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Today's (new Trans-Atlantic record) was the more remarkable, because of the handicap. (The plane, flying east to west, had to buck powerful headwinds.)

Winging high, at an altitude of forty-thousand feet, the speedy aircraft flew through ^a ~~a gale, blowing at~~ ^{gale} - ninety miles-an-hour - which cut down the speed that much. Yet a new record ^W ~~as~~ set - North Ireland to Newfoundland in four hours and thirty-seven minutes.

The best previous time was made by a Pan-American Constellation, which flew from Shannon, Ireland, to Gander Bay, Newfoundland - in six-hours-and-forty minutes; ^{that} ~~which was~~ beaten today by ~~3~~ more than two hours.

The plane ~~is~~ that did it makes the story a lot more important than a mere speed record (a Canberra jet bomber.) ~~That~~ secret British plane is reputed to have a top speed of six hundred miles an hour. (The crossing today was made at ^a little more than four hundred and forty-four miles an hour) - in the face of ~~that~~ ninety mile an hour headwind. It was

(the first non-stop trans-Atlantic flight by jet - without refueling in mid-air.)

Strictly a - business-crossing. The Canberra jet bomber will fly on to Washington, where it will be thoroughly tested at Andrews air base - with a ~~xxx~~ view to putting the Canberra into mass production over here. The jet speedster is called the fastest bomber in the world - and, if it lives up to its reputation, the U N Air Force will adopt it for use in ~~general~~ Eisenhower's army of West European defense. The Canberra hereafter, is likely to cut a large figure in American jet aviation.

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Arabia has agreed to let the United States retain a strategic air base at Dhahran. The term is for six months - after which new arrangements will have to be made. The Dhahran base, in Arabia, is important because its a field from which American B-29s could strike at Soviet oilfields.

Today's arrangement, worked out with representatives of King Ibn Saud, provides that ^{the} U.S. Air Force ~~Q~~ may keep small ground crews at the base - and will train Saudi Arabians to take over the tasks of Air Base maintenance -- in addition to which, Ibn Saud is asking for supplies of American armament, together with military training for his Arabs.

More and more, the countries of the Middle East are raising the price for Air Bases and ~~oil~~ oil concessions. ^{Realizing} their own geographical importance in the plans of the western allies. So King Ibn Saud ~~is driving~~ is driving a shrewd bargain for the Dhahran base, which is within bombing range of Soviet oil.

CHIANG KAI SHEK

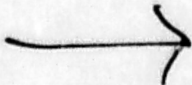
A late story from Washington states that the Chiang-Kai-Shek ~~XXXXX~~ regime on Formosa will go broke in six months - unless American financial aid is forthcoming. The Nationalists are taxing the people of the island heavily, and seventy percent of the revenue goes to military preparations against a possible Communist invasion. Moreover, Chiang Kai-Shek is compelled to dig into the gold reserve his government took to Formosa; ~~and is estimated to have left only about~~ Thirty-three million out of an original three hundred million. So he is pressing the United States for funds - and may get some help from our government, according to word from Washington tonight.

ACHESON

(Secretary Acheson indicates that he does not ~~exp~~ expect Soviet Russia to intervene directly in the Korean war - even though Red China is now taking a bad beating.) At a news conference today, he was reminded of Stalin's boast that the U N forces would be defeated in Korea, and was asked if he thought ~~that~~ this might signify possible Russian intervention - since the Chinese Reds are getting the worst of it. Acheson answered - no, he didn't think so.

SUBSTITUTE KOREA

The latest ~~re~~ from Korea is a bulletin, flashing the news that MacArthur's troops are surging in a new big offensive along a sixty-mile front. For a beginning, they drove six miles ahead without meeting any serious opposition. ~~General~~ ~~Gen Douglas~~ MacArthur launched the new attack with an announcement in a special communique -- telling his troops to advance. The latest dispatches makes it clear that this is a major operation all the way across Central Korea.



ADD SUB KOREA

Eighth Army Commander General Ridgway is in personal charge of the new offensive which was ordered by ~~XXXXX General~~ MacArthur under the significant name of "operation killer".

RED PEACE COUNCIL

(That new Red propaganda stunt, the World peace council, opened in the Soviet sector of Berlin today) - with a harangue by the Italian Left Wing Socialist leader, Nenni! He blasted away with the usual diatribes against the west, especially the United States; And - the United Nations. All - echoing the foreign policy declarations made by Stalin last week. ^R ⁻² The Red propaganda outfit is attracting considerable attention in the western countries - the more so because of a supposition that the Soviets may threaten to quit the United Nations, and make the "World Peace Council" a rival organization.

