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(Here's amazing news -- if true: - A dispatch from Yugoslavia says that Marshal Tito has been read out of the Cominform, by the Soviet Government.)  
The Cominform of course, is the successor to the old Communist Internationale.

(Tito charged with deserting the tradition of Communism. Tito said to fear that the Soviet Union threatens the independence of Yugoslavia: He is charged with seeking to gain favor with the "imperialist states." Meaning us, of course, -- and the British.)

Tonight in Washington, a high government spokesman; -- that's how he is described in the news dispatch -- hinted that Tito may have already been arrested by Russian agents. A Belgrade dispatch, however, says he is merely taking a summer vacation, at a resort on the Adriatic. The Washington spokesman further says ~~that~~ there is no truth in the Cominform's charge that Tito has been growing more and more friendly toward the Western countries. But London jubilantly asserts that Kremlin's Communist front, in south eastern Europe, is

split wide open. A London dispatch claims that Tito's break with the Soviets, comes at the psychological moment when Moscow is putting the squeeze play on us in Berlin. Hence it has deep significance. That it shows that Russia is having plenty of trouble with her satellites; the inference being that Jugoslavia is not the only disconted Soviet Satellite.

According to the London dispatch the Kremlin is agry because Tito would not help the Greek Communist Guerrilla leaders. Further, Moscow charges that Tito failed to carry out a five-year plan for Jugoslavia a plan drawn up by the great minds at the Kremlin.

Tito has made no reply to the Russian charges, beyond the statement that he is on vacation. However, a Paris dispatch says the trouble between Tito and Moscow is all because Tito refused to follow the Party Line. He is a Communist dictator; but, his brand of Communism is strictly Tito; and, he refuses to be a puppet dancing to Moscow's tune. He wants to be the big boss. All of which has caused this outburst of

rage from the Kremlin.

The Paris dispatch further says that Tito is strong enough in Yugoslavia to look after himself. His henchmen are loyal and his Army strong. He is said to feel that Yugoslavia now can get along without Russian aid. As a show of strength recently, he forbade Yugoslav delegates ~~to~~ attending a meeting of the Cominform in Romania. Then, he infuriated the Kremlin by suggesting that Belgrade would be a good site for a ten-power ~~ing~~ conference about the Danube River. Whereupon the Soviet Foreign Office notified our State Department that Belgrade was not satisfactory, and followed the announcement with an angry press campaign in which Moscow screamed that Yugoslavia had caused the Soviet ~~in~~ Union much diplomatic embarrassment.

So tonight Tito is on his own. A lone Red Dictator. In the words of one Communist paper, he is acting on the principle "that the capitalist states are less danger to the independence of Yugoslavia than the Soviet Union." when you reread that it seems ~~like~~ like

an odd way of putting it. British officials were

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the British and ourselves are now rationing food, in Berlin - trying to offset the Russian threat of starvation. The threat is a real one, because we are told that we can't possibly fly in enough food to feed the entire population in our zone. To do that they say they'd need more than a thousand planes a day. The Russians know this; hence their attempt to pull off a squeeze play, the same as they tried once before. The other squeeze play failed because our side got tough.

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Here's later news: The British announce that they've managed to get ten barges of food into Berlin, via the canal system. The Russians apparently putting up no objection to that.

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Earlier today, there was what the news wire describes as "serious rioting" in the German capitol. Thousands of people were waiting outside the Russian central currency exchange. They were there to hand in their old marks for new ones. Suddenly

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a rumor spread that the Soviets were going to discontinue the exchange of old notes for new. Which meant that all the money the waiting people had in their billfolds would be worthless. Whereupon the crowd got out of hand, surged forward, ~~men~~ smashed through a fence, and attempted to storm the Soviet currency office. The Russians called the German police who quelled the disturbance with their clubs and a few shots. One report says that six or eight were killed, and many injured.

SUBSTITUTE STRIKE-ENGLAND

In Scotland today, King George the <sup>sixth</sup> ~~sixth~~

of England took time off from his vacation, to sign a proclamation declaring that a state of emergency exists in the United Kingdom. The King invoking the British emergency powers act, which has only once before been invoked in peace time. That was in Nineteen-Hundred-and-Twenty-Six, when the English Trade Unions declared a general strike.



The strike started in London, two weeks ago, when eleven men were arrested for leading a charge of nine miles. When this was refused, their colleagues staged a rebellion, defying the union leaders. Now the strike is spreading rapidly, every port hit, and the fear tonight is that within Southampton, the port of the Trans-Atlantic liners sailing to and from New York will be affected.

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## STRIKE - ENGLAND

~~England is in the grip of a wildest~~  
~~reck strike.~~ More than twenty thousand dock workers <sup>are</sup> on  
strike in London ~~alone~~, <sup>tonight, with</sup> Liverpool also affected. The  
situation <sup>is</sup> so grave that Prime Minister Attlee today  
requested the King to declare a state of emergency; and,  
he has called out the Army and Navy to take over the  
port areas.

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not much with prices as they are.

Meanwhile, ~~the~~ food ships tied up at London's Sixty Three miles of docks are being unloaded by soldiers and sailors. Some of them the guards, men of Britains crack regiment<sup>s</sup>, wearing dungarees instead of bear-skins. *shockos.*

The precious meat is being hauled out of ~~the~~ dockyards in jeeps, ~~these~~ heavily guarded by escorts of motorcycle police. And the Royal Marines are there too ~~cousins of our own leathernecks, on hand to save them the~~  
~~boon.~~

Equally serious, says the British Government, is the ~~f~~ effect on Britain's export-or-die campaign. If the strike continues - many factories may have to close down through shortage of raw materials. <sup>IP</sup> The news from London tonight is ~~xx~~ that Prime Minister Attlee's labor government is facing its worst crisis since taking office, a dispute with labor which threatens the nation's food supply and industrial program, with the trade unions powerless to ~~xxxxxx~~ control their members.

