

PHILIPPINES

C.I. - Sumsco. Wednesday, July 3, 1946.

July third here; but already July fourth on the other side of the world. An important day in history. For more than four decades, the people of the Philippine Islands have been waiting for this day. Over there it's July the Fourth; hence forth to be known as their Independence Day. For from now on theirs is to be a Sovereign Nation.

President Truman told the ~~Rhi~~ Filipinos today, by radio, that our two countries will continue to be closely bound together for many years to come. He added that we of the United States feel that this is merely the beginning of a new partnership. That the United States will continue to assist the Philippines in every way possible.

And that was part of what they heard at the former ceremonies celebrating the birth of this new member of the nations of the earth. Several of the heads of our government were in Manila for this historic occasion. Among them Assistant Secretary of War Symington, Postmaster General Hannegan, and Senator

Millard Tydings of Maryland, author of the bill, under which the Filipinos have obtained their independence.

My son, Lieutenant Lowell Thomas, ~~is~~, a flier in the Army Air Forces is flying around the world with Assistant Secretary of War Symington. The last I heard they were in mid-Pacific, at Kwajalein, but the NBC in San Francisco has just informed me that my son, who is now an officer with the Army Air Transport Command, is at an NBC microphone in Manila, where he evidently arrived in time for today's celebration of Philippine independence. If any ~~new~~ voices come through the first voice we probably will hear will be that of Lieutenant Lowell Thomas, ~~is~~, followed by Senator Tydings. Come in Manila!

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T. We may ~~hear from~~ hear from these round the world fliers again in a few days - ~~perhaps~~ ^{perhaps} from Tokyo. ~~They were not far from that atom bomb experiment and Lewis' more on that.~~

ATOMIC

The action of the Atomic Bomb at sea seems to be as eccentric as lightning. A crowd of newspapermen today went aboard some of the warships in Bikini Lagoon. One of them, ~~was Uncle Sam's~~ ^{the} heavy cruiser Pensacola. Above decks, she was a charred and blistered mass of junk. But, she was still afloat. ^{Navy} Captain D.J. Ramsay ~~of the Navy~~ said that if the Pensacola had been manned with a full crew, her top-side casualties would have been one hundred per cent; below decks, about fifty per cent.

~~Most of us laymen would have expected any ship within range of a blast to be completely blown up.~~
^{IP} ~~But~~ In the Pensacola, ^{the} boilers and engines were intact, and none of the ammunition exploded. Oak planking on the four decks was burned to ashes; also a pile of tin cans, ^{with} the food in them ~~was~~ ^{too.} burned. But a stack of snowshoes ~~on~~ ^{came through undamaged.}
~~the after deck was intact.~~

The German cruiser Prinz Eugen, once ~~one~~ of the prides of Hitler's Navy, now looks as though a ^{giant} ~~blow torch~~ ^{blow torch} had passed over her. ~~with a blow torch.~~ But, she's ^{they say can} ~~was~~ still afloat, and ^{in a condition to} be rebuilt, if needed.

~~anybody chose to do it.~~ On the decks of both ships were numerous areas ringed around with red x paint and the letters "warning; radioactive."

On ~~Ki~~ Bikini Island, ~~there was~~ ^{-the itself-} no damage at all, all the Army and Navy ~~experimental towers~~ ^{are} intact, all photographic apparatus undamaged. And, there is no sign of radioactivity in the water of the lagoon.

Major General McAuliffe, of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~United States~~ Army, told the newspapermen ^{today} that one fact proved by operation crossroads was that atom bombing would quickly knock ^{out} any ~~nation~~ nation, even the United States, ^{knock it} out of a war. ^{that} No country could keep on fighting if its industries and cities were bombed by nuclear fission ~~atom bombs.~~

He says, If we ~~had~~ ^{had} had this weapon early in the European war, the ~~German~~ Germans would have quit, ^{just} as the Japanese did, before ~~any~~ invasion became necessary.

