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HUNGARY

The nationwide strike in Hungary - was off <sup>on again</sup> again today.

In Budapest - a return to work in several factories. But, almost immediately, the workers walked out again. In raging protest - against the arrest of two top labor leaders.

The president of the Central Budapest Worker's Council and his chief aide - who called the general strike.

They were hidden safely in striking factories, but the communist regime invited them - to come and "negotiate". They were deceived, and went - only to be arrested. And the word is going around in Hungary - that they'll be hanged.

Soviet soldiers and red police have taken over factories, where strikes are on - and reports tell of gunfire at the plants in Budapest.

Throughout the rest of the country, fighting continues between the patriots and Russian armored forces. In a mining town near the Yugoslav border - a report of three hundred Russian soldiers killed in clashes with Hungarian freedom fighters, in the past few days.

A Hungarian doctor arriving in Austria, today, said he saw some five hundred Hungarians shooting it out with red police - at a village halfway between Budapest and the frontier. The fighting having started - when a crowd stormed the town jail. Trying to free - leaders of the workers, who had been arrested.

Reports continue that puppet Premier Kadar may soon be ousted by the Russians. Succeeded, probably - by Foreign Minister Hervath. Who is returning to Budapest - from the United Nations.

Two days ago, Hervath walked out of the General Assembly - protesting against ~~b~~etter criticism of the Hungarian reds. Today, a spokesman at the Hungarian Legation was asked about the report that the Foreign Minister ~~would~~ become Premier. He replied <sup>d:-</sup> <sub>R-</sub> "probably correct."

Word from Washington is - that President Eisenhower will make a direct appeal - to Soviet Premier Bulganin. " Remove Russian troops from Hungary," - the President will say.

This plea will be in answer to the letter from Bulganin last month, on disarmament. Proposing - an extremely limited version of that Eisenhower "open skies" aerial inspection plan. President Eisenhower - to tell Bulganin that discussions of disarmament can only be handicapped by the brutal suppression in Hungary by Russian troops.

Here's an interesting thought - from Indian Prime Minister Nehru. Subject - the Hungarian revolution. Always interesting - the impression a thing can make on somebody of a different civilization, a different way of thinking.

Today, Nehru gave the parliament at New Delhi some observations from the Indian Ambassador at Budapest. For example, an estimate - that thirty-two thousand people have been killed in the Hungarian revolt. Twenty-five thousand Hungarians - and seven thousand Russians.

Then he said the Indian Ambassador reports - large scale passive resistance. Which Nehru described in these words..

"Reminiscent of the civil disobedience movement in India."

Which, of course, harks back - to Mahatma Gandhi and his doctrine of resistance by passive refusal to obey. Which, actually - won independence for India.

Nehru was Gandhi's disciple - and now he sees, in Hungary, a reminiscence of the "civil disobedience" preached by Gandhi.

In Paris, the Council of NATO made a decision, tonight - planning the defense of Western Europe. Chief reliance - on atomic weapons. The United States - to bear the greatest responsibility.

The new atomic defense plan received immediate approval - from American Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Who said - he would go into more detail, tomorrow.

OCCUPATION

SUEZ - OCCUPATION

Another terrorist attack against the British - at Port Said. Egyptians - ambushing a patrol of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Opening fire - with a machinegun. But the Highlanders ducked to cover - no casualties.

They were searching for a British Lieutenant - kidnapped by the Egyptian underground.

The British - French evacuation of Port Said is proceeding rapidly. A U. N. spokesman stating, today - that the withdrawal of the invasion forces may be complete, this coming Saturday. →

A news dispatch tonight states that a hand grenade was tossed into the automobile of a British Army Officer, Major James Williams, who, however, kicked the grenade out of the car, just as it exploded. He sustained a fractured leg.

PRISONERS.

JAPANESE PRISONERS

The Soviets announce - that all Japanese prisoners-of-war will be sent home. Something - long overdue. Prisoners of war held for nearly a dozen years after the end of the fighting.

A Moscow decree, today, stated - that the captives are being released under the peace agreement with Japan, <sup>And</sup> also, says the decree - for "humane reasons". The way they use words - in the communist utopia "humane", after holding the prisoners of war ever since August of nineteen-forty-five.

Moscow doesn't say - how many have survived the red captivity. At least one young Japanese whom I knew long ago, didn't survive - Prince Kenoya - son of Nippon's famous pre-war statesman Prince Konoya. It had long been wondered what happened to the young prince - who had been a popular figure in college here - at Princeton. He died a few weeks ago - 12 years a Russian prisoner, in Siberia. Humane!



## IRELAND

The North Ireland police found a time bomb loaded with two hundred sticks of dynamite - on a dock in Belfast. Near a British training cruiser. Had it exploded, it would have blown out most of the dock - and seriously damaged the ship.

The time-bomb - set, apparently, by the Irish Republican Army, in the raid reported yesterday.

CHILD

A British judge, today, gave a verdict in the case of Tanya Chwastov - the two year old girl, who was being taken to Soviet Russia. Her father sneaking the child out of the United States <sup>— with</sup> the mother - protesting.

