

This afternoon there was an immediate uproar in Congress - with demands that William O'Dwyer, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico, be fired from his diplomatic job. (The final report made by the Kefauver Crime Investigating Committee presents a drastic indictment of O'Dwyer's conduct when he was Mayor of New York - also, previously, when he was Brooklyn District Attorney.

"Neither he nor his appointees," declares the Committee, "took any effective action against the top echelons of the gambling, narcotics, waterfront, murder, or bookmaking rackets.) In fact," the report goes on, "his actions impeded promising investigations of such rackets." The charge is made that O'Dwyer was on terms of "intimate friendship" with friends of racketeers Frank Costello and Joe Adonis. At the same time, the report gives O'Dwyer much credit for, what it calls, "many noteworthy achievements" as mayor.

Accusations are made, likewise, against Governor Fuller Warren of Florida, and Governor Forrest Smith

of Missouri. Also - there's criticism of Governor Dewey of New York, because of gambling at Saratoga Springs. This has been cleaned up recently. But the Committee asks - why wasn't it cleaned up before?

(That famous radio and television circus in New York is recalled, when the report gets around to Frank Costello - sometimes called the "Prime Minister of the Underworld." The Committee says Costello's testimony "reeks of perjury" and ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ recommends that he be prosecuted - and, if possible, deported.)

There's a barrage of charges ~~xxx~~ against the racing wire services as the key to the gambling racket. The bookmakers have to have a wire service, which charges all the traffic will bear - thereby syphoning off a large part of the multi-million gambling profits. By the same token, the gambling news monopoly can control the operations of local rackets. The report calls it - "a lever ~~xxxxxx~~ which makes it possible for organized criminal syndicates to gain

a foothold in every community in the country."

Western Union is under fire - charged with cooperating in the circulation of racing news among bookmakers. "Aiding and abetting the violation of the anti-gambling laws," says the Committee - ^{-- and goes on to} ~~which~~ cites cases in which bookmakers ran their betting business by means of Western Union telegrams, money orders, and

messengers. } The latest - Western Union says that, so far as the Company knows, the transmissions of racing news is not illegal.

Much attention is given to the Maffia - descended from the old Sicilian Maffia. The Committee names two chief racketeering syndicates, one based on New York, the other on Chicago, and says the Maffia is the tie which binds them together, and coordinates many minor mobs.

Illegal gambling is emphasized as the big money backbone of the criminal rackets - bringing in twenty billion dollars a year. So - should gambling be legalized? The report says - no. An answer is given to the argument that, if gambling were permitted, it would

get into the category of ordinary business. The Committee contends that the gangsters would still be attracted by the huge money, and the legalization would only spread gambling among those who can least afford to gamble. Nevada is cited - gambling legal, but the gangsters flock into the state. Also - state relief is needed to help those who go broke in the gambling casinos.

Instead of legalization, the Committee recommends severer laws and severer enforcement.

BRITAIN

Word just in from London. The House of Commons today upheld the Labor Government on the issue of raw materials for rearmament. The vote, three hundred and five to two hundred and nine, which means that the Left Wing rebels, led by Aneurin Bevan, voted with the Labor Party. Another defeat for Winston Churchill's Conservatives in their attempt to force a General Election.

KOREA

(In Korea, the vast Chinese army around Seoul vanished. The hordes which yesterday were laying siege to the very gates of the South Korean capital - "disappeared.") United Press Correspondent Gene Symonds puts it in these words, "the main Communist force was believed to have withdrawn north a sufficient distance to forestall any immediate attack on Seoul.

Crippled by casualties placed at seventy-five thousand in one week - one man in four knocked out, (the Reds are believed to have pulled back to regroup - also to await reinforcements from the north.) Speculation is that the enemy force may now wheel eastwards, then try and launch an offensive through the mountain corridors of Central Korea.

Around Seoul today, U.N. troops sunned themselves and bathed along the banks of the Han and Pukhan Rivers. There are reports of baseball games, also horseshoe pitching, in those unflooded rice paddies around the city.

First word of the Chinese withdrawal came when U.N. tank and infantry patrols stabbed north from Seoul. They found

no enemy. There are reports of a few isolated outposts, but the main force was pulled back up to twenty miles.

Over northwest Korea, the air war has broken out afresh. Twenty-five U.S. sabre jets, heavily outnumbered, tangling with M.I.G. 15s near the Yalu. Our flyers claim four M.I.G.'s damaged, another probably destroyed.

At Eighth Army headquarters, a spokesman revealed a new Red maneuver today. We've heard of the Chinese opening flood gates to release a wall of water against U.N. troops. This time, ~~their stunt was~~ just the reverse. They closed the reservoir gates, thus lowering the levels of the Pukhan and Han Rivers. This apparently in preparation for the planned May Day assault on Seoul, [—] _^ which didn't materialize. Lowering the level of the rivers so as to make easier the crossing for infantry.

FOLLOW KOREA

Late word from Tokyo. Navy dive bombers today torpedoed the Kwachon Reservoir floodgates. Diving low, they dropped their aerial torpedoes, smashing the gates, as a precaution against and raising the level of those rivers ~~in case of~~ a renewed Red offensive against Seoul.

KOREA - TROOPS

From Tokyo, there's news tonight of a British Commonwealth division which will fight in Korea. The word is that the Commonwealth Twenty-Eighth and Twenty-Ninth Brigades, the Canadian Twenty-Fifth Infantry Brigade, and units from Australia, New Zealand and India, will be formed into a new division. Also, in the group will be Ethiopian troops that are now on their way to the Far East, and a Belgian battlaion, which has already seen action in Korea. From London news that several thousand more British troops will leave soon for the Far East, to bring the new British Commonwealth division up to strength.

