

JAPANESE PEACE TREATY C.T. - *Sunoco & P.O. Wed., July 23, 1947.*

Soviet Russia rejects the American suggestion for a Japanese Peace Treaty. The Moscow radio declares that Molotov has told Washington - no, nothing doing.

(The American proposal is that a treaty of peace with Japan should be drawn up by a peace conference of the eleven nations that were at war with Japan, decisions to be made by a vote of two-thirds - no big power veto. That's what Moscow turns down.)

Molotov declares that a peace conference like that would violate agreements, according to which peace treaties must be drawn up by the conference of foreign ministers - in which there <sup>is</sup> a big veto. *And* *seems to be* ~~that's~~ just the ~~pp~~ point - our government not wanting to get into another of those ~~deadly~~ deadlock wrangles by the Foreign Ministers, with everything tied up by the veto.

## ATOMIC

(The Atomic Energy Commission reported to Congress tonight that it is quote "establishing proving grounds in the Pacific for experiments and for tests of atomic weapons".)

After which revelation the Commission turned secretive and refused to elaborate. Gave no indication as to what part of the Pacific was being used as a test area for atomic warfare. Nor did it say what kind of atomic experiments were going on -- merely called them "routine."

The commission headed by David Lilienthal, had lots to say about the development of atomic energy in general. How the nation's atomic plants are working right around the clock; and, called for more help for private enterprise "to maintain and increase" the present American lead in atomic development. The Commission is quoted as saying that so far it has given principal attention to the production of atomic weapons and will continue to do so until international agreements make this unnecessary.

But we are not cracking the atom just to make atomic bombs says the report: "an important beginning has been made in exploiting peacetime uses of the atomic energy. Radio-isotopes, a most promising tool in chemistry, biology, and medicine, are being produced and distributed in ever increasing quantity. And the large scale production of atomic power for industrial and community use continues to be a major, if long term goal."

▲▲ The Commission also lauded the work of each of its five principal atomic laboratories -- and pointed out that they are "well distributed geographically." The main laboratories are located at Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Los Alamos, New Mexico; and the Argonne National Laboratory just outside of Chicago. In addition to these centers, fifty-two universities are participating in atomic research and development, and more than one hundred private contractors are working for the Atomic Commission.

## MARSHALL PLAN - GALLUP

I ran across a few figures today - that made me stop and think, stop and blink. They were percentages in the latest Gallup Poll, sampling public opinion in the greatest international headline of the day - the Marshall Plan. What's the public attitude toward that world-important program for the reconstruction of Europe - American help to supplement concerted European self-help? What do Americans think about the Marshall Plan - or do they know about it? That's the painful question.

(The Gallup Poll sampled public opinion with a series of questions, the first of which was as follows - "Have you heard or read about the Marshall Plan for helping Europe get back on its feet? " What do you think the answer was? Fifty-one per cent of those questioned, said - no, they had never heard or read of the Marshall Plan.) Forty-nine per cent said - yes, they had.

Well, it certainly would seem to be a blow to us newsmen. For weeks we've been talking and writing

about the Marshall Plan as the top international headline.

*And*  
we have at our disposal those fabulous modern means of spreading the news and informing the public - the press and radio. Yet, according to the Gallup Poll, more than half of the public *so far have neither* ~~never~~ heard <sup>or</sup> read about the biggest news that we've been discussing. Maybe we newsmen don't make it so interesting, and maybe we should hang our heads in shame. More so, - as a Gallup Poll in France and Holland showed that seventy per cent of the people in those countries know about ~~the~~ *our* Marshall Plan.

There's another angle in today's report that's equally remarkable - a breakdown of the kind of people who may or may not have heard about the ~~Marshall~~ Plan. Dividing them into educational classifications, grammar ~~in~~ school, high school, college. ~~so~~ What's the percentage among the people of higher education, college graduates? Three out of ten *haven't* ~~never~~ heard of the Marshall Plan - nearly one-third of those with college degrees.

