

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The United States has spoken its piece -- so now what does Japan say in answer? That's the dominant theme in the news today. From Tokyo comes -- defiance.) From the Japanese Foreign Office comes this declaration. "If newspaper dispatches are borne out," says a foreign office spokesman, "our action would be of the strongest nature." Action of the strongest nature -- that does sound menacing. What can it mean? War? Well, every word flashed from Tokyo today sets forth the defiance -- that Japan is ready to stand alone against the rest of the world, no matter what.

(One instant threat is heard -- to denounce the Nine-Power Treaty, tear it up. That's the Far Eastern Pact in which nine powers interested in Asiatic affairs agreed to respect the independence and the territory of China.) The Imperial Cabinet in Tokyo is in an emergency session, framing its policy.

In the face of defiant Nippon, how about our own moves today?

Well, first the State Department indictment of Japan was transmitted to the League of Nations. The formality was such as to keep clear the emphasis on the fact that the United States is not a member of the League, but is merely following the same policy as Geneva, Simultaneously, Secretary of State Hull in Washington declared that the State Department had not yet received a League invitation to attend a conference of the parties to the Nine-Power Treaty. But when it comes, Washington will accept. His statements to the press put repeated emphasis on the point that we're not a member of the League, but are merely acting along the same line. Further -- that we're not taking the lead, will merely follow and support any action by Geneva.

There is a report that the Nine-Power Conference may be staged in Washington, but that's discounted in government circles. They say that to have it in Washington might give the impression that the United States is taking the lead in the movement against Japan -- which we are not doing.

FOLLOW LEAD

Here's something late, just in.

From Tokyo flashes a declaration by the Japanese Minister of War. He has just been interviewed by United Press Correspondent Bud Ekins, and he makes these claims -- that Japan has not violated the Nine*Power Treaty; that Japan has no intention of seizing any part of China. "It is my solemn pledge," promised General Sugiyama, "as Japanese War Minister, that we hve no territorial ambitions in China." He said that Japan is fighting on Chinese territory because the Nanking government has broken its promises, and because the machinations of Chinese Reds are a threat to Japan. So Japan is going ahead says he.

ROOSEVELT SPEECH

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The President's ~~declaration of policy the day before~~
~~yesterday in Chicago, his~~ renunciation of isolation and
neutrality, continues to draw comment, as why wouldn't it?
Today, an editorial in the HERALD-TRIBUNE draws a parallel,
a striking analogy. The HERALD-TRIBUNE quotes a few lines,
which I repeat. They go this way: QUOTE "Armed neutrality,
it now appears, is impractical. Our object is to vindicate
the principles of peace and justice in the life of the world
as against selfish and autocratic power.. A steadfast concert
for peace can never be maintained except by a partnership of
democratic nations." END QUOTE.

Do you remember those words in President
Roosevelt's address? Maybe you think you do. That is how
fx close ^{the} parallel and ^{the} analogy ~~is~~ is. ~~But~~ those declarations
I just repeated were not made by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.
They were spoken by another President - Woodrow Wilson. They
~~were extracted~~ ^{are abstracted} from Woodrow Wilson's message to Congress
calling for a declaration of war against Germany - in April,
Nineteen Seventeen. Make the world safe for democracy! the

war to end all wars. |

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Today, President Roosevelt reverts to that same theme of Wilsonian ideas ^{ism, with even} ~~with no resemblance of ideas, even~~ a similarity of words. There are many who will applaud on the basis of that same idealism. But there are others who will scowl with the thought of how the World War did not make the world safe for democracy - just the reverse. And how it did not end all wars - just the reverse.

FOLLOW ROOSEVELT SPEECH

The President's quarantine idea got an okay today from President Green of the American Federation of Labor. The Labor chief called for a boycott against Japan.

And there's a ^{demand} ~~call~~ today for a constitutional amendment to deal with the question of war - an amendment to provide that any declaration of war by the United States must first be approved by a referendum of the people, a popular vote. This was demanded by Representative Louis Ludlow of Indiana, in an address before the National Council for the Prevention of War. He declared that a hundred and eighty-five members of Congress have signed a petition to put the idea across - no war unless the people vote on it first.

