

HAWAII

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Under the mid-Pacific skies of Hawaii, a performance is being enacted -- only too familiar in Washington. The sixty-four dollar question -- "are you a Communist?" A congressional subcommittee investigating Red activities in Hawaii, and today, the question was put to Jack Hall, Hawaiian director of the Longshore Union, C + O. He is a top lieutenant of union leader Harry Bridges who has been convicted of committing perjury, when he answered the sixty four dollar question incorrectly in becoming a citizen. ~~He~~ Jack Hall refused to reply on constitutional grounds -- might incriminate himself. Whereupon moves were made for a charge of contempt of Congress.

(The same thing previously in the case of an Hawaiian longshoreman Ralph Tokunaga -- who took refuge under the U.S. Constitution in refusing to answer the sixty-four dollar question.)

SOVIET

That missing Navy patrol plane, ~~with~~ the Privateer was definitely the same one named by the Soviets in their story of gunfire in the sky over Latvia.

That has been the ^{almost}~~virtual~~ certain surmise, and now we have a virtual confirmation -- from the Russian side. The statement is indirect, but unmistakable, ~~in~~ A Moscow radio broadcast ~~today~~ which gives ~~the following~~ comment from the newspaper Pravda, which speaks for the Russian Communist party. The wording is as follows:

"The representative of the American Air Force, on April Eleventh, declared that an American plane was missing, allegedly during a normal training flight over northern Germany and Denmark. He was silent however," says ~~Rxx~~ Pravda "about the fact that this plane ~~xxxx~~ violated the Soviet frontier and engaged in a pursuit of knowledge of Soviet territory." Which clearly identifies the missing American plane with the one that Red fighters shot at.

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The search for the Privateer and possible survivors remains futile, and hope is waning. Signs reported yesterday turn out either to be false or dubious. The oil slick on the Baltic Sea might or might not have been from an airplane crash. ^aLife raft~~s~~ ~~that were~~ said to have been spotted now turns out to have been a yellow box belonging originally to a fisherman. Today there were new reports of alleged airplane wreckage -- but the floating objects ~~are found~~ ^{turn out} to be mere debris from ships. Suspicion grows -- that the Privateer with a crew of ten has disappeared without trace, possibly in the area behind the Iron Curtain.

The episode is being treated with the greatest caution of the State Department in Washington and by American military authorities in Germany.

American search planes are warned to keep at least twenty miles away from Soviet controlled areas -- and little attention is being paid to the demand ~~xxxxx~~ voiced by Senator Stiles Bridges of New Hampshire, who calls for American patrols over the

Baltic, war planes "armed to the teeth," in the words of the Senator. It is made clear in Washington that, for the time being at least, there will be no change in our non-aggressive policy.

(Over in Europe the surmise is expressed that the American Air Force may have been, actually, doing a scouting job. The Soviets are said to be turning the Baltic states, like Latvia, into a bristling stronghold, in deep secrecy. Likely enough, they would suspect the Americans of trying to have a look ^{from the air.} ~~six Americans~~ But all this is in the realm of the unknown -- at this date.)

FRANCE

The first shipment of Atlantic Pact armament arrived in France today. -- at the port of Cherbourg. Which, according to what we have been hearing, should provide some dramatic news -- after all the threats the Communists have been making. ^R For weeks the Reds in France have been shouting -- against the shipments of American armament for the protection of western Europe against the Soviet menace. They swore, in furious terms, that they'd stop the landing of weapons and munitions - would call strikes, tie up the ports, tie up the country with waves of revolutionary violence. ^R ~~which caused the government of Premier Bidault to put stern measures through the French National Assembly -- to meet the menace.~~

^R So what happened today? Nothing at all. With non-Communist maritime workers on the job, the freighter American Importer, ^{unloaded} ~~was unloading~~, beginning with cannon rolling ashore, ^{all} peaceful, not a disturbance, no sign of a demonstration.

~~(Several days ago the same thing happened in Italy, where the Communist threats have been equally~~

CHILEAN PRESIDENT

In the U.S. Senate today, an interesting remark was made -- by the President of Chile.

