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Today brings a striking follow-up to the proposal made last night by former President Herbert Hoover - speaking before the Newspaper Publishers Association. Herbert Hoover suggested that the United Nations be reorganized, so as to exclude Soviet Russia and the Red satellites. Or, if that is not feasible, a new international association should be formed, consisting of the free nations only. (~~He said the world needs a mobilization to fight the tide of Red tyranny, and called for what he described as - "a United front organized of these peoples who disavow Communism." which would amount to - a United Free Nations.~~)

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Today in Washington, there was immediate reaction against the proposal that the Soviets and their puppets be excluded from the U.N. At the State Department, the attitude was that an exclusion of the Reds would not help, and it might harm. This view is endorsed by President Truman - though only by implication. Last night he telephoned his congratulations to the former Republican President, praising other parts of

his speech, but making no comment on the proposal to oust the Communists. A similar stand is taken by chief Republican Foreign Policy Adviser, John Foster Dulles, newly appointed consultant to the Secretary of State. (~~Dulles had a talk with President Truman today - and, upon leaving the White House, he said he was against any notion of destroying what he called - "the universality of the United Nations." It should still include - the whole world.~~)

Later news - Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt denounces the Herbert Hoover notion of freezing the Reds out of the U.N. She says it would be - a direct step toward war.

But the striking news is from France - and I wonder what connection it could have, if any, with that other Hoover suggestion. The one proposing that, if it is not feasible to exclude the Reds from the U.N., why then a new association of the free countries should be formed:- United Free Nations. A dispatch from Paris reads: "France took the lead today in organizing the Western democracies for the global Cold War."

The <sup>ATTITUDE</sup> ~~action~~ of the government of Premier Bidault is

described in the following words: "They see little prospect of making the United Nations work in the face of Soviet obstructionism. Instead," the dispatch goes on, "they believe the time has come for the United States, Great Britain and France to organize themselves and the other Western democracies - on a long haul basis without Russia."

( We hear that the first French idea was to expand the North Atlantic Security Pact into a sort of United Free Nations. But that did not appeal to the United States and Great Britain - the argument being that the Atlantic alliance is too much on the military side, <sup>and that</sup> ~~with~~ countries trying to maintain a neutral attitude might not want to come in - with everything so much a matter of armament. So an alternative is now suggested - an association based more on diplomatic, economic and ideological foundations.) Which would mean a

line-up of the free nations, formed to fight the Cold War

for years, on a basis of mutual cooperation, an improvement of conditions, and <sup>of</sup> a propaganda <sup>for</sup> liberty. Something like the United Nations, but consisting of the Free Nations. The analogy of this to the Herbert Hoover proposal is obvious.

## JOLIOT-CURIE

France today dismissed the chief of the French Atomic Energy Program - Professor Joliot-Curie, scientist and Communist. He is, of course, the husband of the daughter of the famous Madame Curie - who, with her own husband, discovered radium. In Nineteen Thirty-Five, the <sup>Joliot-Curie</sup> professor and his wife were awarded the Nobel Prize for their joint work in chemistry. Then, during the Second World War, Joliot-Curie was President of Communist-controlled resistance forces - and today he is an outspoken member of the Red Party.

He says, on the one hand, that he would never turn over atomic secrets to Soviet Russia. But, on the other, he declares that he would never participate in scientific work for war against Soviet Russia.

~~It might seem odd to have a known Communist at the head of the Atomic Research program of an important Western power. The answer is - the prestige of Joliot-Curie.~~

Today's news relates that the question was discussed in a full dress Cabinet meeting, over which President Auriol

presided, and it was decided that the situation was a danger to the security of France and the Western powers. So

Joliot-Curie, the Red scientist, is dismissed from his top ranking atomic post. Which, says the Paris dispatch, will please ~~these~~<sup>the</sup> Western powers, especially the United States.

On the other side, the Communist newspapers in France are in a rage tonight.

## INDONESIA

There is no explanation of the atrocious murders in Indonesia - the terrorist killing of two Americans, Professor Raymond Kennedy of Yale, and Correspondent Robert Doyle of Life Magazine. They were driving in an automobile, when five Indonesians in uniform stopped them, took them out of their car, and shot them down in cold blood.

Professor Kennedy was a top authority in the study of the culture of Indonesia, and Robert Doyle, a naval officer during the war, was an ace correspondent for Life Magazine.

