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GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

Tonight it's Pearl Harbor! For months there have been stories foreshadowing what was to come. But today the Congressional Committee formally opened its investigation, and finally, at long last, the nation is given the story about Pearl Harbor.

On November Twenty-second, Nineteen Forty-one, a message from Tokyo was intercepted and decoded in Washington. This stated definitely that the <sup>deadline</sup> ~~deadline~~ for the consummation of diplomatic negotiations between Uncle Sam and the Japanese was November Twenty-ninth. Then that decoded

message said: "After that, things are going to happen automatically."

On November Twenty-Eighth, Nineteen Forty-One, the United States intercepted another message. This <sup>one</sup> ~~was~~ <sub>^</sub> addressed to Japanese Ambassador Nomura in Washington and Special Envoy Kurusu. It advised them in so many words that the negotiations on which they were engaged would be broken off to all intents and purposes in two or three days.

That message also informed Nomura and Kurusu that there would be another note to the United States Government in two or three days. This would be in answer to Secretary Hull's ten point proposal for settling the differences between the United States and Japan. <sup>Q</sup>nd, it added that the moment that reply was received by the United States Government, negotiations would be de facto ruptured, <sup>- meaning war.</sup> ~~the~~ <sub>^</sub>

<sup>The</sup> <sub>^</sub> Japanese diplomats delivered that reply to Secretary Hull at one P.M. Washington time, December Seventh. <sup>and</sup> <sub>^</sub> That was

just twenty-five minutes before the Japanese bombs began falling at Pearl Harbor.

On December Second, Tokyo <sup>had</sup> radioed instructions to its embassy in Washington, ordering the staff to destroy all secret documents and all but one code machine.

Other documents in possession of the committee, show that for months the Japanese had been fully informed about the movements of all American vessels, both warships and commercial. They knew which ships of the Pacific fleet were at Pearl Harbor. Japanese agents at Honolulu had informed Tokyo that on the evening of December Fifth, there were nine battleships, three light cruisers, three submarine tenders, seventeen destroyers, and so <sup>on</sup> ~~forth~~, at anchor at Pearl Harbor, with four light cruisers and two destroyers lying at the docks. And the message to Tokyo contained these words: "It appears that no air reconnaissance is being conducted by the Air arm of the United States fleet."

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Rear Admiral Ingils, Chief of ~~National~~ <sup>Naval</sup> Intelligence, and Colonel Bernard Thielen of the Army General Staff <sup>today</sup> testified before the Committee that on December Seventh only one radar station was operating at Pearl Harbor. Neither on December Sixth nor December Seventh, were any patrols made by airplanes of either our Army or Navy. Most of the United States warships in Pearl Harbor were on twelve hours' notice. That means it would have taken twelve hours to get them into action.

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The Committee room was jammed as Senator Alben Barkley called the meeting to order this morning. Among the deeply interested spectators were Admiral ~~Husband E.~~ Kimmel and ~~Lieutenant Colonel Walter~~ <sup>General</sup> Short, both in civilian clothes, <sup>accompanied by</sup> ~~with~~ their counsel.

So, the Pearl Harbor investigation is under way at last. We are to learn just why what happened did happen - who knew, and who was to blame.

ATOMIC

Uncle Sam is not going to share his hard won  
with Russia or any one particular nation.  
information about the release of atomic energy. President

Truman, Prime Minister Attlee and Prime Minister

*announced this*  
MacKenzie-King of Canada, in a joint statement ~~they~~

~~issued~~ today, used these words: "In order to attain the  
most effective means of entirely eliminating the use of  
atomic energy for destructive purposes and promoting its  
widest use for industrial and humanitarian purposes, we  
are of the opinion that at the earliest practicable date  
a commission should be set up under the United Nations  
Organization to prepare recommendations for submission  
to the organization."

The statement says further: "The Commission  
should be instructed to proceed with the utmost dispatch  
and should be authorized to submit recommendations from  
time to time dealing with separate phases of its work."

They urge that this Commission should devise

a program for a free exchange of basic scientific information for peaceful purposes among all nations. Also for control of atomic energy so as to insure its use for peaceful purposes and to eliminate atomic weapons from national armaments. Likewise all other major weapons capable of mass destruction.

The President and the Prime Minister admit that they ~~are~~ not convinced ~~that~~ the problem ~~could~~<sup>can</sup> be settled by sharing the information we have in the United States about atomic energy. At any rate, not before effective reciprocal and enforceable safeguards acceptable to all nations have been devised.

PALESTINE

The <sup>all-</sup>Jewish city of Tel Aviv <sup>is still</sup> ~~was~~ again in a state of disorder and tumult today. <sup>With</sup> the rioting ~~spread~~ <sup>spreading to the nearby seaport of Jaffa.</sup> There the police and the troops fired into a mob and the fight ended in eleven casualties. There were also minor outbreaks in Jerusalem. At Tel Aviv one man was killed and seven wounded.

