

FINLAND

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This afternoon, it was officially stated that Stalin has sent a message to the President of Finland - a message ~~xxxxxx~~ proposing an alliance between Soviet Russia and the Finnish Republic. This had been rumored earlier in the ~~ix~~ day - now it's official.

First we heard that President Paasikivi and the Ministers of his Cabinet were holding emergency sessions, considering a Soviet suggestion for a mutual assistance pact. Which sounded alarming for the ~~xxxx~~ Finns - the downfall of liberty in Czechoslovakia having just happened. The tragedy of the Czechs began with the signing of a treaty in Moscow. That mutual assistance pact with the Soviets was <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ starter, ~~xxxxxx~~ leading to the Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia which now has happened. <sup>R</sup> So it looks as if Finland <sup>indeed</sup> might be next on the list. - ~~a thing which, indeed, has been~~ rumored.

The Soviet proposal came in fact from Stalin himself, in a personal message to President Paasikivi. Stalin, says the dispatch reminded Paasikivi

that the Soviets now have mutual assistance pacts with all Russia's western neighbors - except Finland. Which, also, might have a sinister reminiscence:-Except for Finland, all of Russia's western neighbors are not only tied in with treaties, but are also Red puppet dictatorships, satellite police states.

But ~~xxx~~ what can the Finns do about it?

What could the Czechs do about it? The ~~latest~~ latest from Helsinki is that the Finnish government will accept the Soviet invitation, extended by Stalin and will enter negotiations - a Finnish delegation will go to

Moscow. <sup>R</sup> At the moment, the Finns are most concerned about one angle - they don't want to go into an alliance directed against the western powers. They wouldn't mind so much if the mutual assistance treaty were to be directed against a revival of German militarism. But all the other pacts between the Soviets and satellites involve these countries in an alliance against the West.

<sup>R</sup> The Finns will try to negotiate and get what concessions they can - as they go to Moscow with Czechoslovakia on their minds.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In Czechoslovakia today, President Benes swore in the new Communist Cabinet. <sup>As he did so he</sup> made it clear that he did not approve of the Red seizure of power.- He said he gave his okay only to avoid internal strife and all around ~~a~~ chaos.

Immediately after the ceremony, the new Communist Government sent a sharp reply to the United States, Great Britain and France. These three western democracies have protested against the establishment of a Communist dictatorship in Czechoslovakia. To which the Red Regime replies in effect - its none of your business.

All the measures of totalitarianism are being put into effect <sup>in Prague -</sup> including a curb on ~~the~~ foreign newsmen. ~~The~~ Correspondents were informed <sup>today</sup> that, if they hereafter send out untrue or distorted stories - "proper measures" will be taken against them. It isn't clear what the "proper measures" will be. - But, as for untrue or distorted stories, the Red censor will be the judge of what is untrue and what is distorted.



## MOSCOW EMBASSY

A late flash from Moscow tells of the resignation of the Information Assistant at the American Embassy -- Annabella Bucar. She quits her job saying that she intends to live in Soviet Russia -- where in her words -- the people are doing their utmost toward making the world a better place to live in. This Embassy Information Assistant denounces the American policy toward the Soviet.

All of which makes one wonder what kind of people do our diplomatic service employ? However, there is a later flash ~~xx~~ of explanation. A quick inquiry was put to Annabella's ~~xxx~~ home town, Clairton, Pennsylvania. ~~and~~ There her sister told the United Press that she had just received a telephone call from Moscow, Annabella on the wire, Annabella saying that she had just got married. Presumably she married a Russian, which would account at least in part for her determination to become a permanent resident in the Communist Utopia.



## SUBVERSIVES

Today's expose of Reds holding dangerous positions in the Army points to St. Louis, the great Army Administration Center there. That's really one hot place for Communists to get into - crammed, as it is, with records. (~~At the Administration Center, the Army has huge archives, which contain, among other things, the records of soldiers, the Reserve, the manpower of the nation, -- all of the greatest importance, should there be a call to arms. So what do we find now?~~)

The Army announces that seven civilian employees at the Administration Center have been fired as "subversive," Still others are being investigated by military intelligence and the F.B.I. The unofficial information is that twenty-six more disloyalty cases have been turned over ~~for~~<sup>OR</sup> investigated. We are told that ~~our~~<sup>Army</sup> the vast <sub>^</sub>archives have become a "beehive" of Communist activity.