Newspapermen then asked the General whether ^{we} we could continue to fight if an enemy dropped ^{atom bombs} ~~a bunch of these~~ ^{and also on} ~~things upon~~ Washington, New York, Detroit and x Pittsburgh. Said the General: "I doubt it." ^{R General} ~~You remember~~ McAuliffe --

You may recall, was

~~he was the one~~ in command at Bastogne. ~~when the~~ Germans called upon ~~him~~ to surrender, ~~and whose~~ classic reply: ~~was~~ "Nuts!"

He was the one the

to which he made the

On the subject of our atomic policy, The Russians are ~~awfully mad at us~~ ^{much disturbed.} I don't know whether I

~~should say again or yet.~~ The latest attack ~~comes again~~ ^{is in} ~~from our old friend~~ Pravda, ^{the official} Communist organ, ^{which} says that the ~~se~~ tests at Bikini have caused the Soviet people to doubt the good faith of American Atomic disarmament. Says Pravda: "Why carry out this costly and sensational test over Bikini if the United States has made up its mind to denounce atomic weapons?" ~~The Russians even denounce the~~

~~Baruch Plan.~~

~~Then~~ ^{then} goes on to say that ~~But, adds~~ Pravda, the results were more

moderate than the American Press had been prophesying.

And here's the full official score from

"Operation Crossroads." Fifty-nine out of seventy-three ships were ~~struck~~ ^{affected} by the heat and force of the ~~that~~ ^{an atom} bomb.

That means eighty per cent. Only fourteen ships escaped the fury of the explosion. Five were sunk, two wrecked beyond all hope of repair, seven heavily damaged, five moderately damaged, nine superficially damaged. The

effect upon the thirty-one others was negligible. ~~So~~

~~the eighty percent success of the operation appears to~~

~~be more than fifty per cent nominal.~~

CONFERENCE

~~Part of today's~~ News from the big four
~~ministers conference, is good. Our own~~ Secretary Byrnes

^{today} offered a six point proposal for settling the Trieste
problem. ~~The plan is an~~ ^{It's a plan to} international, ^{use it} under the control
of the Security Council of U.N. After a long wrangle,
even Molotov accepted ^{this.} And that made it unanimous.
Molotov ~~xxx~~ also concurred in a suggestion of British
Foreign Secretary Bevin, ~~that was~~ to keep Italian
Colonies as they are for one year.

~~But we couldn't expect peace and concord
on everything at that conference, even for one day. The
big trouble was over what to do about Italian war
reparations. On this one the argument lasted nearly four
and a half hours, with Molotov on one side and Byrnes on
the other. So again there is a deadlock. That means no
date has yet been settled for the conference of twenty-one
nations on treaties with the axis satellite countries.
The Russian Comissar won't even discuss it until there is
an agreement on the reparations.~~

PALESTINE

The Arab Leaders in Palestine have thrown down the gauntlet to President Truman, ^{They} ~~and~~ defy him to bring about the immigration of a hundred thousand Jews from Europe into the Holy Land. They will fight to the last. ¹⁵⁰ say the Arab Spokesman. ~~The Jews will positively not come to Palestine.~~ A Cairo Newspaper declared ^S that the United States has exhausted the patience of the Arabs with its uninvited and unwelcome interference into Palestinian affairs. ~~and~~ It adds that those in Washington and in New York should remember that Arabs too can fight.

