete, impartial and wholly objective reporting.

We of Sun Oil Company have regarded our sponsorship of this news broadcast as a great responsibility and a solemn public trust. We believe that through Lowell Thomas, with his sincerity and deep human understanding, we have filled in full measure that responsibility and trust.

It is a matter of regret to everyone in Sun Oil Company that Lowell Thomas, a dear personal friend and valued associate, is tonight leaving the Sunoco program. During these years we have come to admire, respect and love him. He has become one of us and we feel that one very close to our hearts is leaving our group.

Lowell, our thoughts always will be with you and our sincere good wishes go with you for your happiness, health and success in whatever you may do or wherever you may go.

L.T. CLOSING

And I feel exactly the same way about you, Joe, and all of my Sun Oil friends, and the National Broadcasting Company too. You speak about back in Nineteen Thirty-Two when I first went on the air for Blue Sunoco. You mention that there were only ten full-time network news reporters and commentators then. But, tonight will be my last on this network, for the present at any rate, and as you know it was exactly seventeen years ago, almost to the day, that I began for N.B.C. And at that time there were no other nightly news broadcasts. ^{It} Seventeen unbroken years, the longest continuous run of any program in the history of radio; fifteen unbroken years with Sun Oil, the longest that any radio program has been under one sponsorship. I am extremely proud of these records, and grateful to you, ^{to} and the N.B.C., and above all to our listeners, who have made it possible for all this to come to pass.

Although I deal in words, words fail me completely at this moment when I want to express my appreciation.

But I would like to take time out for a moment to tell those who are listening something that millions already know. The

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sitting beside me. ~~He~~ was a poor boy in western Pennsylvania, *who became*
one of the early oil pioneers. And he and his sons and other

members of the great Pew tribe, and their associates, have built up an organization of which every American can be proud.

We have been living through an era of endless strikes -- thousands of strikes -- but in the Sun Oil Company there has been so little labor trouble of any kind that at the moment I can't remember any. And if you don't think that's remarkable, well just look back over the American scene during the chaotic years between World War One and now.

My Sun sponsors have given me complete freedom on the air. Why, for years they weren't even sure what political party I belonged to, if any. And for Joe Pew to put up with that -- I think you'll understand.

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folks. Of course they have all my good wishes. ^{TP} And now I wish I had another fifteen minutes in which to talk about the *and my old pal Hugh James,* National Broadcasting Company, In my seventeen years with them, they have given me such wonderful cooperation that I could write a book about it. To be anywhere else on the air than the N.B.C. will seem strange indeed.

And now, speaking for my *Hugh James,* sponsor and myself, this being ₁ Friday night, I'll say -- So Long, until Monday.

PALESTINE - ROBBERY

Other news from Palestine tells of arrests following a wild episode of robbery and killing in the all-Jewish city of Tel Aviv. Underground terrorists, believed to have been members of The Stern Gang, raided Barclay's Bank in Tel Aviv, killed four British policemen, and fled with six hundred thousand dollars.

The money is understood to have been payroll funds for the Palestine police, and was being taken from the bank to an armored truck. The terrorists drove up in a jeep, and opened fire with automatic weapons - at the same time throwing scare bombs to create panic. Three ~~police~~ British policemen guarding the truck were shot ~~dead~~, ^{and} another was killed in the pursuit of the bandits, who fled with two bags of money, six hundred thousand dollars. In a wild chase, with a pandemonium of gunfire, they were compelled to abandon one sackful of money - four hundred thousand dollars' worth. This was recovered.

The latest is that two suspects have been seized, and another under suspicion has been found wounded in a hospital. Still other arrests are reported.

Vishinsky held a news conference today - and it was a wonder. None of this bourgeois business of merely answering questions the newsmen asked ~~him~~^{you}. Vishinsky delivered a harangue. With the same violent brand of shouting oratory that he uses in addressing the General Assembly of the United Nations, he hurled a tirade. ^{TP} There's a famous old story of what Queen Victoria said about her ponderous, pontifical Prime Minister, the great Gladstone. The Queen remarked that Mr. Gladstone talked to her as though he were addressing a public meeting. Well, Vishinsky talked to the news conference as if he were making a speech to a Red rally, in Madison Square Garden.

