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LEAD MARITIME

Well, Hugh, until you mentioned it, I had forgotten all about this being an anniversary -- and surely one of tremendous importance to me. As I have said each year, my long association on the air with the Sun Oil Company has been an exceedingly happy one. Any radio program is fortunate to have a sponsor like Blue Sunoco. So it's fourteen years with them tonight, and nearly sixteen years since I succeeded Floyd Gibbons at this same at this same hour. Well, I much appreciate all those nice things my sponsor has just said through you, Hugh.

But how about the news? What has been going on in the world today? Well, let's see if we can find something to cheer us up. How about the maritime strike? Yes, the new on that looks pretty good. Although the peace negotiations are still in progress, there have been rumors

MARITIME

Prospects for the settlements of the Maritime Strike appeared to be excellent, until this afternoon. Now everything is gloomy again, in spite of the efforts of Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O. For the peace negotiations ran into a formidable snag -- Harry Bridges. Yes, Bridges and the Left Wingers, thumbed their noses at Murray; flatly rejected the government's terms so far as the Longshoremen are ~~concerned.~~

~~There were even rumors~~ of fist fights among the leaders of the Unions. For when they showed up for the morning conference today, Joseph Selly, President of the American Communications Association, A C.I.O. concern, was decorated with a beautiful black eye and a large patch on the left side of his face. There were also reports that Harry Bridges's coat was blood-stained all over.

When Selly left Philip Murray's quarters last night, he had no black eye. So reporters asked him how he got it. He replied: "You may ask and ~~they~~

then you may answer it yourself." A friend then offered the suggestion that Selly had run into a taxicab door. That familiar explanation drew loud ~~rude~~ laughter from other members of the conference. A reporter asked one of the negotiators whether there had been a bust-up among the leaders of the seven unions. The reply was a suggestion to take a look at the faces of some of the boys.

On the side of Bridges is Joseph P. Curran, co-chairman of the Maritime Bargaining Committee. Curren, Bridges and Selly represent the extreme Left Wing ~~Wing~~ of the C.I.O. which has been consistently opposed to Philip Murray. Some people claim that Left Wing in this case is merely a polite way of saying an out-and-out Communist.

PETRILLO

The Department of Justice today filed criminal information against James Caesar Petrillo, President of the American Federation of Musicians. The charge is that Petrillo broke the law of the land by trying to force a radio station in Chicago to hire three musicians that it did not need.

This is the first prosecution under what is known as the Lea Act, which was passed by Congress and signed by the President, designed especially to take care of Petrillo.

~~This is~~ It's a test case. And Petrillo invited this prosecution when he called a strike last May against Station W.A.A.F. in Chicago, and defied the law. He publicly announced what he had done, and threatened if the law was not declared unconstitutional ~~that~~ he'd pull his musicians out of all radio stations.

The criminal information reads that Petrillo willfully, by the use of force, intimidation, duress, and by other means, did attempt to coerce,

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compel and constrain the radio station to employ the three persons not needed."

ADD PEACE

~~Later~~ This afternoon, ~~the~~ the world outlook ~~became~~ doesn't ~~still more gloomy. At the last minute~~ any better. Today the Russians threw ~~another box full of sand into the~~ still more sand into the already grinding gears. One of the matters the Foreign Ministers were to discuss is British Foreign Secretary Bevin's plan for Germany. ~~This would~~ to provide a Federal System of twelve or thirteen states, somewhat on the line of our own Union. The States ~~would~~ to be independent in everything except communications, economics, foreign trade, foreign affairs, and such matters. Bevin offered this plan as a compromise between the American-British ideas for treating Germany as a unit and the reluctance of the Russians and the French to centralize the Administration of the country.

A spokesman on radio Moscow this afternoon denounced the Bevin plan, said it was nothing more than a copy of the Nazi plan for a Nazi Europe. The only difference, in the Russian view, is that the Nazi plan provided for German domination, whereas the new British plan would provide for anglo-saxon

domination. The Soviet attitude is that behind the plan for a federated Germany is a desire to divide Germany and the whole of Europe into two opposing camps.

