

EGYPT

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The news from Egypt has a grim sound. In Cairo, a "Revolutionary Tribunal" has been established - to suppress opposition to ~~the Egyptian~~ Strong Man President Mohammed Naguib. ~~This~~ A three-man court, ~~which~~ described as "unfettered by any law." Naguib says the new Revolutionary Tribunal will, in his words - "relentlessly root out elements seeking to overthrow the regime."

This follows last night's announcement of a plot against Naguib, sponsored by what were called - "foreign imperialists." Which meant - the British, we are told.

Today's dispatch from Cairo is the more grim, because of - a quotation. Naguib, in an address to a huge crowd, quoted an injunction given by the Prophet Mohammed. In these words: "Kill all those who seek to break your unity."

The crowd responded with yelling - "Death to traitors!"

It looks as if serious trouble might be stirring for the Egyptian Strong Man - when he takes an attitude so ~~stirring~~ *threatening*.

## EAST GERMANY

There's a report in Berlin that Russian armored forces have crushed a mutiny in the Red Police of East Germany. In the Province of Mecklenburg, in a revolt against Russian officers training East German policemen. Two thousand of whom broke into open revolt. The Russian troops and tanks had to be called, and there was ugly fighting - before the mutiny was quelled.

Meanwhile, the West German authorities report that, yesterday, twenty-one members of the Communist police fled to the Western sector, and asked for political asylum.

McLEAN

The police of Western Europe are on the lookout for Mrs. Donald McLean and her three children. She's the American wife of one of Britain's "missing diplomats." Donald McLean and Guy Burgess, officials of the British Foreign Office - who vanished in Nineteen Fifty-One. Many ~~people~~ believe they fled to the Reds, and are behind the Iron Curtain. Which may now be the case of McLean's wife and their three children. Although, there's another supposition - that they may have been kidnapped.

Mrs. McLean and children had been living in Switzerland, Geneva - together with her mother, Mrs. Melinda Dunbar, formerly of New York. She told her mother she was going on a trip to a Swiss village, about forty miles away - and took the children with her. She never returned.

Her mother appealed to the police. Then, several days later, received a telegram - ostensibly from her daughter. Saying - "I'm all right. Don't worry." Mrs. Dunbar says she doesn't believe the telegram was actually sent by her daughter.

The disappearance was kept a secret for five days.

Now made public - as the police conduct a search far and wide.

STEVENSON

There's no administration comment on former Governor Stevenson's address last night. No reply <sup>so far</sup> to the suggestions he made - that we should go into a top level conference with the Soviets, and offer the Russians a non-aggression pact.

The radio-television speech made by last year's Democratic nominee was moderate and reasoned. No political blast - although Adlai Stevenson did say that "McCarthyism" is having a bad effect on American prestige abroad.

Altogether - a thoughtful report on that Stevenson trip around the world.

Today, the Republicans moved into Chicago for a political rally of their own. And Bertha <sup>Adkins,</sup> ~~Adkins~~ head of Republican women's activities, had this to say about the Stevenson address: "He spoke about things we all recognize to be true."

## AIR FORCE

The Air Force is cancelling orders for several thousand Jet engines - to save as much as half a billion dollars, in an economy move. But Air Secretary Talburt. says this will not interfere with the goal of increasing U.S. air power to one hundred and forty-three wings.

At the same time, Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey declares that the administration will go through with tax reductions on January First. He says enough progress has been made in balancing the budget to let the excess profits tax end on that date. Personal income taxes to decrease - about ten per cent.

The Secretary added that he is "optimistic" about the business outlook. No cause to anticipate any serious recession.

## NEW TYPE RADAR

EXTRA

An entirely new type of radar - audible radar.

It sounds a warning.

At present, a plane may be spotted on a radar screen where it appears as - a "pip." The screen has to be watched, day and night, by a lot of people in a whole string of radar stations. The new audible system would attract attention by sounding a - "ping" in addition to showing the "pip" on the screen. "Automatic" too.

A network of radar across the Canadian and Alaskan Arctic, with nobody at all at the stations in the frozen North. Everything automatic - the stations registering their information at a "central" control board. Automatic spotting - on guard against an atomic attack across the North Pole.

ARMY - LIQUOR

Assistant Secretary of Defense John Hannah - declares that retail liquor dealers have been inciting temperance organizations to protest against the sale of liquor at Army posts. Recently, a ruling was issued - whereby alcoholic beverages may be purchased by Army officers and non-commissioned officers, the way the Navy has permitted all along. That aroused a lot of opposition - with demands that the ruling be cancelled.

Assistant Secretary Hannah told a news conference today that the retail liquor dealers are afraid that sales at Army posts might cut into their own business. So <sup>they are</sup> ~~they are~~ sponsoring a campaign, in which they've been using anti-liquor groups, including - The Women's Christian Temperance Union, ~~which exerts powerful influence.~~

Hannah says that he gave his approval to the ruling - and won't back down.



## NEW YORK PRIMARY

New York politicians were busy, today, dopping out the meaning of the primary figures. Which wasn't hard - with returns picturing an overwhelming victory for the liberal faction of the Democratic Party of New York City. <sup>J</sup>Borough President Robert Wagner, son of the late Senator Wagner, was backed by Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Senator Lehman, and former Mutual Security Administrator Harriman. They - representing the New Deal tradition, descended from F.D.R. Mayor Impellitteri, seeking the Democratic nomination, had the support of former Postmaster General Jim Farley - the conservative. Wagner beat Impellitteri by three hundred and fifty thousand to one hundred and eighty-two thousand, nearly two-to-one.

