

P.J. - Sunoco. Friday, March 8, 1946.

The railroad strike, was postponed today by Presidential intervention. The White House invoked the Railway Labor Act, and appointed a fact finding board - - which automatically delayed^S the railroad walkout for some thirty to sixty days.

TP At the same time, the President refused to intervene personally in the General Motors strike.

CHINA

~~We are getting the~~ dispatches of ^{the} American newspaper correspondents who managed to get into Soviet controlled Manchuria, ^{are starting to come thru,} ~~and had a~~ ^{they've had!}

~~at a~~ wild time. ~~They were held~~ under arrest, released, held under arrest

again, and treated with a good deal less of that exquisite courtesy with which one ally commonly is supposed to greet another.

The stories they wrote were held up by the Red Army, delayed for days. Now some are coming through, two arriving today from United Press Correspondent Reynolds Packard.

The first tells of an astonishing speech made by Soviet Commander Malinovsky, addressing a banquet audience of Red Army and Chinese officers. The Red Army marshall held forth on the subject of Soviet friendship toward China - - a friendship displayed in such peculiar fashion. It rather reminds one of the style of love and romance you find in some Hollywood movies these days - - affection demonstrated by pushing the fair lady in the face and shoving her around.

The Soviet Marshall spoke of what he called - - "People wearing white gloves and carrying gold in their pockets." The whole quotation is so peculiar that it is worth repeating. Speaking of the Soviet friendship for China, Malinovsky said; "We don't want

any other country to harm this friendship, especially those people wearing white gloves and carrying gold in their pockets. If anybody puts out a hand to interfere, we will cut it off." He illustrated by making a gesture of chopping, as if amputating the interfering hand - - wearing a white glove, we presume.

~~Ther~~red Marshall, of course, meant the United States - - though we don't often picture our Uncle Sam wearing white gloves. And, as for the gold in his pockets, it's remarkable that he has any left, considering the way the old fellow has been showering gold on almost everybody - - including the Soviets.

Correspondent Reynolds Packard paints the following picture of a newspaperman's life in the Manchurian capital of Changchung;

"The dominant impression I have of Changchung is of Tommyguns in the hands of Red Army men, who point them at my stomach to turn me back at almost every gateway. The town, " he goes on, "swarms with American lendlease jeeps and trucks driven by the Red Army." Packard describes an airplane flight the newsmen tried to make in a Chinese transport plane. "We were followed in the air," says he, "by two Russian-piloted American lendlease thunderbolt fighters." And he adds that, in their lendlease fighters, the red pilots made

two passes at the passenger plane carrying the Americans - -
to force them down.

He says the city of Changchung, though Manchuria is supposed to belong to China, is plastered everywhere with pictures of Stalin, and the buildings fly the Red Flag. Still another story tells of the American Flag in the Manchurian capital - - the stars and strips, flying upside down.

Packard sends along word about the murder of the Chinese Manager of the British-American tobacco company, taken over by the Red Army at Mukden. The indications are that this Chinese official was killed by Reds, because he befriended the American newsmen and showed them through his plant.

Today President Truman had to face questions about his attitude toward Winston Churchill's World important declarations on Tuesday - - the Churchill proposals for an Anglo-American military alliance to confront the ominous power of Soviet Russia.

The President had a news conference, his first since Churchill spoke - - and the questioning was inevitable. ^{TP} He stated that he did not know in advance what Churchill was going to say in the address at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri. He explained his own role was that of host to the Wartime Prime Minister - - and that Churchill had a right to say what he pleased, this being a country of free speech.

"Now that you've heard this address," asked a newsmen, "what is your opinion of it?" President Truman replied that he had no comment to make on that point.

There has been talk that, after the oratorical bombshell tossed by Churchill, there should be another meeting of the big Three - - Stalin, Attlee, Truman. The President stated today that there is no prospect of a get-together of the big Three in the immediate future, and added that, if another of those international conferences is held, it should be in Washington.

CHURCHILL, follow Truman

Winston Churchill delivered another address today, and repeated his belief in a close partnership between his country and ours.

He didn't take any further flings at Soviet Russia, and talked in less definite terms about the British-American informal military alliance that he proposed in that sensational address a couple of days ago.