~~we~~ We know that academic scholars <sup>do</sup> have a way of getting into an ivory tower, oblivious of all

save profound study and top lofty learning. They can get so interested in Greek literature or Assyrian archeology, that they disdain the vulgar events of the present day. So let's be charitable and suppose that three out of ten of our American college graduates are so absorbed in classical philosophy, ~~and~~ *metaphysics and so on*, that they don't bother their superior minds with the news of the world today.

~~run~~ Anyway, forty-nine per cent of ~~over~~ people have heard about the Marshall Plan. So what's their opinion of it? That's a little more encouraging. Fifty-seven per cent approve of the program of building up Western Europe, the countries where liberty still survives. Twenty-one per cent disapprove, and twenty-two per cent have no opinion.

2 The whole thing presents a grim sort of twister. In the present-day crisis of western liberty, the world looks to America, and the American way is to go according to public opinion-- the "consent of the governed", in the words of the Declaration of Independence. But how can public opinion make a decision in the greatest world issue today, if a majority of the people <sup>have</sup> never heard of it?

TRUMAN

In Washington, the Senate, was addressed today by Senator Truman. Yep, Senator is right.

The President was over at the Capitol having lunch with old friends of the days when he himself was a United States Senator, and they dared him to revert to type - and become Senator Truman again. <sup>And-</sup> That was possible, in a technical way.

So to the Senate Chamber the President went, joining the lawmakers in session. ~~Which~~ Which was his privilege - a former Senator being entitled, by courtesy, to have a place on the Senate Floor. Harry Truman, with practiced habit, walked over to the Democratic side, and took his old place - where he used to sit as Senator from Missouri. That seat now belongs to McGrath of Rhode Island.

Whereupon the President of the Senate, Vandenberg of Michigan, rapped with gavel, made some welcoming remarks to Harry Truman, and said that he <sup>-these were</sup> would ~~in~~ his own words - "recognize the Senator from Missouri for five minutes." Thus, in a technical sense,

Harry Truman <sup>became</sup> ~~was~~ a Missouri Senator once again.

He arose and addressed the Upper House, in the course of which he said: "I get homesick for this seat. I spent the best ten years of my life in this Senate. I made ~~firm~~ friendships and associations I can never forget. Once in a while," he went on, "I take pleasure in coming down and having lunch with a few of the ~~the~~ Senators. Today, they dared me to come in and take my old seat. I'm happy that I did."

Yes, it was all according to formalities and traditions of the Senate - ~~xx~~ except for one thing:- The Chair had recognized Senator Truman for five minutes, *but the Missouri Senator talked for only four minutes* - which was against all precedent. According to traditions of Senatorial oratory, you don't talk less, you talk more. But then, Harry Truman has been in the White House for a couple of years, and maybe he has forgotten some of those legislative customs he learned when he was a ~~Senat~~ Senator.

This pleasant reappearance of Senator Truman was followed by something with an ugly sound -



though it probably doesn't mean anything. \* Shortly after the President left the Senate, the capitol police seized a man with a pistol. In a Senate wash room they picked up a thirty-nine year old war veteran, armed with a loaded weapon, a twenty-two calibre <sup>pistolette</sup> ~~Riflescope~~ of a type made in France. It isn't clear if this has any ominous meaning - probably not.

## MARSHALL FIELD

Marshall Field, multi-millionaire publisher and editor, of the Chicago Sun, has just offered to purchase the Chicago Times for a cool five-and-a-half million bucks.

Marshall Field issued a statement this evening saying he would like to Publish the Sun as a morning tabloid and continue the Times as an afternoon tabloid.

And, the sale seems to have more than a good chance of going through. Richard Finnegan, widely known publisher of the Times, says that he has agreed to submit the offer of purchase to his fellow stockholders, believing that "joining the facilities of the Times and the Sun would be a good thing for Chicago". Five-and-a-half million bucks. Maybe that also would be a good thing for my old editor, Dick Finnegan, and his fellow stockholders of The Times. Could be!