This is also a resounding victory for Tammany Hall and its leader, Carmine de Sapio, who was at bitter feud with Mayor Impellitteri. The campaign was acrimonious, with ugly charges of gangsterism and corruption. Leader de Sapio of Tammany Hall virtually fighting for his political life - and he

scores a triumph over his enemy, the Mayor.

The primary vote was light, only twenty-five percent of the Democratic electorate showing up at the polls. Which might complicate things a bit. At last reports, Mayor Impellitteri hadn't decided what to do - whether or not to run as an Independent. In the last election for Mayor of New York, he won a surprise victory - running against the official political organization. Will he attempt it again?

Here's the latest, the Mayor's wife has filed a petition to revive the Experience Party under the banner of which Impellitteri ran for Mayor the last time.

## WISCONSIN

Wisconsin reports a primary election. (The issue -

McCarthy. No, the Senator wasn't running. The contest

concerned <sup>for</sup> a seat in the House of Representatives - left vacant

by the death of a Congressman. Joe McCarthy took no part in

this local ~~political~~ campaign, but he was the <sup>(center of</sup> ~~chief focus~~

the controversy.

At the town of Eau Claire, strongly Republican, six

candidates were in the race for the nomination. Two of them -

on an anti-McCarthy platform. Three - pro-McCarthy. One -

completely neutral. He never mentioned Senator McCarthy.

The political battle was regarded as a test of the strength of the Senator, in his home state. So how did it turn

out - pro-McCarthy or anti-McCarthy? (Today's figures reply -

neither one way nor the other.) The winner - the neutral.

State Senator Arthur Padrutt - who never said a word <sup>on the</sup> ~~about~~

McCarthy issue. The election proving - nothing in particular.

## CRASH

Fog - seems to be the explanation for that air disaster at Albany, although - there may have been engine trouble. The big airliner, with twenty-eight aboard, circled the Albany airport - this forenoon - for an hour - waiting for the fog to lift. Then - ran into a couple of radio control towers, crashing in a cornfield. Twenty-eight lives lost - only three miles short of the landing place.

## LONDON

London is having - a gang war. Which sounds more like the underworld over here. But an unusual situation has developed in the city on the Thames - and Scotland Yard has ~~is~~ now to deal with a clash of racketeering mobs.

During the long years of austerity, a black market grew up in London - run by criminal characters. Recently, though, that austerity has been relaxed, more food available through legal channels - and the black market has been fading out. So now the gangs are battling among themselves for other rackets. One of these - gambling. Britain has a legalized system of bookmaking on horse races, but other games flourish - under cover. The more so, because of a lot of American soldiers over there - G.I.'s looking for action.

London's gang war is waged with razor slashing and blackjacks. Bicycle chains are also used - an ugly weapon, seldom anyone ~~is~~ gets killed in the underworld battle - but there are plenty of injuries.

~~There is~~ no shooting, no pistols, no sub-machine guns, no one-way rides. London remains too sedate - for gangster guns.

## MYSTERY

The French police announce - they've solved that mystery of the thirteenth coffin. They say the unknown young woman, found entombed in a family crypt, at the town of Fronsac, was placed there after she had died of meningitis - no case of murder, as had been suspected. Placed there, tenderly, by a grieving lover. Who dug his way into the vault - to give the blond girl a proper resting place.

This, say the French police, happened in the troubled years of the Second World War - which would help to explain the strange proceeding. Nothing suspected, until recently - when the family at Fronsac had the vault opened. Twelve coffins should have been there - but they found thirteen.

DUCK

At Freiburg, in Germany, the burghers are putting up - the statue of a duck, as a public monument. The ancient Romans paid honor - to a flock of geese. At Freiburg - the idea is much the same.

A famous old story tells how the Romans, in the days of yore, were saved - when the quacking of geese warned them of a surprise attack on their citadel. <sup>The Geese of the Capitol.</sup> ~~Which they were, the geese,~~

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So what about the Ducks of Freiburg? Well, during World War T<sub>w</sub>o, there was an Allied bombing raid - the warplanes getting through without warning from the anti-air raid network. But the Ducks gave warning - scores of the birds raised a clamor of quacking. Which alarmed the people, and they ducked in shelters - just in time.

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So now they're putting up a monument - the statue of a Duck.

## POPE

Today, Pope Pius the Twelfth was presented with - a bicycle. At Castel Gandolfo, the Pontiff accepted the gift - a fine, shiny, new bike. So - did he ride it? Let's look at the story a little further.

Over in Italy, the bicycle champion is Fausto Coppi, who has opened a factory - building bikes. Production has just begun - and Fausto, the champ, took the first one off the line to the Papal summer palace. It seems like an odd gift for the venerable head of the Church in Rome. But Fausto was being religious as best he knew how - <sup>as</sup><sub>a</sub> bicycle champ making bikes.

In an audience at Castel Gandolfo, Pope Pius ~~the~~ ~~Twelfth~~ accepted the present - with a smile. And said - he'd give the bicycle to a missionary, ~~person~~ who could use it, peddling around in some far off land. ~~Now~~ you'd hardly expect the Pope to ride a bicycle.



SAILOR

At Buenos Aires, the Argentine Customs officials have arrested a Spanish sailor - for smuggling. He's a member of the crew of a Spanish steamer, and he sneaked in five thousand cultured pearl necklaces. They caught him red-handed -- caught him with the goods. So has that Spanish sailor any defense? <sup>P</sup> Well, he sure has. He says the five thousand necklaces were - for his own personal adornment. Not subject to duty.

He intended to wear them, himself, So the dispatch says, Mike.

Why the old sea dog - salty jack tar! ~~wearing~~  
~~cutting~~ gleaming with jewels and necklaces! Huh!