Here's a most interesting angle, which the news dispatch says it has from Army sources: One reason why the Commies are so keen about the great files

of records!-We are told that their purpose is to destroy or to alter the service records of Communists and fellow-travelers who were in the Army in World War Two.

R The Army ~~xxxx~~ marked down a lot of things about the soldiers who were inducted - and this would include a lot of facts about the affiliations of Reds and their stooges.

~~R Nowadays, it's not so convenient to be a Communist any more - and concealment is a part of the tactics of the Reds, <sup>under</sup> cover. So it sounds plausible enough that the Communists would try to infiltrate <sup>at his</sup> the administration center at St. Louis, for the purpose of eliminating records ~~embarrassing for hidden Reds.~~ However, Army authorities declare that they have no knowledge of tampering with the records.~~

SPY

We have a war time spy story that really hits a new high in the realm of espionage; ~~and it has nothing to do with the Nazis, nothing to do with Hitler, secret agents.~~ ~~We are told of a <sup>Q</sup> confidential White House telegram in Nineteen Forty Five, ~~a telegram~~ sent by President ~~Franklin D.~~ Roosevelt to Chiang Kai-Shek in China, ~~that~~ ~~we don't know what was in the telegram, but ~~it~~ was top secret; - ~~and~~ <sup>but -</sup> Soviet Russia got it.) ~~The White House telegram was transmitted to Soviet espionage and, in fact, the Roosevelt message was ~~in~~ Moscow had it before it had ever left Washington for China.~~~~~~

The plot thickens, till it virtually becomes glue, when we are told of a personage ~~unknown~~ under suspicion. It is believed that the secret Roosevelt message to China was handed over to the Soviets by an American diplomat - who is still in the diplomatic service. ~~His~~ <sup>His</sup> Name ~~is~~ not mentioned. He's merely referred to as Number Fifty-Two - in the style of secret agent mystery.

All this was disclosed today by a



Congressional Committee, which tells of receiving a report on the case from the files of the State Department. This report was made out by a ~~security~~ <sup>an</sup> investigator for the State Department, who ~~xxx~~ stated that he got his information from a special emissary of the late President Roosevelt. This emissary is on record as merely "X-six." All ~~+~~ continuing the vein of mystery.

According to the report, emissary X-six told the security ~~investigator~~ investigator that in London he learned that a confidential telegram from the Generalissimo Chiang President to ~~Chiang Kai-Shek~~ had got into the possession of the Soviets; <sup>that indeed</sup> ~~moreover~~ the secret Roosevelt telegram ~~had~~ reached Moscow before it ever started <sup>for</sup> ~~from~~ China.

At this point the diplomatic official, Number Fifty-two, enters the picture. He was suspected; <sup>and</sup> investigation showed that, on the day the Soviets got the confidential telegram, number fifty-two was seen contacting a man in Washington - and this man was trailed to the Soviet Embassy.

~~Later on, a raincoat was found in a wash~~

room in the State Department - a raincoat believed to belong to number fifty-two. In a pocket they found papers with writing in Russian. From their character, the papers appeared to be those of a Russian language student. That was curious because number fifty-two was no Russian language student - did not know a word of Russian. All of which would make it appear that number fifty-two was having dealings with somebody studying Russian.

~~That's the evidence for the belief~~ ~~that~~ ~~an~~ American diplomatic official, number fifty-two, gave the information of the secret White House telegram to some unknown individual, who thereupon went straight to the Soviet Embassy - and handed it over. The report adds the detail that all ~~this~~ this was known to a United States Senator. Which one? Why, Senator X-Seven, - just to complete the tone of secret agent mystery.

*And to continue that tone of mystery I ought to turn the microphone over to someone with a sinister voice. Instead, here's our friend with the Ivory-bills-voice-Nelson Case.*

## PALESTINE

( The Zionists of Palestine are prepared to set up a Jewish Government even if the United Nations does not send an international army to keep the peace.)

The speaker was Moshe Shertok, political chief of the Jewish Agency, <sup>who</sup> ~~which~~ today stated to the U.N. that the Zionist leaders were still of the belief that it was "virtually necessary" for the United Nations to send Military forces - in defense of a Jewish state. But, if necessary, the Zionists would rely on Haganah, their own army.