Today he said; "Above all, among the English-speaking peoples, there must be the union of hearts based upon conviction and common ideals. That is what I offer. That is what I seek."

The Churchill words were spoken before the Virginia General Assembly at Richmond - - amid mementoes of the American Civil War, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. The wartime Prime Minister had just made a trip to the battlefields of the Peninsula campaign and the Wilderness, scenes of the heroism of the confederacy. And, it sounded for a minute as if he were going to start the Civil War all over again.

Britain's leader in world war number two is half American, ^{as we all know,} But his ancestry on this side of the Atlantic was Yankee and against the confederacy. ^{he} To the Virginians said today, "My grandfather was a Northerner in the State of New York, and you would not expect me to

believe the great cause for which he strove."

That kind of talk could start an argument in Richmond, capital of the Confederacy. ^{But} Churchill, in the good old American style, echoed the refrain of the blue and the grey. He echoed ⁱⁿ these exceedingly Churchillian words; "Old Battles are remembered not as sources of bitterness but to celebrate the martial virtues and civil fidelities of both sides in the immortal struggle."

Tonight I am broadcasting from The Eastern Slopes Inn at North Conway. I spent most of yesterday and today high up on a mountain, in a realm of storms and avalanches — on Mt. Washington. And with veterans of the recent war, up there on the side of the Tuckerman Headwall, referring to Winston Churchill's speech, one veteran said to another, an airman — he said: "In the 2 greatest wars of all time we have fought with our English speaking friends. Why not work closely with them in time of peace? If we don't another greater war is inevitable." That was an American soldier's thought as he looked out on the world from a mountain top.

SOVIET CLERK

Canada states that threats have been made against the Clerk of Soviet Embassy in Ottawa who disclosed the Red espionage attempt to procure secrets of the atomic bomb. He is Igor Gouzenko - - now ~~XXX~~ kept under guard and in hiding by the Canadian authorities

The Canadians believe that he is in danger, and cite threats against his life - - also against the life of a Canadian woman secretary who played a part in the atomic spy disclosure.

A government spokesman at Ottawa, referring to the revelations made by Soviet Embassy Clerk Gouzenko, declared that the information he gave was so important that, if it is ever made public, it will in the words of the Canadian Official, "Place him in high esteem among Canadians."

COMMUNISTS

More blasts in Washington against the Communists, Congressman Rankin, of the Committee on Unamerican Activities stated; "There can be no question but that Communist spies and their fellow travelers are trying to secure secrets of the atomic bomb."

And he added that the Soviet atomic spy ring is being assisted by what he called - - "American Communists, many of whom are on the Federal payroll."

He didn't say - - who or why.

QUEEN ELIZABETH

Britain has been having an epidemic of ship fires, accompanied by a sabotage scare - - and this came to a head today with a dangerous blaze aboard the Queen Elizabeth. The latest word is that the fire, which broke out aboard the eighty-five thousand ton liner, was definitely caused by sabotage.

The ship fire epidemic began at Liverpool where, during the past two weeks there has been a series of mysterious incidents - - flames aboard ships for no apparent reason. Investigation produced evidence that a well organized gang of saboteurs and firebugs were striking at British shipping.

And now this has spread to Southampton - - in the case of the Queen Elizabeth. ^AThat former luxury liner is now being reconverted from ^Awartime troop ship back to the status of Queen of the Seas on the transatlantic passenger run. The fire broke out in the ship's hospital quarters and raged for three hours before it was ^Aextinguished. Forces of guards and police are being rushed to Southampton - - including agents from Scotland Yard. ^WNot only is ~~the Queen Elizabeth there, but her sister ship, The giant Queen Mary, is due to arrive tomorrow - - for reconversion from troop ship to passenger service.~~

Mr. Thomas;

Here's a further note:-

The Queen Elizabeth was the seventh British ship to have a fire at

English docks in eight days. ~~Tone down the sabotage part to square~~

~~with this statement by~~ ^{Said} the Cunard General Manager; "I don't think

there is any reasonable explanation for the fire except sabotage."

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COMMUNISTS- BERLIN

In Berlin the leader of the German Communist Party has issued a blast against the Americans. He is Wilhelm Pieck, Long a resident of Soviet Moscow, who returned to Germany after the victory to ~~make the~~ ^{assume} leadership of the German Reds. Today he denounced the American authorities in Berlin for supporting what he calls - - Reactionaries; That, of course, means ^{ing} anybody who opposes communism.

