

MERCY KILLING [I.B.] Thurs. Mar. 9 - 1950.

The verdict at Manchester, New Hampshire, this afternoon was received with an emotional outbreak - Dr. Hermann Sander and his wife embracing, while they wept with relief, and the people around them cheered. It took the jury of nine Catholics and three Protestants only an hour and nine minutes to find Dr. Sander not guilty in the mercy killing case.

Actually, the verdict amounts to this:- The defense denied there was any mercy killing at all. Dr. Sander testified that Mrs. Abbie Borroto had already died when he injected forty centimeters of air. Evidence was brought forward to deny this, and to support it. The key to the whole question was - when did she ~~actually~~ actually die? After days of elaborate medical technicality, the jury simply decided that the prosecution had not proved that a mercy killing had really occurred.

GUBITCHEV

The judge today imposed sentence on Valentin Gubitchev, the Soviet engineer convicted of espionage along with Judith Coplon. Fifteen years in prison - but Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan, announced immediately that he would suspend the sentence at the request of the State Department. So, actually, Gubitchev will merely be deported.

The State Department explains that this is in the interest of Americans behind the Iron Curtain, especially American diplomats. Moscow has protested all along that the prosecution of Gubitchev was a violation of diplomatic immunity. This the State Department refuted - but, just the same, it does not want the Gubitchev case to give Moscow and the puppets an excuse for retaliating against American representatives. So, instead of going to prison for fifteen years, the convicted spy goes back to Russia.

Today the judge gave Judith Coplon ~~the same~~ ~~sentence~~ fifteen years - and she is already under a prison sentence, after having been tried individually.

There are no reasons of state for calling off the  
prison sentences imposed on the former government girl,  
she being an American citizen. All of which makes a  
paradox, to be explained in terms of international  
diplomacy.

## STALIN

The news today has been telling of the latest curiosity behind the Iron Curtain - and, if it is true, it would make one of the neatest bits of evidence of that strange Red phenomenon, the deification of Stalin. All you need to do is think a moment, and draw a few logical inferences from the following:

The story is that the Communists in Poland are working a new twist of anti-Christian propaganda in the schools. The Red teachers urge the children to pray - pray to God. They even conduct a kind of service of supplication, having the children pray to God - for candy.

But - no candy appears.

Then, the Communist instructors make a new suggestion - pray to Stalin. So there are prayers to Stalin for candy, and promptly - the children get lollypops.

Thereby proving - the fallacy of Christianity and the omnipotence of Stalin.

## FRANCE

In Paris, tonight, the lights are glowing - a sign of how decisively the government has checked a countrywide tie-up of electricity. Electrical power was functioning ninety-eight per cent of normal today. Gas, on the other hand, was curtailed - by about fifty per cent.

Several hundred thousand workers in the electricity and gas industries went on strike at midnight. But, as we heard last night, the cabinet of Premier Bidault took swift action - drafting the strikers into the army, so that they could be put back on the job as soldiers, under military discipline. Moreover, electrical technicians of the French Navy were mobilized, to help maintain the supplies of electricity and gas.

So among the strikers, the key men, the employees most necessary, found themselves in the army today - in a technical sense, at least. Actually, they were merely back on the job - keeping the plants going with the aid of the navy technicians. That

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worked almost a hundred per cent in electricity.

In gas, the government refrained from drafting strikers - because an agreement in their dispute appeared to be near. But that did not materialize, and today countless French housewives found themselves without the heat necessary for that favorite French art - cooking.

## PARLIAMENT

Matters in the British Parliament are becoming paradoxical. Today the Labor Government threatened to resign, and you'd think that would be all to the taste of Winston Churchill's Conservatives. But a resignation would mean a new election right away - and the Conservatives don't want one, not so soon.