The spokesman for the Jewish Agency asked for a lifting of arms embargoes. He argued that the members of the U.N. should supply arms to the Jews, who are defending the partition plan decreed by the U.N. - and, withhold arms from the Arabs who are resisting the plan.



## HONDURAS

The new uproar in Central America results in the usual thing - a protest to the United ~~Nxxx~~ Nations, Guatemala complaining about Great Britain. This follows the dispatch of British warships to the colony of British Honduras, next door to Guatemala.

London is rushing two cruisers, the Sheffield and the Devonshire - the latter crammed with soldiers. Today at Jamacia, the Devonshire took aboard combat troops of the Gloucester Regiment, and tonight is steaming for the Central American ~~shxxx~~ shore.

~~The trouble is of course, about claims that Guatemala makes to British Honduras. Britain has held that colony for a long time with Guatemala never conceding the British right and title. So now the whole thing comes to an uproar - the noise of which is combined with the South American shouting about the Falkland Islands and the Antarctic Continent, Argentina ~~an~~ and Chile disputing ~~the~~ British ownership in the far South.~~

The London government accuses Guatemala of stirring up trouble - saying that the Guatemala government

is, in the words of the London dispatch - "inciting irresponsible elements in British Honduras against Britain." Hence the sending of the cruisers and soldiers.

This, ~~to~~ the Guatemalans, is an attempt at intimidation, the Guatemalan Ambassador to London describing the display of force in these ~~was~~ words - "a little out of date for the world of Nineteen Forty Eight." A neat enough remark - which is followed by the news of the Guatemalan protest to the United Nations. Not only that, the Central American Republic is also protesting to the Pan American Union and to every nation of the ~~Am~~ Americas individually. which means a whole lot of protesting - must be keeping the Guatemalan Foreign Office busy.

The Government of the Central American Republic adds that the shaking of the British mailed fist in the form of two cruisers has incited the patriotic fervor of the people of Guatemala; - and ~~we~~ <sup>we all</sup> know how high patriotic fervor can rise in Latin America.

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~~THE~~ news dispatch tells of parades of  
~~the~~ students and workers in the streets of Guatemala City,  
i singing out with national slogans and cussing out  
Great Britain.

Central America is the land of the Banana  
Republics, but British Honduras has more than <sup>bananas.</sup> ~~bananas~~ - It's  
great wealth is mahogany. I suppose the place is worth  
quarreling about; but, it does seem a pity to add another  
~~the~~ discordant note to the already sour symphony of the  
nations. However the <sup>bananas</sup> ~~bananas~~ are flying! <sup>a</sup> barrage against  
the British - who wouldn't mind if a few bananas were to  
<sup>turn up</sup> ~~be~~ in England, where they are so scarce.



ST LAWRENCE

(The much debated St. Lawrence Seaway Project was put on the shelf today - for at least another year.) There has been all kinds of argument about that proposal to open a great water highway to the Great lakes and the St Lawrence. Today the advocates of the ~~Plan~~ plan, headed by Senate President Vandenberg made a strong plea x in favor of the bill to appropriate seven-hundred-and-twenty-million dollars. But (the Senate ~~rejected~~ voted to send it back to the Foreign Relations Committee) which in effect, put the whole thing off x for another year.

An army of educators descended upon New York City today -- thousands of them, visiting the big city before going home. Fifteen thousand American educators have <sup>ing</sup> just concluded their annual session -- the convention of the American Association of School Administrators, <sup>which went on</sup> at Atlantic City all this week.

I talked to one of their leaders today, Lloyd Shaw, an educator from Colorado; and he referred to this as one of the most important conventions they have ever held because of the extreme urgency of the nation's educational problems.

In typical western language, the language of the <sup>range</sup> ~~ranch~~ and the cattle ranch, he said: "The calf problem is great. <sup>meaning</sup> ~~By that I mean~~ not ranch calves but children. The birth rate having gone up during and since the war. ~~and now~~ Our schools <sup>now</sup> ~~are~~ crowded, and from coast to coast school buildings ~~are~~ obsolete. ~~Primary grades double in size. The problem of illiteracy in the south not yet solved.~~

Said Lloyd Shaw: The consensus of the educators ~~met~~ at the convention was that the American schools no<sup>w</sup> must have financial help from the federal government -- but, without government control or intervention. He said it was generally agreed that our local school taxes already are extremely high, <sup>and</sup> that further money should not come from there, but should come from other tax sources -- federal; -- for new schools, better educational facilities in every way; <sup>and more</sup> ~~better~~ pay for ~~all~~ teachers, and better teachers.

