

L. T. P. & G. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1949

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

On the island of Rhodes they are having a big celebration tonight, hailing success of negotiations between Israel and Egypt. Today the official word came that Egypt has accepted the terms. The agreement to be signed tomorrow. All this a victory for U N Mediator Dr. Ralph Bunche. He was so confident that Egypt would ratify that he asked the Egyptian delegation to bring back provisions for the celebration tonight.

The terms are not officially disclosed, but there is plenty of unofficial information. A distinction is made between "striking" forces, for offensive purposes, and merely defensive military units. The Egyptians to withdraw all of their "striking" forces from southern Palestine. But Egypt will retain a strip of the Palestine coast as far as Gaza -- twenty miles. Israel will remove Jewish "striking" forces from areas captured in the most recent fighting. But they will retain defensive troops in the sections they took. That is, they keep their areas.

Egyptian soldiers, long encircled ~~by~~ at ~~Be~~lfuluza will be permitted to withdraw - with their armament, their weapons. But what about Beersheba? That biblical town was the most difficult. ~~We~~ heard they were forming a compromise, but the compromise now turns out to be an evasion - simply sliding over the whole matter of Beersheba, not mentioning it in the agreement. Which means that Jewish forces, now holding Beersheba, will stay there .

This end of the Israel-Egypt war represents a shining victory for the new Jewish state, which retains most of its winnings, and is as good as recognized by Moslem Egypt. Next on the program, peace talks between Israel and ~~Trans~~-Jordan - scheduled to begin Monday.

## CHURCHILL

In England a war horse returned to battle today - Winston Churchill electioneering in a political campaign. They are having a bi-election in South Hammersmith, and this is taken to be a sort of test preliminary to the national election to be held next year. South Hammersmith is a labor neighborhood of London, with a considerable tinge of Red - and the conservative war-time Prime Minister was booed as heartily as he was cheered. He made four speeches in behalf of the conservative candidate in one of which he cried; "we are told we must not use the word -- <sup>that</sup> empire. It is naughty. I know of no reason why any of us should be ashamed of the word, after the part we all played in the late war."

A curious thing was witnessed at one place as Churchill drove through a street of South Hammersmith. A man leaned out of a window and waved a red flag. Then <sup>the man</sup> he seemed to have some sudden change of mind. He pulled in the red flag and shouted "you are still our man, Winnie".



## BULGARIA

This nation of ours has received a prompt, contemptuous turndown from Red Bulgaria. This in the matter of the Communist prosecution of the fifteen Protestant pastors.

On Monday the government in Washington sent ~~xxxxxx~~ a protest to the Red regime, describing the forthcoming trial of the churchmen in the following words. "A blatant, terroristic effort to intimidate small, respected Protestant denominations in Bulgaria."

Our government has a right to protest, under the peace treaty we made with Bulgaria - a defeated enemy in the Second World War. That treaty guaranteed religious freedom to Bulgaria. The American note was delivered, and today we are told what luck it had. The ~~that~~ Bulgarian neds, gave it a mere thirty minutes of consideration, then sent it back to the American legation - rejected. The United States government did not get far in protesting against the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, and seems to be getting no farther in the case of the Protestant pastors.



## ATOMIC - GERMANY

We have had no end of the guesses and estimates - have the Soviets the atomic bomb? But this latest comes from such a number one source that it surely deserves notice - from Dr. Otto Hahn. He is the scientist who first accomplished the fission of the uranium atom. That was shortly before the Second World War - Hahn, in Germany, picking up where Lord Rutherford had left off - Rutherford of Cambridge, supreme pioneer of the atom. ~~X~~ In an historic experiment Hahn split the atom to uranium - with the release of stupendous quantities of energy. Whereupon a thrill, also a shiver went through the world of science. Mankind at large serenely oblivious, blissfully unaware of that experiment - but scientists knew what it meant. The possibility of an atomic bomb. That was what galvanized the tremendous effort over here in our own country - the multi-billion dollar project that produced the bomb.

/ All of which makes Dr. Otto Hahn a dramatic figure, and now he speaks out.

