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President Truman stated today that he believed that Soviet Russia would send a representative to the far Eastern advisory commission - an international group that has been formed to advise with General MacArthur. The Soviets, demanding that the MacArthur Administration be replaced, have hitherto refused to have anything to do with the Advisory Commission.

So there are signs of better relations.

The President bases his optimism on a personal communication with Stalin. We heard some days ago how American Ambassador Harriman had gone to see Stalin, who is vacationing on the Black Sea. And the Ambassador presented to the Soviet Generalissimo a message from President Truman.

Today the President stated that Stalin has replied to this, has sent an answer to the White House. This is said to be most friendly and encouraging. And it is on the basis of the Stalin reply that the President believes that Russia will join the Advisory Commission -- and do it soon.

RUSSIA

Moscow has rejected a British protest, a protest in, which the United States had joined. The Soviets have made commercial treaties with Hungary and Rumania, which are under Soviet domination, treaties concerning which Great Britain and the United States were not consulted. The Anglo-American view is that such matters are the concern of all three powers.

The Soviet reply is blunt. The gist of it is that the Soviet Trade Treaties with Hungary and Rumania are none of Britains' business.

ATOM BOMB

Here's a denial of a statement that the late President Roosevelt and Former Prime Minister Winston Churchill made a secret agreement for the control of the Atomic Bomb. The statement was made yesterday in the London House of Commons - and today President Truman declared that he did not think it was true. So far as ~~Mr.~~ Truman knows ~~it~~, there was no secret atomic bomb agreement between Roosevelt and Churchill.

The President added today that, as nearly as he could determine, there was an equal bomb partnership between the United States, Great Britain and ~~Canada~~ Canada. He says ~~that~~ the British and Canadians knew as much about the production of the atomic weapon as we do.

The President confirmed the fact that the atomic problem is the reason why British Prime Minister Attlee is coming to the United States next month ^{- for a} ~~and~~ three power America-British-Canadian conferences ~~to be held~~.

The President stated today that the three countries will try to formulate a joint international policy regarding

the bomb. And the policy they formulate will then be discussed with the others of the United Nations.

JAP. FLEET

The Japanese Fleet, what remains of it, is to have an end that the Jap warlords never dreamed of when they created a Navy for conquest in the Pacific - the third largest navy in the world. We have been hearing about the possibility of using ~~the~~ Jap warships for Atomic Bomb experiment - and now it would seem as if all the fleet the Japs have left would be put to that purpose.

Today, Secretary of State Byrnes announced that the major warships of Japan will be scuttled. He doesn't say in what fashion the scuttling will be done, but the indications are that ~~the~~ Jap vessels will be sent to the bottom by blasts of Atomic Bombs, or sunk after they have been subjected to atomic explosions. This is in line with what was recently stated by Fleet Admiral King.

The plan applies to large vessels and to fifty-one submarines - but not to Japanese Destroyers. Thirty-eight in number, the destroyers will be divided equally between the United States, Great Britain, Soviet Russia and China.

Of their once great fleet of powerful ships, the Japs have left one battleship, four aircraft carriers, one of which is damaged, and four cruisers - three damaged. These will provide impressive material for ^{the} Atomic Bomb experiment, especially with the addition of German warships and obsolete American Naval Units - which, as we have been told, will also be used in a naval try-out of the power of the atom.

HIROHITO

The wealth of Hirohito is to be confiscated and used to pay reparations to the Allies. We heard about that wealth last night, more than a hundred and six million dollars plus additional treasures of art and jewels - the private fortune of the Emperor of Japan.

Today in Washington Edwin W. Pauley, head of the American Reparations Commission, disclosed that no distinction is being made between the personal assets of Emperor Hirohito and the funds of the Japanese Government. Both will go into a common pool to pay reparations to the Allies.

YAMASHITA

Today, at Manila, the trial of Yamashita went into secret sessions. No spectators or newsmen were allowed in the court, and the very identity of the witnesses who testified was kept concealed.

They were women, women of prominent families in Manila. In court they told what happened to four hundred women of Manila Society at the Bay View Hotel, a fashionable place in the Philippine capital. As the Japanese Army fell back on Manila in the face of MacArthur's advance, Jap soldiers stormed into the Bay View Hotel - where the women were.

The court today, in imposing secrecy, explained that the testimony was such that the future happiness of the women was involved. Newspapermen were informed that scores of Manila's most prominent families were involved, and it would not be fair to reveal their names.

