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The story we had last night about a shipment of eighteen U.S. tanks to Saudi Arabia - ~~well~~, it sure did rouse repercussions. First - an uproar in Congress. Plus - a vigorous complaint from Israel.

Then, at midnight, an announcement from the State Department in ~~Washington~~, and from the presidential vacationing White House in Georgia. The consignment of tanks to Saudi Arabia - cancelled. With an immediate ban - on all shipments of military material<sup>s</sup> to the Middle East.

Today - international repercussions. Britain and France declaring - they will not follow the lead of the United States in this latest move. Both will continue their policy of selling limited amounts of armament - to countries in the Middle East. *Also - Riyadh,* Saudi Arabia - protesting. Urging - a relaxation of the ban proclaimed so suddenly last night. Saudi Arabia - wanting those tanks.

The explanation in administration circles is <sup>that</sup> it was all an oversight. A case of - "forgotten tanks". The story - *being as follows: -*

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The deal with Saudi Arabia was made five years ago, Nineteen Fifty-One. At a time - when the Israel-Arab crisis was not nearly as explosive as it is now. So there was little hesitation in selling eighteen tanks for training purposes - to the country so rich in oil. After which - the transaction passed out of the minds of people at the top in Washington, who supposed, the tanks had been shipped - long ago.

But there were delays along the line, and the tanks were not ready for shipment - until recently. Sent along - to a dock in Brooklyn. Where they were noticed - and ~~it~~ got into the news yesterday.

( Hence the uproar. The complaint being - that we are not shipping arms to Israel. So why supply the Arabs - Saudi Arabia? The administration agrees. ~~Hence the ban - imposed last night.~~ All because of eighteen - "forgotten tanks.")

SOLDIER

Another American returned from behind the Iron Curtain, today. Telling - how he spent four years in Russian slave labor camps. But he's not getting any ~~an~~ effusive welcome.

The Army says that, in Nineteen Fifty-One, Private Sidney Ray Sparks of Tenille, Georgia ~~- was~~ <sup>in the guard-house</sup> ~~was~~ ~~in~~ on charges of assaulting a German taxi driver. ~~He was in the guard-house~~ ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> escaped, ~~the~~ ~~captain~~ ~~the~~ <sup>and</sup> skipped over to East Berlin, <sup>Where he</sup> ~~and~~ asked the Reds - for political asylum.

~~So what kind of political asylum did they give him?~~

<sup>P</sup> They sent him to a slave labor camp. Not having much enthusiasm, apparently - for a fugitive from the guard-house.

( Sparks declares he was shuttled from one ~~slave labor~~ camp to another. Until finally - the Reds decided to hand him back to the Americans. Which they did - today. Sparks - to face a U.S. court martial for desertion. )



## BRITAIN

New austerity - in Britain. The London government ordering a series of controls - to check inflation and curb the drop of British exports abroad.

Credit is curtailed. Down payments on automobiles, television sets and other goods - increased ~~From~~ From one-third to one-half.

~~( Government subsidies to bakers and milk producers reduced. Which will raise the price of both commodities. Government spending to be slashed - by one-hundred-and-ninety-six million dollars. Less money - for school construction, the expansion of nationalized industry, etcetra. )~~

The new "austerity" program raised an uproar in the House of Commons today. Labor Socialists - in a roar of protest.

But Chancellor of the Exchequer MacMillan said:

"We must all join in the battle against inflation."



PARIS

On Wednesday, we heard of ~~enormous~~ <sup>that</sup> uproar in the French National Assembly. ~~The~~ <sup>summing</sup> legislators - ~~beating~~ each other in a wild fracas, ~~which was~~ climaxed - by pistol shots; Everybody - ducking to cover.

It seems that one of the spectators, Georges Vincent, had a pistol used for starting <sup>1</sup>athletic events. And, in the excitement of the legislative melee - he couldn't restrain himself. Luckily, the starter's pistol was loaded with blanks - as Georges blazed away.

Today, the case was in court - and there was another uproar. In the middle of the proceedings, Georges leaped forward, shouting at the judges, <sup>that</sup> They couldn't shut him up. - the court a scene of confusion.

So now Georges gets two months in jail for contempt of court -- in addition to another sentence for the shooting in the National Assembly. Which will be imposed later. By Georges!

GAS

The President has vetoed - the natural gas bill.

That highly controversial measure - now rejected.

~~which produced no end of uproar in Congress.~~

In the background of today's presidential message - is that famous affair of Senator Case of South Dakota, and the campaign contribution of twenty-five hundred dollars. Offered - by a lawyer connected with <sup>an oil concern,</sup> ~~an oil concern,~~ interested - in the bill to ~~exempt~~ natural gas from federal price regulation. Senator Case declaring - the campaign contribution seemed intended as a means of influencing his vote.

The President ~~says~~ he approves of the purpose of the "basic objectives" of the bill. And he urges Congress to pass new legislation - exempting natural gas producers from federal control. But - assuring "fair" gas prices to consumers. His objection to the measure passed by Congress is in the ~~as for the controversial measure sent for his okay, the~~ following words:

~~President vetoes in these words:~~

"A body of evidence has accumulated, indicating that private persons, representing only a very small segment of a great and vital industry, have been seeking to further their

own interests by highly questionable activities. These," the message goes on, "include efforts that I deem to be so arrogant - as to risk the creation of doubt, among the American people, concerning the integrity of governmental processes."

Strong words from the vacation White House in Georgia.

The veto stirs a chorus of mingled anger and jubilation - in Congress. The natural gas bill was backed by fervent supporters of President Eisenhower - who now criticize his action. It was opposed by Democrats, who normally would be against almost anything the administration does. But they are cheering the President. All along, the natural gas business was all mixed up. A political chop suey - and so are the reactions, tonight.