SPAIN

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The furore about the Far East has rather eclipsed the Spanish crisis, but that old sore spot of Spain is still there - with extra ~~informat~~ inflammation tonight. (England and France have given Mussolini an ultimatum - that he must talk business in a conference to get the foreign volunteers out of Spain, especially Italians.) Thus far Rome has not replied. So today the British and French ambassadors called at the Italian Foreign Office and presented a joint demand: - "give us a reply and make it fast."

Their meeting with Foreign Minister Ciano is described as friendly, with the Duce's son-in-law telling the ambassadors that the reply would be along very soon, is being

prepared. *There are reports that Britain and France are preparing strong, drastic action.* ~~The attitude of Britain and France looks strong and determined, in their effort to get Mussolini's legions out of Spain.~~

Meanwhile, that ^{other} ~~one~~ _λ Mussolini, ^{the one here} ~~who is~~ _λ in America, is doing some fast traveling. He flew by ~~fast~~ plane from Hollywood across the continent and landed in Newark today. He's on his way to Washington. One report is that he has had a row with Hal Roach, his partner in motion picture enterprise. Another

rumor states that he is to visit President Roosevelt in Washington.

Young Mussolini himself explains his sky voyage today by saying

merely - that he is seeing America. — *at 200 miles an hour.*

DAHL

Here are two items of news coming in quick succession.

They concern the American aviator Harold Dahl, on trial for his life before a Rebel court martial in Spain. Today, the military tribunal pronounced his verdict.

The grim court of Franco officers heard the charge against him, that he had enlisted in the Left Wing army and flown in air battle against the Rebels. In that ruthless Spanish Civil War, the Franco Rebels claim for themselves the status of a legitimate government. They hold those fighting against them to be rebels -- guilty of rebellion, punishable by death.

There was no doubt that Harold Dahl had fought against them. He testified that he had joined the Left Wingers, not to fly in battle, but merely as an instructor.

And that - only because he was promised fifteen hundred dollars a month.

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Nevertheless, the sentence pronounced against him today was - death. The young American said he had expected nothing else. He knew the fate of prisoners in the Spanish Civil War, and he was sure that the doom ~~pronounced~~ ^{decreed} upon him would be - the firing squad. He was right - such was the court martial sentence today.

Now - the second item of news. Word from Franco headquarters. ~~The report~~ ^{The verdict} of the court martial was immediately sent to the chief of the Nationalist regime, for him to

approve. You will recall how Harold Dahl's wife had sent a personal appeal to Franco begging for her husband's life,

and with it she enclosed a picture of herself - ~~a picture of~~ ^{a photograph of}

a flashing handsome blonde. That touched up the height of

[#]romance. So what did Generalissimo Franco do today when the

death sentence on Harold Dahl was placed before him? He took

his pen and he wrote - "Reprieved!" He called off the verdict

of the firing squad. The American aviator will ~~be exchanged~~ ^{soon be released.}

~~for a Franco flyer held by the left wing side.~~

So this double action news today brings to an official close the widely publicized case of Harold Dahl - doomed and saved.

ITALY

Word from Italy -- widespread havoc, communications broken north Italy, isolated, cut off from Rome, a dominating bridge destroyed. That might sound like a war dispatch, strategic devastation achieved by a terrific assault of ultra modern weapons. But it's not even a case of war games, practice manoeuvres. It's a storm -- but what a storm!

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ED THORGERSEN

L.T.:- Now about the second World Series game, here's Ed Thorgersen. The news of the game has been flashed all over the country, so what's your impression, Ed? What's the answer?

ED:- The answer, Lowell, is power -- the surging power of a mighty water-fall -- the crushing power of an avalanche -- against such relentless devastating power as that Yankee league would look like an assortment of nine old men. It wasn't that Bill Terry's Giants weren't fighting -- it wasn't that they were playing bush-league baseball -- they just couldn't stand the hurricane -- no team could. The game, in many respects was like that of yesterday when the Giants were first to forge to the front -- behind the gallant efforts of lanky Clibb Melton, they seemed to be doing all right.

