

GERMANY

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(The Germans were warned today in the sternest terms that they must give the utmost of their efforts to the solution of their desperate food problem. An American spokesman warned them against strikes, demonstrations and disturbances) - telling them that such outbreaks would only make their food shortage all the worse. He noted that a hostile attitude is growing up between the Germans in the city and the Germans of the farms - the farmers holding back food supplies from the cities. If the hoarding of food doesn't stop the Americans will use force to put supplies into circulation.

BEVIN

It's a bit surprising to hear what British Foreign Secretary Bevin had to say today - his claim that negotiations at the Moscow Conference were handicapped by American newsmen. He blames them for their insistence on getting full reports of the deliberations.

Of course, the meetings of the Ministers of the Big Four at the Soviet Capital were held behind closed doors - no newsmen admitted. All ^{that} the correspondents got was information given to ~~h~~ them by an official spokesman of the conference - that and what interviews they could pick up. But Bevin says they got too *much, and that they* ~~much, and~~ disclosed more of the proceedings than was ~~is~~ wise.

Bevin said he was against any idea of secret commitments and agreements, but, that at an international ~~CONFERENCE~~ conference he wants to be able to think aloud without having his thoughts "hurled *into* ~~over to~~ the headlines of the Press". ~~As~~ he said in

London today, "I am a great believer in the freedom of the Press; ~~but~~ ^{but} he went on, ~~he declared, "But"~~ I think there are limits." He blamed what he considers the excessive publicity on the American newsmen mostly, and calls it "One of our greatest handicaps."

The Bevin trouble seems to be that - while the newsmen got only what was told them by the official spokesman for the conference, those official statements were fairly complete. The Foreign Secretary of the British Labor Government does not think they should be so complete. His idea is that negotiations should be secret - with only settled agreements given to the public as news.

ITALY

Italy, though an ancient land, is the youngest ^{of} republics. - ~~But~~ ^{But, Italy} seems to be going in for statesmen as old as its own history. Today's news from Rome tells of the office of Premier being offered to Orlando, eighty-seven years old; and Nitti, ^{who is} seventy-nine. Both are extreme examples of elder statesmen - each having been a veteran at the Versailles Peace conference that ended World War one - ~~number one~~ - twenty-eight years ago.

The eighty-seven year old Orlando refused to attempt to form a Ministry, and today the seventy-nine year old Nitti agreed to try. ^{But} Nitti is ~~■~~ even more feeble than Orlando; ~~and~~ the news from Rome today pictures ^{ing} him as ^{at} tottering old age. [¶] All this, of course, follows the resignation of Premier De Gasperi, who is out of the running to succeed himself and form a new cabinet; ~~this is~~ because his own party, the Christian Socialists, have decided not to take the burden of heading the government again - let somebody

else try. So the newest of Republics calls upon the
oldest⁺_^ of statesmen.

MARSHALL

We don't usually think of Secretary of State Marshall as a humorist given to jokes and light remarks. Today, however, our recent Army Commander in World War victory indulged in a turn of comedy at his own expense - and a sharp line it was.

Secretary Marshall was testifying before a Congressional Committee, recommending that our Government foreign broadcasts be continued - those "Voice of America" programs.

He told the Committee that the radio project should not be abolished, and illustrated with the following: "I don't think," said he, "That any nation in the world has been more generous than the United States, and I don't think that any nation has received so little credit. That," he added, "is our own fault." Our own fault, that is - because we haven't spoken out, with that global voice, radio.

The turn of humor came when Secretary Marshall pointed out that people had expected too much

right away, that it takes time for a program like the Voice of America to show effect.

To this Congressman Pete Jarman of Alabama gave a nod of assent, and pointed out that Abraham Lincoln was defeated for political office thirteen times before he was elected President.

"That," responded Marshall with a laugh, "encourages me in my personal programs in China and Moscow. It took me thirteen months to fail the first time in China - and only forty-five days the second time, at Moscow."

Now that, Mr. Secretary, is having a laugh at your own expense. But you could have gone ahead and pointed out that Lincoln's headline-election-day-defeat was in the political campaign of his debate with Douglas, and that failure put him on the road to the Presidency.

BOMBERS

The Army Air Forces wiped out large sections of Washington, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia today-- in carrying out Operation Pacific -- which was along the Atlantic.

