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Here is the story behind General Eisenhower's categorical statement that he had not authorized anyone to campaign for him as president in Nineteen Fifty-two. This afternoon, the Supreme Commander of N.A.T.O. forces left the top secret conferences with President Truman and Defense Secretary Lovett at the White House. Waiting on the steps were a group of Washington reporters, one of whom fired this question at the Five Star General: "Have you given anyone authority or a go-ahead to undertake any political activity in your behalf?"

Eisenhower, bombarded with such questions since his return on Sunday, burst out laughing and shouted back his answer: "No."

"But what ~~is~~ will happen if anyone wants to talk politics to you - will you let them?" persisted the reporter.

"No, not just now," replied Eisenhower. "But I'd be glad to see any old friends if they come around."

~~Now what do you make of that?~~

So, I'll leave you to interpret that!

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## CIVIL RIGHTS

Advance rumblings of political uproar were heard in Washington today -- when Senator Humphrey of Minnesota revived the racial rights issue. Announcing - that Senate hearings would begin in January. He's the author of a bill for the creation of a Federal Fair Employment Practices Commission -- and the hearings would bring up that old controversy - as a presidential year begins.

Back in 1948, the last presidential year, Humphrey was the orator who broke things loose at the Democratic Convention, and swung the vote in favor of racial rights. Which led to the secession of the Dixiecrats. Right now, the Dixiecrats are breathing defiance again - and here comes the Senator pressing the racial issue once more.



REDS

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The Supreme Court hands down its decision on the fifty thousand dollar bail set for each of the twelve indicted California Reds. A six-member majority, headed by Chief Justice Vinson, rules that the bail is too high, ~~But adds~~ that the Communists have used the wrong method in trying to get it reduced - namely, a request for writs of habeas corpus. The case now goes back to the lower courts, where the California twelve may seek a lower sum.

## CIO

In New York today, the CIO gave its answer to the AF of L, the answer was -- "no," with cheers. The CIO is holding its annual Convention <sup>^</sup> and, over the weekend, the AF of L sent an offer, suggesting a merger of the two great labor organizations. Which is a thing that has been talked about ever since the CIO seceded from the Federation back in the thirties.

Today's reply was given by President Philip Murray, addressing eight hundred Convention delegates. He told them the suggestion for unity was, in his words -- "for one purpose only, to absorb you and swallow you." Then <sup>his</sup> defiance took a financial form, Philip Murray declaring: "There is more money in our treasury than the ~~AF of L~~ AF of L has."

All of which was greeted by a roar of cheers -- from the eight hundred union delegates.

SUBSTITUTE KOREA - TRUCE

Peiping Radio has just broadcast a rejection of the United Nations latest truce formula which they term "a crafty scheme for seizing control of Kaesong and wrecking the armistice negotiations." However, at this moment the truce teams are again meeting at Pan Mun Jon. At this their thirteenth meeting, the U.N. negotiators will hear the formal reply to their proposal that the cease-fire line and buffer zone follow the actual fighting front -- if and when an armistice is signed.

( At yesterday's meeting the Allies proposed that other outstanding problems be discussed in case of disagreement on the cease-fire line. Even now the Chinese may be going ahead with this suggestion, which could lead to a speedy armistice agreement. However, )  
following the Peking broadcast, it seems likely that the talks may be headed for an even worse deadlock.



## ATOMIC

From Las Vegas, the reports tonight talk of "a giant head of cauliflower, a jockey's cap, a reddish tinged mushroom." All this allegory has to do with the explosion of the latest A-bomb, which was dropped by a B-29 over Frenchman's Flat, this morning. The explosion, another in the present series to develop atomic weapons. No troops took part in this one.

To observers fifty miles south of the brilliant fiery-red ball appeared larger than from the four previous tests. A radio station at Richfield, Utah, two-hundred-and-twenty-five miles distant, reports the sound "so loud our meter needle bounced all over the dial.

The news from Korea tonight <sup>continues to tell</sup> ~~tells~~ of the roar of artillery, ~~the thunder and crash of exploding shells. This~~ ~~is~~ from the Yonchon front, in West Korea, ~~where all available~~ ~~Allied field guns have been hurling shells into the Chinese~~ ~~positions.~~ For two days, a ~~severe~~ battle has swayed backwards and forwards through the hills, ~~of this sector, with a pattern~~ ~~of~~ attack and counter-attack, <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ heavy tank fighting by both sides.

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EGYPT

From the British G.H.Q. in the Suez Canal Zone, comes word that the Royal Navy has taken over the berthing and clearance of all ships through the Suez Canal. We learn that the British Navy handled more than a hundred vessels last week.

