

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest from Tokyo from the Mikado's Government is an invitation to the rest of the world, not any too polite an invitation, to mind its own business. The Government of the son of heaven will brook no interference in China. The Japanese war lords declare: "We want to say explicitly that we are determined to fight to the bitter end in China."

China's answer to that was to submit a resolution to the advisory committee of the League of Nations. Dr. Wellington Koo asked the league to brand Japan as an aggressor nation, to condemn the illegal blockade of the Chinese coast, to condemn the Mikado as a violator of the fundamental rules of international law and of contractual obligations.

The league has already unanimously spoken in condemnation of Japan. If this resolution were adopted, it would oblige the fifty-two members of the league to impose sanctions upon Japan. And that's a thing that both John Bull and France want to avoid. This resolution of Dr. Koo's was offered against the objections of both Downing Street and Paris.

On the Asiatic mainland, Nanking claims a victory, The Chinese Communist army, led by General Yen Hsi-Shan, delivered a crushing defeat to an army of ten thousand Japanese and Mongolian troops in the Province of Shansi. As a result, ten thousand Japanese soldiers were disarmed. That's the Chinese claim.

On the other hand, dispatches from Shanghai tell us pretty authoritatively that Japanese regiments broke through the defense in two places on that front. The Chinese resisted to the utmost. There was hand-to-hand fighting in the narrow streets and alleys of the Chapei district for all of forty-eight hours. And in the north, near Paoting, the Chinese army is

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in full retreat after a heavy defeat on the line of the
railroad from Peiping to Hankow.

PALESTINE

The news from Palestine calls to mind a passage from the First Book of Kings. You may remember that when Rehoboam succeeded King Solomon on the throne, the people hoped that the young king would soften the severity of some of his father's laws. To which King Rehoboam replied: " My father chastised you with weapons, I will chastise you with scorpions." (The information from Jerusalem today is that the British Mandatory Governor has started a complete series of arrests of the Arab leaders. That's London's answer to the assassination of the District Commissioner of Galilee and his bodyguard.) The details of this stern new policy are incomplete. The rigid hand of the censor is on all the news. The words of an official statement are: "The government is gravely concerned over the existence of an organized campaign of terrorism and assassination.

And, in the next paragraph, the British rulers of Palestine declare the Supreme Committee of the Arabs outlawed. Many of the most prominent Arab leaders are in custody, and the belief is that they be deported. The British have sent the Cruiser

SUSSEZ to Haifa apparently for the purpose of taking the big-wig Arabs off to exile, to the island of Cyprus. Among those arrested were the Secretary of the Supreme Arab Committee, the Director of the Arab National Bank, who is an American citizen, and the Mayor of Jerusalem. Likewise, the President of the Arab Youth Association at Jaffa, the President of the Arab Party, and the Manager of the Arab Bank. What's more, the British government has deposed the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who was head of the Supreme Moslem Council. It's believed that he will be hustled off to Cyprus too.

NEW LEAD BLACK

(Mr. Justice Black is going to tell us tonight -- "Yes, I was once a member of the Ku Klux Klan.") So says a copyright dispatch from Washington in tonight's New York Post. Kenneth Crawford, the New York Post's Washington correspondent adds that the source of his information is unimpeachable. (Mr. Black will tell us over that nationwide hook-up that he joined the Klan while his political career was still young, joined it just as most people join a lodge. He resigned more than ten years ago, when he discovered the real nature of the Klan and its activities.) and he will also say that he does not own that much talked about gold-passport that made him a life member.

That will be the gist of this eagerly expected broadcast tonight, according to that copyright article in the New York Post.

The Justice we learn from Washington, passed most of the day preparing and polishing the address he is to make tonight -- the talk that will be heard over more than three hundred radio stations. He will speak from the house of Claude Hamilton, Jr., Assistant General Counsel of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The National Broadcasting Company has set up duplicate equipment

at Mr. Hamilton's house and at the N.B.C. studio in Washington so in case one set should fail, which is improbable, the other will be used. That's what they do for the Presidential fireside chats to avoid any chance of interruption.