The Senate Investigating Committee today took the secret label off the Wedemeyer Report. At least those parts of it which deal with Korea. These are published as testimony for the Senate investigations into General MacArthur's dismissal by President Truman.

(In this report on China and Korea, Lieutenant General Albert Wedemeyer in September, Nineteen Forty-Seven, call^d the turn of events in Korea with remarkable accuracy. His predictions, that Russia would withdraw its occupation troops from North Korea, "just as soon as they can be sure that the North Korean puppet government will be strong enough to carry out the Soviet objectives without the actual presence of Soviet troops!" ^{That} ~~was~~ proved tragically true. Also, that the Communist threat to South Korea would not end with the withdrawal of occupation forces. "The United States," the General said, "has a strong strategic interest in preventing Soviet conquest of South Korea, since this would give the Reds warm water ports and air bases near Japan."

His recommendations were that U.S. occupation troops remain in South Korea until the Russians withdraw from the north - as was done. Also, a U.S. Arms Aid Program to the South Koreans. The General recommended a South Korean army with American officers. This, too, was done, though the South Korean army was led by South Koreans and not Americans.

The Defense Department reveals that only a few ~~numbered~~ paragraphs of the original Report have been deleted for "military security reasons." Most of these, because they criticize the South Korean Government.

STALIN

As the Kremlin clock struck ten this morning,

Josef Stalin mounted the reviewing stand atop
Generalissimo ~~Stalin took the stand on the top of~~ Lenin's Tomb

He was there
in Moscow's Red Square, to review the Soviets' gigantic

May Day parade. *As usual* ~~In time honored custom~~ the commander of the

Moscow garrison galloped across the Red Square on a chestnut

stallion, inspected the guard of honor. Then came the

propaganda speech from Marshal Vasilevsky, full of the usual

denunciations of "imperialist warmongers" and the like.

Then the show was on. In the air, Lieutenant General Vassily Stalin, son of Uncle Joe, led a display of two hundred four-engined bombers, also twin and single engined jet fighters

On the ground, infantry, parachutists, air force, and naval

units poured across *that great* ~~the~~ cobbled stone square, before the

top brass of the Politburo. After the military parade, came

the civilian affair, with more than two million demonstrators--

marching hour after hour, with floats and banners, depicting

Russia's economic progress. Amongst the banners were the

customary caricatures of President Truman, General Eisenhower,
and Winston Churchill. Also a more complimentary one of
William Z. Foster - General Secretary of the American Communist
Party.

BERLIN

May Day celebrations in East Berlin - the Soviet Zone - today went off like a damp squib. Instead of the million demonstrators expected, only half this number turned out. In fact tens of thousands streamed across the Iron Curtain frontier to attend anti-Communist rallies in the Western Sector. These included not only civilians, but also deserters who were supposed to have marched in the Communist parade.

As the American Freedom Bell pealed out, West Berliners fired off rockets full of anti-Red leaflets - fired these into the Eastern-Russian-sector. But the Communists were ready. They had their pyrotechnics waiting too, and soon a return shower of rockets and Red leaflets came winging into the Western sector.

East Germany's police air force, those cops in M.I.G. Fifteens, failed to show up.

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Word is that today's Communist fiasco will set heads rolling in the ranks of the East German Kremlin Party.

CROWN

An odd sort of secret is out in London - the great ruby in the imperial crown of Great Britain is not a ruby at all. This gets into the news because of an inquisitive American, who happened to know about rubies.

Over there, across the water, they are holding - a Festival of Britain - and one feature is a display of the crown jewels of England. For years these have been kept in the Tower of London, behind a steel grille protection. But now the grille has been removed, and the gleaming treasure can be seen through glass, as in a showcase.

The inquisitive American was gazing at the Imperial Crown, and grew curious about the odd shape of the gleaming jewel, Called - "The Ruby of the Black Prince." He spoke to one of the custodians of the treasure, who gave an explanation, saying, "There's a hole bored through it. The Black Prince wore it in his helmet in battle."

Whereupon the American, knowing about precious stones, exclaimed incredulously, "A hole bored through a ruby?"

That brought out the secret. The custodian had to admit: "It's really a spinel." Which is a handsome kind of stone, but a spinel is worth far less than a ruby. So it looks as if somebody got swindled - and *a* *right* royal swindle it must have been!

History relates that the alleged ruby in the Imperial Crown comes down from the Black Prince, son of King Edward the Third, and hero of the Battle of Crecy. The Black Prince got it from Pedro the Cruel of Castile - one of the great villains of the age, the Fourteenth Century. Pedro the Cruel was driven from his throne in Spain. The Black Prince, with an army, restored him to power - only to be disgusted finally by the crimes of the tyrant. All of which adds little to the glory of the Black Prince - famous, otherwise, as a perfect knight.

As a reward for his help, Pedro the Cruel gave him - the ruby. Then, centuries later, they found - it's no ruby at all! So looks like the arch villain swindled the Black Prince - long, long ago.

However, this is not certain. Scholars point out that, in the Middle Ages - the knowledge of minerals was defective. So it may be that the tyrant, himself, thought the stone was a real ruby. It may be that some medieval jewel merchant swindled ~~■~~ Pedro the Cruel.

Beguiling historic mystery, which now appears in the news, because an inquisitive American was gazing at crown jewels in the Tower of London - something like a Yankee at King Arthur's Court, *Nelson.*