AMERICAN LORD HAW HAW

At Shanghai, the United States Army has arrested an American newspaperman whom they call "The American Lord Haw Haw of the Orient". ~~He is Robert Don Chrisholm, who is said to have broadcast on the Jap radio in Nineteen Forty-two delivering nightly blasts of Japanese propaganda.~~

The story, as we get it from the Shanghai dispatch today, has curious twisters. Before Pearl Harbor, Robert Don Chisholm, in Shanghai, published what they called - shopping news. This, actually was a scandal sheet - with a free and easy line of gossip, and spicy rumors. When the Japs took over the international settlement of Shanghai, Chisholm remained, and soon afterward astonished Americans said they recognized his voice as the American Lord Haw Haw of the Orient.

The next thing - the Japs threw him into an internment camp, a hell hole in Indo-China. Which was no way for them to treat an American Lord Haw Haw. At the prison camp, the Japs beat him savagely.

He was also beaten severely by his fellow prisoners - because he was writing a book about life in prison camp. In this he was setting down exceedingly personal things about the others- the scandal-sheet-journalist in him coming to the forefront.

After the surrender of Japan, Chisholm was promptly ~~xxx~~ arrested by American authorities - ~~but was~~ ^{then} released. He set himself up as a newspaperman, and attended a press conference given by Admiral Kincaid, ~~commander~~ of the Seventh Fleet, ~~that was a~~ ~~curiosity~~ - the alleged Lord Haw Haw taking part in the interview with the Admiral.

Now he has been arrested again, charged with what the news dispatch calls - "suspicion of collaborationist activities". That is - suspected of being the American Lord Haw Haw of the Orient. - *even if the Japs did beat him up.*

CHINA

From China we hear that the Chinese Red Army has won a series of local victories against the troops of Chiang Kai-Shek - the Communist Forces seizing a number of places in North China.

At the same time, a powerful Nationalist Army, landed ^{from} a convoy of American warships and transports, has extended its zone of occupation along the great wall, the border of Manchuria. There the Chiang Kai-Shek Troops are facing Chinese Red Forces, which may put up a defensive battle or may resort to guerrilla tactics - it isn't known what strategy the Communists have in mind.

The over-all Chinese picture shows two million men on the verge of a full scale civil war - a million troops on each side. China waits tensely for the catastrophe that seems certain - unless the renewed peace talks between Chiang Kai-Shek and the Communists are a success.

JAVA

The fighting in Java was renewed in bitterness today after the killing of a British Officer by Indonesian Rebels. It happened at the Great Soerabaja Naval Base. Brigadier Mallaby was on his way with two other officers to a conference with Indonesian leaders. He was shot and killed.

Today British General Sir Philip Christianson, Commander of the Allied Forces in Java, issued a demand that the killer be handed over for justice - otherwise the full might of British war power will be hurled against the Rebels to crush them utterly.

There's a ^{late} ~~new~~ report that the head of the insurgent government has ordered resistance to the Allies to be ended. It looks as tho the Indonesian rebels, from their own standpoint, had made a fatal error - in assassinating the British Brigadier general.

GERMANY

Preparations are being made for turning Germany over to civilian control - take the Administration of that conquered country out of the hands of Army men, and give it to Allied civilians. General Eisenhower wants this done as soon as possible.

Today, in Washington, President Truman read a letter from Eisenhower, in which the Supreme Commander outlined a plan for civilian control in Germany, and the President stated that this would be put into effect - by June of next year.

The plan depends on an agreement between the four powers administering Germany, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, the United States and France. The idea would be for all four to transfer from military to civilian domination at the same time.

It is emphasized that civilian control would not mean the removal of American Army Forces from Germany. They would stay there - to enforce the decisions of American civilian authority.

At the same time, Eisenhower discloses that

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~~there is~~ increasing discontent among the Germans in the American Zone of Occupation. The General states that outbreaks have occurred already, ^{with} ~~and that there is a~~ danger of organized uprising.

The most immediate cause for anger among the Germans is - fraternization. German young men, especially returning demobilized soldiers, are bitter about the way German girls are converting around with the G.I.'s, and this focus of discontent may be aggravated by unemployment.

General Eisenhower states that widespread unemployment may bring about what he calls - "Activities which might grow into organized resistance directed against the occupation forces."