He is in a western zone in Germany, and he tells us that, even if the war had gone on and on Nazi Germany would not have been able to develop the bomb. The reason - a lack of the necessary materials. The vast resources needed for the job were not available in Europe. <sup>And -</sup> The same things hold true for Soviet Russia today, <sup>as</sup> declares the German scientist who was first to split the uranium atom. He estimates that it will be several years before the Soviets are able to muster the technological resources and material to go into effective bomb production.

BERLIN

Over in Berlin they had two big shows today - one Soviet, and one Anglo-American. The Russians put on a big military parade, commemorating the thirty-first birthday of the Red Army. The Americans and British whooped it up by breaking the airlift record. For the second day in succession, the mark was shattered - the planes making nine-hundred-and-five flights and bringing seven-thousand,-eight-hundred-and-ninety-seven tons of supplies.



## FRANCE

Here's news from France, which any Frenchman will call - Good. The price of gold is crashing in the Paris market, steadily declining. The reason is said to be the French peasants. They are selling their gold coins - ~~indicating~~ indicating that they are betting on a return of prosperity, believing that the value of paper ~~xx~~ money will go up. Most typical of France and the age-old way of the French peasants <sup>frugal</sup> and cautious. - ~~The~~ The estimate <sup>is</sup> that they have hoarded between fifty million and ~~seventy~~-million-dollars-worth of gold coins. They hide this gold in stockings, mattresses and chimneys of farm houses. The coin is mostly in the form of twenty franc gold pieces, and during recent weeks a flood of these appeared on the market - as many as fifty thousand on one day sold for paper money.

## RECESSION

~~(follow after ~~haha~~ atomic story)~~

Now another case of going to a dramatic source - this time on the subject of business. Are we going to collapse into a disastrous depression? The authority consulted is Roger Babson, known to fame as the economist who predicted the ~~crash~~ crash of <sup>19</sup>nineteen Twenty-nine.

*Remember how Roger*

<sup>1</sup>Babson gave warning that the boom of the Twenties would soon be over, and there would be a bust. <sup>?</sup>Few people paid any attention to him. Even the best of businessmen seemed confident that the big prosperity would keep going up and up.

So, having ~~gs~~ been a true prophet about that depression, what does Roger Babson prophesy today? He points out that the people have spent much of their war savings, and that production in many lines <sup>3</sup>have caught up with ~~the demand~~ demand. Which means -- a slump. But not a disastrous collapse, predicts Roger Babson. ~~He foresees a gradual decline for the next couple of years.~~ He says: "Instead of falling out a twentieth story window, we will walk down the

stairs."

He lists a series of reasons why there will be no crash: unemployment insurance, minimum wages, better credit regulations, labor unions. All tending to make the decline a gradual affair of healthy adjustment.

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## TRUMAN

That presidential expletive uttered last night has attracted more notice than anything you could think of - short of a declaration of war. I had it on my late broadcast last night, the one that goes to the West, from Chicago to the Pacific Coast - and I am afraid my own voice must have sounded a bit startled as I recited the three-letter epithet hurled by President Truman.

He was launching criticism in the direction of Columnist Drew Pearson, and out came the - the nineteenth, fifteenth, and second letters of the alphabet. Of course, they could spell "sob." So would you call it a sob story? In Washington, by the way, the initials SOB commonly describe the Senate Office Building.

Today the White House issued a transcript of the Truman remarks and omitted the three letters, substituting the word - anyone. This as the repercussions included stern rebukes.

One came from the Reverend Carl McIntyre, Editor of the Christian Beacon. He says the Truman language was "an offense to Christian people and humiliating before the nations of the world." After taking that international slant, the Reverend McIntire waxes biblical, and hurls thunder like a Hebrew prophet of old. He addresses President Truman in the following words: "As the prophet Nathan spoke to King David, as Elijah spoke to Ahab, I call upon you to apologize to the American people."

