

EISENHOWER

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General Eisenhower struck back at critics today, people ~~in~~ here in the United States who are complaining about the Eisenhower handling of things in Germany.

In Europe, as in the case of MacArthur in the Pacific, the commander of victory is being assailed -

Eisenhower accused of not de-Nazifying Germany sternly enough.

The General today cried out: "We are not letting Nazis hold office. We are not going to let them vote.

A Nazi is a Nazi, and I hate Nazis." <sup>He then</sup> ~~and~~ he went on to

<sup>He</sup> defend the policy of turning administration over to the

Germans - local officials placed in charge of towns and

villages. Eisenhower points out that the American Army

was not designed for that sort of political work. The

sooner the administration in Germany is turned over to

civilians, the better it will be - American civilians

or German civilians. ~~The General explained it will be~~

~~no case of giving Germany back to the Germans.~~

*He explained that*

The German administrators will be merely instruments in carrying out the aims of the Allies - the aims of the Potsdam Agreement of the Big Three.

~~As for not letting Nazis vote, this applies to local elections that are still to be held under American auspices. Eisenhower's chief-of-staff, Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith, explained today that the ~~xxxx~~ exclusion from the ballot would not be enforced on Germans who had been compelled to join the Nazi Party. If they can show they had to, <sup>then</sup> they will be allowed to vote.~~

The great I.G. Farben industrial concern was confiscated today - with its hundreds of plants and laboratories. I.G. Farben, one of the greatest producers of materials of war, has ranked among the world's Number One industrial organizations. Now all of its properties have been taken over by order of the Allied Four Power Council in Control of Germany.

## NAZI GENERAL

In Rome today, a German General stood impassive and stony, as he listened to a sentence of death pronounced against him. He was General Anton Dostler, convicted of ordering the execution of fifteen American soldiers - Americans of Italian descent who, directed by the <sup>Office</sup> ~~order~~ of Strategic Services, had made their way through northern Italy for a sabotage job - the blowing up of a railroad tunnel. <sup>TP</sup> The testimony showed that the fifteen Americans were in military uniform, and therefore were entitled to treatment as ordinary prisoners of war. Instead, they were shot without a trial. The evidence disclosed that German officers, subordinates to General Dostler, had argued with him against the executions, pleading with Dostler not to have the Americans shot.

The defense of the Nazi General was that he had acted on order<sup>s</sup> from above, orders from German Commander Kesselring and from Hitler. ~~The defense claimed that he~~

## JAPAN

The Japanese Cabinet today repealed all laws restricting freedom of speech and other political liberties. This had previously been ordered by General MacArthur, and the Cabinet <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ carrying out the command.

And a constitutional change is predicted, a change to minimize the authority of the Emperor. This comes from a high official, Prince Konoye, who is quoted by the National Broadcasting Company as stating that the Japanese constitution may be modified so as to establish the Mikado as a constitutional monarch like the King of England.

The abolition of the Japanese home fleet and air force has been completed, with military officials reporting today that both have been fully disbanded.

~~The disarmament of Japan produces an oddity - the story of an aircraft concern that ~~it~~ has turned to the manufacture of stovepipes. The factory <sup>had produced</sup> ~~turned out~~~~

out to be an all-time low - ten million bushels, when Japan to feed its people needs a minimum of <sup>nearly</sup> ~~twelve~~ <sup>thirteen million</sup> million, nine hundred thousand bushels of rice a year. And, say the Japanese, there is a prospect of rice riots. A leading financier appealed to the American authorities today to permit the import of food from Korea, Formosa and Siam, to avoid famine this <sup>winter</sup> ~~year~~ and rice riots.

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General MacArthur is getting fan mail -

Japanese fan mail. Thus far he has had ~~a~~ <sup>of</sup> hundreds of letters in Japanese, and <sup>several</sup> ~~two~~ hundred ~~written~~ in English, from Japs. Any radio performer will tell you there are two kinds of fan mail - the boosts and the knocks. But MacArthur is getting only one kind from the Japs - praise. <sup>TR</sup> Headquarters reports that the fan mail reflects a general hatred of the militarists that led Japan into the disastrous war. The letters endorse the prosecution

of war criminals, especially of Tojo. <sup>and they</sup> applaud  
the establishment of freedom of speech and political  
rights. The MacArthur fan mail <sup>echoes</sup> ~~is, of course, the~~  
~~personal~~ Japanese approval of the American occupation  
and of <sup>the General</sup> ~~him~~ personally - with offers of a variety of  
gifts, table delicacies, banzai swords and trinkets  
for Mrs. MacArthur.

## TYPHOON

In the Far Pacific today, B-29s flew to Okinawa, but they didn't drop bombs as they used to do when the Superfortresses were blasting <sup>that island</sup> ~~China~~ in preparation for the bitterly fought invasion. Today a fleet of B-29s landed with hundreds of tons of food - supplies for a hundred and fifty thousand American soldiers who have been isolated by the typhoon.

