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This afternoon, a United Nations Committee voted an inquiry into those church trials behind the Iron Curtain. The Steering Committee of the U N put an okay on a resolution to investigate the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary and the condemnation of the thirteen Protestant pastors in Bulgaria. This on the ground that ~~xxx~~ those two Soviet satellites, which were enemy countries in the Second World War, have violated the the peace treaties they signed - treaties guaranteeing religious freedom.

The proposal was opposed <sup>with</sup> ~~when~~ embittered fury by the delegates of Soviets and satellites. Moscow delegate Jacob Malik shouted vituperation.

"The United Nations charter," he raged, "does not contemplate shielding criminals and traitors." <sup>Then he</sup> ~~Then he~~ went on: "This is an attempt to send the U N down the road of protecting crime and treason under the guise of protecting human rights and freedoms," he roared.

<sup>R</sup> The steering Committee disregarded all that, and voted overwhelmingly for a United Nations review of the cases of the Hungarian Cardinal and the Bulgarian pastors.

The Soviet delegate, at the same time, hurled Red invective against the North Atlantic Security Pact. He called the treaty a shield covering American aggression. And described the purpose of the Atlantic alliance in these words: "the fulfillment of plans for world hegemony toward which the leading circles of the United States are hurling themselves without any rhyme or reason."

CHINA

In China, peace negotiations appear to be in a state of collapse -- with Red demands for unconditional surrender. The talks are going on in Peiping where the Communist leaders have confronted the Nationalist representatives with an ultimatum - unconditional surrender by next Tuesday; or, the Reds will launch an immediate offensive against the line of the Yangtze River - with the purpose of overwhelming the remainder of China.

## NORTH POLE

News from the far north today, reminds us that yesterday was an anniversary -- the fortieth anniversary of the discovery of the North Pole, Admiral Peary reaching the top of the world. Most of us ~~wouldn't~~ <sup>didn't</sup> think of it, but the Circumnavigators did. That group send<sup>s</sup> a special flag to the weather squadrons of the Air Force, in Alaska -- where, from far northern bases, they make regular flights to the region of the Pole. So today the word comes through now, on the anniversary of Peary's North Pole discovery, a B-29 flew onethousand eight hundred and twenty miles to the Pole and there it dropped the flag of the Circumnavigators Club of New York.

FLYING DISCS

~~This next item of news may possibly turn out to deserve the headline - they have found a~~

*TP* ~~report that a flying disc has been found, flying disc~~ → which goes back to the sensation of

~~it~~ last summer when the soaring saucers were reported

far and wide, by many witnesses. ~~The Number One~~

~~mystery of the year, never explained, some think~~

~~the strange phenomenon to have been a myth and~~

~~will hallucination. But now they may have found a~~

~~flying disc. The~~ *TP* news from Montrose, Colorado, states

that Air Force Intelligence agents have <sup>recovered</sup> ~~recovered~~ two

segments of an object, a thing of strange description.

They procured one segment from a man named Noah

Clubb -- it having been found ~~it~~ by cattlemen in

the rugged mountain country. Whereupon, the

intelligence men made a search of that same area,

(scouring an area of a mile square <sup>at</sup> fifteen miles west

of the town of Delta.) There they found a second

segment -- larger than the first. *TP* Piecing the two

together, the result was, a wheel shaped instrument

about four feet in diameter. The rim of the wheel

made of aluminum and along the inner edge of the rim - a series of brass tubes, like wicks, fuel feeders, perhaps. So what is it -- that wheel<sup>on</sup><sub>A</sub> the inside rim of which are gadgets that might have fed fuel and emitted flames? Air Force Intelligence taking away the two segments, reserves<sup>s</sup> a blank secrecy, but the report says -- a flying disc.

All of which is the more striking because of that story we had night before last -- fire balls flying through the Utah sky. The general opinion has gone<sup>t</sup><sub>A</sub> around to the belief that they were -- meteors. But mystification will be aroused anew, by today's report of the discovery of what may be a flying disc.

## FOLLOW FLYING SAUCER

Weird reports continue, meanwhile. At Seattle today, three persons reported seeing a fire-ball flying through the sky and ~~fax~~ falling into Puget Sound. They describe it as ~~a~~ gleaming blue trailing a red tail.

In Cleveland, a number of people tell of what they call -- "a strange glowing red light".

^ At the Cleveland airport, the control tower operator describes it in these words: "The weirdest ~~weird~~ phenomenon I've ever seen". He says that he, and his control tower partner watched the fire ball with binoculars. "At times," says he ~~they~~ <sup>it</sup> sped along at high speed. At times ~~they~~ <sup>it</sup> hovered almost to a stop."