The merging of the papers would solve two problems each currently faces. The Times has presses and other equipment which the Sun needs and

needs badly, -- the Sun being currently published in the Chicago Daily News plant. The Sun, on the other hand, has a news print supply which could make up for the deficiency the Times experienced in recent years with news print difficult to get.

Marshall Field says that if the stockholders of the Times accept the offer, his intention is to preserve the policy, staff, and ~~xxx~~ managerial personnel of that paper, with Dick Finnegan remaining in his present post as Editor and Publisher.

HUGHES

A Congressional Committee, investigating out in California, heard testimony today by a couple of Hollywood cuties. The subject - wartime aviation. The decorative damsels were questioned about parties given by Howard Hughes, the famous <sup>multi-</sup>millionaire flyer, who got forty million dollars from the ~~gub~~ government. <sup>So, maybe</sup> ~~suppose~~ the headline should be, millionaire gets more millions. This huge sum was handed over to Hughes to build a couple of planes in wartime, including the giant plywood flying boat that has been assembled at Los Angeles - and hasn't flown yet. The Senate Committee wants to find out about gaudy parties attended by big time Army and government officials - also by beauties of Hollywood.

One of the fair ladies questioned today was a swimmer, who told of a ~~Humk~~ Hollywood party that Howard Hughes gave for his friend Elliott Roosevelt and ~~xxxxxx~~ movie actress Faye Emerson, now Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt. The swimmer was paid to attend, and ~~x~~ go swishing through the pool in a flesh colored bathing suit. She testified that she didn't recognize many of the

government big timers who were supposed to ~~xxx~~ be present  
- though she did spot <sup>the</sup> head-of-war-production Krug. Several  
Senators and Congressmen were pointed out to her, also a  
lot of high ranking Army Officers, -- <sup>So said</sup> ~~according to~~ the  
witness.

~~The second Hollywood eye-ful was indignant about a statement that government officials learned about her and the bathing beauty because both of their names were on income tax reports made by the Howard Hughes Publicity man - he deducting from his tax, money paid to Hollywood girls for entertainment. She denied she had been paid to go to Howard Hughes' parties and insisted she had attended for social reasons only. She was very vague about government and Army big-wigs whom she may have met.~~

The inquiry today may have seemed as if it had something to do with night ~~flm~~ clubs or a burlesque show. But not at all - it was a matter of wartime aviation.

## BRIGAND

In upper Egypt, along the border of the Sudan, there's a King of the Brigands, Abd-El Ghaffar - who is a robber and assassin, because that is his destiny.

<sup>For</sup> any pious Moslem will tell you that all is decreed by ~~the~~ Fate - what is written is written, <sup>inshallah,</sup> And so <sup>with</sup> the Abd-El Ghaffar in all his robberies and assassinations.

Many are the stories of his exploits, especially at the game of fooling the police. & One tells of an ambitious young Egyptian policeman, who boasted that he would capture the King of the Brigands. He set out armed and dressed like a hero. - **But** how did he return? Allah be merciful'. Abd-El Ghaffar caught him out in the desert, and the conquering hero crawled back to town without a stitch on his back - for that too was written in the **Book** of **D**estiny.

Today we hear how a newsman over there in Egypt was able to get an interview with the King of the Brigands, an interview in which Abd-El Ghaffar

spoke with resignation. "I'm a peace loving man,"  
~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> said, in stately Arabic. <sup>Then he added that</sup> His Moslem soul yearns for  
tranquility, mildness and mercy. He told the newsman  
that one thing pained him especially - the way people  
exaggerate. The legend in Upper Egypt is that Abd-El  
Ghaffar has killed two hundred people, but this he  
denies. He told the newsman he had only killed eighty.  
~~He's~~ He's a peace-loving man.