There will be no attempt to pass the bill over the veto. It couldn't be done - supporters of the measure concede.



## MISSILE

The government has given out a contract for the production of an "intermediate" ballistics missile. The Chrysler Corporation - to produce it. Another step toward what is called - "the ultimate weapon."

In the name of the missile, the word "intermediate" signifies - a medium range. About fifteen hundred miles, in this case. An "inter-continental" weapon would have a range - of some five thousand miles.

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A "ballistics" missile is one - aimed at a target.

Set in such a way - as to travel in the direction of its goal. With - immense rapidity. Unlike a "guided" missile - which is controlled, its direction altered, while in flight.

Today's announcement by the Chrysler Corporation states that the new "intermediate" ballistics missile will be fired from ships. Which is the first indication - that the long range weapon is to be used by the Navy.

~~There is no indication of how near the new weapon is -~~  
*When? Well,*  
~~to actual production.~~ But a contract has been awarded.

HARRIMAN

Governor Harriman gave out some startling figures today - concerning narcotics. Stating that in the last ten years - arrests on drug charges in New York City have increased six hundred per cent. In the case of minors using narcotics - an increase of twenty-three hundred per cent.

The Governor declared that world Communism is using the drug traffic for a "deliberate" cold war policy. And - added that the only way to check addiction is to stop the smuggling of drugs into the United States. He criticized the Eisenhower Administration - for reducing the number of officers on guard at ports where ~~drugs are smuggled in.~~ the vicious contraband is brought in.

Statements made - as Governor Harriman outlined a program for combating the <sup>vicious</sup> narcotics evil. )

## STRIKE

The Electrical Workers Union of the AFL-CIO, has agreed on a reopening of bargaining talks with the Westinghouse Company. In another try - to end the strike, which has been going on for one-hundred-and-twenty-four days.

Meanwhile, the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry now labels the dispute a - "lock-out". And is granting unemployment compensation to Westinghouse employees, who are out.



SHUBERT

The Shubert theatrical chain - is now to be broken up. Agreeing - to dispose of twelve of its theatres and its booking business. Thereby - settling an anti-trust suit, filed by the Government in Nineteen Fifty.

The charge was that the Shuberts monopolized the business of producing and booking stage plays. Controlling - fifty per cent of the theatres in New York City. And a whole string of other theatres - across the country.

( Jake Shubert, the last survivor of three Shubert brothers, consents to the settlement. <sup>But</sup> ~~he~~ says he doesn't think it will help the legitimate theatre.)

STUDENT

In Massachusetts, they've recovered the body of the college student - who disappeared ~~in the case~~ of a fraternity initiation. Thomas L. Clark of Harvey, Illinois - a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Taken by automobile to a lonely place in the woods - and left to find his way back. He was trying to cross a frozen reservoir, when the ice gave way, and he fell through.

President James Killian of M.I.T. says - the fraternity members were following a long time tradition - which can no longer be tolerated. The school - to eliminate all such hazing practices.

FLORIDA

The Florida police believe they have a clue - to the cause of the great "blackout" last night. A power failure along the "gold coast" all the way from Palm Beach to Miami. A "blackout" ~~when the power lines went out.~~ Lasting ~~as long~~ ~~as~~ two hours in some sections. Downtown Miami ~~was~~ blacked out for thirty minutes, During which ~~time~~ a big fire broke out - adding to the confusion in the darkness. The worst power failure since the great hurricane of Nineteen Twenty-Six.

The trouble began west of Miami, where a big ~~transmission~~ transmission line went up in smoke. ~~Which caused all lines to go out one after another. So what was the discovery, today?~~

At the foot of the power-line pole, where the trouble began - four empty cartridge shells, ~~which had been fired from a high powered rifle.~~ *were found today.* Today, these were found. Leading to the

belief - that some crackpot marksman shot out the power-line.

(But who would perpetrate such wanton and malicious mischief?

No answer - to that.)



## FLOOD

Christmas week began, today, with a shopping rush.

Stores crowded with people - buying supplies and gifts for the Yuletide holiday. Getting ready, for Santa Claus. The Christmas spirit, everywhere - all set for February Twenty-Fifth.

*Where? At*  
~~Yuba City, California.~~ <sup>T</sup>here they<sup>a</sup>re

having the holidays - two months late. On December Twenty-Fifth, Yuba City was a center of devastation. <sup>T</sup>he big floods - in central California. People camped - in refugee tents. Which was no way to spend Christmas.

Then, at Los Angeles, the Lions Club had an idea - which spread throughout California. Postpone Christmas at Yuba City - and make sure the folks there ~~have~~ the means to celebrate - Yuletide in February. In Oakland, the Mayor propounded the slogan: "A flood of toys for flooded tots." So that's why carloads and plane-loads of gifts have been arriving.

At the same time, the merchants of Yuba City have put on special sales - for Christmas week, beginning today. All signifying - a grand recovery from the flood.

President Eisenhower shot his first game of golf, today - since the onset of his illness in September. Highly satisfied on finding - that he can still drive the ball two hundred yards. But not so satisfied - with his score. Eleven over par - for nine holes. At - a local Georgia country club. *If par there is 35 - well, his 46 wouldn't be too bad!*  
He joked about the score - also about his illness.

At one point he said: "They ought to handicap fellows, according to whether or not they've had a coronary." When he took a look at a <sup>tee</sup> marker, denoting a par four for four hundred and forty yards, he said: "They really break your heart,

don't they?" *Yes, Mr. President, I agree. They do! For most of us <sup>any 440 yd hole</sup> ~~that~~ should be a par 5. Presidential quips, on a return to the golf course. Or as Robt. Trent Jones suggests, a Par 4 and a half!*

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