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To the House Foreign Affairs Committee the Secretary of State made the statement today that it would be tragic for Congress to adjourn without approving the North Atlantic Defense Pact. He added that a billion-four-hundred-and-fifty-million dollars will be needed to back up the pact. That money to be used for supplying arms to our allies in Europe.

In his statement today Dean Acheson also included the Orient -- speaking of the present democratic government in Korea as a symbol of hope, a vital link in democracy's fight against Communism, our most important non-Communist outpost in the Far East. Then he followed with the further statement that Korea needs a Hundred and Fifty million from us in order to hold back the Red Tide in Asia -- to keep from falling under Soviet domination.

ACHESON

And, <sup>A</sup> At a press conference today, Secretary of State Acheson ~~went on to say~~ <sup>said</sup> that the Big Four conference in Paris definitely proved that Russia is on the defensive in Europe. He insisted that our side this time didn't retreat an inch.

He told how the western powers were eager to have the Germans govern themselves. All of which was blocked by the Russians, added Dean Acheson because they are afraid to give the German people any voice in their own government. Why, because said he, they know, that all Germany would be lost to Communism if they were to release their hold of the Eastern part of that country.

The Secretary of State went on to say that he is not naive enough to believe the Russians won't start another Berlin blockade. He thinks they will -- if they think they can gain anything by doing it!

Alger Hiss today denied, under oath, of course, that he had ever been a Communist, or a fellow traveller, or a sympathizer with Communists. He also denied that he had ever turned over any government secrets to any unauthorized person.

Hiss further testified that he had told the truth at all times to the grand jury that indicted him for perjury.

His attorney showed him four documents, and asked him if they were in his handwriting. He said yes, they were. He said yes, they were. And he said it without any show of emotion. Had he given his own handwritten summaries of State Department papers to Whittaker Chambers? No! Also no to all other charges.

## ATOMIC

Workers at Oak Ridge - at the Atomic Plant have been taking the lie-detector test. This came out today in a report by the Atomic Energy Committee. The lie-detector being used to keep the boys and girls at Oak Ridge from "highgrading" -- stealing uranium!

Extreme precautions now taken to prevent uranium from getting ~~ixm~~ into the wrong hands. Also, employees in some restricted sections of the Atomic Plant now wear special clothing. Garments that are burned afterwards, to destroy any minute chips of uranium that might be clinging to the cloth.

How <sup>does</sup> ~~ixm~~ the lie-detector ~~test~~ work? Fine, they say. It brought a confession from one man, who admitted that he found an ounce of uranium chips in the cuffs of his trousers. And instead of ~~turning~~ <sup>turning</sup> this in, he took the uranium home. There he destroyed it, so he said.

In another case, the F B I used the lie-detector to trace some missing uranium. Of twelve men tested, one revealed that he had a bar of uranium in his locker; a chunk of the atomic stuff, one and a half an inch in diameter. a half inches long and In each case, the conclusion was that the men had no intention of doing anything that might be harmful to our national security.

Oak Ridge officials are opposed to firing workers for slight offenses. Because a worker, so discharged, may be in a position to do something that might be harmful to his country.

All of which raises quite a problem: Once you have taught a man, an important job in an atomic plant you have to keep him, always, - and trust him.

HOLLAND

Is Communism losing its grip on the imaginations of the peoples of Western Europe? Today's news-wire from Amsterdam tells of the Dutch Communist party losing nearly half of its two hundred and sixteen seats in municipal elections. And they had built up a majority during the past two years.

## HOUSE OF LORDS

An unusual scene in London - in the House of Lords. Lord Milberton, a labor Peer walked out. But first he denounced the Labor Government -- the very Government that two years ago made him a Peer in order to strengthen the Labor Party in the Lords.

The Peers of the Realm were debating the bill to nationalize the iron and steel industry. On being given ~~the~~ the floor, Lord Milberton announced that he was opposed to the government completely taking over the national life of Britain. He went on to explain that when he joined the Labor Party he thought he was joining a great crusade. But now? Oh, he says merely a camp follower in what he calls a "Rake's progress".

"The road we are travelling" continued Lord Milberton, "leads to the totalitarian state". Then he added: "I will not be a silent passenger on such a sinister journey". Naturally he was cheered by the

Conservative members. Whereupon his Lordship strode  
from the chamber. And all London is talking about it  
tonight.

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Mediterranean East Indian to Holland. From the  
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## CRASH

A dispatch from London - suggests that the crash of that four engine Dutch Constellation airliner at Bari, Italy, may have been caused by explosives in some passenger's luggage. Eyewitnesses tell of the great plane ~~being~~ afire as it came over the harbor -- to land. Flames ~~were~~ pouring from one engine, and from the fuselage. ~~As if to indicate~~ that the passenger section as aflame. And then, while ~~the~~ vacationists on the seafront watched, the wings ~~of the plane~~ came off, and the fuselage fell into the rough sea. <sup>a sea</sup> ~~which was~~ so rough ~~that~~ rescue work was hindered. *almost impossible.*

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## TRUMAN

President Truman signed a bill that will provide each member of Congress with an extra three thousand dollars a year -- for clerical help - plus another five hundred for telephone. The President said he fully realized how important it is for a Congressman to have adequate clerical help.

But that wasn't all he said. He added that he ~~also~~ also much have top men in key executive positions to help him. Whereupon he again asked for a raise for his cabinet officers and for all heads of executive departments.

For some time he has wanted this. But his request so far has gotten no further than the House Rules Committee. In his message today he pointed out that what he asks will only cost a million-three-hundred-thousand a year. Thirteen thousand less than their request for extra clerical help.