The fight for Price Control was waged on the floor of the Senate this afternoon, with no holds barred. ~~Hostilities began with a heavy fall for Senator~~ ~~Lee O'Daniel,~~ ^{of Texas,} ~~and Pappy came a crepper over~~ ~~his attempt~~ ^{tried} to obstruct consideration of the bill, ~~and~~ ^{in fact,} ~~there was nobody there to pass him any biscuits. He~~ tried one Parliamentary trick after another; but majority- leader Barkley outsmarted him. ~~(Finally, he tried to move to transfer consideration of the resolution to the Pensions Committee of the Senate. That device proved to be no good when Barkley won his point that the banking committee was the logical body to make the report.)~~ ~~and~~ ^{Sen.} the Republicans, under the leadership of Taft, backed up Barkley. As a matter of fact, Taft and Barkley came to terms, ^{and} ~~they~~ agreed to ~~put~~ pool their efforts ^{for working} ~~to clearing~~ a bill ^{to} extending ~~ing~~ O.P.A. for another twelve months, ^{and} ~~through~~ ~~the banking committee by the end of this week. That will bring it to the floor of the Senate early next week.~~ ^{is doesn't} That ~~did not~~ mean, however, that ^{Sen.} Taft ^{and is seeing} has changed his mind ~~enough to see~~ eye to eye with the

In fact Taft is charging administration. ~~As charged~~ the Government Leaders with encouraging a nationwide buying spree so as to force prices up. He declared that the Administration ~~has been~~ putting out hysterical warnings, trying to high pressure the Senators. ~~And he~~ insisted ~~that~~ that the public should not be stampeded.

Sen. Taft is still determined to do all he can to limit government control on prices, wages and rents. ~~The chief target for his fire is Chester Bowles but he included other government officials among the hysterical ones.~~

President Truman in his veto made it clear that his principal objection was ^{to} the Taft amendment to the OPA bill, the cost of operation amendment.

~~Apparently, the Ohio Senator is now going to be obdurate about it. Senator Barkley indicated to newspapermen that Taft would not stand in the way of the Amendments being altered.~~

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As for prices, they have gone up, ^{some} ~~of~~

~~course,~~ but not ^{beyond} ~~any higher than~~ black market figures, ~~which~~
~~were the real figures in many communities.~~ Dunn ~~and~~ and
Broadstreet reported that its index of thirty-one
foodstuffs yesterday stood at four dollars and fifty-four
cents. That's only nineteen cents higher than it was a
week ago, and forty-three cents higher than it was a
year ago. In July, nineteen twenty, the same index was
four dollars and fifty-seven cents. The most spectacular
jump was in the price of used cars. For instance, in
Philadelphia, it was reported that used chevrolets were
being sold for two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.
But that report comes from O.P.A.

All over the country there were scattered
instances of rent gouging. At the same time, a great
number of landlords made no changes, (for the time being at
least.

In Cincinnati a ~~butch~~ butcher had nothing
in his window except one lone beef tongue. Underneath
it was a placard reading: "That's all I have, that's all
I've been getting for a week -- tongue from ~~angry~~ angry
customers."

LABOR

Labor Unions are now subject to the United States Law which prohibits racketeering, laws from which hitherto they have been immune. President Truman signed the bill ~~late~~ today. Attorney General Clark had assured him ^{the bill will not} ~~that it did not~~ impair the proper rights and interests of Unions.

Labor Leaders had bitterly opposed the measure, and tried to persuade ^{Truman} ~~the~~ Truman not to sign it. The principal reason for the passing of the bill by Congress was the charge that some of the ~~Teamsters~~ Teamsters Unions had interfered with Interstate Commerce, had stopped Farmers' trucks from crossing State Lines, demanding a tribute equal to a full day's wage for a Union driver before allowing them to go to market.

The measure ^{was} ~~is~~ called the Hobbs Anti-Racketeering Bill. It makes it a penal offense for anybody, including labor leaders, to interfere with Interstate Commerce by violence or threats of violence. Anybody caught breaking ~~the~~ ^{the} law can be fined ten thousand dollars, ^{plus} ~~and serve~~ twenty years in prison.

