

HEMINGWAY

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Ernest Hemingway becomes the fifth American to win the Nobel Prize for Literature. So announced by the Swedish Academy of Literature in Stockholm. So Hemingway follows Sinclair Lewis, Eugene O'Neil, Pearl Buck and William Faulkner.

The award, based on Hemingway's famous novel "The Old Man and the Sea." The Nobel prize committee speaks of the novel's "idealistic tendencies" -- which doesn't sound much like the old Hemingway -- the one who wrote "A Farewell to Arms," and hard-hitting stories about the bull ring.

But "The Old Man and the Sea" was something new in Hemingway's career. It was widely praised as symbolic of humanity striving toward its goal. Now it receives the final accolade -- the Nobel Prize for Literature.

ADENAUER

Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany in Washington today, conferring with the President of the United States. They met for a long session with Secretary of State Dulles.

After the meeting, a joint statement was issued. The President and the Chancellor expressing satisfaction with the agreements signed over the weekend. They note that the German people have a right to demand sovereignty but that this is to be achieved by peaceful means only. They agree that the latest Soviet proposal for the unification of Germany contains nothing new.

The gist of their joint statement - approval of Germany becoming a full partner with the Free World.

Later in the day, Chancellor Adenauer began talks with officials of the State and Defense Departments

EISENHOWER_AIR_TOUR

President Eisenhower all set for his hurry up tour tomorrow. The Presidential plane, the Columbine - to leave Washington at seven twenty-five in the morning. The President to be in Cleveland at nine; Detroit at ten-fifty-five, Louisville at two forty-five. Wilmington at six. Back home at the White House for dinner with Mamie at seven-forty.

The President said today that he believes that the majority of the people of this country approve of his administration and want to help him and Secretary Dulles and all the rest of his associates who are working for you - and for me.

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And by the way, the President will be on radio and TV tonight in an appeal to the independent voters.

And, that she herself did not sleep anyone. ... our Ambassador Bohlen, met with Molotov today at the Kremlin. The Ambassador refused to ... afterward. But Western diplomats in Moscow believe he told Molotov that as regard the Summerlatte

SOMMERLATTE

A telephone call - from Moscow to Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Betty Sommerlatte speaking to her father, Samuel McCormick.

Mrs. Sommerlatte is the wife of a secretary in our Moscow Embassy. Last night we heard how the Kremlin accused her of slapping ~~an~~ one of the officials of The Red Secret Police. The Kremlin called this "Hooliganism" -- and said Mrs. Sommerlatte must leave the "workers paradise."

In her telephone call today the attractive Betty Sommerlatte told her father that the Kremlin story is completely false. She said she and her friend, Mrs. Frances Stiff, suffered what she called "personal indignities" at the hands of the Soviet Police. And, that she herself did not slap anyone.

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incident as ~~xxxx~~ serious. That the lady and her friend were detained unlawfully by the Red police. That the two American women had diplomatic immunity. That the Soviets did a thing that just isn't done by anybody. And that we don't like it.

Pravda has something to say about the incident today. Yes, of course that Communist party paper confirms what the Kremlin says - that our diplomat's wife, the attractive Betty, did slap the Red secret policeman - and that it found twenty people who saw her do it.

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Senator Margaret Chase Smith says she wouldn't be surprised - if diplomatic relations between America and Russia were broken off. The Maine Republican adding, that the initiative might be taken at any time, by either side.

Senator Smith making this statement at a news conference over in Finland, at Helsinki. A reporter had asked if East-West relations were better or worse.

When she said that diplomatic relations might be broken off, another reporter called it - a rather strong statement. To which the Maine Senator replied: "I know that," but refused to say any more. The newsmen tried to insist. The lady was adamant.

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INDO-CHINA

Western diplomats in Saigon believe that the Communist Viet Minh are beginning what is called -- "a slow freeze-out" of American officials. The operation, similar to that in China after Mao Tse-Tung *took over*.