Mr. Truman went on to point out that the  
Congressmen have raised their own pay twice since  
Nineteen Twenty-five.

He gracefully added that he himself is  
grateful for the raise they gave him, but, he wants  
Congress to do something for his Cabinet. For you can't  
get big men for big jobs - for peanuts!

## TELEVISION

Most of our Congressmen are opposed to the idea of wiring the House for daily telecasts. Few of the lawmakers apparently wanting to be watched.

But why this reticence? Because some members feel that if voters were able to see what was going on in the House, at any time of the day, it might encourage Congressmen to keep talking. To impress the voters ~~in~~ that the man they sent to Washington is doing his job. So, if members knew there was a television camera going, they would never leave their seats -- for fear their constituents might miss them. That's what some Congressmen think might happen.

And some lawmakers, we are told, remember how a photographer once sneaked into the gallery of the House and took a picture ~~to~~ <sup>ing</sup> show Three out of Ten members asleep, while one droned through a speech. The others reading newspapers or chatting. What a scene for television.

These protests against the House being wired for television were made when Congressman A. L. Miller of Nebraska suggested to the Committee in charge of the

plans for remodeling the House, that the chambers should be wired for sound - and for television. To which ~~xxx~~ the majority of Congressmen say no.

In favor of daily telecasts in Congress is New York's Vito Marcantonio. He says Americans should become better informed about their Congress. And that telecasts would accomplish this. The New York representative of the American Labor Party doubtless picturing Mrs. America preferring to watch a Congressional debate - to listening to her favorite soap opera.

~~Te which a~~ <sup>Said a</sup> committee member, ~~came back with~~  
~~this crusher.~~ "What television station would accept a regular broadcast from Congress, even if it was offered -- free?"

Does that mean, I wonder, that the Congressman himself finds his work a little dull? Ah, but his name isn't given. He is just one of the many lawmakers who object to the idea of being watched while they work.

## YOUNG REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

In Salt Lake City tonight at their national convention, the Young Republicans are calling for more new blood and new ideas for the G O P. Among the resolutions to be discussed will be young Philip Wilkie's bold deal program. And a plan for organizing a Republican labor wing. Also the question as to whether the young Republicans should formally criticize the old guard leaders of the G O P - or just talk about it.

The keynote speaker, John Davis Lodge of Connecticut, <sup>^</sup>~~was~~ brother of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, said he believed the Republican party should adopt some of the thinking of the Young Republicans if it is to win in Nineteen Fifty and Nineteen Fifty-two.

Jenkins Lloyd Jones, Editor of the Tulsa Oklahoma Tribune, urged the Young Republicans to adopt what he called true liberalism. ~~This to~~ modify the nation's federal system - without saddling it with the controls of a welfare social state.

## BOY

In a Boston courtroom today, Gerald Sullivan, the boy, and the mother who had locked him up in a room for more than ten years. She charged with neglect of the child, who is now being cared for at a New England home.

Young Gerald, escaped and was found roaming the streets, emaciated, dressed in rags; his hair shoulder length. Today, he appeared plump, scrubbed, hair brushed, his eyes bright.

But he wouldn't look at his mother. She cried bitterly. During a recess, a policeman asked if he would like to talk to her. He answered, "No."

## MAHARAJA

At Kapurthala, in far off India today, a Seventy-Six year old Maharaja, who spent most of his life in Europe, was cremated. His body burned in the yard of his palace, according to the faith of his fathers.

The Maharaja of Kapurthala was a Sikh. The Sikhs are a religious sect of dissenters from Orthodox Hinduism. The sect originated in the Punjab about the time Martin Luther started his reformation in Europe. They are Hindus who eat meat and drink alcohol, although they are forbidden to smoke. The men wear their long black hair tied in top knots, and never cut it. In the old days, the Sikhs, who are fierce fighters, provided the British Army with some of its best soldiers.

When he was young, the late maharaja had little taste for the religion into which he was born. At Britain's top prep school, Eton, and at Oxford, he learned to smoke, and to enjoy Western life. Also he liked European women.



First he married a Spanish dancing girl, whom he saw when he attended the wedding of King Alfonso of Spain. When his Orthodox subjects objected, he divorced her -- giving her a handsome pension. Then he married a French woman. Not able to bring her home, he divorced her. Another pension. Then a compromise. The maharaja returning to the land of his fathers, spending some of his time at Kapurthala in the Punjab, and the rest of the year in Europe. Until World War Two, when he went back to India, to live in barbaric splendor, in eleven great palaces, in his seven hundred square mite kingdom. One of these, a model of the palace of Versailles in France.

Much of his family's income went to help his people. He endowed schools and colleges, and installed modern sanitation.

And today, as the flags of the Punjab flew at half mast, saffron robed priests lighted the great bier of scented sandalwood. To cremate the remains of the great maharaja - Jagatjit Singh -- perhaps the last ~~prince of the Punjab.~~ *Maharajah of Kapurthala.*

## COOKING

To the French, cooking is an art. As we all know, France has produced many great chefs. Cooking competitions are a regular feature of French provincial life. Frenchmen will travel hundreds of miles to try a dish. But today, Frenchmen are talking about "The cooking crime." It appears that a Frenchman on vacation drove up to one of the best restaurants in the Bordeaux country. Famous for its chef. The guest ate his dinner, enjoyed it, and called the chef to his table and asked him to prepare a bowl of soup for -- his dog.

What did the chef do? All he did was stab the man with a carving knife. And in France they are saying the chef should be exonerated.

*Any comment Nelson?*