In the House of Commons, Churchill demands that the Laborites take steps to postpone the Nationalization of the steel and iron industry. The debate ~~is going on~~ <sup>Today</sup> and moving <sup>ed</sup> toward a vote. The cabinet of Prime Minister Attlee has <sup>d</sup> a margin so slim there <sup>was</sup> no telling how <sup>the</sup> a vote might go - as the Conservatives press <sup>ed</sup> a thundering Parliamentary assault. <sup>But</sup> ~~today~~ the Laborites gave warning - don't bring in a vote ~~against us~~, or we'd resign. ~~That~~ <sup>ed</sup> would seem to put the Conservatives in a peculiar spot - and maybe Winston Churchill, not wanting another election right away, <sup>would</sup> ~~might~~ even throw the Socialists a few Conservative votes. Just to make sure that, in the battle, the enemy <sup>would</sup> ~~is~~ not defeated.

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The<sup>n</sup> Commons ~~has just~~ <sup>and</sup> voted, the Labor  
government ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> upheld -- three-hundred-and-ten  
to two-hundred-and-ninety-six, ~~that is~~ a majority  
of fourteen. The Liberals ~~having~~ <sup>with</sup> voted ~~in favor~~  
of the government.



## JET CAR

The British displayed their jet automobile today - in a test along the road. Before a group of observers, the motor car with a turbo-jet engine was put through its paces, and United Press correspondent Robert Musel says the performance was - impressive.

The automobile was nothing strange to look at - a conventional roadster with a rear engine. The power plant, an adaptation of jet propulsion - jet plus a turbine, with kerosene as the fuel. The car started, and picked up a speed of sixty miles an hour within fourteen seconds from standstill. Which was fast acceleration. There was no attempt to show speed - the new fangled auto running along easily at eighty-five miles an hour - not much noise - the jet engine giving off a hum that sounded like a low whistle.

Today the British engineers put emphasis on the fact that the whole thing is in the experimental stage, and it will be some time before a motor car, driven by a jet turbine, will be on the market - at least eighteen months, probably more.

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The chief engineer said: "We know we still have a long way to go before the gas turbine car can become a marketable proposition."

## RADIUM

At Ottawa, capital of Canada, they've recovered the twenty capsules of Radium - after a frantic search. The radioactive stuff disappeared from the headquarters of the Canadian National Research Council - where the capsules were kept in an outdoor shed. They were considered too dangerous to be kept inside - Radium being capable of inflicting incurable burns.

The clue to the mystery was the fact that a group of children had been seen playing near the shed - and that spread the alarm which had Ottawa in a state of worry. Children stealing the capsules with Radium - and there was no telling the amount of harm that might be done. So a frantic search was on - a hunt with Geiger counters. Houses in the neighborhood, where the children lived, were investigated - with Geiger counters to pick up signs of radioactivity.

Last night five of the capsules were found. One of them - in the house of one of the children. Four others - in a mail box, where somebody apparently,

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hearing of the search, tried to mail them back. Today, the remaining fifteen were located - through questioning the children, who had gone playing in the shed and taken away the stuff of deadly radiation.

## ROMANCE

Things are getting rough in the romance of Virginia Hill, former girl friend of the slain Los Angeles racketeer, Bugsy Siegel. She has married the *the gay and genial* Austrian ski star, <sup>^</sup>Hans Hauser - but the Department of Justice says orders have been issued for the deportation of the bridegroom. During the war <sup>Hans Hauser</sup> he was interned as an enemy alien - and, after his release, <sup>^</sup>he became a ski instructor <sup>on Mount Spokane and at Wallace,</sup> ~~at Sun Valley,~~ Idaho. But deportation has been hanging over his head all the time - and now it's to take effect.

The newlyweds were stopping at a Chicago hotel today, when the bride burst out of the room, and assailed news reporters and photographers in the corridor. "You're all a lot of trash," she yelled - and grabbed a cameraman by the hair. Then, took a swipe at another, and knocked his camera to the floor. After which she set sail for the elevator - with mink coat tails flying.