The strange stories have developed to such a pitch that the Air Force this afternoon gave out an official statement, answering ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> report that the mystifying things emanate from a foreign country. This follows a published ~~report~~ <sup>statement</sup> that the flying saucers might be guided missiles fired by Soviet

Russia. The Air Force declares it has no reason to believe)

~~any~~ any such things, <sup>but cannot</sup> ~~and can't~~ say positively

that this is not the case. (The statement is in the

following words:- <sup>"To date</sup> ~~today~~ there has been no tangible

evidence which would support a theory that any flying saucer incidents are attributable to activity of a foreign nation, on the other hand, there is no evidence to deny categorically such a possibility".

To which our military flying experts said ~~that~~ they cannot explain all of the stories about mysterious things in the sky. Some, yes. But others, no. "Many of the reported incidents" says the Air Force, "have been definitely determined to be meteorological balloons or natural celestial phenomena. However," the statement adds "there are some incidents reported by reliable and competent observers which are still unexplained."



## SHIP

A new American super-liner, one of the largest passenger ships in the world -- now to be built. ~~This was~~ announced this afternoon by the Maritime Commission which ~~has~~ revealed plans to construct a Seventy Million Dollar Trans-Atlantic liner of forty-eight thousand tons, <sup>^</sup> nine-hundred-and-eighty-feet long. The sea giant will not be quite as large as the British Queens of the Sea -- Elizabeth and <sup>^</sup> Mary, but will carry as ~~many~~ many passengers -- two thousand. As a troop transport it could accommodate twelve thousand ~~and~~ soldiers.

## MURDER

In the lore of crime one standard feature is  $\frac{e}{\lambda}$  perfect murder. Detective story writers rack their ingenuity in devising clever tricks for committing a murder that cannot be detected. Often the devices are ultra-modern, scientific. But, from Albany, Missouri, the story today tells of the oldest of the old-fashioned, the simplicities of a farm.

Seven men are under arrest, implicated in the brutal murder of an eighty year old spinster on the farm where she lived. The crime was committed by robbers, the aged woman beaten to death. Her body was found in the barn and all was made to appear that she had ~~■~~ been trampled by the cattle. There was no suspicion of murder, the funeral was held and the supposition was -- an accident of cattle in the barn.

That was where the case would have rested, a perfect murder -- save for one thing. The loot the robbers took was a ~~■~~ bucket full of money - bank ~~■~~ notes. Those the aged spinster had kept for years, old fashioned ~~■~~ money, obsolete gold

certificates. These the robbers proceeded to spend,  
and <sup>in that way</sup> they attracted attention -- because the bank  
notes were so long out of date. <sup>P</sup> Arrests were made,  
the robbers giving the explanation -- they had  
taken the bucket full of money from the house of the  
victim, after the funeral which might still have  
left the murder a perfect crime- except for the  
fact that nephews of the aged woman had boarded up  
her home before the funeral, and the signs were  
that nobody could have broken in. That ruined the  
explanation, and the result of the inquiry broke  
in the news today - a charge of murder in the case  
that might have been the perfect crime, on the farm.

## COMPTON

Anyone who is skeptical about there being a movement of population to our West Coast should visit the city of Compton. They are calling it the Hub out here in southern California. But it hasn't been a Hub very long. In Nineteen twenty, according to the Federal Census ~~there~~ there was a population of twelve hundred. But in Nineteen forty it had jumped to sixteen thousand and a recent special census shows that now it is somewhere between forty and fifty thousand -- ten thousand more people having moved here during the past year. How's that for phenomenal growth? And it is a trading center for more than a hundred thousand southern Californians.

In Compton there is something electrical in the air. The people tell you of their fifty major industries, the largest Sears Roebuck retail store on one floor in the country, and they are justly proud of the record made by their Number One Educational institution, Compton College. It won the National Junior college football championship last year. And in basketball it is now playing in the national semi-finals. And that brings us to another interesting figure. In Nineteen Twenty-seven -- only a few years ago - the college had sixty

in attendance. Now it is over six thousand.

They had an earthquake in these parts in Nineteen  
Thirty-three and all there was of Compton at that time was  
just about wiped off the map. But you should see it now!

## BOWLING

In the world where the ball rolls ~~as~~ down the alley and hits the pins, they are hailing - "the bowler of the year".

That title has just been conferred on Andy Varipapa, and no wonder - after the marvels he has achieved. <sup>TP</sup> One thing is the age of -- the bowler of the year.

