

NAVY

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In Washington the Navy continued to blast away -- with Naval aviation experts giving testimony before a Congressional Committee. Half a dozen of them, young commanders mostly, hurled ridicule at the B-36 -- the pride of the Air Force. They called that super-bomber a "moving van," so slow that it could be detected easily by radar, and shot down by jet fighters. They said that, if squadrons of the B-36s were to assail a hostile country, the losses would be "catastrophic." If a few should manage to get through, they'd have to operate at such high altitudes that they'd be unable to hit any worthwhile target with atomic bombs, and any such atomic attack would merely devastate the civilian population.

#### THE NAVAL

~~Having been at the Air Force, these technicians~~  
~~of aviation met their previous challenge - calling~~ <sup>ED</sup>  
for a test, a sham battle between the B-36 and the Navy's  
own jet fighter, the Banshee. They said they'd show what the

Navy jets could do to the super-bomber of the Air Force, and declared that Soviet Russia has the jet fighters to do -- ditto..

Their doctrine was that atomic warfare should be waged by speedy jet bombers operating at relatively short range, from nearby land bases or from aircraft carriers. Which would mean that the atom bomb should be handled by the Navy.

The latest counter-blast comes from Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson, who calls such Navy attacks against the Air Force "a campaign of terror." He declared<sup>S</sup> that "some partisans" of the fleet are running a scare campaign against the unification of the armed forces.

These statements were made late this afternoon before the Convention of the American Federation of Labor <sup>AT</sup> St. Paul, Minnesota. As for the Union delegates, well, they went ahead and re-elected William Green as President of the A.F. of L. Jet fighters may come and jet fighters may go, but Bill Green goes on forever.

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CHINA

early Oct. 10/49.

The Red sweep in China is indicated vividly by a news dispatch from Paris - where today nearly the whole staff of the Chinese Embassy switched to the new Communist regime in their native land. ~~Seven Embassy officials signed a declaration breaking with the government that had sent them to Paris.~~ Only two, including the Ambassador himself, remained faithful to the waning cause of the Nationalists, once headed by the all-powerful Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

## BRITAIN

Late word in London is that Britain will have an election ~~late~~ next month. The prediction comes from the Tory side ~~and~~ leading Conservative newspapers <sup>ALL</sup> ~~say~~ say ~~that~~ that the Labor Government has decided to call ~~for~~ an election for the end of November. This follows a blast from conservative newspaper magnate Lord Northcliffe calling upon the British people to vote in a new regime, abolishing socialism and rebuilding the British Empire.

FOLLOW RECORDING

We follow that interview with the Foreign Minister of Tibet with a dispatch from India. It states that, after having been injured in Tibet, carried out through the Himalayas, and then picked up by an American Embassy plane, Lowell Thomas arrived in Calcutta today on a litter. His recorded broadcasts from Lhasa had been sent ahead by caravan, and then flown to this country.

Tonight's dispatch from Calcutta quotes Lowell as saying that the government of the Dalai Lama seeks the aid of the Western world against the sweep of Communist China. He says the Tibetan army numbers only ten thousand soldiers, with no armament other than a few machine guns.

Arriving in Calcutta, Lowell told how, at a seventeen thousand foot pass, his horse bolted and he was dashed onto a heap of rocks, sustaining a severe hip injury. He was delirious for fifteen hours, and has been in severe pain ever since. On the Himalayan caravan trail

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he could neither walk or ride, and had to be carried. He adds one thing - that he never would have come thru if his son, Lowell Junior, hadn't been there to carry him out of danger, just as Virgil in the Aeneid tells us Aeneas carried his father on his back out of the ruins of burning Troy.

As Lowell Thomas says, So Long Until Tomorrow