

ATOMIC

L.Y. - P. & G. Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1947.

From Washington, tonight, (the U.S. atomic Commission served notice on the world that a thirty thousand square mile area of the western Pacific has been declared an area dangerous to trespassers of any nation around January thirty-first, Nineteen Forty-~~is~~ eight. <sup>R</sup> Eniwetok atoll to be sealed off for secret tests of Uncle Sam's atomic <sup>Arms.</sup> ~~3-09~~. That is why the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission has put up "danger! Keep out!" notices around this area for the whole world to <sup>heed.</sup> ~~hear and obey~~. <sup>R</sup> The commission gives no specific dates for the beginning or the end of the extensive tests of atomic weapons ~~which will be undertaken~~ in the ~~area of~~ Eniwetok <sup>Zone;</sup> ~~atoll~~ but it says the restricted zone will be hazardous for aerial and marine navigation, and warns intruders that they enter this thirty thousand square <sup>mile</sup> ~~region~~ at their own risk.

The experiments are expected to continue throughout Nineteen Forty-eight with Eniwetok ~~atoll~~ rigidly <sup>sealed</sup> ~~sealed off~~ off as a strategic zone, the

outer limits of this wide danger area ~~being~~ to be continuously patrolled by U.S. naval craft.

According to information given out by the Atomic Energy Commission, an even wider area of the western Pacific may have to be closed as experiments progress. <sup>π</sup> The United States undertaking in Nineteen Forty-eight ~~the most~~ extensive experiments with atomic weapons, ~~with every precaution for~~ <sup>in a zone sealed off for reasons of</sup> safety and security.

WALLACE

Senator Glenn Taylor of Idaho does not know whether or not he'll run for Vice President on the Henry Wallace ticket. The Idaho Legislator says he hasn't ~~not~~ made up his mind.

Last night's Wallace announcement of a third party was followed today ~~the~~ by the question: who will be the Wallace running mate? Henry himself, gave half ~~of~~ an answer, saying today <sup>that he is</sup> ~~he was~~ considering ~~at~~ Senator Glenn Taylor. The news men took that to the Legislator from Idaho, who answered: "I don't know yet what I'll do. It's a very difficult decision to make."

The Senator declared that he has seen Wallace only once - since the Third Party talk started. <sup>That</sup> They had a brief talk about the notion of Taylor in Third Party second place, but <sup>the cowboy senator from Idaho</sup> ~~Taylor~~ gave Wallace no answer of - yes or no. ~~He still refrains from a yes or a no, saying today,~~ ~~"I'll just have to keep thinking about it. Some day the lightning will strike, and I'll reach a definite decision."~~ ~~Some people~~ <sup>are saying: Senator</sup> ~~might say - you'd have to be struck by lightning to run for Vice-President with Henry.)~~

However, Glenn Taylor would make a lively candidate - tuneful even. Before he went to the legislative halls in Washington, he was a singing cowboy on the stage - so Glenn could sing Third Party, while Henry did the orating.

Henry is going to orate plenty, apparently. Asked about his plans today, he stated that a national third party conference would meet probably in Chicago - to adopt, among other things, a name for the new party. Then Wallace will stump the country, with a speech - making <sup>a</sup> tour that will take him to at least forty ~~off~~ of the forty-eight states.

Wallace, who is in Milwaukee, <sup>said</sup> ~~declared~~ today:

"We have great hopes of winning <sup>in</sup> Nineteen Forty Eight?"  
Winning what Henry? A Third Party has never won anything ~~much better than~~ <sup>but</sup> last place <sup>in an election</sup> - and the news ~~xxxx~~ today features a huge amount of support that Wallace will not get. Prominent labor leaders, liberals, and old time Roosevelt new dealers, joined in a chorus of enthusiastic non-support for Henry's Third Party. In the chorus, there

was plenty of comment that the Wallace secession from the Democrats has been incited by the Communists, who want to strike at President Truman <sup>and</sup> ~~to~~ his anti-Soviet Foreign Policy. Wallace today attacked the ~~Marx~~ Marshall Plan and welcomed the support of the Communists.

