

Today we have some Washington opinion about
^{recent} clashes in the Supreme Court. For some time there have
been rumors of discord among the nine Justices of our
highest tribunal. ^{And} Now this has come out into the open,
with two ~~cases in which two~~ Supreme Court Justices
delivered ^{ing} outright attacks against a third. ^{It} Twice
during the past several days Justices Black and
~~Mr~~ Murphy have collaborated in formal opinions in
which they assailed their Supreme Court ~~justice~~
^{Mr. Justice} colleague, Frankfurter. ~~In a~~ ~~case involving patent~~
~~rights and in another having to do with the question~~
~~of public utilities, Frankfurter took a line of~~
~~argument which Black and Murphy, criticize in scathing~~
~~terms.~~ ^{It} They accuse Frankfurter of interpreting the
law on a basis of what they call ~~it~~ -- "personal views
on morals and ethics". And they ~~so~~ ⁹⁰ so far as to say
that Justice Frankfurter ~~is~~ ^{is} engaged in what they

describe^d as -- "dangerous business".

~~and~~ This appears to be the first time that any Supreme Court Justice has ever, in a court opinion, assailed another Justice openly and by name. *And it is the more interesting because Frankfurter is a Presidential admirer and one of the inner White House group.* ~~Washington today regards the~~ ^{clashes} ~~as a healthy sign. It is pointed out that all three of the Justices involved are New Deal appointees, named by President Roosevelt.~~ The two Republican Justices have no part in the argument, ^{all of} which suggests an implication that the Court majority ^{is} by no means an automatic expression of the same view -- the court presenting normal human differences.

~~At the same time, one more Washington view is that the clashes in the Court are delaying the retirement of Chief Justice Stone, one of the two Republicans. Chief Justice Stone is seventy, past the retirement age, and they say he would probably~~

~~step out -- save that he feels that he can exercise
a moderating influence and keep the clashes within
the Court from developing to a point where they would
be dangerous.~~ ^{JP} ~~all of which~~ ^{It all} puts a dramatic interest

on that august tribunal which maintains a dignity
stately and aloof. ^{TP} People attending Supreme Court
sessions now gaze with new interest ~~in~~ at the nine
judicial figures. And what ~~is~~ do they see? By a
fine turn of irony, the seating arrangement of the
Court places Justice Frankfurter in between Justices
Black and ~~Mr~~ Murphy, his two critics. ~~Are they~~
~~constrained? Not at all. In Court sessions they~~
~~chat amiably with each other. Frankfurter with~~
~~Black on one side and Murphy on the other.~~

STRIKES

Figures about strikes were given out in Washington today. They show that during the first eleven months of Nineteen ~~Four~~ Forty-Three there were three thousand four hundred and twenty five walkouts. And that was fifteen percent more than in the full twelve months of the previous year - Nineteen Forty-two. ^{And} The strikes were more serious in Nineteen Forty-three, with figures showing that man hours lost were four hundred percent greater. In fact, the number of strikes in Nineteen Forty-three was greater than in any year since Nineteen Nineteen -- with two exceptions, Nineteen Forty-One and Nineteen Thirty-Seven

BOOM

Some hint of the expected post-war boom is given in figures released in Washington today. The United States Chamber of Commerce has been conducting a poll, an inquiry into the way people plan to buy goods when the war is over. ^{TP} Of the thirty-five million families of the nation, twenty-two million and four hundred thousand indicate that they intend to go on a buying spree -- as soon as merchandise becomes available. These families, representing sixty-four percent of the nation, not only plan to purchase but are saving up the money to spend. ~~of these~~ Twenty percent don't know how much cash they'll have, but twelve percent think they'll be able to save more than Ten Thousand Dollars per family. ~~Fifty-one percent stated that they have now, at this present moment, accumulated savings equal to one tenth of their annual income.~~

Of ^{thousands} ~~hundreds~~ that intend to start buying
as soon as the war ends, ten and a half ~~pi~~ percent
plan to purchase automobiles and seven and a half
percent are thinking of mechanical refrigerators, the
good old ice box [^] and so on down the line of merchandise.