The newsmen pursued - and she bashed one in the face with her fist. But they got into an elevator

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with her, and trailed along as she dashed to a taxicab - with photographers snapping pictures all the time.

No, true love isn't running smoothly for <sup>Hana</sup> the Austrian ski star and the one-time girl friend of <sup>Virginia</sup> Bugsy Siegel. - It's a rough <sup>going - lots o' big bumps</sup> ~~kind of ski trail~~ on that trail.

## MARDI GRAS

In New Orleans, his Royal Majesty, the king of the mardi gras, has been treated in a shabby way - robbed of twenty-five hundred dollars' worth of jewelry and cash, after taking three drinks in a night club.

He is Sam E. Wilson, Jr., Texas millionaire who, during the recent mardi gras, was crowned as - king of adonis. So he must have had a sort of royal feeling, staying on for a while in New Orleans.

But late last night, he went into a night club, and had those three drinks - which is the last he remembers. Everything a blank - until later on he found himself having coffee in a restaurant in the French Quarter. He was feeling shaky - the more so when he found that all his jewelry and money was gone. The explanation would seem to be clear - knockout drops. Which was no way for New Orleans to treat a king of the mardi gras - a King Adonis.

## CAT

We all know about the tenacity and stamina of a cat - as expressed by the old saying, that the cat has nine lives. Nevertheless, here's a story that would seem to be incredible - save that it's a factual news dispatch, with precise details.

At Minerva, Ohio, there's a brick factory, where they have the usual kiln - for baking the bricks. They also have a cat, who seems to have more fortitude than common sense - because that dumb kitty liked to lie around in the kiln, when it was not in use. Several times previously, the brick workers had dragged the cat out, just at the last moment, before closing the door and turning on the heat.

But, finally - it happened. This time they didn't notice the cat was inside, and went right ahead - baking a load of bricks. The temperature for the operation is nine hundred degrees Fahrenheit - and there was the cat inside. The baking process goes on for thirty-six hours, a mighty long time at nine hundred degrees - and you'd think no living thing



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could survive. But, when they opened the furnace door to remove the bricks - out staggered kitty.

Well, it was a sad looking tom cat. His fur was burned off down to an eight<sup>h</sup> of an inch, and he was *as* dried out as a piece of blotting paper. But today comes the report from the veterinarian - kitty is okay. The doc just gave him some sedatives to ease the discomfort, and injected a lot of fluid - he was that badly dried out. Kitty was down to the last fraction of his ninth life, but now he goes back to the brick factory - and I'll bet he'll stay away from that hot place, the kiln.

## ZOOM

At Rockport, Massachusetts, Arlene Goff says she prefers to perish in world destruction by the hydrogen bomb, rather than live under the dictatorship of the - Zoom. Arlene is a twenty-five year old acrobatic dancer, who joined the society founded by the Zoom - a latter day Noah who has lined up followers for the construction of a hydrogen bomb-proof ark, in which they'll take refuge when that blast of universal destruction comes along. The Zoom says it will happen on April Seventh, Nineteen Fifty-Four.

He is Jack Goldie of Newark, New Jersey, fifty-eight years old - who now is training his followers for the task of recreating an ideal world, when they emerge after the hydrogen bomb explosion. He trains them with strict rules - no smoking, no drinking, no swearing. Also - no impertinence toward the Zoom. Which <sup>is what</sup> ~~is what~~ got Arlene into trouble.

The Zoom was telling his followers about that ideal world after the hydrogen bomb, and said -

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there would not be any bald headed men. That caused the acrobatic dancer to laugh, and the Zoom was annoyed by her impertinence. So he tossed her out until she is ready to apologize.

But Arlene says she won't go back. She's afraid of the<sup>e</sup> hydrogen bomb, ~~all right~~, but she figures the Zoom intends to make himself the dictator of that ideal world. She doesn't like dictators - so she'll take her chances with the hydrogen bomb.

Zoom, I mean Nelson, what

1/4 from you.