

MOSCOW

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From Moscow we have the news that (America takes a stand against the Soviet demand for ten billion dollars in reparations from conquered Germany.) And -- this newest diplomatic clash between our country and the land of Stalin revolves around a question of Yalta, something that was agreed upon, promised, at the Yalta conference.

There ^{has} been much talk about what the late President Roosevelt may have conceded to Stalin at that memorable meeting of the Big Three. We know that F D R and the Red Dictator got along famously, had friendly confidential talks. Pledges ~~xx~~ were made; -- and, today, at Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov based his claim on a promise that Roosevelt made to Stalin, at Yalta. (Molotov declared that ^{at Yalta} the late President agreed that the reparations to be enacted from defeated Germany should be based on a general figure of twenty billion ^{dollars} and of this ~~xxx~~ Russia was entitled to half' -- ten billion.) In other words, the Soviets to get as much reparations

as all the rest of the allied nations combined. That, said Molotov today, was the agreement that Roosevelt made with Stalin.

(So what had our Secretary of State, General Marshall to say to that? He replied that the Roosevelt-Stalin agreement at Yalta was merely preliminary, tentative, not a definite thing.) To which the ~~xxxxxxx~~ British at Moscow today added that, as for themselves, the promise that Roosevelt made to Stalin was not binding -- because they never agreed to it. They had ~~xxx~~ no part in the arrangement on reparations that F D R made with the Soviet chief. That was strictly a two man affair, and not okayed by that other member of the Big Three, at Yalta, -- Winston Churchill.

Moreover, there's the matter of the Potsdam Conference which ~~xxxx~~ followed Yalta.

(Secretary Marshall ^{declared} ~~stated~~ today there was a reparations agreement at Potsdam, which superceded the preliminary arrangement at Yalta) - the Roosevelt-

Stalin understanding giving place to new negotiations, in which President Truman participated. Secretary Marshall ^{stated} ~~to~~ that the ten billion dollar claim of the Soviets was contrary to the talks at Potsdam.

Moreover, General Marshall replied with cold severity ^{to} ~~the~~ charges made by Molotov -- an accusation that the United States has already received ten billion dollars in reparations from Germany -- in the form of German patents. General Marshall retorted that this was not true, and that the United States has made public its patent information gained from Germany -- while the Soviets have seized similar patents and made no report on them at all.

This new clash between the United States and the Soviets followed a move by France, ~~xxxxxx~~ which threw the already confused affairs of the conference into a still greater confusion. ~~xxxxxx~~ French Foreign Minister Bidault had an interview with Stalin last night -- at midnight -- Stalin's favorite hour. Bidault was the first of the foreign ministers

of the Big Four to see Stalin during the present conference. ^RWe don't know what was said in the Kremlin at Midnight. But it is apparent that Stalin did not change Bidault's mind, about what France wants -- and the French ideas are very different from the Soviet notions about what's to be done with Germany. They are different from the American and British ideas too -- the French causing a new and complicated split. ^RMolotov wants a United Germany with an increase of German industrial production as a way of getting the ten billion dollars. The Americans and British agree to the first part of that, but object to the second -- the ten billion. The French object to the unification of Germany and increase of German industrial production -- because they are afraid of a new powerful Germany. ^UAt the same time, they themselves, want huge reparations -- just ~~xx~~ as Molotov does. ^RSo the differences of opinion are tangled all over the place -- as the foreign ministers wrangle in Moscow.


GREECE


Republicans have turned ~~xx~~ down the Democratic proposal that both parties should join in support~~ing~~ of President Truman's new international policy. The rejection is made by ~~Nx~~ Republican

National Chairman Carroll Reece in a letter to *the Executive director of the* Democratic National ~~Committee~~, Gael Sullivan, who *issued* ~~made~~ the suggestion. *¶* The Republican reply is indignant, using such terms as:- "improper" and "reprehensible". *(The Republican Chairman)* declares that the national committess of the two political parties have no right to dictate to members of their party in Congress on the subject of international ~~xxx~~ policy.