STRIKE

Out in St. Paul began the first big aviation strike in history, the first attempt to stop a big air transport company's operations all over the country. At eight O'clock this morning, the mechanics belonging to the Independent International Association of Machinists walked off their jobs and began picketing the fields of Northwestern Airlines. Others struck at Newark, Detroit, Chicago, Seattle, Milwaukee, Portland and twenty other points in between. ^{TP} Planes that were in the air at the time were grounded after their first landing. ^{TP} What they ~~men~~ want is ^{an} eighteen-and-a-half-cent~~s~~-an-hour increase; ^{also} ~~and they~~ ~~also demand~~ working conditions as good as ^{provided by} ~~those on~~ other airlines. According to the Union Leaders, some fifteen to eighteen hundred mechanics are on strike. But the company says it only employs nine hundred and forty-six, ^{most of} ~~most of~~ ^{whom} ~~these~~ are at St. Paul, ^{and} Minneapolis.

^{at any rate} ~~This made~~ three-hundred-and-fifty pilots are idle, ~~grounded~~ ^{grounded, and} twenty-nine planes ~~and cancelled out~~ ^{cancelled,} fifty-four flights ~~cancelled,~~

MARRIAGE

Uncle Sam's fighting men should not hold it against the little woman if she was unfaithful while they were away at the wars. So says a Judge at Cleveland, Ohio. He adds that the little woman should be equally forgiving if her husband also fell afoul of the seventh commandment, the sixth if you happen to be a Catholic.

For six months Judge Julius Kovachy has presided over the domestic relations court at Cleveland.

The Judge

~~He~~ has been drawing up a report on means of cutting down the large number of divorce suits between veterans and their wives, ^{which} ~~they~~ constitute sixty-two and a half per cent of the divorce cases now pending in Cleveland.

The war period, said the Judge, was one of emotional stress and separation and in those circumstances was an upsetting factor. So he recommends that in case of a marriage that has gone on the rocks for this reason, veterans and their wives should live separately for six months or a year. The man should send his wife

flowers and candy, call her up, make dates with her, take her out to dinner, to the theater, and get acquainted all over again.

BILBO

It looks as though Senator Theodore, the man, Bilbo, had ^s won ~~his~~ ^{that} election in Mississippi. Returns are in from all but a hundred and twenty-one precincts in the State. According to them, the man has ninety-seven thousand, four hundred and sixty-four votes. ~~That is almost~~ ^{Some} forty thousand more than his nearest rival. However, so far he has only two thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven more than his four opponents combined. By Mississippi Law, if a candidate doesn't have an absolute majority, he has to try again. (So, everything depends upon the hundred and twenty-one missing precincts. In any event, Bilbo will not know his fate definitely until the official count has been made and there are a considerable number ~~of~~ of challenged votes. Several hundred negroes ~~were~~ voted, but their ballots were impounded. The election officials said they were not enrolled Democrats, and that they would have voted for a Republican ~~candidate~~ Candidate if there had been one.

All ^{of which didn't} ~~this did not~~ prevent Bilbo from a sounding off. ~~that he had won.~~ He sat in his celebrated

dream house at Pearl River which, he boasts, is the finest house in Mississippi, and roared out triumphant proclamations. He also took occasion to repeat his invective against ~~negroes and against~~ what he calls "Northern Nigger Lovers." He has based his campaign ~~ix~~ throughout on a steady appeal to race prejudice.

Incidentally, Representative Rankin, ~~another Negro hater~~ won his renomination definitely. Both his opponents conceded ^{ing} it.

EARTH

Here's one for folks who like to travel.

Since the month of January, we all have traveled three million miles.

Yep, that's what
~~How do you make that out? Take it from~~

Robert Coles, Associate Curator of the Hayden Planetarium in New York,

tells us, and he's a scholarly man who

million, for ^{us} hundred and twenty-five thousand miles away

from the sun. Today we are ninety-four million, four

hundred and twenty-five thousand miles away. ~~Maybe~~

We have ^{been} travelling at the rate of
~~somebody would like to figure out~~ how many miles an hour?

~~that is~~ Wait you figure that out for us, Hugh? 3,000,000 miles since January!

ought to know!

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P.J. - Suwco. Thursday, July 4, 1946.

In Paris they've agreed on a peace conference. This is the most important headline put out to date by the various conferences of foreign ministers of the Big Four.