Lloyd Shaw, in addition to being a prominent western educator in the conventional sense, is the leading authority in American on square dancing, <sup>both</sup> ancient and modern. He has played a large part in the revival of square dancing which in recent years has swept the nation.



# DINOSAURS

Here's a report out of the dimmest of  
the dim past, the discovery of the Granddaddy of the  
giant dinosaurs of the age of reptiles. <sup>This time it</sup> ~~It~~ doesn't come <sup>from</sup>  
~~from any distant continent.~~ ~~The Dateline is~~ - New Mexico.  
*Ray Chapman Andrews on*

A party of scientists, headed by George Gaylord Simpson  
of New York's Museum of Natural History, ~~is down there~~  
~~on a mission of science.~~ ~~(They <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ in the old gold-~~  
~~prospecting country, where many a desert rat has~~  
~~adventured on the traditional western treasure hunt. But~~  
~~the scientists are looking for old bones, fossils~~ which  
~~is the paleontological kind of treasure hunt.)~~

In a caravan of jeeps they made their way  
into <sup>to</sup> ~~one of~~ the remotest parts of ~~western New Mexico~~  
~~Mexico, to lofty~~ San Pedro Mountain, a tall peak in the  
~~Bad Lands.~~ <sup>And</sup> They made their find on a ghost ranch where  
some years ago a luckless rancher thought he could make  
a go of it, but had to give it up.

(~~The geological signs indicate that San Pedro~~  
~~Mountain and the Bad Lands were at one time the site of~~

~~ancient seas, rivers and forests a haunt for what were really sea serpents. That is, dinosaurs that lived in the water.~~ On the ghost ranch the fossil hunters, digging down, found a layer of bones in the rock, the ~~remains~~ remains of dinosaurs. ~~But don't think of the giant fossils of enormous reptiles. It's the other way around, small fossils.~~ The report received today describes the find as follows - "full of bones of little dinosaurs piled one on top of the other."

Hitherto, little has been <sup>h</sup>shown about this particular type of pre-historic reptile. But now the paleontologists have fossils in abundance to study. The point about the little dinosaur is this; - it was a forerunner of the huge reptiles, like the monster, tyrannosaurus. ~~In other words, on the ghost ranch near San Pedro mountain, they've unearthed all kinds of fossil remains of the granddaddy of the giant dinosaurs.~~

~~They've also found fossils of one of the world's first plant eaters - an animal dating back only forty-five million years ago. Paleontological treasure trove on the ghost ranch!~~

WEATHER

The weather story tonight, <sup>In Northern</sup> ~~is in two sections~~  
~~California~~ -- ~~rain~~, and ~~that's~~ <sup>good news.</sup>

~~both~~ In the North Central States, a blizzard, ~~is~~  
~~sweeping storms of snow and sleet in~~ In Minnesota,  
traffic snarled, communication lines down, many towns  
isolated.

In the Southwest, tornadoes, cloud bursts  
and ~~firm~~ floods - all the way from Kansas to Texas. ~~The~~  
~~Lone Star State hit the hardest cyclonic winds,~~ followed  
by ~~a~~ torrential rainfall, <sup>and flooding</sup> ~~which caused~~ rivers to surge over  
~~their banks in a series of bad floods.~~



## BIG MEAL

There is a cafeteria in downtown Los Angeles run by a philanthropist which is a kind of seventh heaven for the hungry, particularly for those who are short on cash. One of the attractions of Clifton's is that you can eat all you want for fifty cents, in extremely lavish surroundings - to music of name bands, and other entertainment. You can even eat for free, or pay what you can afford, with no strings attached.

Today a middle aged man came in to Clifton's and planked down his fifty cents at the counter bearing the sign "All You Can Eat for Fifty Cents". He piled his tray with food and went to a table. Then he came back for more - another pile, ate it, and returned. Soon he was at the counter again. The staff kept on serving him.

Finally, after his eighteenth trip to the food supply, he quit, having eaten thirty dollars worth.

What do you think about that, Nelson?