But what has Drew Pearson to say, he having been on the receiving end of the presidential blast? He today insisted on what he said before - that Presidential aide General Vaughan had no right to accept a decoration from Peron of Argentina. Pearson calls Peron a dictator, hostile to the democratic principles the President himself upholds. That line of criticism was what provoked the Truman outbreak delivered at a public banquet for General Vaughan last night.

Well, Drew Pearson, <sup>in his</sup> ~~on the~~ <sup>column</sup> newspaper, and on the radio, has quite a record of arousing the wrath of the White House. The late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt once called him -- "a chronic liar". Only a few weeks ago President Truman resorted to that four-letter word for prevaricator. And now the climax - those three initials, which don't stand for -- "sorry old boy".

This uproar may well lead to some scholarly reflections - on the history of strong language at the White House. Various Presidents have had sulphurous vocabularies, the champion being - Andrew Jackson, from the back woods of Tennessee. The great soldier and President was known to lapse <sup>in</sup> to the powerful speech of the frontiersmen and Indian fighters of old.

It happens that, right now, I am engaged in compiling a series of brief biographies of great people of history - and, in looking up Andrew Jackson, I find one incident that has an appropriate place



in the news today. As a fourteen or fifteen year old boy, Andy Jackson went to live briefly with a neighboring family which had a boy of his own age. This other lad sustained a life-long shock, when he heard a string of frontier profanity let out by Andy of the back woods. The other boy grew up to become a prominent preacher - and, when Andrew Jackson ran for President, he publicly refused to vote for his childhood acquaintance because of the language he used.

*And now, today, that sob story.*

## TREASURE

Once again that romantic theme - searching for treasure on Cocos Island. Today the former Lieutenant Governor of California, Ellis Patterson returned from Costa Rica where he helped to send out an expedition to that far Pacific Island. His own ship, the Bolivar, being used.

The former Lieutenant Governor says he was sorry he could not go on to Cocos, but he has to be in Los Angeles for the elections in April. - He is a candidate for mayor.

He himself, is not so sure about finding the long legend<sup>ary</sup> private treasure of Cocos island. Half a billion dollars worth of Spanish gold and jewels - the loot of Lima. An old story relates how, back in the days of Spanish gold - the buccaners plundered Lima and took away shiploads of wealth - said to be buried on Cocos.

"History indicates there is treasure on that island," says the former Lieutenant Governor of California who will run for mayor of Los Angeles.

But he has his fingers crossed. However, the leader of of ~~the~~ the expedition, James A. Forbes of Riverside, California, seems entirely certain. He has it all figured out now after four previous treasure hunts out there.

During the period of one hundred years, there have been four hundred and forty-four attempts to find the loot of Lima. But this one will be different at least in the fact that they are taking cameras to make film for television, <sup>so they can</sup> ~~the video to~~ show this latest treasure hunt on Cocos Island *on the television screen.*



From Japan a dramatic turn in a story that may have a meaning in the problem of atomic radiation and heredity. A fourteen year old Japanese girl has a pet hen that has taken to laying the oddest kind of eggs - some shaped like a door-knob, others with colorless yolks, some with no yolks at all. One egg

completely empty, another with a hole in it. <sup>Not unlike</sup> ~~this~~

<sup>The</sup> the Kawa bird of the South Pacific that lays square eggs and strange chicken <sup>is</sup> the daughter of a hen that was

in the bomb explosion at Nagasaki, subjected to the blast of radio-activity. So now the matter has been turned over to a Japanese physicist for investigation.

"says 'ouch.'"

He is Dr. Nagai of the Nagasaki Medical College, and he himself is a bed-ridden invalid, because of the atomic radiation. Was he too a victim of the blast of the bomb? Not at all. Dr. Nagai has been stricken by the effects of his own atomic research, with exposure to the weird radiation ~~of~~ for twenty years.

Today, at the Nagasaki Medical College he has a bed-side laboratory. Unable to walk or stand, he

continues his experiments with apparatus beside his bed. In that fashion he is investigating what may be a case of heredity-distorted radio-activity in the hen that lays the strange eggs.

And now, Nelson, <sup>Case</sup> who never lays an egg!