The dispatch, <sup>which</sup> comes from Jerusalem, — describes the mobs as composed of Jews. Since the correspondent who filed the dispatch has himself a Jewish name, we may assume that at least the story is not colored <sup>il.</sup> by anti-Semitic bias. It is noticeable also that the riotous mobs are composed ~~of~~ almost entirely of young people, including <sup>many</sup> girls.

General D'Arcy, commander-in-chief of the British forces in Palestine, has taken <sup>command in person</sup> ~~hold~~ in Tel Aviv. ~~himself~~ He called the mayor to his headquarters and made a personal appeal to the Jewish leaders to help restore order and persuade their people to observe the curfew.

# JAPAN

In Japan, General MacArthur's men have found evidence that the Japanese executed seven more captured American flyers, <sup>who were</sup> ~~after they had been~~ forced down. Seven more in addition to those we <sup>previously</sup> ~~have already~~ heard about. Six of them <sup>se</sup> ~~the Japanese~~ <sup>just</sup> strangled.

This truth came to light through an anonymous letter, which was addressed to Lieutenant H.H. Shroeder of Eighth Army Headquarters. Lieutenant Shroeder acted upon the letter, investigated, and discovered a new grave in the cemetery of a Buddhist temple.



JAVA

British troops are proceeding slowly but surely with the conquest of the great island of Java, with its sixty million people. They fought their way into the Dutch government buildings in eastern Soerabaja today. But a story from Batavia reports that the Indonesians in Magelang, ~~who~~ whom the British apparently had crushed, are back in action again. They have seized <sup>more</sup> ~~new~~ of the arms which the surrendering Japanese armies had abandoned, also ammunition. Fresh hostilities in central Java are, therefore, likely at any hour.

The British troops, mostly from Hindustan, are well equipped, and the best that the Javanese can muster consists mostly of light firearms, plus some artillery with which they've been dropping shells near the Allied vessels in the harbor at Soerabaja.

There was to have been another conference today

between the Indonesians and the Dutch, with Sutan Sjahir, the new Premier of the Indonesian Republic appearing for his side. But the conference was called off, and Dutch authorities refuse to explain.

Although the British now control more than half of Soerabaja, they report that the Indonesians there are <sup>well</sup> ~~better~~ organized, ~~They~~ no longer rampage <sup>ing</sup> through the streets in mobs, but are fighting in more disciplined fashion. In eastern Java they are reported to have captured a number of warehouses which the Japanese had built and which are stocked with large quantities of arms and ammunition.

ASIA FOLLOW JAVA

Political observers consider the war in Java as a test fight, a test to determine the ability of the big powers to hold things together until the United Nations Organization can get to work on this problem. <sup>TP</sup> There are three other parts of the world where fighting is either going on or threatened, in addition to Java: ~~Those~~ ~~places are~~ China, Indo-China, and the Near East.

~~There are~~ <sup>are current concerning</sup> Two versions ~~of~~ the Asiatic peoples who are fighting for their independence. One version describes them as downtrodden natives, brutalized by European conquerors. <sup>However</sup> ~~the~~ the British describe the Indonesian <sup>rebels as the</sup> ~~as~~ ruffraff <sup>of that dense island</sup> who have to be dealt with ~~with~~ <sup>a heavy hand.</sup> ~~sternly by the superior white man.~~

Louis Keemle, the Far Eastern editor of United Press, points out that neither version is <sup>completely</sup> true, but <sup>that</sup> one fact is inescapable, that a difficult situation is being met with force; ~~instead of reason.~~ And the consequence is

*likely*  
bound to be unfortunate among all people<sup>s</sup> who see visions  
of a new world and a new freedom. <sup>TP</sup> Last night Professor  
Harold Laski, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the  
British Labor Party, the man <sup>in the background</sup> ~~behind the throne~~ in the  
Attlee government, used these words: "It is a matter of  
regret and bitter shame that British and Indian troops  
should be used to restore tyranny in the Pacific area."  
Laski said further that the claim that the British are  
restoring law and order is a worn-out catchword and just  
a pretext.

*Editor*

~~^ Louis Keemle points out, and others agree with  
him, that the great powers have bungled the Far Eastern  
situation on the one hand, <sup>while</sup> on the other hand, they are  
delaying the process of setting up the United Nations  
Organization so that it <sup>might</sup> ~~can~~ settle the trouble.~~

RED CROSS

A meeting in New York ~~was almost thunderstruck~~ <sup>today</sup>  
~~today when~~ a lady from Washington got up to express  
~~severe~~ criticism of the American Red Cross. ~~The lady who~~  
~~had the nerve to do this is~~ Mrs. Eugene Meyer, wife of  
Eugene Meyer, owner of the "Washington Post."

