

LABOR

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Two powerful union leaders have taken a walkout - from political discussions by the combined AFL-CIO. Today Dave Beck, head of the Teamsters' Union, stated: "Absolutely no one is going to tell us what candidate to support. We have the right to determine our own political policy."

Beck says that he is joined by K. L. Hutcheson, the head of the Carpenters' Union, in boycotting the meeting in Miami, ~~of~~ the political education committee which is determining AFL-CIO policy this Presidential year.

In nineteen fifty-two, the big union organizations backed Adlai Stevenson. But Beck supported General Ike. Now, he says he's on the political fence, and won't take any dictation from anybody.

ALA BAMA

The case of the Negro girl student in Alabama - was brought into a Federal Court, today. Autherine Lucy - bringing charges against the Dean of Admissions at the University of Alabama. Asking - that a two thousand dollar fine be levied against him, on the grounds - of contempt of court.

Her admission into the University was cancelled, following riots earlier in the week. University officials declaring - they were acting in behalf of her own safety, In the face - of threats of more violence. Which reason is now called - a subterfuge.

The University expects - that a new Federal Court order will be issued - enjoining the Admission of Autherine Lucy. In which case they'll try to comply. University President Carmichael says: "Every effort will be made to make the campus safe."

The rioting is blamed largely on "outsiders - *meaning the townspeople of Tuscaloosa.*

ADD ALABAMA X X X TUSCALOOSA.

University spokesmen have stated repeatedly -  
that they can cope with students ~~raising~~ ~~raising~~ cain. So  
there's talk - of sealing off the college from the  
town. Isolating - the campus. Which would be  
difficult, however, because the main street of  
Tuscaloosa, University Avenue, runs right through  
the campus.

Meanwhile, another case of a Negro student  
seeking admission - has been dismissed. Polly  
Ann Hudson, rejected on moral grounds. Because -  
she's getting a divorce. A lawyer made legal  
moves, but now has dropped them.



## EGYPT

An agreement - signed between Egypt and the World Bank. For the financing of the great Aswan Dam - for years an Egyptian dream. The World Bank - to lend Egypt two hundred million dollars for the project. A ten year development - at a total cost of nearly seven hundred million dollars. Egypt - planning to get separate loans from the United States and Great Britain.

The dam across the Nile, in Upper Egypt, is to be the largest in the world, in terms of water storage. The giant barrier will be more than sixteen thousand feet in length. Height - three hundred and sixty-four feet. It will back up a lake almost as large as our state of Rhode Island. The largest man-made lake - in the World. *The largest now is our own Lake Meade, in Arizona, held back*  
the Hoover TP This development is intended to expand Egyptian farmland by one-third. And increase the Egyptian electric power - ten times.

A new page in the age old history of that



*the Nile, in whose valley*  
venerable river, ~~in which~~ the dawn of history  
*took place. The Nile that*  
virtually created the culture of ancient Egypt,  
where - so much of our civilization originated.

SPAIN

The city of Madrid heard gunshots *Today.*  
students rioting, *again, this time* ~~today~~ violent clashes in the  
streets - between students for and against Franco.  
Forty to fifty injured - ten seriously. One  
fatality, ~~incredibly~~ - from a bullet. The  
riot continuing - until heavy forces of police  
broke it up.

*This*  
~~is~~ the first time ~~that~~ Spain has known  
gunfire, in a political disturbance - since the  
Spanish Civil War, back in the 'thirties.

ALGERIA

French Premier Guy Mollet has named a new "Resident Minister" of Algeria. Minister of Economics Robert Lacoste to take the tough assignment.

Premier Mollet is in Algeria and this move represents - a concession to the French population of that North African Province. They were bitterly opposed to General Catroux - Mollet's first choice for the job. So now the Premier has made a switch. Naming - Lacoste. Who will try to pacify Algeria, torn by rioting and terror.



## YEMEN

The business of Soviet Armament for Arab countries becomes a bit fantastic. With today's announcement - of Communist weapons for Yemen.

A delegation from the Soviet Embassy in Egypt is now in Yemen, discussing armament with officials there. The negotiations we are told, do not include the subject of - oil. An American company already has a contract to conduct oil exploration in Yemen - where treasures of black gold are believed to exist underground - on the eastern, the Arabian desert side where I was a year ago. No change in that, we hear.

The problem of Communist arms for the Arabs is usually considered - with reference to Israel. But the Kingdom of Yemen is in the far southwest corner of Arabia, a long distance away from the Dead Sea and the Jordan. All the Jews in Yemen left there several years ago. American pilots staged a great air lift and flew thousands of them to Israel.

Yemen has, chronically, troubles of its own. So it's hard to see how this business of Red weapons might affect the Israel-Arab crisis in the Middle East. Although it might make things a bit rougher in the Aden Protectorate, controlled by the British, but still claimed by the Yemenites - an old dispute.

## ITALY

In snowbound Italy, a ponderous fleet of U. S. Army trucks was rolling south, today. Seventeen 12-ton trailer trucks, together with smaller vehicles. Loaded with enough c-rations for nearly one hundred and thirty thousand meals.

Seventy-five hundred overcoats, more than nine thousand sweaters.

Emergency relief - bound for southern Italy. Usually, so mild and balmy in the winter.