Meanwhile, gunmen dressed in long flowing Bedouin robes, have made their first attack on the British. The assailants, who are believed to be members of the fanatical "Liberation Battalions" ambushed an automobile in the Canal Zone this morning, opening fire with machine guns and pistols. However, <sup>no one</sup> ~~neither of the passengers~~ in the car <sup>were</sup> ~~were~~ injured. The "Liberation Battalions" today issued a further warning to Egyptian workers who continued on the job in the Canal Zone. Their threats include "public horse whipping and branding with burning irons" for traitors.

In Cairo today, the Egyptian Economic Minister Harmit Zedki Pasha, extended the threat of a "cotton war" against the British, aimed at <sup>cutting off supplies to</sup> ~~the~~ Lancashire cotton mills.

Anti-British and anti-American demonstrations in the Middle East spread to Syria today. And late word from Damascus tells that Western legations and all shops have been closed.



FOLLOW EGYPT

Late word from London. An announcement from the British War Office states that "crosses have been marked on the doors of Christians living in Old Cairo and Shubba," and has given rise to fears, that Egyptian fanatics may start persecuting Christians.



NOBEL

The Nobel Committee of the Norwegian Parliament announces the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for Nineteen Fifty-one. This goes to Leon Jouhaux, a Frenchman, "the grand old man" of the French Trade Union Movement and leader of the drive against Communism in labor unions. ■

Jouhaux is seventy-two this year, and his portly figure, mustachios and pipe are familiar to all Frenchmen. An underground worker during World War Two, he was seized by the Vichy Government and deported to a concentration camp in Germany. Since the war, Jouhaux helped found the "International Confederation of Free Trade Unions," in opposition to the Communist dominated W.F.T.U. Last year, it was Dr. Ralph Bunche who won the Nobel Prize; ~~and~~ this year a veteran French labor leader in the forefront of the fight against Communism.

## THE RUSSIAN

At the Miami headquarters of U.S. Immigration authorities, they had a mysterious telephone call. An unknown voice said -- "someone you want badly will land at Prospect Airport." Which was all the more curious, because Prospect Airport is an obscure flying field forty miles north of Miami. Seldom used, almost deserted

Immigration Officers followed the tip -- and there on the flying field stood a lone, single figure. Not impressive either -- five-foot-three inches, grey hair, about fifty, mild and inconspicuous. The Federal officials gaped with amazement -- "Simonovitch."

Yes, it was Gregorio Simonovitch, also called Griska, the Russian. Long-wanted as the Cuban King of Smugglers -- the biggest in the business of smuggling aliens into the United States. Also -- denounced as a Communist master-mind. For years the U.S. authorities had been trying to get hold of him -- and there he was.

Simonovitch, himself, seemed complete puzzled, and he told a fantastic story. He said that in Havana, he was grabbed by several men -- shanghaied. They took him to a plane, a light small aircraft, forced him to get in<sup>to it</sup> and then flew off with him. The plane went over to Florida and landed at the deserted Prospect Field. There they pushed him out, and left him. He had landed only five minutes before the Immigration official arrived, in response to the tip - - which obviously had come from someone connected with the abduction of Griska the Russian.

Mysterious? It ~~sure~~ is! -- but not more mysterious than Simonovitch himself. He began back in the thirties -- in the employ of the U.S. Immigration authorities. He was a spy and an informer, tipping them off to the doings of alien smugglers in Cuba. Then, he went into the smuggling business himself. Getting from seven-hundred-and-fifty dollars to fifteen hundred dollars a head for <sup>the</sup> aliens he <sup>smuggled</sup> got into the United States. His last appearance in a headline was



only two months ago, when Federal officers arrested four American pilots on charges of conspiring to smuggle Chinese by air, into Florida. Smonovitch was back of that. Moreover, in the Senate last year, he was charged with "master-minding Communist activity in the western hemisphere."

Today he was handed over to the Immigration Officers, and they are still wondering -- why? Their suspicion is that Cuban associates wanted to get rid of Simonovitch, shanghaied him to Florida, and tipped off the authorities. The latest mystery in the mysterious life of -- Griska the Russian. - *the story of Simonovitch.*

At Ohio Wesleyan, a book was returned to the College library today -- twenty-five years overdue. The long-suffering librarians are always having their troubles with overdue books -- and this one was a champion.

Brought in by a freshman, Warren Kahle of De Kalbe, Illiniois -- who has <sup>not</sup> even <sup>la guess</sup> ~~an expectation~~ when the book was <sup>borrowed</sup> ~~lended~~ from the library. His <sup>who</sup> father <sup>was</sup> at Ohio Wesleyan during the twenties, borrowed the volume, and thought he ~~had~~ lost it. He found it in a trunk years later, and now was sending both his son and the book to Ohio Wesleyan.

What book was it? Scwegler's History of Philosophy. Which sounds like a tome that might take twenty-five years to read.

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