He explained it all in the following  
philosophic words: "I can no more help this <sup>life</sup> ~~is~~ than  
~~than~~ you can yours." <sup>Then to</sup> ~~the~~ the newsman <sup>he went on:-</sup>  
"I am <sup>am</sup> fulfilling my destiny. What I am and what I do is  
written - it is <sup>So</sup> Fate." ~~the~~ quoth Abd-El Ghaffar, ~~the~~  
King of the Brigands.

All this became clearer than ever when he  
related how he first took to robbery and assassination.  
He said that when he was young, a rich man came to  
him and offered him a large sum of money to dispose  
of an enemy. He replied that he'd think it over. He  
did think it over, meditated ~~profoundly~~ profoundly, and

came to this conclusion -- that it was written. It was his destiny, and he followed it. Who can elude his fate? So what could poor Abd-El Ghaffar do - except plunder and murder?

"I walked that road," he told the newsman. "I would have liked to change, but I couldn't - for it was written." And that's the sad story of a peace loving man - In shallah.

And now, In shallah, we'll switch back to New York and hear the voice of El-Ghaffar Nelson Case -- if such be written in the Book of Destiny.



LONDON

Over in London they ~~is~~<sup>are</sup> digging and hunting - looking for Roman London. During the war, we heard that Nazi bombs had unearthed historic mementos of the past - relics of Medieval London, the city on the Thames in Anglo-Saxon times, all the way back to Roman London. All that has now turned into a systematic search, according to a plan which ~~is~~<sup>went into</sup> operation today.

The blitz of wartime did a big favor to the science of archeology. Scholars have known all along that down in the ground below the great modern ~~metropolis~~ metropolis, lay the ~~remnants~~ remnants of London, as the city flourished when Britain was a Roman Colony, fifteen hundred to two thousand years ago. Occasionally, ~~find~~ some priceless antique would be unearthed in excavations for bridges or docks, but it looked as if Roman London would remain a secret that could not be penetrated - because the remnants lay twelve to eighteen feet below the buildings and pavements of the busiest part of the British ~~metropolis~~ metropolis.

However, that's exactly where German bombs wrought the ~~worst~~ worst of havoc. About a quarter of

the site of the ancient city was blown to wreckage - rubble that London has been clearing out for the past couple of years, in preparation for rebuilding. But before putting up new structures, it was decided to dig down and give the archeologists a chance. A council was formed to direct the work, plans were laid, and today the digging began.

The ~~gxix~~ first excavations are being made in the London financial district, where they expect to find three bastions of the old Roman wall that defended the city in the days of the Caesars. After uncovering the remains of the wall, they'll follow along the ancient streets, and there's no telling what they'll find in the buried remains of a metropolis of the dim past.

~~Julius Caesar~~ marched along the line of the Lower Thames - but, in describing his invasion of Britain, he makes no mention of London. The history of the city begins in the century following, the first century A.D. London was not the capital of Roman Britain-York was. The city on the Thames was a great commercial mart, a center

## AUSTRIA

The state of affairs in Vienna, the city of waltzes and romance, is indicated vividly by an episode today. An official of one of the western powers, talking with a newsman, pointed to the telephone on his desk. "That," said he, "is a direct outside line. I cannot get any number on it the first time I dial -- but the second time I invariably get right through." A remarkable difference between dialing the number the first time, and dialing it the second. That first time, nothing doing. The second time -- prompt and perfect telephone service.

So what causes the contrast? Well, Vienna is under joint control of the western powers and Soviet Russia, and officials of the Western powers are perfectly well aware that their telephone lines are tapped -- Soviet intelligence agents listening in to their diplomatic talk, supposedly confidential.

The official who pointed out the curious telephone phenomenon elucidates as follows -- there's a Soviet Secret Agent who monitors each call, and nothing happens until he gets set. "My first dialing," said the Allied

official, "serves to laert the monitor. The he sees to  
it that I get good service, while he listens in!"