On July twenty-ninth, a Congress of the United Nations will gather to formulate treaties of peace with the satellite nations of ~~th~~ Nazi Germany.

This news represents a major victory for American Secretary of State Byrnes, who all along has demanded a peace conference - with Soviet Russia objecting. ~~By~~ Byrnes wanted the date to be set for July ^{fifteenth or} ~~twentieth~~ ^{twentieth}. Molotov's latest attempt was to put it off until ^{September} ~~September~~ ^{first or} ~~first or~~ ^{fifteenth}. They compromised on July twenty-ninth, a compromise very much in favor of ~~By~~ Byrnes.

Tomorrow, the foreign ministers of the Big Four will get together to draw up invitations to be sent to the United Nations. ^T The peace conference will be held in Paris.

PHILIPPINES

The independence of the Philippines was made formal and complete ^{here in Washington} today by President Truman, who proclaimed the Philippine Islands to be a free and sovereign nation -- after nearly half a century under the

American flag. President Truman made his declaration in legal and diplomatic language, stating -- "The Philippine people have clearly demonstrated ~~that~~ their capacity for self-government".

EGYPT

Egypt had a celebration this Fourth of July, though it had nothing to do with American independence. The observance was more concerned with Egyptian Independence. The British today, in pursuance of their new policy of moving out of Egypt, staged their first ~~xxx~~ evacuation from an Egyptian stronghold.

In Cairo stands a massive stronghold - the Citadel of Cairo - built nine hundred years ago by ^{Saladin} the great Saladin. ~~Those were~~ ^{the days of the crusades,} when the armed knights of Europe batted against the ~~hosts~~ of Saracens for possession of the holy places, the days of the legend when Richard ^{Coeur de Lion} ~~the Lion Hearted~~ confronted Saladin.

For a tower of strength in Egypt, ~~the~~ Saladin, ~~he~~ built the Citadel of Cairo, which still stands with its ^{massive} ~~colossal~~ walls. And today Saladin's fortress was evacuated by its British garrison. While a military band played and while British and Egyptian troops stood at attention, the Union Jack was slowly lowered above the Citadel of Cairo.

JULY FOURTH

Every place around the world where American soldiers ~~are~~ are, the glorious Fourth was celebrated in high style today - though with restrictions at Shanghai. Today, at that great Chinese port, the G I's were confronted with a stern order - regulating their Fourth of July celebration.

They were told not to leave their billets in groups of less than three, three or more for safety. And such groups were not to go to the outlying sections of Shanghai, where there was no police protection. Moreover, they were forbidden to enter restaurants or bars or any places of entertainment where only Chinese were present. That is, they were restricted to places frequented by Americans or other allied soldiers.

The reason for the subdued Fourth of July in Shanghai is the fact that left wing elements among the Chinese are agitating for the removal of American troops. The Chinese communists are ~~now~~ conducting anti-American propaganda - and the G I's might be attacked by the Reds.

PALESTINE

In Palestine, the three British officers held hostage have been released. This followed the cancellation of death sentences against two members of the Zionist extremist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi - the threat having been that, if the two Zionists were executed the three officers would be killed. So it would appear that the cancellation of the death sentences; commuted to life imprisonment, may have been extorted more or less by the menace ~~ax~~ to the hostages.

The way they were released is an indication of how formidable the Zionist underground is in the face of the massed military power of Great Britain in Palestine. The three officers were delivered at the British institute in Tel Aviv - delivered in packing cases.

As evening closed down in Tel Aviv tonight, a closed truck drove along Rothschild Boulevard, one of the principal thoroughfares of modern Tel Aviv, the pride of Zionism. The truck drove off into a side street alongside the British institute. A group of men jumped

out, and unloaded a huge packing case. With a key, they opened a padlock and lifted the lid of the big wooden box.

Inside were the three British officers, blindfolded. They ripped the bandages from their eyes, jumped out of the packing case, and tried to pursue the men who had brought them - but these, ⁱⁿ their truck, went speeding away.