CONTROLS

The Price Administrator has cracked down on the sale of automobiles, in the evasion of Price regulations. A temporary measure was imposed today, to check what is called the "new-used" car racket. A permanent order is being prepared - to stop the practice.

Unscrupulous dealers take a new car, on which there is a ceiling price, drive to for a few miles, and then label it "used car" on which there is no ceiling. Then they sell it for more than the legal price of a new car. The new measure will put a ceiling on used cars.

The crackdown, announced by Price Administrator Michael Disalle, will also hit those dealers who load new cars with a lot of extras - to run the price up. That's forbidden.

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The question of an Alabama paper mill appears, likewise - with Senator Fulbright of Arkansas declaring that his banking sub-committee will investigate. ^H The charge is that the R.F.C., having granted a loan to the mill, forced out the owner, Rubin Hartman, in a squeeze-play. Hartman claims that Congressman Boykin of Alabama was "very active" in getting the R.F.C. loan - which was granted on condition that forty percent of the company stock be turned over to the "Boykin interests." Hartman says this was done "indirectly." ^{Congressman} ~~and~~ Boykin denies ^{all this,} ~~the whole~~ ^{thing.} ~~thing.~~ *emphatically.*

TREE

At Pittsburgh the County Commissioners have ordered a lot of elm trees cut down - at a Memorial to the poet Joyce Kilmer. They are felling the elms, so people will be able to see a plaque on the memorial, and read the lines engraved thereon. Those famous Joyce Kilmer lines:

"I think that I shall never see,

A poem lovely as a tree."

The trees being cut down so folks can read that poem in adoration of the tree.

SAFE- CRACKER

In the Scottish high court at Glasgow today Lord Russell pronounced a sentence in a sad voice. The prisoner was Johnny Ramensky - noted as a war hero safe-cracker.

Some years ago Johnny blew a safe, and was given five years. But he was so skillful at it that, during the Second World War, he was taken out of prison and put into the army - to teach the safe-cracking technique to British Commandos. Thanks to his instructions, the Commandos, on their raids, were able to get quickly into Nazi safes, and obtain important secret information. After the war, Johnny was discharged from the army with high praise. The recommendation said he had - "initiative and responsibility, honest and reliable."

Whereupon Johnny went on to a career of bookmaking, but he had bad luck at that. *So - you've guessed it -* ~~So~~ he cracked another safe, *Caught* ~~and once again~~ he was given - "five years".!

He served the term, was released recently -

and decided to get married. But he needed money for ~~that~~.
You know what happened. Right-ho! He
~~that~~ ~~and~~ went up to Scotland - where he cracked a safe.

So today the war hero was up before the
Scottish high court, and Lord Russell's voice was
sad as he said: "Five ^{more} years!" There's a war
hero - a fellow who really needs
a friend - some one, ~~to~~ a good
wife - to crack him over the noggin
when he gets in that safe cracking
mood. Or maybe he should join
a society like the A A S -
safe crackers Anonymous.

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CABLE CAR

From Brazil, ^{more about that} ~~reports a prolonged~~ ordeal for twenty passengers & when ^{the} ~~an~~ accident happened to a cable car on its way to the top of ^{famous} ~~the famous~~ sugar loaf mountain, ~~the famous~~ peak that overlooks Rio. The car was six hundred feet in the air, when the main cable broke. Luckily, there was a safety cable, and it held. But, they didn't dare ~~to~~ move the car along that, for fear it would break. So the twenty passengers were left dangling in the air - for nine hours.

The hero of the occasion was an electrical worker, Augusto Goncalvez, who was riding on top of the car - inspecting the line. He started out by quieting the passengers and then ~~he~~ made his way down the safety cable, using a rope ^{that he} ~~he~~ looped over it. Reaching the ground he climbed the slope to the top ~~is~~ of the mountain, and there ran a rescue operation, ^{He next slid} ~~by sliding~~ down the cable line in a small open car used for carrying packages. Into this he transferred passengers, ~~xxxxxx~~ four at a time, and they were hauled up to the top of the mountain. Transfer of passengers in mid-air

ADD CABLE CAR

The latest -- the ~~xx~~ reward for Augusto Goncalves. The city of Rio de Janeiro responds with cash gifts of six thousand dollars to pay for the education of his three sons.

-- until all twenty were taken out. One, a tourist from London says: "I'm not complaining over having participated in this marvelous adventure."

ert → Suspended in the air for nine hours - how's that for suspense + Nelson ?