## INFLATION

Here's a straw in the wind -- the economic wind - which hints at a reduction in the cost of living. Tonight, in New York, the General Electric Company announced an average price reduction of five percent <sup>covering</sup> ~~over~~ a wide range of its products, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ reduction to go into force on January First, Nineteen Forty-eight. <sup>This</sup> to save consumers an estimated Fifty Million Dollars in Nineteen Forty-eight.

Charles E. Wilson, General Electric President, announces that the reductions <sup>will</sup> ~~which~~ range from three to ten percent on the retail prices of electrical appliances; <sup>everything</sup> ~~including~~ from refrigerators to television sets. <sup>This</sup> ~~are being made~~ in the hope that ~~the action of its~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~company~~ will help reverse the inflationary spiral ~~of~~ ~~our cost of living~~ and <sup>will</sup> inspire other companies to <sup>do likewise.</sup> ~~make similar reductions.~~

President Wilson emphasizes that neither technological improvements nor a desire to reduce profits motivate the action -- merely a gesture by the company to do something about the cost of living.

*the head of G.E.:-*

Says ~~Wilson~~ <sup>^</sup> "All of us must make it a number one job to stop the inflationary spiral. It is our ~~firm~~ conviction that voluntary action and super restraint by individual citizens and companies can do most to reduce the tide of inflation." <sup>^</sup> ~~He~~ *He went onto*

*say* <sup>^</sup> that his company hopes to maintain the new prices which will affect approximately forty percent of General Electric's business. <sup>^</sup> The General Electric announcement was hailed enthusiastically by Administration economists and Congressmen of both parties. ~~in~~

~~Washington~~ ~~Chairman~~ Kenneth ~~W.~~ Wherry, Republican of Nebraska, of the Senate small business *is among the most* committee ~~was~~ enthusiastic. ~~about the announcement.~~

*Congressman*  
*Representative* Clarence ~~S.~~ Brown of Ohio,

Chairman of the Executive committee of the Republican National Committee, call<sup>s</sup> <sup>^</sup> the price reduction an extremely important move in the fight against inflation.

*He adds that this also is proof* ~~and he points out that it is also proof~~ that police-

state methods are not necessary to obtain the *for the good of all of us,* cooperation of American business <sup>^</sup> ~~in the interests of~~

WASHINGTON

Strange goings on in Washington, peculiar happenings in the sanctuary of American government. A thief robbing a safe in Congress, <sup>---</sup> this following the mysterious disappearance of the anti-inflation bill.

The stately domed capitol in Washington is supposed to be vigilantly guarded - so it's a bit surprising ~~xk~~ that a thief could go prowling and get into the safe of the restaurant of the House of Representatives. But he did. The safe, which was in an office, had been opened - ready for business. In it were three cash boxes, and one of these was looted - a hundred dollars taken. In his hurry to make a get-away, the crook neglected the other two cash ~~box~~ boxes which ~~xxx~~ contained four-hundred-and-fifty dollars.

This follows a previous theft of a couple of weeks ago - when somebody swiped a big bronze plaque from the door of the House of Representatives. That remains an unsolved mystery, with Congress still wondering about it - and ~~x~~ now, the plundering of the congressional safe.

But the biggest mystery of all is <sup>still</sup> ~~^~~ the disappearance

of ~~the~~<sup>that</sup> anti-inflation bill. The latest from Washington is that the secret service, after sleuthing all day, can't figure what happened to the stately document. <sup>all of</sup> Which brings to a strange climax a bit of legislative drama.

~~President Truman had his own ideas about a law authorizing the White House to do something about the steep climax of prices. But the Republicans in Congress had other ~~id~~ ideas - and, after lively debate, <sup>they</sup> passed a bill of their own. The President didn't like it, <sup>he</sup> said the measure was - "Feeble, pitifully inadequate." But he said he would sign the Republican bill, because even a little is better than nothing at all. <sup>Then,</sup> ~~But~~ when he got around to appending his signature - where was the bill? It couldn't be found.~~

The document, sent by Congress to the White House, was last seen on the desk of Clark Clifford, Counsel to the President. Somehow, it vanished. ~~(The President didn't know where it was - nobody in the White House knew where it was. All of which was alarming - if official documents could disappear from the White House like that. The~~

