

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

Washington correspondents tell us there are several subordinates in the State Department whose heads will lie uneasy on their pillows tonight. For it was announced Secretary George Marshall goes in with a completely free hand so far as reorganizing that department is concerned. For years it has been a matter of open comment in Washington that a house-cleaning would help our foreign office. Correspondents have written openly, and diplomats have talked privately, about the permanent officials in the State Department who carry on in their own even way, and quietly defeat the intentions of their superiors, and on anybody who tries to reform the department.

It hasn't had a thorough cleaning out, so they say, since the days when Charles Evans Hughes was Secretary of State. Secretary Byrnes was too busy, to harrassed with the problems of the Big Four and the United Nations,

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to do any reorganizing. But there <sup>word is going round</sup> ~~seems reason to believe~~  
that General Marshall will turn out to be the same kind  
of Secretary of State that Charles Evans Hughes was.

It was explained today that Under-Secretary  
Dean Acheson will stay at his desk long enough to brief  
the new Secretary on the ins and outs of Foreign Affairs.

<sup>Gen. Marshall</sup>  
~~The Secretary~~ had a conference with the President today,  
and Mr. Truman revealed that they had discussed China,  
South America, Germany and Palestine, particularly  
Palestine, where there

~~was~~ <sup>today</sup> was another grave incident ~~in their~~  
~~distressful country today.~~ <sup>FF</sup> Four masked men held up a bank  
and got away with ten thousand dollars, plus ~~a box of~~  
jewelry. The police believe they were members of the  
Irgun Zvai Leumi. If they were, it was a gesture of  
defiance to both the Jewish National Council and the  
Newish Agency executive. Only the other day ~~= you will~~

~~recall~~, the Jewish Agency uttered a warning that they would deal with any underground agents who extorted money from Jews.

## RUSSIA

The Soviet Government has elected to ignore the complaint of the British Government against <sup>that top</sup> ~~the~~ Communist paper, Pravda. Downing Street protested because Pravda published a statement that Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin had repudiated the Anglo-Russian Treaty. <sup>P</sup> Not only ~~does~~ the Kremlin ignore the protest, but Pravda today repeated the charge, <sup>and even</sup> quoted from a speech made by Bevin <sup>on</sup> December Twenty-Second, in which <sup>Bevin</sup> ~~he~~ proclaimed British allegiance to the United Nations.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office today pointed out, that this is a willful distortion by Pravda, as anybody can see. <sup>That</sup> Treaties are not denounced in speeches, by individual members of a government. <sup>That</sup> When a government denounces a treaty, it does so in a formal and ceremonious communication to the other government. <sup>TP</sup> The Pravda statement, therefore, as the British Foreign Office points out, is merely another sample of the complete

irresponsibility of Russian papers when dealing with people of other countries. <sup>H</sup> Prime Minister Attlee did not dignify the Pravda scurrility with any comment, but he did say that the more treaties Great Britain can conclude within the ambit of the United Nations, the better it will be for the peace of the world.

ARGENTINE

Thirteen American technical experts are bound from the U.S.A. to Argentina as advisers to the government of Juan Peron. You may recall that the colonel-president has drawn up a five-year-plan, somewhat on the order of the Russian Soviet ~~Plan~~<sup>idea</sup> to build up Argentina's resources and economy. <sup>TP</sup> At the head of ~~the~~ mission are two retired officers of Uncle Sam's armed forces, Major General Royal B. Lord and Rear Admiral Howard Adams ~~Foreign Affairs~~ Flanigan. They accepted the offer of the Argentine government with the consent of our State Department, ~~But~~ it is emphasized that this is in no sense a United States government mission.

President Peron said today that this mission is the result of several conversations with our Ambassador, George Messersmith, <sup>who</sup> ~~Peron looks upon~~ ~~Messersmith as a great friend. The United States~~

recommended General Lord and Admiral Flannigan as men of high capacity, men of experience in carrying out plans requiring great skill.

MAY

Since the election, we've heard nothing about the Honorable Andrew J. May of Kentucky, ex-Representative, ex-Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House. In fact, except for learning that he was defeated for reelection, we have heard nothing about the Honorable Andrew May since he left Washington last year under <sup>heavy</sup> ~~and~~ fire, left because his physician said he was ill. <sup>It</sup> ~~well~~, today we hear about him ~~again~~. We hear that ~~vengeance~~ <sup>that</sup> (a federal grand jury at Washington returned an indictment, making four criminal charges against the Honorable Andrew May.) ~~It was a~~ blistering indictment, teeming with circumstantial descriptions of May's alleged felonies. ~~It accuses~~ him of criminal conspiracy, <sup>with</sup> having received pay for his services as a Congressman in connection with war contract.