His oration lasted for nearly an hour, and consisted of new roars against American war-mongering. In his address the other day before the General Assembly of the United Nations, he astonished people by naming private individuals. It's rather unusual for the plenipotentiary of a great power to signal out mere private persons for denunciation before an international congress. But he did it then - and he did it all

PALESTINE - U.N.

The headline of the day is a British announcement that Great Britain is going to withdraw from Palestine. The London government is resolved to give up its mandate over the Holy Land, and plans to take out its troops - "at an early date", says the announcement.

All this was disclosed today to the General Assembly of the United Nations sitting as a committee - disclosed by British Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones, ^{who} ~~he~~ explained that the London government would not undertake to enforce a settlement not satisfactory to both parties - Jews and Arabs.

^{TP} It is well known, of course, that the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Arabs are dead against the settlement recommended by the U.N. Investigating Commission that studied the problem - the recommendation being to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab states. ^{TP} The British Colonial Secretary stated today that Great Britain advocates a Jewish homeland in Palestine, under the auspices of the United Nations, but Britain will not assume the job of imposing ^{any} ~~the~~ U.N. settlement by force.

That will be a task for the world organization itself. Hence the decision - a British withdrawal from Palestine, a renunciation of the mandate, and an evacuation of the British troops outthere"at an early date."

(This declaration, definite and decisive, came as a surprise to ~~many~~ the world organization - which now faces the prospect of having to do its own job of putting into effect any Palestine plan that it may adopt.) If force is needed in Palestine, the U.N. will have to provide it. *all of*

which ~~this~~ is accompanied by word from Jerusalem telling of a mass demonstration to be staged by the Arabs next week.

The Arab Higher Committee has called upon the one million, two hundred thousand Moslems in the Holy Land to join in a huge protest - a pretest against the U.N. ~~plan to~~ partition *planned* Palestine.

AT the same time, there was a violent blast at the port of Haifa today - a secret arsenal and munitions factory blowing up. This belonged to the Arab underground, and is

said to have been the largest hidden store of weapons and explosives ever to come to light in Palestine. It is believed to have been blown up by the Jewish underground, giving the whole thing a sinister implication of a battle of - underground versus underground.

LOWELL THOMAS

(Night Show)
September 26, 1947

ADD PALESTINE

Late tonight, at Lake Success, a Jewish Agency spokesman expressed the hope that the British withdrawal would be carried out speedily. The Jewish Agency wanting the British to quit pronto, at the same time urging the U.N. to rush its proposed solution of the problem and pleading for the recommendation for partition.

over again today. ^R He repeated names that he had shouted before - like John Foster Dulles, former Governor Earle of Pennsylvania, and S^Enator Brien McMahon of Connecticut, and blasted at them. He was particularly violent about ^{the mild and moderate} Dulles, who is an American delegate to the United Nations, charging that the foreign policy advocated by Dulles could only lead to war.

And Vishinsky added new names to his list of war-mongers. He hurled abuse at former Ambassador William E. Bullitt, at newspaper publisher Frank Gannett, and at newspaper and radio columnist Walter Winchell. Congratulations, Walter. In fact, Walter Winchell drew the choicest assortment of Vishinsky insults today. The Soviet deputy Foreign Minister called Winchell a whole series of foul names, and virtually made Walter a world figure in opposition to Soviet totalitarianism.

I suppose what enraged the Deputy Foreign Minister the most was the Winchell statement that back in the days of the Soviet blood purge, Vishinsky himself was on Stalin's death list - and saved his life by agreeing to act as prosecutor in

the purge trials - in which he sent a number of old-time Bolshevik friends to execution. Which certainly is a sort of thing to annoy the comrade and make him spout a stream of bad names. Well, as a ~~radio colleague~~ ^{fellow ~~radio~~ worker in the Radio}, I suppose I might speak up in defense of Winchell against Vishinsky, but Walter is well able to do that himself. I don't know of anybody better able to take care of himself in the clinches.

vineyard

What does Vishinsky want us to do about these American citizens whom he accuses of being war-mongers because they don't talk so sweet about the Soviets? He wants them to be treated ~~as~~ as common criminals. Today Vishinsky repeated ~~a~~ ^{the} proposal that he has ~~it~~ placed before the United Nations, in a formal resolution - that anti-Soviet war mongers be jailed.