Gabriel Gonzalez Videla was given a standing ovation by the Senators, whom he then addressed. And most appropriate to the place were the following words: "The other American republics," said the President of Chile, "took inspiration from the Constitution of the United States for their own organization into sovereign nations."

Yes, that is true, and it is a reminder that there are two general types of representative, free-government on this earth. One type, modelled on the British Constitution, ~~is~~ with a Parliament, and a Prime Minister who holds power because he has a majority in Parliament. That ^{form} ~~form~~ of representative government was adopted by nations of the Old World for their parliamentary systems. The other type, the American -- has a President elected by the people, ^{the} ~~who~~

^{President quite} ~~stand~~ separate from Congress. Which, as the President

of Chile remarked today, was the system adopted by the Republics of the Americas.

Historians⁾
~~Historians~~ make the interesting observation that, while the original colonists of these United States had British traditions of government, our Constitution is ^{based} ~~based~~ largely on the political structure of the Roman republic of antiquity. Our President is, in many ways the equivalent of the Roman consuls -- elected by the people. The upper branch of ^{our} Congress has that famous Roman name -- Senate. So some historians call our ^{(political} ~~political~~ system, as devised by the Founding Fathers, a ~~mixed~~ a mixed-form of British-classical Republic.

*Some comment on a graceful
gesture by the president of Chile.*

TRUMAN

President Truman states that his arm is okay -- his good right arm. Now, if Harry Truman were a baseball pitcher, that might sound like the beginning of the season in the national leagues. When - almost any pitcher assures reporters that the old soup bone is in fine shape.

However, Harry Truman happens to be President of the United States -- so we must draw other inferences. ^{base-ball} It is not the ~~major league~~ season that he's talking about -- but the November election. It's not a pitching arm that is strong and full of endurance but a hand shaking arm. Today the President told visitors that he is going to hit the political road this fall, and added, in the words of the news dispatch "that his arm is in good condition for hand-shaking".

HARVARD

At Harvard, the University authorities use the word "prankster". But it is quite a prank to explode a charge of dynamite on the windowsill of a college dormitory. ^{But that} ~~which~~ actually was only one of a series of most prankish doings.

One playfull trick was to toss a giant firecracker ~~xx~~ into a Harvard dormitory -- where it blew up with a tremendous noise. Another was a false alarm to the police, which sent the cops hurrying to Harvard. Then, this morning, the dynamite blast on the windowsill which smashed twentyfour windowpanes, woke up one-hundred-and-fifty startled students, one of whom was cut by flying glass. ^R Well, the authorities may say -- "prankster". But the students think it is all the result of recent clashes between Harvard men and the local individuals in the city of Cambridge. The old quarrel between -- town and gown.

ALLEN

Here's a story that's a bit old. It happened April the Seventh, nearly a week ago -- but is ~~xxx~~ only disclosed today. George Allen, friend and advisor to President Truman, sustained a serious loss -- a wallet, containing twenty-six hundred dollars and valuable papers. He reported this to the Sheriff, immediately -- and now it gets on the news wire.

It happened at Las Vegas, where the Presidential friend and advisor has been vacationing. Time -- midnight. Place, a gambling casino, where George Allen was having a session with the Goddess of Chance. He says he was playing at the craps table -- and when he got through, he was minus his wallet, with twenty-six hundred dollars and those valuable papers. "It was just carelessness" he explains. ~~He~~ He thinks that while he was adventuring with the galloping dominos, the wallet fell to the floor, or, maybe, he just left it on the craps table when he took his departure. He describes the lost papers --

as -- more valuable to me than the twenty-six hundred
dollars. Well, at that rate, they must have been
documents of state -- at least.