~~secret service sleuthed everywhere, hunting through the waste paper baskets and even combing the incinerator - under the supposition that somebody might have tossed the anti-inflation ~~bill~~ bill away. <sup>We all</sup> You know how, in cleaning up, something can be swept into the wastebasket - although that's hardly the way to treat a law, an act of Congress. The President said the bill was feeble - and now it appeared <sup>s</sup> to be so weak <sup>it has</sup> ~~that it simply evaporated~~ <sup>into thin air.</sup>~~

*How to solve the*

~~It sure was a~~ dilemma? - because The bill had to

be signed by the President. <sup>So, a</sup> duplicate was procured <sup>and</sup> then they started to round up the signatures of Senator Vandenberg, President of the

Senate, and Speaker Joe Martin from the House, who had signed the vanished original. (Vandenberg was no problem -

he was in Washington. But Joe Martin was back home in Massachusetts. So) a special White House courier was sent

by air, <sup>taking</sup> the duplicate bill to Massachusetts, where the Joe Martin signature was duly affixed. ~~Then, through the~~

<sup>Then</sup> ~~the~~ back to the White House - where the President took an immediate firm hold on the bill, to keep it from getting away, and inscribed his own signature, making the measure

a law. This time everything worked out alright - the document failed to fly away, was not chucked into any wastepaper basket, and did not vanish in any fashion whatever.

In consequence, prompt action was taken under one provision of the bill - the Department of Agriculture today issuing an order for a sharp reduction of whiskey manufacture next month. The measure authorizes the Administration to allocate grain and now considerable grain has been allocated away from the distillers.

Meanwhile the secret service is still ~~making~~ ~~its brains,~~ wrestling ~~i~~ with that question of what happened to the original bill. ~~The disappearance of the document was like a fantasy - like an illusion brought about by an excessive consumption of some of that whiskey which will not be made next month.~~

## EMPLOYMENT

From Washington - a record-breaking figure the figure for employment last month. For all types of jobs, except farm labor, the statistics indicate that never before has the employment level been so high. In November, the number of people on the job, exclusive of farms, was forty-three million, five-hundred thousand. That was a-hundred-and-fifty thousand more than during the previous month, and a million more than in November of last year. In addition, there were more than fifteen million agricultural workers - giving an ~~all~~ over ~~all~~ nationwide picture of fifty-eight-million, six-hundred-thousand people with jobs. Record breaking employment and, of course, a minimum of unemployment - ~~is~~ eloquent evidence of the boom period through which we are passing.

## CIVIL AERONAUTICS

The White House announces that James M. Landis will not be reappointed as Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board. His term expires at midnight tomorrow, and President Truman has decided not to continue Landis in office. Who will succeed him as Civil Aeronautics Chairman is not stated. We hear that Landis, as head of the government bureau that regulates the commercial aviation business, was opposed by the big airlines, which urged President Truman not to reappoint him.

## ABDICATION

Today's abdication in Romania is, at least in part, another version of the story of a King giving up his throne for the woman he loves. It is, in some degree, a counterpart of that other and more famous abdication - in Britain nearly a dozen years ago.

( King Michael, the twenty-six year old sovereign of Romania, today announced that he was quitting his royal job. <sup>R</sup> Romania now becomes a Republic ) another Kingdom vanishing from a world that used to consist almost entirely of Kingdoms.

In his proclamation, ( Michael declared that ~~he~~ the institution of monarchy was no longer appropriate in Romania, the politics there being what they are. Which makes plenty of sense - Romania being a Soviet ~~power~~ Puppet with a Red dictatorship. It was an anomaly all along that Communism should go hand in hand with a King, ) and we wondered how long the mismatched union would last. <sup>R</sup> So there's ample political reason for the abdication of Michael. However, court circles in Bucharest are quoted as saying that romance played a decisive part -

romance which in fact, has been rumored insistently of late.

The story goes back to the Royal Wedding in London last month, the marriage of Princess Elizabeth, heiress to the Crown. Royalty attended in abundance including Michael, the young King of a Communist country. In England, as a wedding guest, he himself <sup>f</sup>tell in love - maybe romance at the royal wedding was contagious. The lady - young Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma, herself a member of a dethroned Royal Family, one of the most noble and ancient, connected with the historic House of Hapsburg.