The ~~mk~~ diplomats believe this because of a Communist attack on our Consul General, Thomas Corcoran. The Red military Governor of Hanoi accusing Corcoran of "verbal activity," against northern Viet Nam. This, apparently, a reference to Corcoran's declaration that we have a right to a mission in Hanoi -- because the partition of Viet Nam is only provisional under the terms of the Geneva agreement.

The Reds call that remark "verbal activity" against them.

However, Corcoran says he intends to stay. He's had metal bars placed over the Consulate windows as protection against the mob, and ~~he~~ has stored gasoline and

fuel in the basement. So it looks as if Corcoran really means ~~what he says~~ when he says he intends to stay in Hanoi. But of course, if the Reds really want him out of the way -- they can expel him any time. ~~they can.~~

Major General J. D. White received the...
...in twenty years.

The adjutant general went through Republic Army
Headquarters at Fort San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas.

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recognition of the prison charges is now gone because the

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BATCHELOR.

The Commanding General of our Fourth Army reduces the sentence of Corporal Claude Batchelor. The Corporal^{who} was sentenced to life imprisonment for collaboration with the Reds while he was in a Korean Prison Camp. Now, General I. D. White reduces the sentence ~~summarily~~ to twenty years.

The announcement came through Fourth Army Headquarters at Fort San Houston, ~~at~~ San Antonio, Texas. The General says he approves the dishonorable discharge that the Court Martial gave Batchelor. Also, the forfeit of service pay, and allowances. The General's reduction of the prison sentence now goes ~~before~~^{to} the Judge Advocate General.

The Corporal's mother says she's not satisfied. She ~~says~~^{claims} a lot of people feel that her son was treated too harshly. *She intends to do* ~~and she promises to do~~ everything she can to get him released. ~~from jail~~

GROVES.

The loss of atomic secrets to the Russians through espionage - was inevitable. So says General Leslie Groves, who was ~~xxx~~ head of the Atom Bomb Project during World War Two.

General ~~John~~ Groves told a News Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, that even the strictest security could not prevent the leakage of information - because ~~they~~ there were just too many people involved. Over six hundred thousand of them - all working on that Atom Bomb Project. Even the British government was fooled about one of its top scientists, Klaus Fuchs. General Groves revealed today that he was not satisfied at first, when Fuchs showed up for work on this project - but the British vouched for Fuchs three times. And yet Groves said today; "Fuchs probably gave out more information than any other single person."

LATTIMORE.

In Washington, Professor Owen Lattimore asks a Federal Judge to dismiss the perjury indictment against him. Lattimore saying through his lawyers, that the indictment is too vague. So he asks Judge Luther Youngdahl to throw it out.

The indictment charges that Lattimore lied to the Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee - when he denied he was, in the terms of the indictment, "a follower of the Communist Line" or "a promoter of Communist interests." Lattimore thinks those phrases are too vague. He wants Judge Youngdahl to do what he did once before - throw out an indictment-charge on the grounds that it is not defined sharply enough.

MRS. DEIBEL

In Mount Pleasant, Michigan, Mrs. Margaret Deibel ~~xxxxxx~~ reveals that she is still receiving a number of letters every day. Mrs. Deibel, being the lady who appeared on Gary Moore's television show in New York. During the show, he suggested that everyone in the audience should send her a nickel.

And a lot of them did. Thousands of nickels flooding in to Mrs. Deibel's home in Mount Pleasant. She says that the total right now is over eight thousand dollars.

Well, letters are still coming in. But now they are ~~very~~ different. Fewer nickels; ^{lots of appeals} ~~and more appeals~~ for money. The Mount Pleasant housewife declares that the usual thing now is -- the hard luck story. The old familiar thing, with people who have money -- and when the public knows about it. Mrs. Deibel adds that they tried to sell her everything from hearing aids to homes in the country.

EGGS.

A Missouri housewife sends the Secretary of Agriculture ~~more than~~ five thousand eggs. Mrs. Arthur Peterson shipping them to Secretary Benson - so, ~~that~~ he can buy "a one-way ticket back to Salt Lake City!"