Secretary Byrnes is on his way to Paris for another meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four. And It may be the last; for the chances of any peaceful accomplishment seem ~~awfully~~ remote, from the way Molotov and the Russian Press have been acting. ~~throwing brickbats around. For their part, Secretary Byrnes and British Foreign Secretary Bevin have not taken these recriminations lying down. Experienced newspaper correspondents describe the picture as pretty grim. The~~ This Paris conference is being looked upon, in Washington, as a last chance.

Secretary Byrnes acknowledged that it was an occasion for more prayer. ~~At the same time, he said he~~ Saying that he is not optimistic, ~~but~~ he added, "If we fail, it ~~is~~ will be a defeat for mankind."

With the Secretary went Senator Tom Connally of Texas and Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, plus wives. They took off in President Truman's personal plane the "sacred cow."

Senator Connally, Chairman of the Foreign

Relations Committee, said it was his view that, unless a quick and definite agreement can be reached, the meeting should be adjourned and a call sent out for ~~call~~ a general peace conference of all the twenty-one nations interested. If such a peace conference cannot agree, he said he ~~added, he~~ could see no other alternative than to make ~~except just making~~ treaties with the nations involved. "It is unreasonable", said Senator Connally, "To allow a veto by one Foreign Minister (meaning Molotov) to upset the whole peace program."

Before he left for Paris, Secretary Byrnes was overheard saying to under-Secretary Dean Acheson, who will pinch-hit in his absence: "We have ~~"There are a hell of a lot of~~ troubles, but, I hope they get straightened out."

ENGLAND

Throughout the centuries, the British have been as rigidly averse to conscription, as we have. Even during the last two frightful wars, they were slow to adopt it, and did so only after all possible means of voluntary recruiting had been exhausted. And, during the last four decades or so, the strongest opponent of conscription has been the British Labor Party. And now look what has happened: Today that same British Labor Party in convention at Bournemouth, went on record for conscription, not only for war, but in peacetime too.

British Labor Delegates, from all parts of the British Isles, first considered a resolution condemning conscription in peacetime. The debate was bitter, and the resolution was defeated. Next came a motion that only persons of twenty-one and over be drafted. The Labor Delegates defeated that one too.

The final concensus of the meeting, was that conscription is necessary, even in peacetime, if Great Britain is to meet commitments all over the world, and be ready for obligations that at present cannot be foreseen.

BRITISH LOAN

There was ~~a warm~~ an interchange of compliments on the subject of the British Loan today between Assistant Secretary of State William L. Clayton and former secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones. Clayton had told the Banking Committee of the House that Jesse Jones's objections to the loan should not be considered because, in effect, he was essentially an American business man ~~and as~~ who, as Clayton of the State Dept. intimated, ~~he~~ knew nothing about international finance.

At that, the former Secretary of Commerce telegraphed the Committee reminding its members that, while it was true ~~that~~ his personal business had been entirely in this country, he was for many years responsible for the operation of the export-import bank, lending money to foreign countries and in foreign countries.

He went on to say that, assuming Britain needs the loan, the only difference between Clayton's views and his are that he would like Uncle Sam to have security. That is, ~~means, security,~~ in so far as the British are in a position to give it. Jesse Jones added that the ~~Jones continued that they~~

British are in a position to ~~secure~~ give us security for a very substantial part of that three billion, seven hundred and fifty millions, by putting up as collateral some of their profitable investments in this country.

He went on to say that for the ~~As for the~~ part of the loan which is not secured, the part of the money should be spent in this country, principally for our surplus farm products. In that way, ~~at least,~~ he said that at least our farmers and workers ~~will~~ would benefit by the loss our government is sure to sustain, ~~said Jesse Jones~~. Otherwise, he added, the money will be used against us, in trading with other countries.

The discussion ended with the Banking Committee recommending the loan by a vote of twenty-to-five.