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highway went the car, sliding over a bank and then

doing a somersault. Concannon was ejected a mile

through the air and landed in a ditch, appearing to have

fractured -- I saw the wreckage

and never knew that my friend

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OLE OLSEN

Ole Olsen, of Olsen and Johnson, was injured in an automobile accident ~~last night~~ -- and turns out to have sustained a fracture of the leg. Except for the fact that a broken leg can be ^{uncomfortable,} ~~most~~ ^{unf} as I can testify -- one might describe the mishap as a typical Olsen and Johnson performance. ^{ff} The

Comedian was driving to San Diego ^{for} ~~to open~~ an Olsen & Johnson ~~and Johnson~~ performance there. -- ^{They call the show! -} ~~tsk, tsk, tsk~~ ^{tsk, tsk, tsk} --

Paree. At the wheel, driving the car, was Miss

Genevieve Casey, who plays in Olsen and Johnson

comedy. The police say that, near Oceanside,

Genevieve went to sleep at the wheel. So off the

highway went the car, climbing over a bank and then

doing a somersault. Genevieve -- scratched a bit,

~~which~~ ^{for} Ole Olsen, he'll be appearing on stage ^{for awhile} -- I passed the wreck --
-- on crutches -- ~~tsk, tsk, tsk~~ -- Paree.

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Ole was involved!

GENEVIEVE GRAY

The Los Angeles story of Genevieve Gray develops into material for a novel of old time nostalgia. Today the authorities continued their check through the belongings left by the seventy-nine year old woman, who in a rooming house lived for years on an old age pension. She dwelled among memories and records of a resplendent, romantic past and left a long series of notes ^{telling of one-time} ~~describing herself as a~~ direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson, ~~and saying she~~ ^{king's} ~~was~~ born in a bed, ^{heirress to a} ~~made for a King, and inherited a~~ fabulous fortune. So let's look at it, as material for a novel.

Back in the Nineteenth Century, that hazy-day of American millionaires ^{since her grandfather} Henry Gray was President of the Boston and Albany Railroad, a magnate of early railroading. No doubt he considered it the task of his life, when he was called upon to play a railroad part in the affairs of royalty. One of the notes left by Genevieve Gray states: "He furnished the car the King of England toured our country in". Which of

course must apply to the famous tour of America made by British King Edward the Seventh when he was the Prince of Wales, the gay jovial son of the prim Queen Victoria. So Henry Gray, President of the Boston and Albany directed the furnishing of the royal car -- and his opinion of the matter is illustrated by the fact that, later on, he furnished a room in his own sumptuous home with the fixtures of the railroad car in which Edward the Seventh had travelled, when Prince of Wales. ^{Henry Gray} ~~he~~ cherished especially the royal bed. ~~and in this his grand daughter was born.~~

^A ~~The~~ son of the railroad President made a most aristocratic marriage ^A in the American sense. His bride a descendant of Thomas Jefferson, ~~xx~~ third President of the United States, and ^{author} ~~signer~~ of the Declaration of Independence. So, the daughter of this marriage ^{was} ~~born~~ in that royal bed, ~~began life~~ ^{IP} ~~in the happiest of circumstances~~ ^A She was an heiress to the railroad fortune, and in time ^{the descendant of} ~~added to this~~ ^A ~~Thos. Jefferson made a distinguished marriage of her own.~~

~~by a marriage of her own~~ Her ~~first~~ husband was —
Rupert Leslie Calvert, of Baltimore -- a son of
one of the most distinguished families of Maryland.
Calvert -- the lineage of Lord Baltimore. But ~~the~~
~~first husband~~ soon died, and she was married again
-- to Charles Wernwag, a Philadelphia millionaire.
When he died ~~she~~ he left her a fortune of more than
a million.

So she was now at a pinnacle of wealth and
social splendor. But she married again. Her third
husband was ~~of~~ the stage -- a dancer. And she says
~~that~~ he dissipated her fortune. (~~They had a brilliant~~
~~life for a while, she and her theatrical dancer --~~
~~and the money went fast. By the time she divorced~~
~~him, early in the Nineteen Twenties, her inheritance~~
~~was gone.~~ ~~For a while she lingered on in social~~
~~affairs, something of a fashionable figure. But,~~
~~inevitably, the absence of money sent the aged woman~~
~~to obscurity -- and she went onto~~ the California
rolls of relief for the aged. Still cherishing
her memories, recording them in many notes, ~~she could not forget~~

~~of the~~ ^{she was born in, or} royal bed ~~and~~ the splendors of society and
wealth that once belonged to a great-great grand-
daughter of Thomas Jefferson. —

And now here is a great great
great - and so on - of Adam & Eve.