Eisenhower states that throughout the German population, criticism of the policies of the Military Government is growing bolder. This is particularly true in the case of Left Wing Elements, ~~that~~ are demanding denazification of a sterner sort. The Left Wingers, not content with the mere dismissal of

Nazi officials, - are demanding severe punishment for
Nazis.

The Bishop of Munster, one of the most
influential Catholic prelates in the Reich, has
demanded severe punishment for the Nazi officials
responsible for the execution of the Archbishop of
Cologne, Cardinal Schulerberger, and the execution
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The outstanding leaders of
the German resistance are Archbishop Count von Galen
of Munster, and Hitler's own order that the protest
should be treated as a common criminal
act. That order, however, was soon rescinded
and the Propaganda Minister was able to prevent
officially that the hanging of the Archbishop would
lead to more resistance throughout the Reich.

GERMAN CHURCH

We hear that at one time Hitler ordered the hanging of the Bishop of Muenster, one of the most eminent of Catholic Ecclesiastics. This is stated by a prominent German Protestant Churchman, Dr. Heinrich Grueber.

He is quoted as saying that the resistance of the Catholic Church to the Nazis, infuriated Hitler --- he was a furious Fuehrer. The outstanding leaders of the church resistance was Archibishop Count Von Galen of Muenster, and Hitler gave the order that the prelate ~~should~~ be hanged as a common criminal.

That order, however, was countermanded - by Goebeols. The Propaganda Minister was able to argue successfully that the hanging of the Archibshop would create a wave of resistance throughout Muenster.

TRUMAN

There was angry reaction in Congress today to some of the things said by President Truman on the radio last night. The President declared that Congress had been indulging in what he called - "Damaging delays." The Truman criticism of Congress was outright, and now Congress is roaring back with statements that the charges were - unfair.

As for the wage and price ideas propounded by the President, there is a mixed reception by labor and industry. Both union and business leaders express about the same varieties of opinion - some applauding loudly or faintly, others condemning loudly or faintly. The President's contention that wages should be increased without a boost of prices meets with mingled agreement and disagreement.

FLYING BOAT

In Uruguay today a pilot made a mistake -- a pilot flying a giant plane. This was the monster French flying boat which took off from France to reestablish French commercial air service with South America. Having reached Uruguay the ponderous aircraft was scheduled to land in a lagoon. The pilot missed the lagoon, and came down in a lake. He thought the lake was the lagoon. The lagoon is twenty-four feet deep, the lake twenty ~~inches~~ inches deep.

Imagine what happened when the great boat with wings came speeding down into twenty inches of water. The flying boat turned over -- two persons injured, so says the first report.

CRIME

A detective story came to life at Montgomery, Alabama - where a favorite theme of the Sherlock Holmes type of mystery materialized in an actual crime.

The classic detective story angle of them all is that of a murder victim found in a closed room - locked on the inside, no way for the murderer to have left the room. The cleverest concoctors of mystery plots have raked their ingenious brains in creating that situation. Now it has happened in real life down in Dixie Land.

At Montgomery, Alabama, a traveling salesman was found dead in a hotel room. It looked as if he had a heart attack, and had fallen in such fashion as to injure his head. This notion of accidental death was made virtually certain by the fact that the door was bolted on the inside - and there was no other way by which anyone could have left ~~the~~ the room.

Suspicion was raised, however, because the doctors believed the head injuries too severe to have been caused by a fall after a heart attack. Moreover, it

was learned that the victim had had in his possession a large sum of money and a valuable ring - and these were missing. It looked like murder - but how could you explain the fact of the door bolted on the inside?

An Alabama ^{Police} force would hardly seem a likely place to find a modern Sherlock Holmes, but Chief of Police Ralph King of Montgomery deserves a medal from the amalgamated Society of Detective Story Readers.

He experimented with a length of string and a loop dropped down through the transom above the door, and found that he could manipulate the bolt by pulling the string. Standing on the outside, he could, with the string and the loop, close the bolt.

That's what the murderer had done in trying to disguise the murder. He came within an inch of concocting the perfect crime.

Of course, the string manipulating the bolt is nothing new in the world of detective fiction. The idea has been resorted to time and again. To create the classical mystery situation, of the room locked on the

inside. And I recall, that same dodge was employed by the late S.S. Van Dine in the story of one of the most remarkable exploits of deduction performed by that extraordinary amateur detective, Philo Vance.

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The trick of the string and bolt might be a bit stale and trite in a book, but it's new and refreshing in a real life attempt to commit the perfect crime.

And now a perfect message
from you, Hugh.