Another version is that bystanders opened the packing case, when they heard the officers banging inside.

The hostages, we are told, were well treated during their captivity - and, before being released, each was given one ^{sterling} pound to compensate ~~for~~ him for the inconvenience endured. Their captors told them that the money, one pound each, came from funds that Irgun Zvai Leumi had taken in a plundering raid on Barclay's bank at ~~Rx~~ Nablus - a branch of that old and famous Barclay's Bank in London.

So the dark and ominous episode of hostages in Palestine ends with a display of the

coolest kind of audacity by the extremists of Irgun
Zvai Leumi - the officer hostages delivered to the
British Institute in packing cases.

GERMANY

Over in Germany, a secret was disclosed today - the secret of extraordinary precautions that were taken during the early days of the Nuremberg trial. At that time, in February, the American forces of occupation suddenly increased the guards in and around the courtroom. submachine guns were issued to the guards, and defensive positions of sandbags were set up. Everybody attending the Nuremberg trial had to procure new passes, and vigilance was redoubled in every way.

There was much wonder at the time - why all these new security measures? Questions were asked, but no answer was given - not until today. Now we are told the reason why. There was a Nazi plan to break up the trial, and turn loose the war-makers facing the court.

The scheme was detected by U.S. Army Intelligence, whose agents discovered that Nazi underground agents were scheming an armed uprising in Bavaria - this to be accompanied by an attack on the international court. Seven fanatical Hitlerites, former storm troopers,

were to disguise themselves in American uniforms, and get into the court room. There they would cooperate with a sudden assault from the outside.

Hence the elaborate precautions at the tribunal of world justice, precautions that had a special angle of aviation. Allied planes were warned to stay away from Nuremberg, and American army aircraft were kept in readiness on the ground. The reason for this was a tip that the signal for the attack on the court would be given by a small plane flying over. This sent by the Nazi underground, would launch the attempt.

POLES

There's a rumor in the Argentine about the Polish Army in Europe - those Polish troops who refuse to go back to their own country under communist domination. There's no confirmation of this, but the word is persistent in Buenos Aires that Great Britain and Argentina are negotiating to bring that Polish Army to the South American Republic - as immigrants.

There are two hundred thousand of them, and the plan is to settle them in Patagonia - the great empty spaces at the southern end of South America, the bleak plains of Patagonia. There, life is rugged, but people can exist - as other colonies have proved - exist by agriculture and cattle-raising. The rumor in Buenos Aires is precise enough to tell us that the exiled Polish Army, coming as immigrants, would bring along some equipment - such as tanks, which could be turned into tractors for farming.

If this account were to turn out to be true, it would solve one of the perplexing and distressing problems on the hands of the western allies. The Poles were the first victims of the Nazis in World War Two,

and they fought with magnificent courage. The Polish Army in Europe, commanded by General Anders, won a superb reputation for heroism in battle beside the British and Americans. And now what's the reward of those Polish soldiers?

They won't go home to communism. They're marks for the bitter hostility of the Reds everywhere, especially the Red government that now runs Poland under the auspices of Soviet Russia. They are men without a country.

In all decency it's up to the western democracies, whom they served so well, to give the Poles a place to go - and the empty lands of southern Argentina might be the answer.

MURDER

Well, ^{it's} ~~it's~~ the same old Russia. Soviet or no Soviet, ^{it's} ~~it's~~ still the Russia of Dostoievsky. The story that comes today from Moscow might, in modern fashion, be called - "the housing shortage murder".

~~But then Dostoievsky, so expert in dark ways of "crime and ~~punishment~~" would also have understood a housing shortage.~~

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Moscow journalism today told about Serafima Voropashina, who lived with her mother and had two rooms - a lot in Moscow. Serafima Voropashina is described as blue-eyed, good looking, shapely - an attractive blonde with something in her soul that made her unattractive. The women neighbors didn't like her, and made fun of her because she was unmarried - indicating that the men didn't like her either. However, the blonde Serafima ^{Voropashina did} ~~Voropashina~~ get married - but that was because of the two rooms she and her mother had.