We are told that King Michael resolved to marry Princess Anne - and, when he returned to Romania, he asked the consent of the Communist overlords. After all, he was a mere puppet King in a Red puppet dictatorship. The ~~and~~ word is that the Communist heads of the government said - no. Whereupon Michael preferred romance to his Crown - not much of a Crown under the circumstances. <sup>R</sup>He might well have stepped out in any case, and what could be a fairer occasion than to abdicate as did Edward the Eighth for

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the woman he loved?

Tonight's news from Bucharest relates that in the Royal Palace, the King is packing his bags. He's going to leave Romania, and go into exile, departing in a few days to marry Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma. She is waiting for him in Copenhagen - where this afternoon she heard of Michael's abidcation.

GREECE

(The latest from Greece declares that government troops are breaking the Red siege of the town of Kōnitsa) Communist Guerrillas encircled the place with what they called "An iron ring," determined to capture the place, so that Kōnitsa might become the capital of the new Red guerrilla government.

The town was defended by some seven hundred soldiers, while the Guerrilla besiegers numbered three thousand - and, according to reports they were being reinforced from nearby Albania, a Soviet puppet. So Kōnitsa became the number one focus of the Civil War in the mountains of Northern Greece - government airplanes dropping supplies to the garrison, and military forces making a determined drive on the ground, to break the Communist Iron Ring. They are succeeding, says Athens - Kōnitsa about to be relieved.

The new Red regime over there was the subject of an announcement in Washington today - Secretary of State Lovett speaking of the reports that the Red Guerrilla Government might be recognized by the Soviet

## PALESTINE

This was the most savage day of all in the mounting tide of hate and ferocity in ~~R~~ Palestine. At the great Haifa Oil Refinery a Jewish bomb killed <sup>several</sup> Arabs, and this was followed by a massacre of Jews.

At the oil refinery both Arabs and Jews were employed, and had worked together, side by side, for years. Today new workers were being hired, and Arabs were lined up on the street to apply for jobs. An automobile drove by, and out of it was rolled what is called a barrel bomb. This - a home-made affair, a keg filled with explosive.

Barrel bombs have previously been used by Irgun Zvai Leumi extremists of the Zionist Underground - who now have announced a ~~new~~ policy of killing Arabs in retaliation for the killing of Jews. So it is believed ~~the~~ Irgun Zvai Leumi rolled the barrel bomb out of the automobile today - the car speeding away as a violent explosion smashed the line of Moslems waiting for jobs. Six killed, many injured.

Immediately, the ~~Arabs~~ Arab employees in the

plant surged in a maddened outbreak, assailing their Jewish fellow employees - killing them in a ferocious massacre. The plant police, at the oil refinery, tried to stop the horror, and fired shots - but were driven off by the infuriated Moslems, who killed forty-one of their Jewish fellow employees.

From other parts of Palestine come stories of increasing violence and murder -- but they pale into insignificance, compared with the orgy of bloodshed at the <sup>Haifa</sup> oil refinery.

## BURMA

In far off Burma, with its legends of Oriental fantasy, a tribunal passed sentence today in the case of a crime as ferocious as anything, for a long time, in the blood-curdling history of Burma. (In Rangoon, the death penalty was decreed against a former Burmese Premier and eight of his followers, for the mass assassination of virtually the whole Burmese government last July.)

This former Premier is U Saw, long a troublesome figure out east. He and his political party were bitterly opposed to the new treaty with Great Britain that made Burma an independent Republic - and (according to evidence at the trial, he hatched a plot whereby assassins with machine guns burst into a cabinet meeting and mowed down Premier Aung San and seven of his ministers.)

A newspaper editor in the Bahama Islands has just learned what many other newspapermen have learned in the last fifty years or so, that it does not pay to get into a discussion with George Bernard Shaw. <sup>R</sup> An item was published recently to the effect that the aged Irish playwright had sold, at auction, an old copy of the bible, which belonged to his late wife. That shocked the island editor, who prophesied that retribution would fall upon the apparently imperishable G.B.S. <sup>R</sup> Said Shaw in rebuttal: "This silly fellow need not be anxious about me." Then he went on to explain that he has a dozen bibles left

*Said Geo. Bernard Shaw:—*  
and never travels without one. ~~and he added~~ "If this foolish editor <sup>thinks</sup> ~~thinks~~ I should be hanged for selling <sup>one of</sup> ~~one of~~ <sup>my many</sup> ~~my many~~ <sup>then</sup> ~~then~~ bibles, <sup>what</sup> ~~what~~ should be done to the bible society ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> sells thousands of much handsomer copies every day."