Today, he pointed out that in these liberal western democracies of ours, we put various sorts of loathsome criminals in prison. Vishinsky cited, for example, purveyors of pornography and those who traffic in women and children. He said that anti-Soviet war mongers were ~~in~~ in the same class and should be ~~exterminated~~

treated in the same way - put in jail. And so, my fellow-Americans, don't fail to talk nice about the Soviets, or you'll be in the same class as purveyors of pornography and ^{white} ~~these~~ slavers - ~~traffic in women and children~~ - and also, maybe, in the same jail cell.

UN-AMERICAN

Steps were taken today to prosecute Hans Eisler for perjury and passport fraud - then deported ^{him.} The Committee on Un-American Activities has voted to ask the Department of Justice to press the case against the Hollywood musician, who is a brother of Gerhardt Eisler, alleged to have been Stalin's number one agent in running the American Communist Party.

During the sensational hearings in Washington, brother Hans has admitted that he once joined the Communist Party in Germany. At the same time, testimony has been brought forward to show - that, in this country, he ~~had sworn~~ swore he had never been a member of the Communist Party. Hence, the charge of perjury and passport fraud.

ROME (To follow Italy)

In Rome, tonight, the Communists opened a debate in the Chamber of Deputies -- the Reds and the Left-wing Socialists -- supporting three motions of no confidence in the Government of Premier de Gasperi. These Italian Communists demand that the government include them in the government, because it is impossible to govern Italy without them.

The attack against de Gasperi's government was led by Palmiro Togliatti. -- Togliatti is Secretary General of the Italian Communist Party, and trained in Russia. In opening his attack on the Italian Government now in power, Togliatti said "We of the Communist Party are children of our country -- children of our history -- and we cannot support the life of Ohio and Missouri." I wonder whether he knows of the life of these ~~two great~~ American states. He didn't say. Togliatti, instead, went on to boast that the Communists controlled seventy per cent of all Italian industrial works. This fact, claimed the Communist leader, makes it evident that Communists could not be banned from the country.

But, in Italy itself, a strange situation -- the Communists and their Leftist supporters attacking the government, at the same time as eighty-thousand Roman province farm workers ended their strike -- Italian workers going back to the fields to gather the remnants of the harvest, while Communist leaders hammer at the foundations of ~~their~~ government.

INDIA

In New Delhi, India today Mohandas Gandhi, the apostle of peace, made a strange and surprising statement. A complete about-face on the part of the great Hindu leader, Gandhi saying that Hindu India may have to go to war against Pakistan, if the Moslem Domini^{an} fails to see what he describes as "Its proven error" in the treatment of Hindus and Sikhs.

The Mahatma made his remarks at the prayer meeting today, and authorized their distribution to the press. Gandhi says he will never rest until every Hindu and Sikh driven out of Pakistan is returned to his home with honor and dignity. He says he has always been an opponent of war, but he sees no other way of securing justice from Pakistan.

P "War is no joke," says Gandhi, "No one wants war, because it means destruction," ^{he goes on,} "but I cannot advise anyone to put up with injustice. If all the Hindus were annihilated in a just cause, I would not mind that, but justice must be secured, and that is the function of the government. The people must make the government do their will."

Gandhi spoke shortly after the Pakistan government made an announcement that some four-thousand Moslems were killed on a refugee train carrying four-thousand-five-hundred persons - killed by Hindus and the ferocious Sikhs. A forecast perhaps of events to follow the election of Gandhi's nephew Semaldas Gandhi as Prime Minister of the revolutionary Hindu Government in Bombay. Semaldas' first official act has been to declare war against the State of Junagadh, a Pakistan State in Western India. A declaration of war to legalize massacre, surprisingly supported by India's most holy man. Mahatma Gandhi the hitherto apostle of peace. Well, I suppose even an apostle of peace can turn under extreme provocation.