MURDER

Most of us, I imagine, have an eye for murder stories. Somehow or other, the strange cases of that capital offense against society ~~xxx~~ have perhaps a morbid interest in our kind of civilization. So here is probably the strangest and most bizarre murder story that you have ever heard of. Certainly, it is the most singular that I've ~~ever~~ encountered -- in my long time radio news reporting.

It was announced late tonight that the authorities have solved the killing of Jerome C. Hanse, in Los Angeles, on December the twenty-ninth.

A soldier has confessed to the crime. This is ~~announced~~ ^{stated} by the military authorities at El Paso.

~~Texas.~~

Private James ~~Richard~~ Richmond, in a signed statement, tells how ^{when} he was in Los Angeles, on a drinking party, he met Hanse. They drank heavily

and then Hanse took the soldier to his Los Angeles apartment. There they had a drunken brawl. The soldier says they had several fist fights, until finally the soldier knocked ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the other man down, and Hanse lay on the floor -- semi-conscious. The soldier says that he was afraid that he would have a fight on his hands all over again -- when Hanse came to. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ In the apartment was a folding bed, and so ^{in a freak of drunkenness} he picked up the prostrate man, put him in the folding bed and shut it up in ^{its} ~~the~~ compartment. And there the half-conscious Hanse smothered.

It sounds like something invented by the type of ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ chill-and-shiver-writer, who dreams up the more farcical kind of horror -- this grotesque of the soldier who shut another drunkard up in the folding bed. Like a story from the Grand Signal.

LEND-LEASE

President Roosevelt today, ~~told a tale of~~
~~Lend-Lease, and it is a big story -- big with enormous~~
~~figures. The President~~ reporting to Congress, gave
the Lend-Lease total to date as -- Eighteen Billion,
Six Hundred and Eight Million, ^{add.} ~~and Five hundred and~~
~~Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars. That much war goods~~
~~have we turned over to our Allies.~~

~~The President's~~ ^{His} report featured Lend-Lease
to ~~Soviet~~ Russia; ~~This totals~~ Three Billion Five
Hundred and Fifty Million, ~~and Four Hundred and Forty~~
~~Three Thousand Dollars,~~ more than one-fourth of ~~all~~
Lend-Lease ~~total~~ to date. We have sent to Russia
nearly seven thousand planes, more than thirty five
hundred tanks, and one hundred and ninety five thousand
other military vehicles. ~~Food and other agricultural~~
~~products delivered to the Soviets come to a total~~
~~of One Million seven hundred and Ninety Thousand tons.~~

The President ^{also} said ~~we are taking measures~~
~~to make it clear that Lend Lease goods~~ ^{eminate} ~~originating~~
~~from the United States and not from some other~~
~~country~~ Special labels and tags are used to identify
the materials as American. And, ^{he} ~~the President~~
recommended that an ~~arr~~ arrangement ~~should~~ be formed

to give the United States access to the oil
resources of the world; and also that something should
be done to regulate the use of overseas air fields,
such as have been largely developed by means of Lend-
Lease.

LEAD RUSSIA

It is official now that the Red Army has
crossed the ~~the~~ old border into Poland. This ~~has~~ had
been prematurely announced for a couple of days, but
now it has happened. Moscow states that Soviet
forces have now driven twelve miles into the territory
that is in dispute between Russia and ~~the~~ Poland.