## FOLLOW INDONESIA

In Washington tonight the Indonesian Ambassador promised that his government would make every attempt to catch the murderers. To which he added that both Professor Kennedy and Correspondent Doyle were valuable friends of the Indonesian Republic, who had rendered an important service in telling the Indonesian story to the western world.



JAPAN

This is morning in Tokyo -- and the crowds began gathering at daybreak for the celebration of the Forty-Ninth Birthday of the <sup>(Emperor)</sup>~~Emperor~~ Hirohito. The nationwide festivities today bear witness to the fact that the overwhelming masses of the people of Japan still pay ~~enthusiastic~~ enthusiastic allegiance to their former Imperial Divinity -- now turned into a Democratic monarch by American victory and <sup>by</sup> General Douglas MacArthur.

## COMMUNISTS

The Senate Investigating Committee had a meeting today with a millionaire, said to be a Communist "angel". Frederic Vanderbilt Field, heir to a fortune, often called

a backer of Red causes. (He figured prominently in the testimony given by Louis Budenz, one-time managing editor of the Communist Daily Worker. Budenz declared that Frederic Vanderbilt Field, among other Communist leaders, informed him that Far Eastern Expert Owen Lattimore was a member of a Communist cell.

Today all eyes were focused on the alleged Communist millionaire, and he turned out to be tall, thin, gangling. Immediately he read a statement indicating

that he would not answer the Sixty-Four Dollar Question - Are you a Communist? Then he denied ever having told

Budenz that Lattimore was a Red, contradicting the whole story. In this he followed the line taken by former

Communist Party Leader Earl Browder and Party Member

Bella Dodd - both of whom were kicked out of the

Communist ranks.

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~~Then followed the inevitable, the Sixty-Four Dollar Question~~ Asked if he <sup>(WAS)</sup> ~~was~~ a Communist, ~~Frederic Vanderbilt~~ Field refused to answer on Constitutional grounds - the Bill of Rights. He was likewise mum on a whole series of other questions -

~~(about his association with persons alleged to be Reds and about his connection with a Communist espionage case back in wartime. No reply - Constitutional grounds.)~~

Whereupon the Committee made motions of a charge of contempt of Congress - against the millionaire called, the Communist "angel".

## CRIME

There was one Senate investigation, which today reduced a reluctant witness to submission - though he <sup>(STOOD</sup> ~~sobbed~~ upon his Constitutional rights. Frank Erickson, the New Jersey bookmaker, long ~~had~~ headlined as a potentate of the gambling racket. (He is a cool, mild mannered personality, and today quite calmly refused to answer questions about his money, where he banks it and how much. Whereupon Frank Erickson was subjected to a cross-examination so ferocious that he wilted.)

The proceedings concerned the bill to outlaw the interstate transmission of race track information to bookmakers - and Erickson, a king of bookmakers, declared it wouldn't make any difference - the race track betting business would go on just the same. He said, moreover, he didn't know of any nationwide gambling syndicate, of which there was so much talk.

Then came the uproar over his refusal to answer questions about his business and finances, and the proceedings grew stormy - until the big threat appeared, in the menace

~~of the prosecution to cite him for~~ <sup>OF A CHARGE OF</sup> contempt of Congress and

a possible jail sentence. That made ERickson think twice, and his second thought was - to answer the questions. He gave the name of his bank in New York, and said that his profits as a bookmaker are about a hundred thousand dollars a year. Furthermore, he admitted that he was violating the law, which is a crime, making him a criminal, and that sometimes he's ashamed of it.

Having been badgered into these admissions, he apologized to the Senators for having refused to answer in the first place.

## FLYING SAUCERS

Here's another flying saucer story - and it takes us right back to something on this program last week in San Francisco. The connection is so precise, that I'd better ~~read just~~ <sup>repeat</sup> what we had <sup>the other night</sup> from Atomic Scientist Dr. Lewis Alvarez of the Radiation Laboratory ~~of the University of California, Berkeley.~~ <sup>at</sup> Berkeley.) (~~During the late war, he was with the Air Forces in Europe, on a job of electronic. And had some part in the investigation of "foo-balls".~~

~~So what we said last Thursday was this.~~

<sup>with</sup> "Flyers in the air-war against Germany constantly reported that, as they flew on their missions, they saw balls of fire out off the wing-tips of their planes. These globes of fire followed them - no matter how much they twisted and turned in air maneuver." Foo-balls, as they were called. The Germans were suspected of some weird scientific trick. So the mysterious phenomena were kept a military secret.