Now - in the bitter grip of a cold wave. Towns and villages - isolated by deep snows. Sixty-three lives lost - in the cold. Rome, having two blizzards in quick succession. The latest - a six inch snow fall. In any kind of normal weather, the Eternal City seldom sees a snowflake.

In one section of the mountains, the peasants are reported - in a battle with wolves. Savage animals - driven from their lairs by the heavy snow.



## BALLOONS

There was a circus in Moscow, today - a balloon circus. Foreign Correspondents were summoned - to the Headquarters of Foreign Minister Molotov. And there, in the courtyard, they saw - balloons. Tethered and floating overhead. Then, in a big conference room - several more balloons, hanging from the ceiling.

The purpose - to prove the falseness of Yesterday's American Diplomatic note. Which stated - that U. S. Air Force balloons, which had drifted over Russian territory were - for weather observation, and nothing else. No truth in the Soviet allegation - that they were spy balloons, equipped with cameras and electronic gadgets - for photographing Soviet military secrets.

Today, cameras carried by the gas bags were shown to the reporters. As proof that they were - spy balloons.

The catch is - that weather observation balloons do carry cameras. Which photograph - cloud

formations. An important feature - for weather study.

In his diplomatic message, yesterday, Secretary Dulles took note of this, and said - it would be "accidental", if the cameras picked up anything on the ground.

But, anyway, he said we'd stop sending up weather balloons - such as might go drifting across the Iron Curtain. Merely - to avoid "misunderstanding"

However, the Soviets would have to get in a bit of circus - with their balloon show today. To cap the climax of which - the statement was made that the gas bags would be able to carry germs for germ warfare. They seem to have germ warfare on the brain.

ADD BALLOONS.

In Washington, the whole thing is called -  
propaganda hokum. However, there's a puzzle -  
how the Soviets got the American balloons.

The Air Force declares - they<sup>a</sup>re equipped  
with devices which destroy the gas bags. If - they  
fall below thirty thousand feet. The weather  
observation equipment - then coming down by parachute.

One official in Washington even suggests that  
the balloons in today's Moscow Exhibition - may have  
been made by the Russians themselves.

Another statement is - that the Soviets have  
been launching camera-carrying weather balloons of  
their own. Similar - to the American type; ~~officially~~  
~~declares~~<sup>and</sup> that one of these Communist balloons came  
down in Japan.



## STRIKERS

( When a strike is on, it's an old story - for the strikers to think of curious ways of annoying the Company. As is illustrated ) at Sheboyagan, Wisconsin. ( Where arrests have been made - because of trouble <sup>b</sup> at the Bowling Tournament. )

<sup>a</sup>  
The Kohler Company has the strike, and also - a cracker jack bowling team. Consisting - of employees not involved in the walk out. A tournament is on at Sheboyagan, a big-time affair - sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress. The Kohler Team - prominent in the competition.

So the strikers attended the tournament - and heckled the Company team. Jeering - when Company bowlers whipped the ball down the alley. Making abusive remarks - jostling them. Until the police intervened.

The Kohler Company <sup>today</sup> has ~~has~~ withdrawn <sup>e</sup> its team from the Tournament, and three strikers have been held - for interfering with the bowling.

## BURIED

At Kingston, N.Y., Eugene Berardi was - buried alive. Entombed - when tons of earth came sliding down over him.

Berardi was working in a trench, ten feet deep. Laying some lengths of pipe - large pipe, two feet or so in diameter. When - the cave-in occurred. (The walls of the trench - collapsing.) Berardi engulfed. Deep down - under the debris.

It seemed impossible that he could survive. (Digging operations to get at him took fifteen minutes. In which time he must have suffocated - and they prepared to recover his body.)

But, when they reached the alleged body - up jumped Berardi. In fine shape, (refusing to see a doctor, and,) going back to work.

All - because he did a bit of quick thinking. When the collapse of masses of earth occurred, he (saw what was coming - and) stuck his head in a length of pipe. Where - he had enough air to breathe, until they got him out.

## JOKER

The Loud Laugh you hear - is the mirth of a Pennsylvania housewife. Who simply can't stop going - ha, ha, ha.

Because her husband is besieged by women, in India. Flooded with letters from Hindu ladies. Scores of them - trying to get at him. So what's funny about that, for a wife?

Well, the story from India tells - how Peter Kamdrot, a merchant marine radio operator, has always been - a practical joker. Playing humorous tricks - on his shipmates. Until finally they decided - they'd fix him.

Their ship, S.S. Exchequer, put in to port at Calcutta. Where a couple of the sailors put an Ad in a local Indian paper. Advertising - for a wife. Signing - Kamdrot's name to it. The Ad - relating, in glowing terms, what a good husband the American radio operator would make.

So life has been miserable for Kamdrot ever since. Stacks of mail delivered to him aboard S.S. Exchequer - from Hindu maidens. Some trooping down to the dock - looking for the prospective husband. Trying to get aboard - and grab Kamdrot.

That's what amuses his wife. Because at home also - Kamdrot has always been a practical joker. Playing humorous tricks - on wife.

So now she says - she's just waiting for him to get back. "I'm not much of a tease," declares



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Mrs Kamrodt. "But this time, I'm really going to  
get even with him." And then, Henry, she  
bursts out laughing again - ha!  
ha! ha!