Andy Varippa<sup>pa</sup> came to this country from the Italian province of Calabria, forty years ago, when he was an emigrant boy of fourteen. Which makes him fifty-four right now -- as the outstanding star in the game played by twenty million people. Bowling has more actively playing followers than any other sport.

Then, moreover, Andy Varippa<sup>A</sup> is boastful. At fifty-four, he has no hesitation calling himself ~~as~~ -- the greatest bowler in the world. Which he often does. He has a flaring personality, a sense of the dramatic - and the Babe Ruth touch. <sup>T</sup> The story tells how, ~~one~~ <sup>when</sup> he was bowling an exhibition

game and the crowd gave him a heckling. He was doing all right, knocking down those ten pins, but nothing supreme. So the crowd was giving him a razzing -- as the hostile fans booed Babe Ruth in that memorable World Series game. The one, that is, when The ~~Big~~ Babe turned to the raging grandstands, pointed to a place in the bleachers -- he'd hit it there - and he did -- ~~with~~ <sup>the most</sup> dramatic home run in the ball game legend.

Same with Andy Varippa ~~when~~ when he was being booed. He turned to the hecklers and roared: "Okay, we'll start another game-- and this is it". And it was -- Andy bowling three hundred, ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> perfect ~~game~~ <sup>score.</sup> which brought down ~~the~~ the house with cheers.

In his long career, "the bowler of the year" has rolled sixty-five perfect games, ~~with~~ <sup>every</sup> roll a ten strike, all the pins down every time, score three hundred. At fifty-four, hailed as Number one, Andy goes on, ~~bragging~~ <sup>bragging</sup> and boasting and bowling.

## PIGEONS

Spring being with us, the season begins for various kinds of summer sport -- including that of racing pigeons. Which gives occasion for a disclosure of some practices that would seem to be unfair -- to the pigeons. We have this from United Press feature writer Harman Nichols, who has been investigating.

One trick, to persuade a homing pigeon to fly ~~fast~~<sup>7</sup> faster, employs that primordial instinct - jealousy. They take Pappa pigeon out of the cage he occupies with Mamma pigeon and put another rooster bird in his place. Pappa pigeon, given a good look at this, is frantic to get at the interloper and beat the daylights out of ~~him~~<sup>him.</sup> But, instead, they take him to the point where the race begins - one hundred miles away, maybe. Then, they turn him loose and he goes homing as fast as he can -- to get at that intruder into his household. He may break the speed records that way. But, when he gets to the coop, the third party to the pigeon triangle has been taken out, and all he finds is the Mamma bird.



Whereupon he subsides, just goes strutting around - maybe having won the race. Pigeons have a short memory, they can play that same trick on the same bird one time after another.

Another ~~one~~ device is to take the Mamma bird from the eggs on which she is sitting, and transport her to the originating point of the race. She flies back as fast as she can to go on hatching her eggs.

But this is only done when the Mamma bird feels life in the eggs -- which redoubles her devotion to her domestic duty. To produce that situation, the fanciers of pigeon racing sometimes resort to a fake. They take the eggs, drain them dry, and insert in each a couple of worms. The worms wiggle, and that provides the sign of life. The Mamma bird is fooled and ~~assumes~~<sup>exerts</sup> herself mightily ~~in~~ in the race. Flying with that remarkable homing instinct of the pigeons, she returns eagerly -- and goes on hatching worms. Sounds like a mean trick on the poor pigeon.

## MOVIES

In Oregon the movie goers are threatened with a new law - those of them that like to eat peanuts and popcorn while watching the films.

Today, a bill was introduced into the State Legislature providing that anybody who munches peanuts or ~~xxxx~~

popcorn during the movie ~~xxxx~~ program shall be

evicted from the theater -- tossed out. (As things

~~stand right ~~xxxx~~ now the picture theaters get a bit~~

~~of income out of the sale of those edibles which a~~

~~lot of their patrons like to chew. So the ~~xxx~~ proposed~~

~~law would provide a jail sentence or a fine for any~~

~~theater operator who might fail to give the peanut~~

~~and popcorn addicts the bum's rush.)~~

But why any such prohibition? The

bill was entered today by State Senator Dean

Walker, ~~xxx~~ and he put it on a basis of -- noise.

You know -- the sound of munching ~~xx~~ jaws -- not

to mention the rustle of paper bags. The Oregon

~~xxx~~ legislator finds such sounds to be distracting

and annoying, when he is watching a movie. He

He speaks wrathfully of the sound of the "chomp, chomp, chomp." He says: "This bill chomps right smack into the heart of a pet peeve of mine," which is really something -- when you chomp into the heart of a peeve.

Ken, have some popcorn!