More than that -- it almost seemed as though the kind fates were intervening in Terry's behalf for in the very first inning Dick Bartell dropped a pop fly that Hoag failed to reach -- Bartell pulled up at second -- and a moment later across the plate -- it really seemed as though the fighting Terryment might even the series standing. But we reckoned without the superb combination of

Ruffing's pitching arm and the Yankee seige guns.

Even as far along as the end of the fourth it looked like the Giants -- that one run lead looked pretty big. Melton had faced nine Yankee sluggers in the first three innings and still held on to his one run lead -- but along come Hoag to begin the Yankee fifth. A vicious double down the right field line. Then Selkirk with a single scoring Hoag. Another single by Lazzeri and another by Ruffing -- the Big Yankee pitcher singled through short and Selkirk scored. The barrage was laid down -- Melton was sent to the showers. And the Yankee offensive was well under way. For the rest of the story see your yesterday's newspaper. The climax was precisely the same. With Melton belted out of the box, it seemed to me that Bill Terry's chances of winning the series dwindled to a Chinaman's one in a million.

For when that Yankkee juggernaut begins to roll, it takes a squad of pitchers to weather the nine-inning gale. Perhaps the rules should be amended to limit such games to seven innings -- it saves wear and tear on the customers.

Such warfare however, is not without its humorous slant --

like the latest get-rich-quick idea to be fostered on a supposedly cynical, sophisticated New York subway mob after the game. The lad was original to say the least. He tried to peddle four nickels for a quarter to any who might wish to avoid the jam at the subway's money-changing booths -- but like the New York Giants, tonight -- he had very few takers.

L.T.:- How do you figure the series Ed?

ED:- It hasn't happened since 1932 when the Yankees beat the Cubs. But based on what I saw yesterday and again today -- it looks to me, Lowell, like the Yankees in four straight games.

L.T.:- What's the reason?

ED:- In a single word Lowell -- power.

BLACK

More power to you, Ed, Now let's ask, was the U. S.

Senate misinformed when it confirmed the Presidential appointment of Black of Alabama. It has been said far and wide that Senator Borah gave the assurance that Hugo Black had never been a member of the Klan, and that he had this guarantee from Mr. Black himself.

We have the answer today from Senator Borah himself, and it is -- No. Hugo Black did not tell Senator Borah he had never been a member of the Klan, and the gentleman from Idaho did not give the Senate assurance to that fact.

The Borah declaration was brought forth by the Christian Science Monitor, which asked questions and got a reply -- by telegraph. "I acted on the belief," says the wire "that Black was not at the time and for years had not been -- a member of the Klan."

"I had the impression," the wire declares, "that probably he had been -- but I felt certain that he had long ceased to be."

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A group of people had a preview today of the National Business Show in New York. That's nothing unusual, getting an advance look at a ~~XXXX~~ spectacle before it opens. To be sure they ~~xxx~~ saw some astonishing business gadgets in action, heard them described -- elastic telephone wire, which will stretch to five times its length. You know how it is when the 'phone cord won't reach over to where you're sitting. The new way -- you just stretch it. (An inkwell which ~~is normal use~~ requires filling once a year.) A lightening swift letter opener, which will slit open three hundred letters a minute -- if you get that many. A streamlined mimeograph, which makes it more pleasant to look at. ~~Everything is streamlined these days. And even a mimeograph is beautiful.~~

All these things are surprising enough, but then any spectacular show goes in for surprises. The new^sest is that the party today previewed the National Business Show without going near it. Their visit was by television. At a luncheon given by Lenox R. Lohr, president of the National Broadcasting Company, ^{here at Rockefeller Center} a televised program was put on in which ^{the} a panorama

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of new office gadgets was flashed over the ether waves -- sights and sounds. This I believe is the first time there has been any television preview of a coming event. And this is a going event -- as I say SD LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.