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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

And many thanks, many many thanks, to all of you who have honored me by coming here to be with me on this Fifteenth Anniversary;—you, Mr. Pew, and your Sun Oil colleagues, with whom I have had a longer association than anyone in radio has had with one sponsor. There is more potential dynamite in handling the news than in anything else that goes on the air. No matter what you say, you offend someone. Your patience, with me, during all these years, has been great indeed. I have been ^{indeed ~~been~~} fortunate in ~~many~~ my sponsor. And, ^{Niles} ~~now Mr~~ Trammell, many thanks to you, and all the people of the NBC. I have been doubly

fortunate in being on the air, for fifteen years, with the Number One network in the world of radio.

But, today marks another anniversary, ~~which~~ ~~was~~ celebrated in Washington, at the National Airport, where a plane took off to fly around the world. I was asked to take part in ~~that~~ event. Unable to be there, I invited one of our best known airmen to join me here in New York, Lieutenant General Jimmy Doolittle. He is sitting beside me now. But before we talk about that affair in Washington, let's quickly run through the headline news of the day. (If you have tuned me in on this, my fifteenth Anniversary, by now you may have concluded that I am not going to give you the highlights of the days news at all, that the whole fifteen minutes is being taken up with talk about this fifteenth anniversary business. So, the news:-)

MacARTHUR

General MacArthur announces that by next Spring a million and a half ^{of his} ~~American~~ troops can be sent home, ~~from the Far Pacific~~. This is based on the factor of shipping, the War Department estimating that within the next seven months shipping space will be available to transport ^a ~~one~~ million, four hundred and ninety thousand soldiers across the Pacific. And MacArthur's headquarters today stated that four veteran combat divisions will sail from Japan within the next seven weeks - homeward bound.

(In other words, our supreme commander over there is wasting no time in cutting down the size of his forces for the occupation of Japan - which is in line with what he stated recently when he astonished the country with the small estimate of the number of troops it would take to hold Japan.)

The ^{arrest} ~~list~~ of Japanese war criminals goes on.

Today MacArthur ordered the ~~seizure~~^{seizure} of thirty-four Jap officers and soldiers who are believed to be responsible for the hideous massacre of more than one hundred Allied prisoners in the Philippines last December. They were the victims of the horror about which we ~~have~~ heard - burned alive in ^{that} a tunnel. And now the perpetrators of that worst of atrocities are being brought to justice.

TOKYO CENSOR

~~Now~~ What about the ban that the Jap censor slapped on a Tokyo newspaper that printed ^{the} a picture of General MacArthur and ~~the~~ Emperor Hirohito? The newspaper in question, ~~is the~~ "Tokyo Shimbun," ~~which~~ carried a story about the Mikado's call on the Allied supreme commander, and printed a two column cut of MacArthur and Hirohito.

It was noted at once in Tokyo -- as well as everywhere else -- that MacArthur stood a full head taller than Hirohito. Well, there's nothing scandalous about being a shorty, although it ^{may} ~~must~~ be embarrassing to the Japs to find themselves usually six inches or a foot shorter than Americans.

However, the whole thing has a special angle from the Japanese point of view. We've all heard of the Jap tradition that no mortal man shall ever ^h look down on the Emperor, the Son of Heaven. It has been told again and again how, when the Mikado passed through a street, the shutters were closed over the windows in the upper stories of the houses - so that

nobody should look down on him. And there was MacArthur, who would have to stoop to avoid looking down on Hirohito. No wonder the Japs were shocked.

Today an inquiry was put to the Tokyo censor, why did they suppress the newspaper carrying the picture? The censor says - because the photograph was, in the words of the censor "an unclear print." Apparently they couldn't see MacArthur towering over the Mikado clearly enough.

~~It would all seem to come under the heading of Japanese baloney.~~ But what can the Japs do about it? A late story states that the photograph of MacArthur and Hirohito will be published tomorrow in one of Japan's greatest newspapers, the Mainichi. ~~They will have~~ a five column cut, presumably not unclear.

PATTON

At Frankfurt in Germany today, General Eisenhower had a talk with General Patton - a talk that lasted for two hours and twenty-five minutes.

Patton arrived at Frankfurt after a two-hundred-and-fifty-mile dash by automobile from his headquarters in Munich - where, as commander of the American occupation forces, he has been administering Bavaria. He made the trip to answer to Eisenhower for his policy of keeping some Nazi officials in office temporarily - Patton having said that they were necessary for efficiency.

Before going in for their discussion, Patton and Eisenhower had a news conference - though they didn't tell the reporters much. (~~On being questioned by the newsmen,~~

~~General Eisenhower said: "It is not my policy to discuss conferences between me and my officers." To which he added: "When I have something to give you, I'll tell you, boys. I've never let you down, and I won't this time."~~)

Patton ^{as he} confronted the newsmen, a somewhat subdued ^{seemed} figure. ~~Old Blood and Guts~~ ^{wasn't} ~~did not~~ wear his brace of ~~pearl handled pistols or his shiny riding boots.~~ ~~With his armored forces, he had been a terror on the battlefield.~~ ~~He has also been a terror in things he has said at one time or another - blunt spoken Patton.~~ Today, the only thing he said was to ask a cameraman something about the workings of his camera. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

In their conference, Eisenhower and Patton were joined by two officials, whom Eisenhower had sent to investigate the Patton ⁱⁿ ~~administration~~ of Bavaria. They were with the two ~~senior~~ generals for nearly an hour, after which Eisenhower and Patton were alone for the next hour and twenty-five minutes - two old friends, one having to inquire into the actions of the other, and perhaps take him to task. Eisenhower has previously had occasion to reprimand Patton for indiscreet talk and action.