News accounts continue to tell of almost incredible devastation wrought by the tropical tempest, the most violent in twenty years. Buildings ~~were~~ flattened all over the island. A hundred and twenty ships and boats ~~were~~ driven onto the beach, and five others ~~were~~ sunk. The total loss of life is not known, though three Navy men are known to be dead and ten others ~~are~~ missing.

The typhoon, after hitting Okinawa, headed north to Japan, where further havoc was caused.

## MARSHALL REPORT

We were given today the inside story of a best seller - how five names were put in a hat, one was drawn, and it turned out to be Simon & Schuster.

The best seller in question is no sensational novel, no story of flaming romance, no concoction of literary spice - no "Forever Amber." It's the kind of thing that would ordinarily make a publisher squirm - an official report, a government document, *Shades of the* Congressional Record! It's General Marshall's report on the winning of the war.

The report <sup>is</sup> being turned out through several channels. The Government, the public printer, is issuing it, and on the first day sold three thousand copies at a dollar apiece. The Infantry Journal is putting out an edition of a hundred thousand in a twenty-five cent book form - meant for military circulation.

The book store sale, Simon & Schuster, began with an edition of a hundred thousand, and an additional hundred thousand have been ordered. The sale of the



report seems likely to go over a million.

How did <sup>the N.Y. publishers</sup> ~~Simon & Schuster~~ acquire this latest

best seller? The answer is disclosed today by the Army. The War Department wanted to get the greatest possible distribution, and figured that an edition through regular publishing channels would help.

Inquiries were made, and it was found that five publishers were interested. The names of these were written on slips of paper, and an informal, old-fashioned drawing was held - picking a name out of a hat. Simon & Schuster was the <sup>name,</sup> ~~lucky firm~~

We are told that all profits go to the War Department, but there is plenty of prestige in turning out a best seller, especially when it is something so unexpected as an official report.

## ARGENTINA

In Argentina, the entire Cabinet resigned today and the indications are that the Army and Navy are determined to put Argentina on the road to democratic government. New Cabinet Ministers are being selected, and we are told that only one of them will be a military man, where hitherto they have all been military, a government of colonels.

One Cabinet prospect <sup>is</sup> the highly respected statesman, Dr. Carlos Saavedra Lamas, former Foreign Minister and a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. He, however, is said to have rejected, unless the entire government <sup>is</sup> ~~were~~ turned over to the direction of the Argentine Supreme Court until a constitutional election ~~could~~ <sup>can</sup> be held. This would mean the retirement of President Edelmiro Farrell, - and, other political figures, mentioned as Cabinet possibilities, demand that he step out.

There is a report that Colonel Peron has been arrested, the Argentine strong man bitterly condemned as a Fascist - Peron, the chief colonel in the government of colonels. There is no confirmation of the report of his arrest, but word from Buenos Aires is that if he hasn't been locked up, he will be soon. There has been suspicion all along that Peron resigned the day before yesterday, with the intention of running for the presidency in the forthcoming elections - maybe with the support of the government, and "an official candidate." This has excited the apprehension of the young-officer-element that is backing the move toward democracy and liberty. And government spokesmen had given a pledge that Colonel Person will receive no official backing if he runs for president - Peron who is reported to be under arrest.

## STRIKES

In the strike news tonight, the major headline is coal -- the ~~tying~~<sup>tie-</sup> up of the soft coal mines by a walkout that is threatening American industry far and wide. ~~Still~~ Steel production has been decreasing, because of the lack of coal deliveries. And today it was at the lowest level since the depression. From Washington we hear that Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach is going to get tough about it, and say harsh things to the mine operators and <sup>to</sup> Union Chief John L. Lewis, who have been in conference for six days, with no sign of settling the strike. ~~They say the Secretary of Labor is likely to issue a drastic pronouncement to marshal public opinion against both sides of the dispute over wages.~~

In New York the harbor is still virtually paralyzed -- with other unions giving their support to the striking longshoremen of the A. F. of L. It's a ~~widespread~~<sup>wild cat</sup> strike that seems to represent a revolt of the longshoremen, not against their employers

but against their Union leadership.

And at Hollywood the long-continued strike has spread from Warner Brothers to another big studio -- Universal, which was closed down today by a walkout.

## HOTELS - NAVY DAY

New York City hotels are asking guests not to plan on staying in New York - not even for a single night - from October Fifteenth to November Sixth. The reason, ~~is that~~ some thirty-five ships of the ~~United States Fleet~~, <sup>Fleet will arrive,</sup> and their crews, totaling thirty thousand crewmen, will ~~invade~~ <sup>invade</sup> the big city to celebrate Navy Day, ~~on~~ October Twenty-Seventh.

