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The trial of the mine workers union began today -with a plea of not guilty. The defense argued that the union has made every attempt to obey the injunction issued by the court - John L. Lewis having twice ordered the strikers to go back to work. The union lawyers insisted that the orders issued to call off the strike were genuine, sincere - and that the miners were staying out on their own, in defiance.

Meanwhile, the bargaining conferences were called off suddenly today - but we are told that this is only a temporary delay. The talks between the mine owners and the union will be resumed speedily - and the word is that less than fifty cents a day separates the union demand for a wage increase and the offer the companies are making.

In Congress, speaker Sam Rayburn declared today that the legislators were prepared to vote authority to President Truman - to seize the mines. He admitted that the White House has not asked for any such power. But, says Sam Rayburn - "It would not take

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long." This, as the steel industry began shutting  
down in earnest. Today one big company after another  
announced that blast furnaces were closing - because  
of the shortage of coal.

## CRIME

A Senate committee has voted an investigation into the business of crime - the power and influence of underworld syndicates in big cities. This follows a conference in Washington, which represented an alarming picture of nationwide racketeering. The judiciary committee today voted a hundred thousand dollars for a full fledged investigation, in which some of the big-shots of alleged gambling gangs will be questioned - under oath, on the pain of perjury.

## MERCY KILLING

In the Manchester mercy killing trial the husband of Mrs. Abbie Boroto made a denial tonight of stories that he asked Dr. Herbert Sander to <sup>end</sup> ~~the~~ the sufferings of his wife, dying of cancer.

Reginald Boroto, sixty-five years old, testified that at the hospital he was told his wife ~~xxx~~ was given drugs to ease all suffering. The question was put to him directly by the Attorney General:

"Did you, at any time, directly or indirectly, ask Dr. Sander to shorten your wife's life?"

"No Sir" replied the witness.

## BRITAIN

Tonight in London, Prime Minister Attlee was in conference with King George - preparing for the beginning of the new Parliament, which the King will open with an address from the throne, setting forth the new policies of the Labor Government. These policies are expected to be mighty cautious and tentative - especially following today's final count in the election. The figures from three districts in remote northern Scotland were made public, and they give the Conservatives two more seats in Parliament, the Liberals one. So now the Labor Socialists have a plurality of nineteen over the Conservatives and a majority of <sup>only</sup> seven ~~over~~ all the other <sup>two</sup> parties, non-Socialist. Which certainly puts the Labor Government in <sup>an</sup> ~~one~~ uncomfortable spot - ~~with~~ a tiny majority of seven.

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## INDIA

A threat of war -- in India. Today the prime minister of Pakistan, Liaquat Ali Khan blamed the savage riots between Hindus and Moslems -- on the Hindus. He rejected a statement by Indian prime in minister Nehru -- that the Moslems began the murderous orgy. Nehru said that, if Pakistan did not stop the violence against Hindus, India might have to adopt what Nehru called -- "other methods."

To this the Pakistan leader today retorted that, if India wants to fight, the Moslems are, in his words -- "fully prepared for war."



## TIBET

Here's an odd story of high doings in Central Asia. The Chinese Reds call upon the people of Tibet to build some roads - so they can be invaded. Sounds most Asiatic, when a would-be conquerer tells the victim - if you don't fix up some decent highways, we won't march in.

This emanates from the Red radio at Peking, which says the Communist General, Chu Teh, received a delegation of Tibetan left wingers, who presented him with a request for speedy - "liberation." Which, of course, is the Communist way of saying - Red invasion.

The reply of General Chu Teh was illuminating. The Red commander, in the words of the Communist radio - "Expressed the hope that the Tibetan people would assist a Liberation army by carrying out road repairs, transporting grain, and helping to overcome all the difficulties which stand in the way of a speedy liberation of Tibet."

Which reply is quite a tribute to the highway system on the Roof-of-the-World - just about the worst

on this globe. I can sympathize with the Communist general, after the trip we made along the Tibetan roads - caravan trails through Himalayan heights, where even a mule or a sure-footed yak has trouble navigating.

All this, <sup>together with our articles now running in Collins,</sup> is tied to a rather mysterious event out there in Central Asia. Today's dispatch which is from Hong Kong, says that, several months ago, a detachment of the Chinese Red army made a march through the mountains, to the border of Tibet. Recently, however, nothing has been heard of that expeditionary force, and the reason is said to be - the report they turned in. So bad - it was suppressed. The Red unit, reaching the frontier of the Roof-of-the-World, sent <sup>+</sup> back the most unfavorable information about the prospect an invading army would face, difficulties of transportation, <sup>and</sup> lack of food supplies a military problem of the first magnitude.

All of which bears out what we were told by the government of the Dalai Lama in Lhasa - that, if

they had modern weapons, and some training in guerrilla warfare, the Tibetans could make things exceedingly rough for an invading army. That's the background for their appeal to the western world.

The Hong Kong dispatch gives the further opinion that the Communists faced with no end of problems in China, are not yet ready to tackle Tibet. An inference to be drawn from the Red generals polite request - please build some roads.

## STALIN

Tonight an account is given to explain why Stalin got many concessions in those Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conferences - as at Teheran and Yalta. The Soviet war leader, we are told, had a trump card up his sleeve - offers from Hitler. This is stated by Dr. Robert Kempner, who was a prosecutor at the Nuremberg trial of the Nazi war criminals. He writes in the publication called the "United Nations World" <sup>which is</sup> a private affair, not officially connected with the U.N.