The two year old was taken off the ship in England. The mother - crossing the Atlantic to claim her. So now the decision by Justice Sir Henry Wynn Perry, who rules - that, under British law, the child belongs to the mother.

President Eisenhower came back to Washington, today - from his vacation in Georgia. No complete vacation - plenty of work. But, every one of the seventeen days, the President managed to get in a game of golf. Result - fine physical condition.

Before he left Augusta, he was given a thorough physical examination. The doctor reporting - that the mild exercise every day had proved very beneficial.

Well, Mr. Eisenhower will need that fine physical condition - because there are busy days ahead for the President of the United States.

Information long kept secret - now revealed. About uranium production - in this country. Eight thousand tons of radium concentrate produced - this year. Four thousand tons - last year.

American reserves of uranium ore estimated at sixty million tons. But here's a thing that will surprise you. In what state - is most of the uranium ore. New Mexico - with more than sixty eight percent. We've always thought of Utah and Colorado. ~~Was,~~ Utah comes next - then Colorado.

Simultaneously, Canada discloses figures for its own uranium reserves. Nearly four times the amount in the United States.

## MISSILE

At Patrick Air Force Base in Florida - maybe it has happened. Or, maybe it's about to happen. The launching - of Thor, the ballistic missile. Which is capable of streaking - for fifteen hundred miles, in a matter of minutes.

Details about this Air Force missile are - top secret. But the word in Washington is that Thor has reached - the firing stage. Ready - for a first experimental test. Which may have been held already.

The Air Force has missiles of various kinds. The newest being Thor - named after the Norse God of Thunder.

**Sixth Avenue, right across the street from Rockefeller Center, is not one of the beautiful parts of New York. Lined with old, shabby buildings. But all that - is to be changed. A seventy million dollar skyscraper - to rise on the west side of Sixth Avenue, between Fiftieth and Fifty-first Streets. So announced, today, by Rockefeller Center and Time, Incorporated. Which two concerns - will join in putting up a building five hundred and fifty feet high. Occupying - eighty-two thousand square feet of ground area. To be called - the Time and Life Building. The great publishing concern to move out of the present Time and Life Building - into the new one. Which is to be completed in two years.**

This is the hundredth anniversary of - the Camel Corps. Which would seem to bring visions - of the nomads of Arabia. or - the camel riders of the Sahara. But - not at all. The news refers - to the Camel Corps of the United States Army.

Back in eighteen fifty-six, the army thought - why not use camels on our own southwestern deserts. Which seemed like a good idea - to the secretary of war, Jefferson Davis, later president of the southern confederacy. So he rushed a bill through congress - appropriating thirty thousand dollars for the purchase of camels. Imported - from Africa and Western Asia.

So the camel corps was formed - operating from an army camp near San Antonio, Texas. And, actually, the old ship of the desert helped - in opening wagon routes from the gulf to the Pacific.

But, the soldiers complained - about the powerful perfume for which the camel is famous. <sup>Perfume is the wrong word.</sup> Moreover, the ship of the desert is a mean, stubborn cuss. The old army mule - mild and obedient, in comparison.

Finally, the Camel Corps was used in the Civil War. Which was more in swamps - than in the desert. The camels wading around in the mud. Which, probably, didn't improve their temper.

Then, in eighteen eighty-six, the Army began selling the remaining camels. Most of them - winding up in a circus.



In baseball - a surprising trade. Jackie Robinson - going to the Giants. For years, the negro star has been a number one Giant hater. But now Jackie Robinson says - he'll play his head off against the Dodgers. The Giants want him at first base.

In return, the Dodgers get a bundle of cash - estimated at fifty-thousand dollars. Also - a left-handed pitcher, Dick Littlefield. The Brooklynns needing - more left-handed pitching.

Yes, when Jackie Robinson moves over from Brooklyn - to the N.Y. Polo Grounds - from the Dodgers to the Giants - that's news!

Shortly before World War One, when I was a Chicago newspaper reporter, a young doctor reported in from college, and proceeded to make a name for himself, not only in the Windy City, but nationally. Dr. Herman Bundesen, for 42 years Chicago's Health Commissioner. And he writes a health column that appears in hundreds of newspapers.

While in Chicago for the opening of my Seven Wonders of the World, I saw Dr. Bundesen and marvelled at his vigor and youth at 75! When I mentioned it he said hes and he had just passed an insurance examination - for a large policy! Usually you can't get much insurance - if any - at age 75. So, of course, I asked him his secret. Incidentally a former President of the United States had just phoned him from a small town 350 miles southwest of here, putting the same question to him. How do you do it, Doc? What's your secret? Fountain of Youth?

His answer: - that after age 50 a man needs the vigor that he can only get from about 5000 calories. But his body can only handle enough food to supply 2500 calories. Therefore

he gets the rest of it from pills - vitamins and minerals  
and methyl testosterone.

This is vouched for by the President of the  
Chicago Board of Health, who at 75, is or appears to be,  
in great shape.

I suspect I need some of that methyl testosterone.

Maybe I met him at just the right moment, Henry,  
after a big night I felt at least 100!