One of Mr. Justice Black's new colleagues, returned from Europe today, Justice James Clark McReynolds. He landed in New York this morning and naturally was the target for questioning reporters. Mr. McReynolds refused to utter a syllable on the subject of his new colleague. He admitted, however, that he would listen in at nine-thirty tonight with interest. Otherwise, his reply to all questions was: "The English people seem prosperous and happy."

DODGE

Out West a lady is being asked to pay what seems to be a record price for a husband. To be sure, she can afford it, she is the heiress to the Dodge millions. Mrs. Delphine Dodge Cromwell Baker Godde has had four husbands already. In fact, she still has one of them but she is going to divorce him as quickly as may be and take unto herself a fifth. Mister Delphine Dodge Number Five is known to fame as handsome Jack Doyle, "The Irish Thrush." He's a crooner and also a box fighter. Music experts tell me that Mr. Doyle is probably a good fighter. Boxfight experts intimate that he is a good crooner. But the wife he has divorced to marry the Dodge heiress sets a higher price on him. She figures "The Irish Thrush" at being worth two million dollars. That's the sum she is asking the heiress to pay for alienating the affections of the Irish thrush.

The Ex-Mrs. Doyle is known professionally as Judith Allen. Nor was the connubial bliss that she did not enjoy with Mr. Doyle her first matrimonial adventure in the world of sport. She had another husband previously, a Mrs. Gus Sonnenburg, who practices the art of wrestling, But this is beginning to sound like a

sports item, about boxers and wrestlers, and the man in charge of that department this evening is my colleague Ed Thorngersen, sports commentator for Twentieth Century Fox Movietone.

As I believe I mentioned when Ed and Lew Lehr were on with me in a broadcast from Hollywood last May, Ed Thorngersen was the first man ever to put me on the air. And now the tables are turned. I'm putting him on.

By the way, Thorgy, it was exactly seven years ago this week that you launched me on my first broadcast. And now, well, here you are the most widely known newsreel sports commentator. And here you are celebrating that seven year anniversary with me, all set to give us, in a few paragraphs, your views on the world of sports -- and to play the role of prophet. Here's the mike, Ed, and the air is yours:-

ED THORGERSEN

Don't bear down on me too heavily as a prophet Lowell
-- I'd like to slide into this thing quietly.

Hello, ladies and gentlemen. Knowing what a football fan Lowell really is I'll omit the flowers which usually attend a debut and get down to work for tomorrow afternoon as you know begins the mighty football stampede of 1937 -- for the vast majority of colleges a grand opening of what certainly looks to be the greatest, most spectacular season in gridiron history -- for two reasons. First, the many big clashes which usually happen along about mid-season -- battle which may easily prove to be the making or breaking of championship teams. Secondly, the calibre of inter-sectional warfare which dominates the scene. So, gazing into the football crystal tonight reminds me of a night before Christmas. It's hard to know what to expect.

Intersectionally Manhattan makes its greatest bid of all time for national recognition in meeting Texas A. and M. A band of longhorns coming to the polo grounds touted as possible candidates for the Rose Bowl classic. Texas aggies have a passing game for which Manhattan has little defense. Texas should win.

To Ithaca, New York go the Red Raiders of Colgate to battle Cornell, and what a razzle-dazzle exhibition that will be. Colgate, line and backfield a veteran outfit. Cornell sophomores of last year are also one year older. With added experience and the smooth working deception that coach Carl Snavely has perfected it looks to me like Cornell -- but close.

Columbia's opener against Williams will prove to be a warm up for Lou Little's bend of Columbia Lions, who have heavy duty in the shape of things to come.

Pittsburgh's mighty Panthers -- perhaps the strongest team in the country -- they encounter West Virginia. The afternoon should be a breeze -- for Pitt.