ITALY

The Argentine Ambassador to Italy today found himself in a quandry. Though he has been in Rome for many years, and is one of the shrewdest observers of Italian affairs, he could not determine to whom he was accredited as ~~Amb~~ Ambassador. So he telephoned the Rome bureau of the UnitedPress, and asked them, His Excellency received the reply that that was hardly a ~~was a difficult~~ question for an impartial agency to answer. So then the Argentine Ambassador wanted to know whether the Allies recognize the Republic or the Monarchy. He was told that the Allies likewise considered that a difficult question.

However the Gordian knot was cut today when Humbert, now definitely an ex-King, took off on a four engine plane, presumably heading for Lisbon, to join his family. ~~at Lisbon. He left~~ Leaving the De Gasperi Cabinet in control of the country, with De Gasperi ~~the Premier~~ announcing that Italy now definitely is a republic.

There were twenty-five people aboard the plane, all dressed in civilian clothes, like the ex-king. Curious as it may seem, a number of laborers at the airport cheered him and shouted, "long live the king." And women ran to kiss his hand. Whatever may be said about the House of Savoy, a great many people in Italy, for some ~~unfathomable~~ reason, are in favor of that once Royal Family.

Later in the afternoon, word came from Madrid that Humbert's plane had landed at Barcelona. ~~That would~~ Which indicates that he is on his way to Lisbon, by way of Madrid.

The flag of the House of Savoy was finally lowered, at the royal quirinol palace, today as Humberto ~~as his~~ plane left Rome.

GRAND MUFTI

A bulletin from Paris just in reports that the President of Syria is about to produce the missing grand mufti of Jerusalem and introduce him to newspaper men at Damascus. In fact the press conference was to have taken place this afternoon but the Mufti didn't show up. At any rate there is good reason to believe he is hiding out somewhere in the suburbs of Damascus.

FLYERS

In Pittsburgh, there's a gasoline station, where one of the two owners wears a cap of fiery red. He cherishes that crimson headpiece - and ~~do~~ so does his partner. They ~~re~~ are two former war flyers, heroes of an adventure in which the red cap was a lifesaver. Glen Zehner, city editor of The Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph, has just told me the story.

Captain Frank Sweeney and Captain John Pacura served in the air invasion of Burma, staged by that legended British Commander, General Orde Charles Wingate, in cooperation with a young American, equally legended - Colonel Philip Cochran, the real life model of Flip Corkin in "Terry and the Pirates". They seized jungle bases behind the Jap lines, and poured in troops - by transport plane. Two of the transports were flown by Captains Sweeney and Pacura.

They were pals, who often talked about what they'd do after the war. They decided they'd go into business together - as partners which sounded okay - until Sweeney disappeared. He went on a flight over the Burma jungle, and didn't return.

An air search was made - no result. Hope was

abandoned for Frank Sweeney - abandoned by everybody except John Pacura, who doggedly continued to search. Pacura figured - what would he do after the war, without his future partner in business?

After thirteen days of searching, Pacura was flying over the jungle, when down below he noticed a glint of red - and that meant a lot. Sweeney always wore a red cap, which really belonged to his mechanic. He wore it for luck - and it certainly was lucky this time, Pacura swooped down toward the flash of red, and there - sure enough, was his future business partner.

Pacura dropped a walkie-talkie radio by parachute - to open communications with Sweeney. Presently, they were talking. Sweeney had been watching the plane for a long time, and into the walkie-talkie he yelled: "Who's that fool up there wasting government gasoline, and how do I get out of here?"

To which Pacura, high above, replied:

"You'd better show a little more gratitude, or I won't let you be my business partner". Which informed Sweeney it was his old pal who had found him.

Pacura dropped supplies, and had Sweeney rescued, And they went on flying in the Burma air invasion, talking all the while about that business they'd have after the war.

Well, now they've got it. Out of the army they looked around for business prospects, studied the possibilities, and ~~they~~ decided to open a Sunoco station, and sell Dynafuel. And that's how a business partnership, dreamed up during the Burma air invasion, has come true with dynafuel, Sweeney still wearing that red cap - for luck.

And now here's Hugh, speaking for Blue Sunoco and for those flyers in Pittsburg.