The man's name was Udod. He had a good job, but no place to live. In the Moscow Housing Shortage he looked everywhere for a room, but couldn't find one --

until he came upon the two rooms occupied by Serafima Voropashina and her mother. He made a deal with them for one of the rooms, not to rent it, but to buy it, and paid twenty-five hundred dollars -- they to occupy the other room.

Then they ran into the Moscow Housing Regulations, Soviet Red Tape, which ~~i~~ made it impossible to register the deal. There was only one way to make it stick -- marriage. So Udod, went through the forms of a wedding with Serafima Voropashina. He didn't want her for a wife, goodlooking as ~~she~~ she was, but the marriage gave him good and sound possession of the room.

Everything went all right for a couple of months, until the twenty-five hundred dollars was gone, spent. Whereupon the mother told Serafima Voropashina they had sold the room too cheaply, and should have got more. The blonde with the blue eyes agreed -- but what could they do? Then she thought of a way, and told her mother. The way was to kill Udod, who was only a fictitious husband anyway. In that fashion they'd get

back the room they had sold.

The murder was accomplished as Udod stopped down one morning to put on his galoshes, and Serafina Voropashina came up behind him with an iron bar. The mother and daughter buried the body in a basement, and passed out word that Udod had gotten into trouble because of a crime and had thought it better to disappear.

The crime was discovered because of the suspicions of a young police officer -- who found that Udod, far from being mixed up in any crime, was an honest man. The mother of Serafina Voropashina, on the contrary, had been criminally prosecuted several times for keeping a hang-out for crooks, and a sister of ~~her~~ Serafina Voropashina was in prison for robbery. In other words, Udod, beset by the housing shortage, had found a room among thieves and murderers.

That was the crime story in Moscow today, and the morale would seem to be -- Soviets may come and Soviets may go, but Russia is still Dostoievsky.

JOHN BROWN

Remember John Brown whose body lies mouldering in the grave? Well that grave is near Lake Placid, New York and today representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of colored people, from five or six states, gathered there. It was all a part of an annual pilgrimage of John Brown's grave. This time they were unveiling a plaque, with Marian Anderson singing, and many notables taking part in the parade. Just another of the thousands of parades that were held today in every city in the country.

HOUSING SHORTAGE

And now about a lady who is sailing toward a disappointment. Trying to escape the housing shortage abroad, she's coming to the United States. Which might seem like escaping the heat by jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

She's an American woman who married an Englishman, and has been living in the crowded isle of Britain.

In the housing shortage over there, she went to live with her husband's people - the Pilsworth family at Scunthorpe, in Lincolnshire. There, in one apartment, she lived with six in-laws and a roomer. "For a while" she writes, "I slept on a parlor settee, with the baby along side in a carriage."

Things were a little crowded for the Pilsworth family at Scunthorpe, so she moved to a residence of her own. This was a former ice cream stand, one small room on the order of a shack.

And still that
~~that was~~
seemed to her a
~~mighty~~ poor version of home sweet home; and she ~~soon~~
soon
got so tired of living in the ice cream stand. So she

began to think fondly of the dear old U.S.A. When she had left the country some while ago, homes were not so hard to get, and time and distance created an illusion, I suppose, - a vision of vacant houses and apartments waiting for somebody to rent them in America. Anyway, she talked her husband into the idea - and they're on their way.

The lady writes to her father in Boston, saying she'd like a nice house in the Jamaica Plains ~~near~~ ^{she} ~~suburbs of~~ Boston, and ^{she} suggests that he might have one ready for her to rent when she arrives. In that suburb of Boston, the housing shortage is as bad as anywhere else - or worse. The choice of houses available for the family arriving from England is virtually zero - and maybe ~~they'll end up~~ ^{she'll end up} ~~living in an ice cream stand~~ living in an ice cream stand over here.

Now Hugh what's your 4th of July message.