~~Yes, it's that~~ Mrs. Peterson is ^{all} worked up over the price of eggs. She thinks the government should purchase more of them - and she thinks ~~that~~ Secretary Benson is the villain of the piece. The Secretary admits that he ^{is} ~~is~~ opposed to buying surplus eggs. Says he: "I don't intend ever to enter a purchase program - because it has been proved unfeasible and unworkable."

But he adds, ^{that} he's in complete sympathy with the poultry industry. And, ~~he's~~ most sympathetic with Mrs. Peterson. He just intends to stand by his decision not to ^{buy} ~~purchase~~ eggs.

Peterson
Mrs. ~~Benson~~ sent him exactly five thousand,
one-hundred ninety-three of the hen fruit. That's just

enough to buy Secretary Benson a ticket back to Salt
Lake City. ^{See.} Benson says he'll be very happy to go back
to his home town as soon as he's finished his job in
Washington.

FORGER.

The Illinois State Police have arrested a man charged with forging the name of the State Attorney General. ~~One~~ Walter Clinnen, salesman for a gambling equipment firm, ^{that handles} ~~his firm markets~~ a slot machine device. ~~and~~ The point of the forgery is that the Attorney General's name was written into a legal opinion - declaring that slot machine device legal.

The forgery was discovered five months ago. But Clinnen refused to give the police samples of his hand-writing. So an expert was called in to study the signatures on his business papers.

The opinion of the expert - that Clinnen forged the name of the Attorney General - in order to get his firm's slot machine device legalized. ^{The latest in} ~~A queen turn, in~~
^{the dark} ~~the~~ art of forgery.

PIANIST

Every so often there's an ~~ax~~ occasion when I have to remind myself -- there are only ten fingers on the two hands. Recently I was listening to a young American piano virtuoso, Leonard ^{Pennario,} ~~Rxxxxxxx~~ as he played "The Transcendental Prelude" of Liszt. If I hadn't known, I might have suspected -- he was playing with twenty fingers.

I believe that Liszt, that Nineteenth Century lord of the piano -- sometimes wrote a piece so difficult that he alone could play it. ~~Rxxxxxxx~~

Young American pianists are wizards, too -- in technique, as well as in the finer points of art.

Leonard Pennario is an example. Not so long ago he was a boy prodigy. Now he's making his tenth

transcontinental tour, with a concert Monday night at New York's Town Hall. *A young wizard with* ~~sounding like~~ twenty fingers. Or so it seemed to me. Hear Leonard Pennario, if you have a chance.

DOS PASSOS.

A famous writer thinks that college students are more sensible than they were thirty-five years ago. John Dos Passos, speaking at the University of Iowa - and referring back to the years Nineteen Sixteen to Nineteen Nineteen when he was at Harvard.

Dos Passos described ^S~~the~~ collegians of today as "much less frenzied" and "more level-headed". The big ~~criticism~~ criticism he makes ~~of the present day college~~ - is, too little interest in politics and contemporary life.

Do you think
~~that~~ Dos Passos is right?

~~the reason for the change - a change in conditions?~~

After all, many students are coming back from the Armed Forces. They're ^{older}~~old~~ and many ~~of them~~ are married. *So,*

You'd expect them to be "much less frenzied" than their forerunners of thirty-five years ago - ^{who were}~~which was~~ passing from World War One into the "era of wonderful nonsense."

ATOMIC

A radio-active mother-in-law! How's that? Well her name is not revealed. But a gent in Colorado, wrote the office of the Atomic Energy Commission at Grand Junction, Colorado, saying that his geiger counter reacts every time it comes close to his mother-in-law! Then, the latter makes a proposal. The gent offers to sell his mother in law to the A E C or Virgil Peck, or Floyd Odlum. He says "I'm certain that you can easily make a bomb out of her - one that would make ~~us~~ your Bikini bombs look like a little firecracker!"

By the way, this story ~~was~~ comes from the Atomic Energy Commission.

The writer of the letter identifies himself as a uranium prospector. He has a jeep, a pith helmet, and a geiger counter, and a radio active mother-in-law. *And now Geo. Bryan.*