The hotel men are going all out to comply with the Third Naval District request to accommodate the men, many of whom have not been home for three or four years. In addition, wives, sweethearts, parents, and friends will flock from all points of the compass to welcome their ~~war~~ heroes.

Regular travelers will get a twenty-one gun salute from the Navy if they leave New York hotel rooms open from October fifteenth to November sixth.

BUDENZ

At South Bend, Indiana, Louis F. Budenz arrived today, the recent Communist leader who became a convert to the Catholic Church. He now joins the faculty of Notre Dame University.

He makes a statement in which he explains his extraordinary change of mind. *Says he* ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

*He* became utterly disillusioned by what he learned about Communists. *He was the editor of The Daily Worker,* "The average Communist," says he, "tends to become a puppet. He mutters phrases which he does not fully understand, and he commits himself to actions of which he knows not their objective or consequence."

And Louis Budenz goes on to say the following *former American Red leader* about Earl Browder, with whom he worked for years: "Earl Browder and others," *he declares,* ~~says he~~ "got orders from somewhere - but I do not know where." To which the echo responds - guess where?

## LYNCHING

At Madison, Florida, the sheriff said today *that* he guessed he was on the "spot." This follows the lynching of a negro who was accused of attempting to assault a five year old girl, daughter of a white farmer.

The negro's body, shot in the back, was found by a truck driver - whereupon it was discovered that the victim of <sup>the</sup> lynching had been taken from the jail during the night by a group of men.

The sheriff, Lonnie Davis, who lives next door to the jail, declared that he had heard nothing during the night. Prisoners in the jail said that they had heard nothing. All of which sounded mighty quiet for a mob abducting a prisoner for lynching. It is now disclosed that the lynchers got into the jail with a key, ~~with~~ when apparently the only one who had a key was the sheriff.

The dramatic turn comes in the latest <sup>\*</sup> revelation -

that the five year old girl whom the negro was accused of



trying to assault, was the sheriff's niece, his sister's child.

That's why Sheriff Lonnie Davis of Madison, Florida, says he guesses he is on the spot. He ~~protest~~ protests he had nothing to do with the lynching. "If I had wanted to kill the negro, I could have shot him in jail", says he, with his slow Southern drawl.

D.A.R.

~~Both~~ President ~~and Mrs.~~ Truman responded today to protests against the action of the Daughters of the American Revolution in refusing to allow negro artists to appear in Constitution Hall, the Washington auditorium owned by the D.A.R. The controversy arises in the case of Hazel Scott, wife of Negro Congressman Adam-Clayton-Powell of New York. <sup>Hazel Scott</sup> ~~She~~ is a pianist, and wanted to give a recital at Constitution Hall on October Twentieth. So she applied to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The D.A.R. back in Nineteen Thirty-Two adopted a rule that the auditorium should be rented to white artists only. This, in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, produced an uproar. When the Negro soprano, Marian Anderson, wanted to give a recital in Constitution Hall, <sup>she</sup> ~~she~~ was rejected. As a protest against this, the then First Lady, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, resigned from the D.A.R.

So now the same question confronted the <sup>Daughters</sup> ~~D.A.R.~~ all over again, this time in the pianist Hazel Scott.

The Executive Committee ~~of the Daughters of the American Revolution~~ took a vote, and it was unanimous! - No! The Committee refused to change the rule against negro artists.

That promptly drew a blast from the husband of the pianist, Congressman Powell sending telegrams to both President and Mrs. Truman - asking ~~the~~ President to intervene, and asking Mrs. Truman to administer a social rebuke. <sup>R</sup> The First Lady is an honorary member of the Independence, Missouri, Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and she had accepted an invitation to attend a tea held by the D.A.R. this afternoon. Congressman Powell suggested that Mrs. Truman refuse to attend the tea.

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The White House ~~replies~~ <sup>es</sup> express sharp criticism of

the D.A.R. President Truman stating: "One of the marks of a democracy is its willingness to respect and reward talent without regard to race or origin." ~~And Mrs. Truman~~  
*[Signature]*  
echoing: "I deplore any action which denies artistic talent an opportunity to express itself because of prejudice ~~is~~

{ against race or origin." }

The President points out, however, that there is nothing he can do about Constitution Hall, which is private property, ~~of the D.A.R.~~ And Mrs. Truman sees no reason why she shouldn't go to the tea party. She points out that she accepted the invitation before the controversy arose. "In my opinion," says she, "my acceptance of the hospitality is not related to the merits of the issue which <sup>has</sup> ~~have~~ since arisen."

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Constitution Hall has echoed many a time with tuneful melody and sweet harmony, but every so often it gets into <sup>a</sup> ~~A~~ noisy symphony of raucous discords and angry shouting.

And now Hugh some closing melodious notes from you.