Later on an investigation was made, and the only conclusion was - that the foo-balls were a mass illusion

in the Air Force - a wholesale mirage. After the war, the foo-balls were never seen again.

That, on Thursday - and what have we tonight?

In Kansas City today, Airplane Pilot Robert Adickes tells how, while he was flying last night, he saw a round object of a glowing red, which flew alongside his plane. He says it seemed to be controlled by what he calls "repulse radar." Because, as he turned his plane toward it, the glowing object would veer away, keeping the same distance - alongside his plane, no matter how he turned. In shape, not a sphere - but a disc.

Which certainly does seem like a cross between a foo-ball and a flying saucer.

## TORNADOES

Texas and Oklahoma had a series of tornadoes this afternoon. A twister near Abilene, and another at Clyde in West Texas. At Hobart, Oklahoma, twelve farm homes wrecked, and just as the sun set a tornado roared through six blocks of the residential ~~SIXTH~~ district of Holdenville -- doing much damage and injuring people. The atmosphere in the southwest in some freakish condition, which sent out one twisting storm after another.



## SIAM

Siam had its royal wedding today - and I am sure to stumble. In the land of the white elephant, an exotic ceremony

was enacted - and I know I'll trip over the names. King (

*glorify the pronunciation*) King Phumiphon Aduldet married Princess Sirikit Kitiyakara. Those

Siamese names are really tongue twisters, because they are not pronounced as they are spelled.

(The ceremony was exceedingly brief - because, while all other members of the royal family are traditionally supposed to participate, only one other member of the royal family is left - the eighty-eight year old dowager Queen Sawang Vadhana. The young King's brother perished in a weird murder mystery, life being perilous in the royal family of Siam.)

In the lotus pond palace, the Dowager Queen dabbed the foreheads of the bride and bridegroom with three spots of perfumed sandalwood paste. Then from a conch shell she sprinkled them with water, sanctified during the reign of King Phra Buddha Yodfa. That was the brief ceremony of marriage, and all the while the temple bells rang softly

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~~but not~~ <sup>e lot</sup>

more softly than my pronunciation of the Siamese  
names.

## PAINTING

At Rockport, Massachusetts, an argument is on between the artists and the fishermen. The subject of the quarrel - Motif Number One. ~~(mo-teef, accent on the last syllable)~~

Motif being a fancy way of saying - a subject an artist paints.

(But what have the fishermen of the salty brine to do with - Motif Number One?

Well, it's this way. Rockport is a Massachusetts fishing village with a colony of artists - on the order of Provincetown and the other nests of esthetes on Cape Cod. They paint the local scenery, seascapes, and) the favorite is an old ramshackle wharf with a weather-beaten shack - picturesque, full of mood. Such a center of attraction for artists, that it's called - the most frequently painted scene in the United States. Motif Number One.

Recently, the artist colony at Rockport decided to hail their ~~own~~ favorite bit of scenery by naming May Fourteenth as - Motif Number One Day. We have Mother's Day and Father's Day, Be-Kind-to-Animals-Week, and Eat-Spinach-Week. So why

shouldn't the realm of art have a similar occasion? With a gala ceremony.

But today the artists rubbed their eyes at what they saw. They were aghast. Somebody had strung three electric wires right over Motif Number One. Which might not seem like such a catastrophe - but think of how the harmony of the composition is destroyed by those three added lines. Also - the tone of vulgar modernism produced by electric wires added to the ancient wharf and shack. One artist declared - it was like painting a mustache on Mona Lisa. Which was no way to celebrate Motif Number One Day.

An inquiry disclosed the culprit - a local lobster fisherman named Dana Vibert, who ~~sting~~ strung the wires to operate a pump at his lobster pool. Whereupon a wrathful deputation of artists went - virtually to lynch the offending fisherman. They threatened to rip down those wires, but the lobsterman stood his ground.

"Us fishermen," said he, "have just as much right to

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use that building as you artists have to paint it." To which he added a profound remark of abysmal common sense: "If you don't like the wires, don't paint 'em."

But here comes Nelson, with his own Notif Number One.