This is the latest in a political crisis at Berlin, a crisis that grows out of the fact that the German communists want ^{the} social democrats to amalgamate with them. ~~The Social Democrats are~~ regarded as the largest political party in Germany.

~~Some days ago on this program we heard how ^{the} Social Democrats in Berlin had taken a vote on the Red proposal, and had turned it down overwhelmingly. They wanted no unification with the Communists.~~

~~Since ^{then} we've had news of the arrest of Communist Leaders by the American and British military authorities.~~

~~Today we hear that four more have been locked up, making a total of fourteen.~~

The Reds are charged with violation of military regulations, with

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espionage, and with attempts to intimidate - - using threats, the methods of undercover terror. ~~They are~~ trying to terrorize the Social Democrats, trying to force them to amalgamate with the Communists.

So today communist leader Wilhelm Pieck hurled a blast against the Americans - - and demanded a merger of the Social Democrats with the Communists.

PALESTINE

In Jerusalem the Anglo-American Palestine inquiry commission opened its hearings today, and the first witness was Dr Chaim Weitzmann, world leader of Zionism.

Dr Weitzmann told the inquiry commission that he personally hated violence, but that only respect for Jewish force would persuade the Arabs to come to an agreement.

He argued that the majority of Jews in Europe cannot be expected to remain in lands drenched with Jewish blood, and that Palestine was the only place for them. He said that other attempts at Jewish settlement, such as in Argentina, had been failures - - in spite of favorable physical conditions.

And the leader of Zionism, in telling of British promises, quoted Winston Churchill. He represented Churchill as saying; "As soon as the war is over, we shall bring peace to Palestine." ~~There is~~

~~nothing that Bismarck and myself cannot do.~~

But, there is a Labor Government in power in England now, and Winston Churchill once more is a private citizen.

HELL SHIP

In the far southwest Pacific, between Australia and New Caledonia, a ship is steaming in a hurricane. Before the vessel put to sea it was called - - A Hell Ship. And now it may deserve that name ten times over. It's an old decrepit Japanese destroyer crowded with more than a thousand people, prisoners of war, mostly Koreans and Formosans, whom the Japs forced into military service - - many of them with their families - - some two hundred women and children.

When they left Australia, they were jam-packed aboard the aged destroyer, crowded deep in the black and stifling hole^{d.}. The Captain stated that, if he had to close the hatches, there would be many deaths from suffocation. And now word is that the Hell Ship is in a typhoon, which means closed hatches. A destroyer rolls crazily in a heavy sea, and the old Japanese craft^{- so we hear -} will probably sink - - with open hatches in a typhoon.

This sombre picture of a ship at sea is the theme of a dispute between the Australian authorities and General MacArthur's American Command at Tokyo. When the prisoners of war, the formosans and Koreans, the women and children, were packed aboard the old destroyer - - they had to be compelled to go against their frantic

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protests.

The Australian authorities declared that they were carrying out instructions from MacArthur's headquarters in Japan, - - and this now is denied. A MacArthur spokesman ^{says} ~~declares~~ that the loading of prisoners aboard the destroyer was entirely under the control of the Australian authorities - - and they were responsible.

All of which has provoked burning indignation in Australia - - public protests against what are called "Barbaric Conditions" aboard the ship. Today Australian newspapers unanimously denounced the Australian government for trying to shift the blame on ~~to~~ General MacArthur.

To which one Australian High official responds in adamant fashion - - Herbert Ewart, Minister of External Affairs. He replies angrily; "Who are these people? They are enemy subjects captured fighting against our soldiers - - the women are their wives." ~~He neglected to add - - the children are their children.~~

That view is not shared by MacArthur, who has ordered the prisoners of war and the women and the children to be transferred to a hospital ship - ^{--- this} - _A to be done at Rabaul or some other convenient port. He has assigned a ten thousand ton liner to pick them up

for the rest of the trip.

This, however, is accompanied by the news that the Hell Ship is in a typhoon, with a picture of hatches battened down, and a suffocating mass of human beings below deck.

And now back to Radio City to
You Hugh.