~~Accusing~~ him of having improperly used his influence as a Congressman. <sup>Also demolishing</sup> ~~It was a~~ <sup>It was a</sup> ~~long~~ the long



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speech in which <sup>Congressman</sup> ~~Andrew~~ May, on the floor of the House, proclaimed his innocence in <sup>an out</sup> ~~a~~ burst of emotional rhetoric.

(The grand jury also indicted Dr. Henry M. Garsson -- the "doctor" being printed in quotes; his brother Murray Garsson, and Joseph F. Freeman, one of the ~~the~~ associates in that firm which <sup>ran</sup> ~~provided~~ a shoe-string up to seventy-six millions in munitions contracts.) The grand jury accused the Garssons and Freeman of having helped, counseled, procured and induced <sup>Congressman</sup> ~~Andrew~~ May to commit the crime with which he is charged. <sup>TP</sup> In one paragraph the indictment makes the specific charge that <sup>Congressman</sup> May took Fifty-three thousand, six hundred and thirty-four dollars in cash, checks and land from the Garssons in return for procuring favorable treatment ~~and~~ war contracts for them. <sup>TP</sup> In another paragraph he is charged with having taken sixteen thousand for similar services.

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The indictment mentions figures, papers and dates.

This is the most sensational group of charges made against any Congressman since the Teapot Dome Scandal.

The malefactions of May and the Garssons were spread over a period of five years, according to the grand jury. <sup>R</sup> At his home in Prestonburg, Kentucky, *Andrew* <sup>today</sup> May <sub>^</sub> repeated once more the words, "I am innocent."



for himself, he was in the best of health. It's a trying job, working around the White House, but, said Mr. Truman, apparently it's tougher for others than ~~it is~~ for the President.

## HARRIMAN

There was a protest today against the nomination of W. Averell Harriman as Secretary of Commerce, or rather a demand that the Senate investigate him before approving the nomination. Harriman has ~~xxx~~ serving ever since President Truman appointed him.

The protest came from the National Farmers Union. And it all concerns the complex question of railroad rates. There have been complaints for years that eastern industries have had all the best of it in freight rates, receiving preferential treatment at the hands of the railroad, treatment which discriminated against the southern and western states.

Well, the Farmers Union intimates that Harriman, ex-Chairman of the Board of the Union Pacific, was partly responsible.

On behalf of Harriman, Senator Clyde Reed of Kansas denied that the Secretary had any part in fixing rates so westerners and southerners would have to pay more than easterners. And the upshot was that

the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce approved Harriman's appointment unanimously.

And now comes the protest from the National Farmers Union, the membership of which is mainly western, and not national.

## INDIA

Another outbreak in India, or rather series of outbreaks. Riots in Calcutta, Bombay, and Madras. The authorities are afraid of a repetition of the slaughter and destruction that ravaged Hindustan last summer. So far, the number of killed and wounded is small. But, shops were looted, and fires were lit that required all the efforts to extinguish.

Strikes are spreading in Calcutta, with street car workers are idle, with thousands unable to get to work.

Strikes of electrical supply workers are also threatened, which means industry may be paralyzed.

Feeling is tense throughout the sub-continent.

## GEIGER

Uncle Sam lost a skillful and distinguished soldier by the death of Lieutenant General Roy Geiger. It was he who led the marines in some of their bloodiest attacks, the capture of the Solomons, Guam and Okinawa. It was he who took command of the Tenth Army when Lieutenant-General Simon Bolivar Buckner was killed in action on Okinawa. Geiger completed the conquest of the island. He had no fewer than five major decorations, one for each of his five campaigns in the Pacific Islands, including a gold star that he won on Guadalcanal in place of a second Navy Cross.

Roy Geiger always had profound contempt for the Japanese as fighters. He always urged his leathernecks not to look upon them as super<sup>men</sup>. At heart, he said, the Nips are cowards with an inferiority complex and when they get in a tight spot, they commit suicide.

~~(Suggest you add a line or two of your own meeting with Geiger)~~



## GEORGIA

More developments in Georgia's Battle of the Governors. Today, the Fulton National Bank of Atlanta, which handles most of the State's business stepped into the dispute with Lawyers for the bank asked to institute court proceedings of their own to determine who is Governor Talmadge or Thompson.

Today, the bank revealed that it had cashed by error a fifty-Dollar check, signed by Acting Governor Thompson's secretary and purported to cover stamp purchases. But, it won't happen again, until the bank is satisfied as to who is the new Governor.

