

ACHESON

P.J.-P. & G. Friday, Jan. 21, 1949.

Dean Acheson was sworn in today as the President's number one cabinet minister. The oath administered by Chief Justice Fred Vinson, in President Truman's office at the White House - in the new executive wing. Whereupon the first to congratulate the new Secretary of State was the President himself. A hearty handshake and one of those expansive inaugural smiles.

After the ceremony the President took Chief Justice Vinson aside and introduced him to five ladies, five ladies from Missouri, whom Mr. Truman aptly described with a line from the Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Pinafore. "I'm introducing him" he announced "to my sisters, and my cousin's and my aunts".

As for Dean Acheson, the new Secretary of State told reporters he had nothing to say - except that he was going right over to the State Department to commence work. Which he did. Busy at his job a few minutes after being sworn-in.

WORLD REACTION

What is the rest of the world saying about President Truman's inaugural address? The well nigh unanimous verdict seems to be a tonic for a weary world. The London Times tempers its praise with a solemn warning that Mr. Truman's ^{promise} ~~promise~~ to increase living standards all over the world may extend the conflict between Russia and the United States to the whole wide world. This morning's leading article in The London Times put it this way: that during the next ten years the cold war may be fought in the Middle East and in Southeast Asia as well as in Europe.

From France, Sweden, Denmark and Finland enthusiastic ~~enthusiastic~~ approval. The leading independent Finnish newspaper expresses the hope that Mr. Truman's four year administration will bring peace, freedom and democracy for the whole of mankind.

Today's Spanish newspapers carrying verbatim texts of the President's speech under banner headlines especially the President's attack on Communism.

~~In France~~ ^{T Franco-} the controlled press lauded Mr.

Truman for making, what it terms, "an intelligent speech". Even a big hand from the Peron Press in Argentina, where the Truman's utterances are hailed as indication that the old time imperialism of the United States is dead.

What of Moscow? The story of the Washington inauguration in a mere ten line dispatch. That same party line was followed by Communist papers in London, France, Sweden and Denmark. Communist sheets devoting their space to articles commemorating the twenty-first anniversary of the death of Lenin. Paying almost no attention to us.

Early this morning, in a Rock Island Railway station, waiting for a train to take me across snowy Iowa, I read the editorial comments of one of the large newspapers in this part of the country. Said the Des Moines Register today: "We hope that the Voice of America and every other agency of communication with our neighbors, ~~near~~ near and distant, will "go to town" on the dissemination of this presidential

address, which so accurately reflects the true
"soul" of the American people."

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LEAD MOSCOW

In Moscow, where the Soviet government is honoring the death of Lenin, today the principal speaker gave what might be the Kremlin answer to President Truman's inaugural in which he called Communism a false philosophy. Addressing Stalin and other Red leaders, Professor Poselov, editor of Pravda, described Communism as "the brain, the honor, and the conscience of our age" in this the era of crumbling capitalism".

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From Austria, a story that recalls star chamber day's of medieval Europe. The American sponsored newspaper, the Vienna Courier, tells of the Hungarian primate, Cardinal Mindszenty, forced to watch his close associates being tortured by the political police of Budapest.

A Hungarian police officer, who escaped to Austria, tells how the prelate was kept on his feet for eighty-two hours, while his secretary Andras Zachar, was savagely beaten by the Reds right in the same room. How the unfortunate secretary screamed out his confession with his face covered with blood.

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the Cardinal's arrest. How he was taken from his palace by sixteen police armed with sub-machine guns. And how as he was arrested, he sent a message to his mother, telling her what he, the Cardinal, was ready to die for the freedom of the people.

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plane, flying into exile. First stop Hangchow. The name of his plane is Mei Ling, named for his wife.

From Hangchow he will drive to his old home in Chekiang Province, where some forty years ago, as a young officer in the ~~imperial~~ imperial army of the dowager empress he first became interested in the revolutionary movement of Sun Yat Sen. Later to rise to power to marry into the Soong Dynasty, one of the wealthiest families in the Far East.

What ~~was~~ next for the Generalissimo? The Communists have put a price on his head, as the number one war criminal.

Madame Chiang, China's ex-first lady, is still in America. Their belongings have been moved to the island of Formosa. If the Communists refuse to compromise with the Nanking government, the Generalissimo may have to flee to a foreign land. In which case Ying Tui may mean good-bye instead of

so-long. Meanwhile Madame Chiang is in New York.

No comment from her; from Mei Ling.

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POST INAUGURAL

In Washington today, most of the inauguration revelers stayed in bed. Room service getting all the rush in hotels, with many calls for tomato juice, sauerkraut juice and anything to eliminate that morning after feeling.

