

CHINA

In China, the Communist armies are within thirty-five miles of Canton, and are rolling along against little resistance. Today, a Red column captured the hill resort of Tsung-Fa, from which place a broad highway leads straight to the great port of Canton on the South China Coast. Officials of the Nationalist Government are pulling out just as fast as they can, some flying to the island of Formosa, some to the inland capital of Chungking.

NAVY

In Washington, fireworks were expected today, when Admiral Halsey appeared in the clash of Navy versus Air Force. The hero of the Pacific naval war has long been called "Bull" Halsey because of the way his fog-horn voice would roar down the deck. But today, while blunt and forthright, the Halsey testimony was not all violence and vitriol. However, he ridiculed the current idea of winning a war with air power alone, and called on Congress to do something to enable the Navy to build that giant sixty-thousand ton aircraft carrier at once -- a recommendation echoed by wartime Fleet Commander Admiral King.

SALARIES

President Truman has just signed the bill to raise the wages of the armed forces. Every soldier, sailor and marine gets a pay hike, from the greenest rookie to the brassiest general. The high-ranking officers, however, get the largest increase -- they haven't had a raise since Nineteen Eight, forty-one years ago.

COHEN

In Los Angeles, gambling boss Mickey Cohen reports that another of his henchmen has disappeared -- one David Ogul, who has dropped out of sight. A month ago, Frank Niccoli, a lieutenant of the alleged boss of Los Angeles racketeering, vanished, and has not been seen since. Today Mickey Cohen said: "somebody's out to get my friends." Attempts have been made to kill Cohen, himself. Members of his outfit have been shot down by gang enemies, and now others are disappearing. Sinister shades of death and mystery surround ^{so-called} the bigshot of the Los Angeles underworld. ~~████████████████████~~ AND

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FOLLOW CASE

That audience by the Dalai Lama seems to have been as fantastic as anything that happened on the trip to Lhasa. Lowell must have thought it the climax of the whole adventure. He didn't know what was still to come, the mishap on the way out, and the harrowing ordeal to follow. We'll have a dramatic broadcast account of that later.

We've received a late medical report from India, stating that Lowell suffered a fracture of the right thigh² bone, when he was thrown from his horse on a Himalayan trail. But it's a clean fracture, and he's now able to start on the long journey home.

VISHINSKY

Ordinarily, we Americans can display a dignified equanimity when the Soviet bureaucrats start calling us names -- like "imperialists" and "capitalistic reactionaries". But, gosh, there's a limit to our patience.

Today, before a United Nations Committee Mr. Vishinsky started talking in England, and began roughly as follows:

"I trust you will excuse my barbarous English, but it is well known that English pronunciation often cannot be mastered, not only by Russians - but also by Americans."

Mr. Vishinsky, when you say that - smile.