The official Republican rejection was foreshadowed earlier in the day by Senator Vandenberg who is strongly in favor of the Truman proposal to give aid to Greece and Turkey against Communism. He called the proposal advanced by the Democratic National Committee "a tragedy". "It would throw our foreign policy squarely into politics!" *Those were* Sen. Vandenberg's words. His view is that members of

Congress should use their own best judgement, not yield to the dictates of party leaders. Each according to his own individual conscience, without regard for party interest -- that's the Vandenberg idea of a non-partisan foreign policy.

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To this congressional uproar there ^{was} ~~an~~ immediate reaction ^{by} ~~which~~ the Administration; ~~this~~ ~~afternoon~~ -- Acting Secretary of State Acheson declaring that any long delay by Congress might be disastrous to the plan to aid Greece and Turkey against Communism. The Acting Secretary pointed out that Britain is being compelled to withdraw aid to Greece by March thirty-first, and we must begin to play our part immediately thereafter. So if Congress delays again for any appreciable time after March thirty-first there may be a whole series of grave consequences in Greece. 

ADD GREECE

The latest tonight is a statement from Republican Congressman Eton, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House. Having introduced the bill to provide four hundred million dollars for aid to Greece and Turkey, he now states that hearings ~~■~~ will begin on Thursday. And the first witness to be called will be Acting Secretary of State Acheson who will be called up to give full information about the significance of the Truman move to block communism in the Near East.

PARAGUAY

The revolution in Paraguay has spread all over the northern part of that South American Republic. This was made clear today when the government of President Morinigo issued a decree imposing -- "a state of war". All Paraguay is now considered a war zone, as ^{the} military revolt spreads ⁽increasingly.
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WHEAT

In the Chicago late afternoon the price of wheat dropped, after going through some of the wildest gyrations in the history of grain and the selling of grain. Earlier in the day wheat passed the three dollar mark for the first time in thirty years. The all time high was three-dollars-and-twenty-five cents a bushel; that record set in Nineteen-Seventeen, in the middle of the First World War.

But the end of the trading day brought a reaction -- just as drastic. Wheat tumbled to two-dollars-and-sixty-eight-cents-and-a-half a bushel -- the drop being as large as permitted under the regulations for trading. The gyrations are explained as being due, at least in part, to new rules put into effect in the grain market.

DURANT

Today marked the passing of a one time fabulous figure of high finance -- William C. Durant, who founded General Motors, rose to dazzling dominance in the world of automobiles, then collapsed into oblivion. They called him the Gunga Din of Wall Street, because ^a his bewildering ups and downs.

In Eighteen-hundred-and-eighty-six Durant set up a small ~~in~~ shop making carriages, and presently turned to that new wonder -- the automobile. His rise was swift and in Nineteen-hundred-and-eight he founded the General Motors ~~corporation~~ corporation. He had dreams of an immense ~~in~~ empire of automobiles. And in Nineteen-hundred-and-nine he tried to buy out the Ford Motor Company. If he ~~in~~ had succeeded he would have been an emperor of autos indeed -- with both General Motors and Ford. ~~His~~ His ambitious attempts to round up small companies into one big combine over-extended his finances. He borrowed too heavily, and lost control of General Motors, ~~that~~ ^{but} was a disastrous come-down, but Durant bounced back

up again. He organized Chevrolet, paid off six
~~xxxxx~~ million dollars that he owed, ^{and} regained control
of General Motors, which he combined with Chevrolet, ^{for}
a super General Motors, ^{the giant} ~~combination~~ ^{corporation}
that flourishes today. ^P That was in Nineteen-Fifteen,
and Durant rode high until Nineteen-Twenty, when ^{he was}
^{caught in a} slump following World War One, ^{that} hit the stock market.
That ~~xxxx~~ ruined the motor wizard all over again,
The Gunga Din of Wall Street never recovered. In
the panic of Nineteen-Twenty-Nine he lost all he had
left, and went into a million dollar bankruptcy with
assets of two-hundred ~~xxx~~ and-fifty-dollars. ^P There-
after the founder of General Motors lived in
retirement. Last year he was one of the fourteen
pioneers named to the ~~xxxx~~ Automobile Hall of Fame.
and now ^{he} has died at eighty-five.
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OLYMPIC TEAM

The selections just announced for the American Olympic Team are not final. From the United Press I have a wire stating that the list of names now goes to the American Olympic Association. Of course that august body ^{most likely} will take the recommendations of the Olympic Committee.