All along it has been said that the United States and Great Britain were afraid that Stalin might make a separate peace with Hitler - and therefore felt it necessary to yield a lot, so as to keep the Soviets in the war. Dr. Kempner states that Hitler made four proposals to Stalin for a separate peace. So, when he went into conference with Roosevelt and Churchill, Stalin was able to make maximum demands - knowing that, if the United States and Great Britain failed to agree, Hitler was ready to make a deal.

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Stalin, we are told, played this game so far that Hitler was finally convinced that the Soviets were merely using the Nazi offers as a means of strengthening their hand with the Western Allies.

Well, you can see the advantage that a dictator would have in that kind of game - the United States and Great Britain having no such trump card, never considering any scheme of dickering with Hitler at the expense of their Soviet ally.

## H-BOMB

Tonight we have a denial, in part at least, of the alarming stories that hydrogen bomb explosions would annihilate all living matter. This has been stated in a radio debate among prominent scientists. But now we have Dr. Hugh Wolfe, chairman of the Federation of American Scientists, declaring that the frightening picture is, what he calls - "Far more in the realm of the technically possible, than in the realm of the realistically probable."

Dr. Wolfe, writing in the United Nations World, admits the devastating powers of the hydrogen bomb, and does not belittle the havoc it would create. But he does not think it would result in any universal destruction of life.

Moreover, he is not so sure that there will ever be a hydrogen bomb. He says it would only take about a year to develop an experimental example, but adds: "There is a fair chance that it will not work at all - that it will prove to be a dud."

## STAR SPANGLED BANNER

They finally played the Star Spangled Banner at Guatemala City - after the dispute had become an international incident. It happened at the Central American Olympic Games, in which Puerto Rico is represented. That island being a possession of the U.S.A. A Puerto Rican color guard carried the Stars and Stripes. But the local band, although it played national anthems of other countries - tootled a Puerto Rican dance tune. Which was quite an affront - the American Flag accompanied by a sort of congo or samba.

Guatemala has a leftwing government, and the interpretation was that the music was a brass band way of protesting against "colonialism". Puerto Rico in colonial bondage -- although the Puerto Ricans, themselves, hope to be admitted into the union some day.

So the U.S. Minister down there put in a protest to the Guatemalan government - and to that was added the fact that today Puerto Rican athletes

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won first and third place in the high jump. The  
consequence was that when the American flag was  
paraded in victory, <sup>and</sup> the band played the appropriate  
music - the Star Spangled Banner.



## LEOPARD

At last reports the Oklahoma leopard was still missing. But there are hopes - based on the disappearance of a hunk of meat seasoned with drugs.

After the leopard from India leaped out of a pit in the Oklahoma City zoo, the hunt was fast and anxious. Tracks of the spotted fugitive were found, and a couple of times they caught sight of the leopard - but only a fleeting glimpse. So they tried a chunk of bait - meat <sup>†</sup> salted with a narcotic guaranteed to put a leopard into a long sleep. This morning the bait was gone, and that raised hopes - that they might find the leopard snoozing away somewhere in the woods. But the hunters admit that the bait may have been taken by raccoons or <sup>skinks</sup> ~~skinks~~ - so all they may discover is a sleeping coon or polecat.

They brought in cat-hunting dogs - hounds <sup>in trailing and trailing</sup> used ~~to pursue the~~ mountain lion in the western country. These were taken out today to pick up the trail of the leopard. The dogs know the tawny mountain lion of the x Rockies, but it remains to be

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seen what they'll do if they come face to face with the spotted fury from Asia. Officials of the zoo state that the leopard was captured in India only two months ago - and displayed an amount of sheer ferocity that impressed even the veteran animal handlers.

Today precautions were taken to protect children in the vicinity of Oklahoma. Schools were open, but youngsters were kept indoors - all for fear of the Oklahoma leopard.

## SALESWOMAN

Hollywood is a bit startled - after a humiliating turndown. A blonde, who works as a Fuller Brush saleswoman, has rejected a five-hundred-dollar-a-week-job, playing in the pictures - she prefers her present saleswoman work. Hollywood is astonished - but the young lady makes a lot of sense.

Grace Johnson of Salt Lake City acted as a technical adviser in the making of a film, and the moguls of the movies thought she'd do all right in pictures. But Grace Johnson watched the star, Lucille Ball, getting up at Six A.M., working the longest of hours, and repeating the same lines over and over again. "I should think she'd get bored to death," says Grace.

Moreover, Grace was able to figure out why the studio offered her that five-hundred-dollar-a-week contract. "They had me all set for a dumb blonde," says she. They wanted her as a comedienne of the vacant face and silly remark. Which annoyed Grace - who thinks herself pretty smart. ~~IXX~~ It was all

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because she looks like Marie Wilson, queen of the dumb blondes. But just because you have honey colored hair and blue eyes - that's no reason why you have to play dizzy and brainless.

Grace Johnson is married, and has a young son and a pleasant home. So she says: "If I made good in the movies I'd be making a hundred times what my husband does, and we'd probably wind up being miserable - like lots of movie couples."

Not such a dumb blonde, eh Nelson?