This time - the report is that if Eisenhower finds the Patton administration in Bavaria at fault, Old Blood and Guts will be relieved of his command.

ATOMIC_BOMB

Today brings a disclosure of a secret meeting last week in Chicago, a gathering of top ranking scientists who, behind closed doors, deliberated on the potentialities of the atomic bomb.

The story is given out today by Dr. Eugene Stanley, Director of the Institute of Pacific Relations, who tells us that the scientists agreed that atomic bombs will be produced by other nations in from two to ten years.

They said that rocket projectiles capable of speeding from one continent to another will soon be developed - in all probability. And they foresaw weird turns of mystery. "Unknown enemies," says the Director of the Institute of Pacific Relations, "might drop rocket propelled bombs on America. We might," he goes on, "have strong suspicions where the bombs came from, but we could not be sure."

And the scientists made the calculation that a conspiracy of sabotage could destroy every major city in the United States in thirty minutes, by having

atomic

saboteurs place seventy-two bombs.

From all of this they drew the conclusion that only a strong international organization can save the world from a war of total destruction.

INTRO TO GENERAL DOOLITTLE

Now for what happened late this afternoon in Washington. Today is the Twenty-first Anniversary of the completion of the First World Flight. In Nineteen Twenty-four, four specially built open-cockpit Douglas cruisers, each with a single Liberty motor, set out from California, to try and fly around the world. Airmen of many countries had tried to do it. All had failed. Of those four Army planes, one ran into a mountain in Alaska, one sank in the North Atlantic, and two made it all the way. The four airmen in those two planes were:- Lowell Smith, and Les Arnold, Eric Nelson and Jack Harding.

It took them from April to September, six months. Today on the anniversary of the First World Flight, General ^{Harold} George of the Air Transport Command ordered a C-54 to take off at the National Airport, to fly around the globe. ^{It has taken off.} Instead of six months, this plane expects to make it in approximately

six days. It should get back to Washington next Thursday night. TH And from now on, planes of the Air Transport Command will circle the globe on a regular schedule. You simply buy a ticket, get aboard, and fly 'round the world. Just stop and think what that means! It makes me dizzy to think of it. And my interest in this historic event is ~~now~~ multiplied because I happened to be historian of that first flight around the world, twenty-one years ago; and, this past summer, when I flew round the world, it was in a C-54 exactly the same ^{as} ~~the~~ the Globestar, christened by the wife of General George of the A T C this afternoon. ^{Also} ~~and~~ I flew over exactly the same route.

The legendary Jimmy Doolittle, Lieutenant General James H. Doolittle, I should say, has just flown in from Japan. The General who led the first bombing raid on Tokyo, who later led ~~the~~ our Air Forces

in North Africa, then headed the Eighth Air Force that hammered German industries and cities from bases in England, and now, from Okinawa and Japan. (Jimmy

~~Jimmy~~ Doolittle's career as a flier spans almost the entire history of aviation. Let's ask him what his thoughts are on this day when an American plane opens a regular round the world schedule. What about it General?)

GENERAL DOOLITTLE AND L.T.

GENERAL DOOLITTLE: Like you, Lowell, words almost fail me when I think back to those early days, our first planes and motors, and then look at the aviation picture as it is on this memorable date, this first day on which a passenger could buy a ticket, sit down in a comfortable chair in a plane, and away he goes on a flight around the globe.

L.T. We used to talk about it, twenty years ago, Jimmy. We used to wonder when the day would come.

GENERAL DOOLITTLE: This is it. And, it is nice to be alive and see this dream of all airmen come true.)

L.T. → Early last May in Paris, General Doolittle invited me to fly around the world with him. I had to return to America, ^{so} and he asked me to catch up with him in North Africa. I tried to. But he went too fast. He went round in nine days. So I slowed down,

made many side trips, and saw much that I otherwise would have missed. But in the main, General Doolittle and I both touched the same bases now on the regular schedule ^{for} ~~and~~ this round the world run that ~~we~~ started today. *Tell us about that Itinerary General!*

GENERAL DOOLITTLE: Here are the stops:- Washington to Bermuda; Santa Maria Island in the Azores; Casablanca in Morocco; then on to Tripoli and Cairo. From there, the route is by way of Abadan in the ancient Garden of Eden. I'll bet Adam and Eve ~~are~~ thrilled at all this flying if they ~~are~~ watching us from Heaven! Karachi and Calcutta are the two stops in India; and they are a couple of thousand miles ^{apart.} ~~away~~ Then over the Himalayas to the walled city of Luliang in China; across the China Sea to Manila; north to Guam, and east to Kwajalein, Honolulu, San Francisco

and across the continent to Washington. The opening up of this route has been made possible by the defeat of Japan.

L.T. It somehow ushers in a new era for mankind, don't you think?

GENERAL DOOLITTLE: It certainly makes all the peoples of the world neighbors, near neighbors, as they have never been before. And I guess that means a new era. The question is, will our political wisdoms keep pace with these miracles in the realm of science? Airplanes are changing the pattern of life on this planet to such an extent that I doubt whether any of us fully realize what is happening.

L.T. The General, by the way, and his crew, broke one record during the war and never even mentioned it. They flew the Atlantic in twelve hours, thereby

reducing the time by several hours. And now at similar speeds and in even bigger planes the A T C started ^{its} ~~thru~~ round the world schedule today. I wonder what's in store for us tomorrow?

Well, solong until tomorrow -- I mean

SOLONG UNTIL MONDAY.