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Perhaps remembering when as a barefoot boy he followed his Pop's Missouri "hardtails" along the furrows, down on the farm. The gloves came off every time the President applauded.

After the parade, Mr. Truman changed again into a business suit, for another reception. And then, finally, he appeared at the inaugural ball in white tie and tails, still fresh as a daisy - so we hear, until the wee small hours.

Then, today, while so many thousands slept, it was business as usual for our thirty-second president. Except that he gave the Secret Service men a treat by cutting out his usual early morning walk.

MISSING FLAG

There's a job in Washington today for a smart detective, the prestige for the gifted Hawkshaw ~~Hawkshaw~~ if he gets his man or woman. Last night the President's box at the inaugural ball was decorated with a big Presidential flag. An eight by twelve foot banner. Borrowed from the White House for the special occasion, worth several hundred dollars-- probably much more as a souvenir. The flag is missing. It was still there at three-thirty A.M. Then it vanished, where, nobody knows. A large piece of bunting much too big for the tail ~~size~~ pocket of a gentleman's formal coat.

WEATHER

Here in the mid-west a new cold wave is reported sweeping down from Canada. The prairie and mountain states to get temperatures as low as minus thirty tonight - in Nebraska and the Dakotas. Also heavy snow due from the West.

Utah reports tell of the greatest loss of livestock in history, buried under the snow.

In Nevada today, Acting Governor Cliff Jones declared a state-of-emergency. In Nevada livestock losses have already passed the five million dollar mark. The Nevada national guard has been mobilized to help save the animals marooned in the snow. The state highway department rushing every possible piece of snow-fighting-equipment to the Ely area where a hundred and fifty-thousand sheep are marooned and more than forty thousand head of cattle.

Here's late news. In Washington tonight the Air Force announced that it may set up a "feed lift". To use bombers to carry fodder to the starving snow bound livestock.

JEALOUS

The Police Department of Canton, Illinois has on its hands an unusual case of an intended ~~murder~~ murder which misfired, a cunning plot foiled in the nick of time. A jealous lover discovered that his blond sweetheart, Rogine, was going to the movies with another man. So he began to look for a sure way to remove his rival, a way to ~~kill~~ kill him without being found out.

In the local movie house he hit on the big idea. ~~The~~ A picture was running there, featuring a great blast of dynamite. That thunderous explosion inspired the jealous twenty-year-old lover. To perfect his murder plan, get his timing just right, he saw the picture three times. Then, he shadowed the blonde, the girl of his dreams, and the man he hated. When they went to the movies, to enjoy that film, that climax of explosion, there he was sitting right behind them with a loaded pistol.

His timing was okay. Just as the explosion let go on the screen, he let his rival have it.

But his aim wasn't as good as his timing. The bullet grazed the other chap's neck. Nobody even ~~nt~~ noticed the shot. Then was when fate played him an unkind card. Sitting right next to the jealous lover was - the Deputy Sheriff, and when the unsuccessful marksman dashed from the theatre, the sheriff wondering about ~~th~~ all that haste, followed to see what was up. And what he saw was the jealous lover drop a smoking pistol in the snow.

Tonight of course the lover is in jail, charged with assault with intent to kill. As he sits there behind the bars he says the day's ~~smxk~~ episode in no way has dampened his ardor or allayed his jealousy. He is still madly in love with the Lady Rogine.

CERDAN

In Gay Paree Marcel Cerdan, middleweight boxfight champion of the world, is in beau[^]coup trouble. For engaging in fisticuffs above and beyond the call of duty. A young French woman whom he met in New York, accuses the champion of using her as a punching bag while training for that memorable fight with Tony Zale. The young Parisian told the Judge that it all happened in Manhattan. But she withheld her complaint until she got home to Paris - because says the Mademoiselle, she likes justice a la Francaise.

What does Monsieur Marcel say in rejoinder. He shrugs his shoulders and says "poof" it ees all see joke.

"Look," he added, "with these fists I flattened ze champion of ze world, ne ces pas? What then would happen to a petite mademoiselle if I hit her but once, voila.

And now something from one who always defends the ladies, Nelson Case.

L. T. P. & G. MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1949.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I am in Omaha tonight. And this happens to be the meeting place of a Republican National Committee -- which went into session today. The first important point under discussion, is the chairmanship now held by Huger Scott, who presided over the committee during the period of Governor Dewey's campaign. Some think he should step out. But Huger Scott today stated: I have no intention of resigning from a position to which I was elected.

Republican leadership is, of course, dealing chiefly with problems raised by the defeat in November. They have before them what they call: "thousands of grass roots suggestions." And these they are scanning in the hope of finding grass roots with which to build up the party for next time. Here in Omaha, heart of the corn belt, I'll bet they are giving plenty of attention to that farm vote, with due consideration for that grass root called - parity.