~~This is not the first time that Mrs. Meyer has~~  
~~shown that she has~~ <sup>what it takes</sup> ~~enough to tackle anything when~~  
~~she thinks she is right.~~ Her charge against the Red Cross,  
~~which angered many people,~~ is, that it is dominated by a  
small, powerful reactionary group of leaders. And, says  
Mrs. Meyer, they would rather wreck the Red Cross than  
see it become democratic. The Red Cross Central  
Committee, <sup>adds</sup> ~~says~~ Mrs. Meyer, is ruled by a lot of  
supposedly honorable but very bitter and very obtuse  
old fuddy-duddy leaders.

While Mrs. Meyer was saying this in New York,  
the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross  
Societies

were meeting in Paris, their first meeting since Nineteen Thirty-Eight. And the representatives of fifty-two nations elected as President of the Board of Governors Basil O'Connor, Chairman of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Meyer made the charge that the reactionaries in the American Red Cross are trying to remove O'Connor on the theory that he is too friendly to labor. Mrs. Meyer used these words: "To me the most tragic thing about the Red Cross is the undemocratic influence upon many of its members, which filters down from above." Then she declared that in smaller cities and towns, there are female gauleiters who have an authoritarian fear inspiring attitude."

Mrs. Meyer also accused one Red Cross leader, though she did not name him, of having given to newspaper men a distorted version of the relationship between the Red Cross and the two big labor organizations, the A.F. of I and the C.I.O.

## WAGES

General Motors today made an offer to the union.

That offer ~~was~~ a ten per cent <sup>jump</sup> ~~raise~~ in pay, with a forty-five hour minimum week. G.M. also offered to raise wages <sup>still</sup> ~~even~~ more, eventually, in case a rising cost of living made it necessary.

The union made no direct reply to this offer. ~~from~~

~~out~~ Instead, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ leaders issued a statement accusing

G.M., Chrysler and Ford of union-busting. It <sup>appears</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>the</sup>

Ford Company requested that the union, upon signing a

contract, guarantee that there shall be no stoppages of

work before wage discussions are started. That request,

by the union interpretation, is a strike-provoking document.

<sup>That</sup> Ford, Chrysler and General Motors are "a conspiracy of

profit-swollen corporations, to perpetuate present

starvation wages or open gates to inflation of

unjustified price increases." So says the union. <sup>TP</sup> The

report from Detroit points out that G.M.'s new offer

makes no mention of raising the prices of cars.

ADD WAGES

Later this evening, the United Automobile Workers announced that they had definitely rejected the offer of General Motors. A statement from union headquarters in Detroit declared that a costly and terrible strike was being forced upon the union.

Meanwhile in Washington, the O.P.A. has again postponed publishing the new ceiling prices on automobiles.



BERLIN

*Most of us*  
~~lots of people~~ have been feeling exceedingly  
*toward*  
sympathetic ~~with~~ American doughboys stationed in Berlin,  
*and with*  
~~Undoubtedly there are~~ good grounds, ~~for this sympathy.~~

*now*  
Life in Berlin can be no bed of roses, even for a  
general. But there seem to have been compensations  
*some G. I.'s. who have*  
for ~~quite a number of our hardy G.I.'s.~~ They ~~have~~ been  
getting rich at the rate of ~~one~~ *a* million and a quarter  
dollars a month, ~~through~~ *yes* selling things in the black  
market. ~~That isn't guesswork, at least not entirely;~~

*this*  
~~It~~ is an estimate based on official figures *that in* the  
four months ending November First, our troops in Hitler's  
capital sent home more than twice their pay envelopes.

Some twenty-five thousand American soldiers in the Berlin  
area sent *during* home more than twenty million dollars, something  
like eight hundred dollars each.

*But it's*  
~~However, that's~~ all over now. The high command ~~got~~  
~~wise and~~ slammed on new regulations regarding the amount

of Pesos the soldado could send home <sup>— first giving</sup> ~~However, they gave~~  
the boys plenty of notice; <sup>ing</sup> They announced <sup>^</sup> that the  
regulation would go into force on November Tenth. When  
<sup>this was</sup> announced ~~it~~ well in advance, <sup>there was</sup> ~~and what~~ a stampede ~~there~~  
<sup>^</sup> ~~was~~ to the post-offices! <sup>^</sup> In October, the G.I.'s sent  
<sup>1/2</sup> home more than three times their pay for the <sup>at</sup> month.

Astounding!

And now something astounding  
from you H- that astounding new  
fuel.