EARTHQUAKES

In San Francisco today, an hour long major earthquake was recorded by American seismographs. The ^{SAN FRANCISCO} instruments placed the center of the earthquake on a line from the Caroline Islands to the North Pacific. The California Institute of Technology stated the earthquake could have hit the northern Japanese islands, or somewhere in the Aleutians. The Reverend Joseph Downey of Regis College, Denver, ~~San Francisco~~ Colorado, described the earthquake as being very deep, possibly as deep as two-hundred miles under the surface of the earth. The Reverend gentleman said that the shock of the earthquake took seventeen minutes to pass through the earth's ~~in~~ surface. Officials at Pasadena, however, say that the quake was only seventy miles deep from the bowels of the earth. But all the experts agree that somewhere out of the Pacific there was a very severe earthquake.

ITALY - STORM

The news from Europe tells of a violent storm - a tempest that swept the French and Italian Riviera, and blasted across north Italy. The Mediterranean, ancient and romantic, is renowned for its blue waters and balmy breezes along the coasts and islands ^{so} of dreamy beauty. ^{TP} But, that idyllic Mediterranean sure can kick up with angry violence on stormy occasions. For testimony of this, you can consult the shades of the ^{mariners of the} ~~mariners of the~~ galley fleets of Greece and Rome, and the Republic of Venice. Or you can ask the people right now along the azure coast of France and the fair Italian Riviera ^{---now} - [^] not so azure, or so fair, in the howler that's been blowing.

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From the coast, the tempest cut across the valley of the Po, and today in the great ~~ix~~ inland city of Milan the streets were two feet under water. Thousands of homes flooded, and many buildings damaged by bombing in the war, ^{now} [^] cracked and tumbled under the new blast - of wind and rain, this time. Highways blocked by falling trees, and - worst of all, heavy damage to the rice crop in the valley of the Po. And in Italy,

so badly off for food already, Rice is the staple diet in the north, as macaroni is in southern Italy. ~~STORM NEWS~~

Storm news from Europe ^{follows} along with our own tempestuous proceedings over here - headlined by the recent hurricane.

Which takes me to a telegram that I have from the Mayor of New Orleans, Mayor De Lesseps S. Morrison. He says that we

newsmen can do New Orleans a service by correcting a lot of ~~incorrect~~ rumors about the hurricane damage in ^{his} the metropolis

of the ^{Delta} south - the port of New Orleans reported to be out of

commission, the French quarter a shambles. ^{he says,} Nothing of the sort;

There was a good deal of damage from wind and water in outlying parishes, but the city itself took the hurricane in stride.

"You can tell your listeners," wires the Mayor, "that the lights are glittering on Canal Street, and the French quarter is wholly intact. The capital city of the south has shaken off the effects of the storm, and is going about its business

as usual," ^{says} telegraphs Mayor De Lesseps S. Morrison.

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OPENING

CODE

The Sunoco - S/U/N/O/C/O - Sunoco News program - and tonight, let's talk about rivalry - for when you understand rivalry, you understand America. Rivalry is second nature to Americans. Yes, competition is in our blood. We like it - and put it to good use. Take the petroleum business with its one and a quarter million workers. Here, thirty-four thousand firms of all sizes work to outdo their business rivals. That's why Americans get petroleum products at the lowest prices in the world. It's rivalry that spurs us on. That's why there's a big plus for you - for anybody - in petroleum's progress.

Ladies and gentlemen -- Lowell Thomas:-----

CLOSING

Lowell, I, too, would like to express to you my appreciation for all your kindnesses to me over these many years. It has been a great pleasure working with you. My sincere wishes for the best of everything for you.

And, now, since I am not leaving the Sunoco radio program, which will continue on the same NBC stations at 6:45 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, Monday thru Friday, I shall say in the words of Lowell Thomas:

"So long until Monday."