~~Poland. They may do so at any moment, and a Stockholm~~
~~dispatch tells us that the German High Command today~~
~~has declared southern Poland to be what it calls~~
~~"a direct war zone". And the entire civil ^{administration} ~~administration~~~~
~~is to be evacuated.~~

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~~The war situation with regard to Poland~~
~~assumes a more and more political aspect, with Moscow~~
~~preserving a blank silence ^{about} ~~the~~ military operations~~
~~there and giving us nothing more than a political~~
~~bit of news. ^{TP} ~~This~~ ^{Moscow} tells of a Polish group formed~~
in the Soviet ~~capital~~ capital, a group calling itself -
"the Union of Polish Patriots". ^{Which} reminds us of
the anti-Nazi German organization ~~that~~ ^{that} was holding
forth in Moscow some while back.

The new Polish outfit, sponsored by the
Soviets, comes ~~forth~~ forward today with a bitter blast
against the exiled Polish government stationed in

London calling it "reactionary". The London regime is on the outs with the Soviets because the Russians claim the eastern part of what used to be Poland.

~~The Polish group in Moscow, however, doesn't agree~~

~~with that Polish line at all.~~ But the Poles who are

sponsored by the Soviets, declare that eastern Poland is really Russian and the Soviets should have it.

~~That~~ Take it, say they to Stalin; and ^{they} add that Poland should be compensated at the expense of Germany.

The Poles should take from Germany the ~~same~~ equivalent of what they lose to Russia. That's the Moscow Polish idea.

FOLLOW RUSSIA

This is followed by an announcement, just off the wire, that the exiled Polish government has made a formal declaration on the subject of the advancing Russian armies. The Polish premier in London formally declares that the Red Army, pushing across the former frontier, cannot be treated as an ~~ally~~ Ally unless the Stalin regime renews diplomatic relations with the exiled Polish government, and this the ~~Pol~~ Poles will not permit unless Poland gets back the areas that the Soviets claim.

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FRANCO

Tonight we have word of ^{the} Spanish Generalissimo, *Francisco Franco*, speaking words of praise. Franco has often spoken words of praise, but this time there is something unusual about it. The Spanish Dictator has been lined up with the ~~Nazi~~ Nazi-Fascist outfit although of late Franco has shown signs of turning toward the Allied side, -- the prospects of war being what they are. ^R So whom did Franco praise today? Why, the Yugoslav Guerrillas, of all people. In an official address, he paid tribute to the Yugoslav patriots, who are ^(battling) ~~fighting~~ so bitterly against the Nazis and Hitler. "They demonstrate," cried the Spanish Generalissimo "that against the virility and spirit of the people it is impossible to fight". All of which looks like another Franco drift toward the United Nations.

A giant air-mada of the R.A.F. smashed ~~at~~ the Nazi Baltic port of Stettin last night. One thousand-one-hundred-and-twenty tons of bombs hit the harbor, which is the big supply center for the German forces ^{along} ~~around~~ the Russian northern ~~front~~ front. In spite of the magnitude of the raid, only fifteen R.A.F. bombers failed to return. And the reason for the lightness of the loss was -- clever strategy.

The R.A.F. ~~is~~ ^{draw} ~~flinted~~ at Berlin and hit Stettin. That is, Mosquito fighters flew to the German capital and hurled bombs. But this was only a nuisance raid designed to ~~draw~~ ^{draw} Nazi fighter strength to Berlin. The plan succeeded; -- ~~and the Nazi~~ ^{fighters} diverted to the capital city, while the real R.A.F. blow encountered only light resistance at Stettin.

And war aviation news from London flashes that familiar and beguiling expression -- secret weapon.

It is disclosed today that a new and revolutionary type of fighter plane has been perfected. The secret is in its method of propulsion -- "jet propelled". The new fighter plane has none of those revolving blades to drive it along - no propellers. It is sent through the air by a system of jets -- and that sounds remotely like the principle of ~~the~~ rocket blasts.

The jet propelled fighter is capable of flying at enormous speeds and at great altitudes.

And we are informed that hundreds of successful *secret* flights have been made both in the United States and Great Britain -- without even an accident.

Late word from London tells us that for weeks Britain has been mystified by the flights of a weird-looking plane which didn't resemble anything ever seen before, and which emitted strange sounds. It was the jet propelled speedster of the sky.