The bank's resident says no further drafts on state funds will be honored until the courts ruled between the two claimants.

Meanwhile what are Talmadge and Thompson up to? Well, Talmadge charges that his opponents are trying to create chaos.

## BEAUTY

Senator Taft of Ohio speaking of the physical pulchritude of the Republicans in the Eightieth Congress, seems to have started something. He, was chided today by Senator Fulbright of Arkansas who says the Democrats will take on the GOP any day in a beauty contest, at cops-and-robbers, marbles, hope-scotch or even jacks -- or even a debate.

Then up spoke Senator Olin Hx Johnston of South Carolina. He said the Democrats would have an easy victory, especially when it came to the women members. The South Carolina Senator said no one has ever seen any better looking than a Southern woman. And, said he, just about all of the Democrats in Congress are from the South.

## SPROUL

The word from Berkeley is that Robert G. Sproul, President of the University of California for sixteen years, may resign.

Sproul admitted as much today before an assembly of eight thousand students which gathered to ask him to remain at the University.

President Sproul says that he is considering an offer which may lead him away from the helm of America's largest educational institution. But, as he ~~xxx~~ told the students today, he cannot yet discuss any offer he may have received.

The student demonstration in Dr. Sproul's behalf was a spontaneous affair, and when he was introduced, the students gave him quite an ovation.

## THIEF

In Redwood City, California, today one Leslie Anderson faced the Municipal Court Judge -- the charge, drunken driving.

The Judge asked the usual question. What was Anderson's occupation? The answer "I play slot machines for a living!" Anderson further informed the astounded jurist that he knew how to make the machines pay off, every time.

How ~~much~~ much does he average? He replied that a hundred dollars, on a good day was about right. But, he said that sometimes he got lazy and only made ten or twenty dollars a day.

The Judge, mustified, wanted to know how he did it? Anderson, obligingly, dug down into his coat pocket, brought out a five-inch piece of wire, on a wooden handle, and, a drill.

"You just take this, Your Honor," said he, "run the wire up the pay chute and jimmy the wheels." He said ~~with~~ that with it he could trip the jackpot compartment too."

Then he went on to say that three or four bars every night, rarely without considerable profit to himself. He explained even his business had its occupational hazards. For one thing, he said he had to keep moving pretty fast, circulating to keep ahead of the pin ball and slot machine operators. Whenever they catch up with him-what then? Why then he gets beaten up.

Also he has another problem:- While working he has to keep drinking beer! And that was what he was talking to the Judge about -- drunken driving.

And now Judge what are you talking about this evening?

## JAIL

In the Raymond Street jail at Brooklyn, a character named Spud Elsis sits sad and lonely, forlorn because nobody will speak to him, especially his fellow inmates -- his old buddies. Not because he broke jail January Third, skipped because the outside looked better than the inside. Nor is it because he was recaptured, that the prisoners have him in Coventry. It is for an old, old reason -- simply because Spud Elsis talks too much.

When he broke jail, eight others made the break with him. And he'd be free to this day if Spud had not been too conversational.

It was this way: Leaning up against a bar, in Brooklyn, he was in a chatty mood last night; and, the wrong person overheard him. A little later, when he was about to take a train to Cleveland -- with tickets in his pockets and everything -- along comes the law and taps him on the shoulder, and says: "Come along, Spud. Just come with us, we'll take you back to your nice comfortable cell at Raymond Street."

Nor is that all<sup>to</sup> the tale of the garrulous Mr. Elsis. In his pockets the cops found three-hundred-and-twenty-seven dollars. When they asked him where he got that, he replied proudly: "I won it in the crap game in the Raymond Street jail."

So tonight there's gloom in that Brooklyn prison. No merry click of falling cubes; no music of ~~ix~~ ivory bones with ebony dots, which, as the song goes, "oft lead to cemetery lots." The crap game is shut down at the Raymond Street jail, and ~~xxx~~ the boarders are not speaking to one Spud Elsis!

## KIDNAPPING

The California gendarmerie are still looking for the kidnapper of pretty seventeen-year-old Alice Devine. The young lady took a look today at one man whom the police selected as a possible candidate, and then said No, he was not the kidnapper. The man in question is a former inmate of San Quentin, who, when released from the penitentiary, became a publicity man. The District Attorney says he has leads, and the police say they expect to get their man.

Alice Devine says that on her enforced trip North she had to ride several miles in the trunk compartment of the car. Investigators wondered how a hundred-and-sixtyfive pound girl could be squeezed into the trunk compartment of a car.