In this case "Pacific" meant, not the ocean, but the quality that Magellan found when he sailed through Atlantic storms into the greatest of oceans. The quality of -- peace. Operation Pacific being a joint peacetime bombing attack -- without bombs.

Designed to show how the great cities of the East could be reached from distant air bases. Squadrons of B-29s flying from Forth Worth, Texas, and Tucson, Arizona with their rendezvous off Cape May, New Jersey, followed by sweeps over Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York.

The plan had been for the superfortresses to fly in one giant formation. But the weather made that inadvisable. The B-29s ran through thunder storms over the Great Smokies of North Carolina, and the weather

was such that, from Cape May, they split into squadrons of twelve -- roaring, by the dozens, -- over the great cities of the East. Millions of people today beheld their cities being wiped out, with an incalculable loss of fx life -- theoretically! But they could hardly have suspected it. The weather was such that few got a good glimpse of the bombers -- too cloudy.

So Operation Pacific, while devastatingly successful from a military point of view, was a lot less impressive for the watchers on the ground.

These, of course, would have been impressed a good deal more if a few bombs had been dropped -- but, after all, it was Operation Pacific!

SCIENTIST

Here's something about those German scientists sent over after the war - to give us the ~~max~~ benefit of German scientific discoveries. The army states that there were ~~xx~~ three-hundred-and-fifty of these, and their contribution to our own science has been enormous. Army Headquarters at Frankfort, Germany, puts it in these words - "They have already put the United States ten years ahead of schedule in some fields of research, and have saved millions of dollars in research costs."

LABOR

The chance ^{far} labor unity looks ~~less~~ ^{less} likely

^{than ever} this evening - after statements made by the President of the C.I.O. today. Philip Murray told the top Executive Board of the C.I.O. that the A.F. of L. wants to make all the rules for ^{such} a merger. ^{IF} He was giving a report on the recent conferences on labor unity, and indicated that next to no progress was made. "The A.F. of L.," in Murray's words, "merely suggested that all C.I.O. unions enter the A.F. of L., ^{the A.F. of L.} According to Philip Murray, ^{the A.F. of L.} will have to change its ideas a lot before any merger is possible.

~~All ^{of which} ~~this~~ is in contradiction to a statement made by A.F. of L. President Green in Cincinnati yesterday - ~~when~~ Green predicted ^{ing} that the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. ^{will} ~~will~~ merge within the ^a ~~next~~ year. Murray of the C.I.O. ^{today} ~~said~~ almost the opposite. ~~Today.~~~~

Other labor news tells of a Washington conference for a coal contract - John L. Lewis and other officials of the miners Union meeting with

COMMUNIST

There's a strange turn in the Washington trial of Carl Aldo Marzani, who was ousted from the State Department, charged with being a Communist. His defense lawyer today claimed that Marzani, while working for the office of Strategic Services, picked ~~ixx~~ targets for the Doolittle bombing of Tokyo. That was one of his assignments of the alleged Communist - selecting of targets for that famous first bombing of Japan.

SHOOTING

Today's shooting affray in Washington, with a negro lawyer on a murderous rampage, provides a wretched ending to what began as a fine humane story.

Down in Mississippi, Assistant Attorney General George Butler had a negro servant - Dan Williams. The young negro showed intelligence and promise, and his employer aided him - helped him to go to law school. Whereupon Dan Williams became a lawyer. But he got into difficulties, and was disbarred in Mississippi because of shady work in divorce cases. Worse still, he was a patient in a mental institution.

Then it seemed as if the story were going to take a new and better turn - ~~to~~ Dan Williams determined to start out all over again. He resolved to resume the practice of law in the District of Columbia, Washington, ~~where~~ ^{where} he went with a recommendation, ~~from~~ a recommendation from his old employer - the Mississippi Attorney General, who had helped him to go to law school. ^R In Washington Williams went to a

prominent negro lawyer, Perry Howard, who right now is an attorney associated with the defense in the Garsson Case - the trial of former Congressman Andrew May of Kentucky and the Garsson Brothers who founded the seventy-eight million dollar empire of war contracts.

Perry Howard ~~gave Williams his own aid~~ and sponsored ^{Williams} ~~him~~ for admission to the bar in the District of Columbia. But his application failed - because of Williams' record as a disbarred lawyer back in Mississippi.