The disclosure of the secret of the jet ~~propelled~~ plane aroused an instant furore today.

In Washington aviation observers pointed out that

the ~~pr~~ principle of jet propulsion had been demonstrated

several years ago -- in Nineteen Forty. At that time

flights were made by an Italian jet propelled plane,

~~It was~~ called the Caproni-Campiani. ~~plane,~~ And it made

a successful flight ~~by~~ piloted by the famous flyer

de Bernardi, the Italian ~~flyer~~ who won the ^{(Schneider} ~~Smy~~

Trophy for speed. De Bernardi kept the jet propelled

plane in the air for ten minutes, and later the

contraption made a flight from Milan to Rome.

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propelling principle consisted of air sucked ~~ixix~~ in at

the front, then compressed and heated and finally

driven out of the back -- which propelled the plane

forward.

News from the southwestern Pacific tells of a Japanese plane shot down by "Pappy" Boyington, the boss of the Black Sheep. *Thereby tying* ~~the boys out there~~ ~~bag so many a Jap that just another enemy plane brought down might not seem to be such a flashing headline.~~ ~~But the point is that with his latest victory Pappy Boyington of the Black Sheep now ties~~ the American *individual victories in air battle--* record for ~~planes shot down~~ [^] twenty-six. That mark was set in the previous war by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and it was duplicated all over again in this war by that ace of aces, *the Marine Major* Joe Foss of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, *who sat in front of me at the Rose Bowl* [^] And now the figure is matched *of the* by "Pappy" [^] Black Sheep.

Major Gregory Boyington of Okanogan, Washington started out as a member of that legendary flying outfit of Jap killers, the A.V.G., in China, Chennault's almost incredible gang of Flying Tigers.

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In other words, the Black Sheep was first a Flying Tiger and while he was a member of that branch of the animal kingdom he shot down six hostile planes.

When the A.V.G. was taken into the U. S. Army Air Forces, Boyington, the Flying Tiger, was sent to the southwestern Pacific where he promptly came to grief. The sky fighter, so accustomed to perils on high, broke a leg -- fell down the stairs, I suppose. That laid him up for seven months, and when he was ready for action again -- he was rather out of things.

TP He got back ⁱⁿ by organizing a group of his own, ^{though all} ~~the~~ he could get was some waifs and strays -- pilots who were so inexperienced and green that nobody else wanted them. He called them aptly enough - The Black Sheep. While they named him -- Pappy; because ^{he was} ~~he was~~ ^{back home.} ~~he~~ ^{the} father of three children, ~~he~~

TP He ^{his gang} trained ^{them} and turned them into a crack unit, and

soon our southwestern Pacific Air Forces were ringing with the fame of Pappy Boyington and his Black Sheep. Pappy himself ran up a string of individual victories that began to approach the mark set by Eddie Rickenbacker and Joe Foss -- twenty-six.

Pappy had twenty-five, when he and his Black Sheep were ordered on the latest raid against Rabaul. They flew to that great naval base, and promptly were assailed by a swarm of Zeros. The American planes in the action brought down six, with an added five probables. The Black Sheep were in the thick of it, and got their quota, -- with Pappy shooting down one. And with that he tied the Eddie Rickenbacker-Joe Foss record, as the news tells us today -- news hailing our latest ace of aces -- Pappy^{of} the Black Sheep.
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This was the story as I told on my earlier
~~XXXXXXXX~~ program -- broadcast to the eastern part of the
country tonight. It was a hearty and congenial story.
But ~~now~~ here's the latest, a bulletin that has since
flashed on the wire. The War Department announces
that Major Gregory Boyington is missing in action.
He vanished in the air raid, in which he shot down
his twenty-sixth plane. He downed the Jap for the
victory by which he tied the record -- and then failed
to return.

And this break of news, from one broadcast
to the other, is the most sardonic that I have known
in all
~~my~~ years on the radio.