The list announced, by the Olympic Committee, from Sun Valley, includes eight men and seven women -- if you can call a fourteen year old girl a woman. As a matter of fact one of the most interesting angles of the ~~the~~ while thing is the fact that a fourteen year old girl, Andrea Mead, from Pico Peak, Vermont, is ^{first} ~~down~~ on the list ^{of those} ~~as the first~~ selected ^{by} the Olympic committee. Think of being an Olympic star ~~ix~~ at fourteen, or fifteen!

Another interesting thing about the selection of the women's team is that four of the girls are from the East, Andrea Mead, Paula Kann, Ruth-Marie Stewart and Rebecca Fraser. Three, including an alternate: ^{are} Gretchen Fraser who lives

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just next door to where I am broadcasting out here
in the Pacific Northwest
~~in Portland, Oregon~~, tonight; Doris Post, of Reno;
and Ann Winn, of Salt Lake City.

Among the men it's the other way round,
more western skiers on the Olympic Team, five from
the West and three from the East.

Skiers everywhere are sure to be pleased
over the selection of Barney McLean who has been
having a tough time this season, racing under the
tremendous handicap of an injured hip, ~~and~~ *- with* one side
all strapped up, all the way from his ankle to his
shoulder. Just think of skiing at sixty or more miles
an hour with a bad leg, and beating the Swiss stars,
two of the best skiers in the world, *as Barney* ~~as~~ McLean did
on Sunday in the Harriman Trophy Race, in the slalom.

TR I think skiers everywhere will agree that the American
Olympic Committee *has* selected a fine group to *(represent*
~~to~~ *represent*
Uncle Sam at the next Olympic games.

BABY

In Washington, the venerable capital of our country, the question is: What has the Yogoniotche Reservoir got to do with baby, that cute little snooky-ookums? What could a reservoir have to do with an infant, especially the Yogoniotche Reservoir? This puzzler today produced a collector's item for lovers of rare and curious literature. (~~Scores in Washington are seeking copies of a bulky report put out by the Geological Survey -- and how did baby get mixed in with the geology?~~)^P In the Sevier Basin of Utah there's a proposal to provide a supply of water by ^(constructing a reservoir) ~~controlling a river~~ at Yogoniotche. ^{she} ~~The~~ project has been studied by the ~~Geological~~ Geological Survey, which produced a voluminous report. The report was passed on to the government printing office, which in turn ^P farmed out the job to a private company. Today the published report, got up in a big volume, was handed back to the Geological Survey -- for checking and proof reading. ^{And} ~~Then~~ the ~~xx~~ amazing discovery was made. A description of the site of the ~~xx~~ Yogoniotche Dam

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changed suddenly, and was followed abruptly by the following heading: "The things that will be used when baby is bathed and dressed."

Sombody made a mistake. Somehow, the report of the Geological Survey had got tangled up with a pamphlet issued by the Chidlren's Bureau. The confusion of the baby and the geology is so intricate that the Yogniotche Reservoir is described with cute little tales about baby's bath, breast feeding and other intimate advice pertaining to snooky-ookums.

The startled officials of the government in frantic haste, tried to call in copies of that geological-baby report. But many of them had already been passed out to individuals who were laughing their heads off -- and treasuring a newly created item for book collectors -- the mix-up of the Yogniotche Reservoir and mamma's precious darling.