## JAPAN

Another earthquake in Japan - where they have them every day -- small ones. This item tells of four separate shocks, from the depths of the Sea of Japan, forty miles off the coast, causing nine great tidal waves - that swept over parts of the <sup>main</sup> island of Honshu, ~~the main~~ on which Tokyo and so many other cities are located.

According to reports several of these cities were severely ~~injured~~ damaged. One of them Fukui virtually wiped out. With only a few government buildings standing. No word so far concerning the fate of the fifty-two thousand inhabitants. The news wire telling of fierce fires consuming the flimsy paper and wood dwellings of the city of Fukui.

Similar damage is also reported from the city of Kanazawa, with its population of two hundred thousand, and Daish Gimachi, where a third of the buildings are said to be destroyed. Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya, all suffered shocks, but with little material damage.

A dispatch from Nagoya tells of some

strange freaks by this mighty quake, how ships were thrown ashore by the onrush of the tidal waves, and how a passenger train was hurled in the air like a toy, and sent crashing in flaming wreckage down a hillside.

The U.S. Army has gone to the rescue, with men and supplies. Our people in Tokyo report that their task is a difficult one. Rail lines broken, telephone lines down. Hence no way of getting accurate reports from the damaged areas.

However, experts say the damage this time is nothing like as great as in Nineteen thirty Three. They give a strange explanation for that statement. Most of the cities in the stricken area already are flat -- totally demolished by our B-29 raids towards the end of the war. These are still far under-populated, with few permanent buildings.

Bob "Believe-it-or-Not" Ripley, just back from Japan, tells me there are less than a thousand people in Hiroshima today. Before it was bombed it had a population of two hundred thousand.

DEACT

The Army is all set to induct two-hundred-and-twenty-five thousand to two-hundred-and-fifty thousand of our young men by June Thirtieth, Nineteen Forty Nine. This under the new peace-time draft law. Army Secretary Moyall told newsmen today that inductions will start in September. Men will be drafted at the rate of thirty thousand a month through October; men between the ages of nineteen and twenty-five. They will serve for twenty-one months.

Says Secretary Moyall after eight weeks of basic training they will either be stationed here at home, or sent overseas.

Secretary Moyall added that the Army hopes to pick up some two-hundred-and-fifty, or perhaps three-hundred thousand men next year, through regular enlistment, and then another hundred-and-ten thousand from among the eighteen year olds who may want to escape the draft. ~~One~~ One of the Army's most pressing problems, said he, is the shortage of doctors and dentists. Six thousand are needed immediately. The Army is appealing

for volunteers to fill this need. If enough fail to come forward, voluntarily, says the Army Secretary, then it may be necessary to call up some of the men to whose education the government has contributed. This, referring of course, to G.I.'s who completed their medical training at Uncle Sam's expense under the G.I. Bill of Rights.

NIGHT SHOW  
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WARREN (TO FOLLOW DEWEY)

As for Governor Warren, we are told that he and his family are having a good time in New York. Maybe his wife and daughters are -- but, I hear the Governor spent most of the day in his hotel suite, snowed under with mail, and telegrams, and phone calls.

But what did the Governor's family do? Mrs. Warren, Virginia, Dorothy, and Nina? Oh, just what most out-of-towners do when they visit the Big City. Up to the top of the Empire State Building, a ride through Central Park in a horsedrawn carriage. The Ferry to the Statue of Liberty; then an exciting ride up Park Avenue behind a motor cycle escort. After which, some window-shopping on Fifth. Finally, the family collected Papa to see the Broadway success, Finian's Rainbow.

You will remember how Governor Warren told the press that his boys were not so interested in politics. They stayed home and went fishing. Today, Governor Warren called up Bobby, the youngest, who stayed home to

take part in a swimming meet. The Governor told Bobby he had been nominated for the Vice-President. "Was that good, Daddy?" asked Bobby. "Sure, I think so," said the California Governor. And then Papa Warren added: "How would you like to move to Washington?" "I don't know", answered Bobby. "Perhaps. Can I take my horse -- Parky?"



## GOLDFISH BOWL

Last week I told you how I was broadcasting from the plexi-glass bubble in Philadelphia, during the Republican convention, how I was sitting with Governor Earl Warren in what I described as a goldfish bowl. And, we both enjoyed it.

Well, perhaps I started a fashion. I don't know and I certainly never intended to, having no ambition to become a leader of fashion. However, out in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, radio announcer Wayne Pritchard has started a goldfish bowl existence, all of his own. Wayne is living in a shop window, with telephone, running water, air conditioning, and a refrigerator.

When he couldn't get a house, he advertised in a local newspaper, saying he would live anywhere - in a silo, in a barn, or in an empty shop window. A local story took him up on that. They furnished one of their empty windows, making it into a deluxe apartment. Then they invited the radio announcer to move in with his wife, both of them to live in the ~~glass~~<sup>glass</sup> sided one-room apartment.

The radio announcer accepted. He likes the apartment so much, that he is doing his work at home, his daily stint, a record and chatter show, with a crowd watching outside. No privacy, even when his meals are served by his obliging hosts.

But wayne Prichard has an advantage over me. In my plexiglass bubble I couldn't hide myself, unless I lay on the floor. He can, and he does. When he wants to go to bed or take a shower, he just pulls down the blind and shuts<sup>out</sup> the crowd.

Sweet are the uses of adversity. Or perhaps perhaps I should say - publicity.

*How about it Nelson?*