*At any rate it is interesting to learn that the caustic G.B.S. never goes anywhere without his bible.*

*And now here's sub-Arctic Explorer Nelson Case — just in from somewhere.*

SNOW

~~By~~ New York tonight, <sup>still buried in snow!</sup>  
~~they are still digging~~

~~out from under that cumbersome blanket of snow, and~~  
~~grumbling plenty.~~ But in San Francisco, where snow is  
a rarity, someone had <sup>the</sup> a bright idea of ~~providing~~ providing  
a snow party for the children. Using shaved ice; crushed  
and cut into tiny flakes by machines donated by an  
ice company, the promoters of this snow party succeeded  
in covering a tiny green in Golden Gate Park,

with what looked like snow. ~~a four inch blanket~~

~~of the precious white stuff.~~ And then <sup>the</sup> children  
came <sup>from all parts of the city -- and their parents.</sup>  
~~kids and parents arriving from all over the~~  
~~city right after breakfast all intent on having fun~~  
~~in the snow.~~ Many, we are told, had never seen snow.  
But they had <sup>the</sup> natural instinct,

~~But the promoters of the party apparently~~  
~~forget the immediate psychological effect of snow~~  
~~even on people who have never seen it before. The~~  
~~children~~ <sup>and</sup> immediately made snow balls, and started to  
throw <sup>ing</sup> them at everybody in sight. ~~The primitive~~  
~~instinct for a snow fight.~~

<sup>Result!</sup>  
~~And what happened?~~ Complete chaos. Everybody

got snow balled. The dance band had to retreat. The girl vocalist got several direct hits. And even the

public address loud speakers were ~~plugged~~ <sup>plugged</sup> with

snow balls. ~~Even the police found snow balls everywhere. Even the cops~~

~~themselves facing trapped into their ~~own~~ patrol cars by a barrage.~~

Thousands of children and adults ~~wildly throwing snow balls~~ having a whale of a time.

~~No one could stop them, until some one~~

~~had a very bright idea. Perhaps it was a cop who~~

~~thought of it. We are not told. But the ~~police~~ <sup>police</sup>~~

turned on ~~the~~ sprinklers and ~~fire~~ fire hydrants. ~~When~~

~~Melting the snow~~ <sup>soon melted away -- also the</sup> away until the disappointed children

and their parents ~~went home~~ <sup>-- going home</sup> bruised and ~~tired~~ <sup>wary,</sup> but

with something to remember -- the first snow seen in

San Francisco since Nineteen Fifteen, when a three

inch layer of the real ~~snow~~ <sup>thing</sup> fell on the city. ~~On the~~

~~debit side of the ledger of fun and frolic with~~

~~the artificial snow,~~ <sup>17</sup> Fourteen of the snow ~~fighters~~

~~fighters~~ <sup>we hear had to be</sup> taken to an emergency hospital for treatment

~~of~~ <sup>for</sup> minor cuts and ~~contusions~~ <sup>bruises.</sup>

RENO

Meanwhile in Reno, Nevada, the Chamber of Commerce is paying for snow for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> silver dollar ski derby. ~~but, alas~~ The ~~bare~~ slopes of Mount Rose are reported <sup>are</sup> depressingly bare of snow. <sup>So,</sup> The Reno Chamber of Commerce decided to try snow making with dry ice.

~~as~~ They hired two snow-making ~~air~~planes and sent them <sup>up</sup> ~~to~~ to launch the dry ~~ice~~ ice into a mass of heavy ~~black~~ cumulus clouds <sup>above the mountain,</sup> ~~overhanging Mount Rose,~~ ~~Very~~ promising clouds they <sup>were.</sup> ~~looked to the snow masses.~~ ~~But~~ <sup>no dice, no snow -- not a flake.</sup> ~~the clouds neither promised nor fulfilled.~~ ~~The dry~~

~~ice was tossed out, but there was no snow -- not even~~

~~a tiny flake, not even a drop of frozen rain.~~ All

~~the dry ice did was to dissolve the clouds. in a manner~~

~~most astonishing. A dry cleaning of the sky over Mount~~

~~Rose.~~ And now Nelson will you dispel a cloud <sup>or</sup> two.