And now Nelson, have you any advice for Mamma's precious darling? Back to you, Nelson/

GREECE

A storm in ~~Greece~~^{Congress}, has arisen over the Truman proposal for aid to Greece and Turkey -- against communism. ~~There's~~ There's indignant Republican reaction to the suggestion made by the Democratic national Committee -- that the Republicans should join in a two-party statement supporting the President's new international policy. Senator Vandenberg, the Number One Republican in international affairs, calls this democratic idea -- "a tragedy." And, he urges G O P National Chairman Carroll Reece to reject -- turn down the democratic/call for joint support.

What's the Republican objection? What's the reasoning of Senator Vandenberg who strongly supports the policy of checking communism in the Near East? He says that the proposal of the Democratic National Committee would throw our foreign policy -- "squarely into politics" -- says Vandenberg. He explains ^{that} the present by-partisan agreement on international affairs pre-supposes that members of

Congress shall use their own judgment, and follow their own conscience -- without any regard for party lines. This reason Vandenberg, is very different from ~~ixng~~ lining up both parties to support any particular policy. So he calls upon the members of Congress to use their best judgment, not yield to what he calls -- "the political dictates of any party members. He argues that, if there were an attempt to make Republicans and Democrats ~~in~~ vote along party lines in any international matter, the by-partisan policy would in the Senator's words: "Die in revolt".

So that's today's result of the suggestion made by the Democratic national committee -- that both parties line up behind President Truman's policy to stop com~~mu~~nism ~~in~~ -- Republicans answering with a contrary philosophy. Let each member of Congress vote according to his own individual conscience -- the Republican idea of a by-partisan foreign policy.

SUN OIL

The news today tells of the retirement of J. Howard Pew from the Presidency of the Sun Oil Company, the post that he had held since Nineteen ~~Twelve~~ -- ~~one hundred~~ and thirty-five years. This is a headline event in the oil industry -- especially for this radio program, sponsored ~~by~~ for so many years by the Sun Oil Company. J. Howard Pew feels himself entitled to retirement after so long a time at the head of one of the nation's dynamic industrial concerns. Nevertheless, he will, I am sure, continue in a line of activity that he has made his own -- rather in spite of himself.

I've had a long and close association with J. Howard Pew and know ~~him~~ him to be strong, and exceedingly competent, ~~not~~ ^{yet} the kind to shrink from public notice. He's the sort to direct great enterprises with power and vigor, and stay in the background -- without vanity or any desire for acclaim. Yet, during the past few years his dynamic beliefs have impelled him to take a role not naturally

congenial -- that of public appearance as a protagonist of ideas. He has made ~~himself~~ himself a forceful and effective public speaker.

I note ~~in~~ a recent address made by J. Howard Pew in which he put his dominant belief in these words: "For one-hundred-and-fifty years our country was a land of opportunity for all persons to achieve the rewards of their initiative, ingenuity, skill and industry. We had a system which created and multiplied wealth through encouraging men to exercise their initiative. Here, as a result, for the first and only time in history, an overwhelming majority of a great mass of people enjoyed decent standards of living." Then he went on to call for continuation of that American way and a reflection of alien ideas tinged with collectivism and communism.

The new President of Sun Oil is Robert G. Dunlop and the new Chairman of the Board, ~~of~~ ~~Directors~~, Joseph N. Pew, ^{Jr.} brother of the retiring President -- that same Joe Pew whose vivid and

versatile ideas make him one of the most interesting personalities that I know.

PAN AMERICAN

In New York the announcement was made today, a declaration bearing on that problem so much discussed ~~in~~ now days -- safety in aviation.

The inter-American Safety Council states: Pan American World Airways received the Nineteen Forty-Six safety award from the Inter-American Safety Council. The award was made in recognition of a year's operation, without flight accident or fatality to passengers or crew, over world-wide routes, which extend across the Atlantic to Europe and Africa, across the Pacific to Australia, the Orient and Alaska, and throughout Central America, and South America and the Caribbean. This adds another year to the series of years during which Pan American has had ~~in~~ not a single air accident, millions of miles of flying without a casualty.

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