Let's go West. In a game of tremendous import it's Minnesota candidate for the big ten title -- versus Nebraska -- under the new regime of coach Biff Jones. The swivel hips of Minnesota's climax runner Andy Uram should afford gopher fans an exciting and victorious afternoon -- Minnesota by a comfortable margin.

At Evanston, Illinois the Wildcasts of Northwestern entertain the cyclones of Iowa State -- or perhaps "entertain" is not quite

the word for these cats who gave Minnesot last season its one and only defeat in three years, will take to the field tomorrow just as vicious -- wily and strong. It's Northwestern by a one-sided score.

Against Ohio State, Purdue will send into action those two Isbell boys -- one is enough to give Ohio a headache. Two of them make it unanimously Purdue.

Way down South in New Orleans the center of interest will be Auburn and Tulane -- last year they played a scoreless tie but Auburn has lost heavily by graduation so its Tulane by a slight edge.

On the Pacific Coast the focus of our football spotlight will be on the Washington - Southern California clash at Los Angeles. Washington's backfield of last season is virtually gone but its line is impregnable so I'll string along with Washington's second string backfield.

But do you know Lowell, there is only one fault to find with crystal gazing. I can't see the upsets.

L.T: Well, Ed, we'll be waiting for your alibis Monday evening.

ALBERTA

And now for a bit of news from Canada.

The most drastic attack upon the liberty of the press ever attempted in America has been proposed in the province of Alberta, Canada. The social credit government of the province has been painfully jarred by editorial criticism. So the provincial Treasurer has introduced a bill into the legislature, called the "Accurate news and information act." If this were passed, publishers would be compelled to furnish the authorities with the names of their editors and reporters. They would also compel editors and reporters to reveal the source of any information that they publish. As everybody knows, good reporters in many cases protect the people who have given them information. Such a law would be a grave hindrance in the collecting of news. If this one is passed, any newspaper refusing to tell the government where they got their news, would be indefinitely suspended. Another provision of this law would be to compel editors to publish all government statements about government policies or government activities. One can almost readily hear the howls of protest that the mere suggestion of this law will provoke.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

There's excitement on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. The faculty has clamped down a censorship on the editorial staff of the Pitt News, the University's daily paper. So the editor resigned. The young man, say the professors, went too far in his interpretation of the liberty of the press. He slashed out right and left with drastic criticisms, disrespectful remarks about the rich and great. His editorials on religion and other subjects also offended the University of Pittsburgh dons. And now every line in the Pitt News has to be blue-penciled by one of the professors.

BREVITIES

Whatever the effete East feels about the weather it's winter in the West. There' snow in the Rockies, a carpet forty inches on the highway of the continental divide in Colorado.

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The Agricultural Department of New York State has started a drive to make our meat bills lower. The cost of beef is too high. So New York's Commissioner of Agriculture published a message to dairymen throughout the state. When you have cows that do not produce much milk, sell them for beef, urged the Commissioner.

In the first place, it will improve your herd, says he. It will also lower your production costs and lower the supply of milk. That will raise the price that you get for your milk. Also, argues that it will better enable all people in moderate circumstances in the neighborhood to eat meat, which he thinks is desirable. Into the bargain he says farmers will now get a high price of those cows.

ENDING

One of President Roosevelt's fans paid a high price for his enthusiasm. While F.D.R. was passing through Portland, this ardent Rooseveltian threw his new ten dollar hat into the President's lap. Mr. Roosevelt grinned, looked at the hat, and, as his own had long since seen its best days of service, he accepted the new one as a gift and put it on. But it seems there should have been a string to that hat. The man who threw it was making a gesture and not a gift. He thought the President would send it back to him. He went to the post office, parked his car outside, and inquired if there was a package addressed to him from the President, enclosing his hat. There was no such package. So the Roosevelt fan went outside and looked for his car. It wasn't there. And in just a moment I won't be here -- and SO LONG UNTIL MONDAY

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