Today ~~Wix~~ Williams went to the office of the District of Columbia Bar Association, the Grievance Committee. He was told that his application was refused, and that he was entitled to have refunded to him only part of an admission fee of a hundred and twenty-five dollars that he had paid down. Whereupon he whipped out a pistol and started shooting. He killed a clerk, and gravely wounded George Dalzell, head of the Grievance Committee of the ^{Bar} ~~Bar~~ Association.

Then he darted away, got down the elevator and made a dash to the office of Perry Howard, who had recommended him. He found that Howard was not in his office, and went down to the street again. ~~But~~ ^{with} the police ^{now hot} were after him, and two officers ordered him to surrender.

He reached for his gun, whereupon Patrolman Hubert Estes felled him with a blackjack. As the negro lawyer dropped to the sidewalk, he opened fire - and mortally wounded Estes. But the stricken policeman blazed away with his own gun, ~~severely~~ severely wounding the negro, and fell on top of him - pinned him down and held him. The other policeman ^{also} had been wounded by the bullets, and ^{he} too pinioned the prisoner.

In all of this startling violence, perhaps the one startled most of all was the prominent negro lawyer Perry Howard. When he heard what had happened, he exclaimed that the negro lawyer who had

gone on a murderous rampage had always seemed to him to be the mildest of men -- as he put it "who wouldn't hurt a fly."

ROYALTY

Indian-American relations improved today, thanks to a taxi-cab driver at Inglewood, California.

Round-faced, stocky Johnny Cain was cruising in his cab near the Hollywood Park Race Track when two passengers hailed him -- the Maharaja Hirasingsh Chauhan, of the Indian State of Baria, and his Maharanee. Johnny recognized them from pictures he had seen in the papers.

To Johnny, the royal couple (he, twenty-five, and she, twenty) were just "a couple of kids lost in a strange country".

So, said Johnny, "I told 'em I had a couple of pals at the City Hall here in Inglewood and asked how they would like to get the key to the city."

The Indian couple ~~said~~^{told} the young Sahib - I mean cabbie - that would be fine, in fact, a high point in their tour of the United States. And Johnny kept his promise. He picked

them up today at their Los Angeles hotel and drove them back to Inglewood, to the office of Mayor Dixon.

Sure 'nuf there was Hizoner the Burrasahib - I mean Mayor Dixon, waiting with the golden key to the city, with deep salaams, and a speech. Said he, "Your Highnesses, this is a time honored custom in our country, and it gives me great pleasure to present you with the keys to our fair city."

The Mayor then escorted the couple out into Johnny Cain's taxi and the royal party toured the city with a police escort, sirens going all out, and the royal pair from Hindustan in Johnny's black-and-white checkered cab.

Said Johnny afterwards: "Lonely kids are the same the world over. They didn't know anybody; so, I took 'em ~~me~~ in tow and showed 'em the town." And that's how Johnny Cain, California taxi driver, made friends with a Maharaja and Maharanee.

And now Maharaja Nelson Case speaking from his Ivory Tower.

VIRGIL

Over in England, in the past several years, a poet grew weary of war and the talk of war. So he harked back a couple of thousand years to a Roman poet, who also had grown weary of war and the talk of war - and had turned his thoughts to farming, the simple life of the growing fields. Thus it was that Virgil, in ancient days, wrote the poems called the Georgics.

In my new Funk and Wagnalls college standard dictionary, I note that the word "Georgics" is derived from a Greek word meaning - farm. Our own familiar masculine name, George, comes from the same source. George really means - farmer, which some

fellows named George ^{may} ~~will~~ be surprised to learn. -- ^{including} ~~our top statesman - General Sec. Marshall,~~
Well, the English poet, C. Day Lewis,

fleeing from war and the talk of war, threw himself into a new translation of Virgil's Georgics - which is now published with an introduction by our own American farmer literary man, Louis Bromfield. ^R ~~Most of us Americans have a touch of rural nostalgia, so let's dip into this newest~~

Every phrase of it -- written by the Ancient Roman Poet two thousand years ago, could fit the American farmer and his fields up New York State, out in Indiana or on the great plains of Iowa -- Eternal Agriculture.

MAY

In Washington, former Congressman May took the stand today in his own defense. He began by testifying about a five thousand dollar note paid off for him by Murray Garsson of the fabulous Garsson empire of munitions. May, one time chairman of the ~~Mix~~ Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representative, declared that Murray Garsson paid the money as ~~ix~~ part of a business deal - in which May turned over a lease on ~~xxx~~ some West Virginia Land, where the metal manganese was to be found.