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At the United Nations tonight there was an air of optimism, with expressions of high approval for the way ~~the~~ Count Bernadotte, Nephew of the King of Sweden, has been going about his task. It is pointed out that he was given a free hand in working out a plan to compromise the different interpretations drawn from the ambiguous wording of the U.N. truce proposal. ~~xx~~ So the terms as presented are of his own device, and in U.N. circles they are considered sound.

- One principal reason for ~~xx~~ optimism tonight was a statement by an Israeli representative at the U N who gave the opinion that the Jewish state will accept. From Cairo the ~~xxx~~ word is that the Arabs have formed a decision, and are now preparing the document of reply to be handed ~~xx~~ to Count Bernadotte. Both Jewish and Arab replies are due tomorrow ~~xxx~~ morning -- according to a deadline set by Count Bernadotte today. And he, however, set an hour for fighting to stop, if his

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truce terms are accepted - cease-fire Friday morning.

Still another symptom of optimism is an order issued in Washington today, sending twenty-one ~~mix~~ American military officers to Palestine to act as observers during the truce the Bernadotte plan calls for; a look-out on the scene by representatives of the United States, France and Belgium -- they to see <sup>that</sup> the truce terms are observed. Soviet Russia, as we heard last night, wants to get in on this, but the news today pictured American opposition to any notion of putting the Soviets into ~~xxxx~~ the armistice business on the scene in Palestine.

In that strife-ridden land, the fighting still went on today -- with news that a ~~xxx~~ Moslem air raid caused casualties in Tel Aviv and that a shell hit the ~~xxxxx~~ church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

GERMANY。

In Berlin, the British made a move today to oust the Soviets from their radio station. wireless headquarters for the Reds is in the British-controlled section of Berlin, where the ~~xxxxxx~~ Soviets have been using the building by permission. It's the station that broadcasts Red propaganda via - "Radio Berlin". Since the Soviets <sup>are</sup> there ~~are~~ <sup>as</sup> British guests, they can be asked to move - as they were today. ~~But~~ <sup>But</sup> - Russia has made an angry reply - ~~and~~ <sup>ing</sup> threatened retaliation.



U N

A congressional okay was given today to a sixty-five million dollar loan to finance the building of U N headquarters in New York. The loan would be a long term transaction, without interest. There has been a lot of congressional wrangling about this -- the matter of advancing cash for the construction of the great U N center on the New York real estate provided by John D. Rockefeller, Junior. Tonight the House of Representatives passed the bill -- putting up a loan of sixty-five million.



## CONGRESS

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The indications in Washington are that Congress may not be able to adjourn as planned. This is indicated today By Senator Taft of Ohio who, after a meeting of the G O P policy committee in the Senate. Republican leaders, we ~~may~~ hear are talking plans to call the national legislature back into session either between the two conventions or right after the Democratic get-together in Philadelphia. The reason is that the Republican ~~may~~ lawmakers do not feel that they can afford to go into the national ~~primary~~ presidential election in November - with the work unfinished on various important bills. They think it necessary to show a record of business cleaned up for the election.

## PHILADELPHIA

There have been slanderers who, with falsehood and libel, have called Philadelphia - Sleepy Town. These malicious gossips have intimated the city of brotherly love is a drowsy place, where you might <sup>20</sup> for a quiet snooze. How wrong they are is shown by the news from Philadelphia today.

The city of William Penn is, of course, in the throes of staging the two <sup>big</sup> ~~conventions~~, ~~Republican~~ ~~and Democratic~~. Those two Nineteen Forty Eight editions of the great American circus, especially the Republican, will be sheer pandemonium. But is Philadelphia content with that? Not at all. The metropolis of Pennsylvania, in addition, is having an uproar all its own -- a private fight, a political upheaval for Philadelphians only.

Today, a grand jury investigation was ordered - a sweeping investigation to be made by two departments of the city government, on charges of wholesale embezzlement. The news dispatch describes it as - the ~~city~~ city's worst scandal in many years. The two municipal offices involved are those of the

receiver of taxes and the department of supplies and purchases. The charge is that ~~xxxx~~ during the past eight years, huge thefts were committed - tax money swiped. In the ~~xxxxxx~~ amusement tax division alone, it is estimated that the peculations run between a million and a half and two million dollars. Other city departments are involved as well - in one grand eruption of charge and counter charge.

~~(It all began with the suicide of an~~  
~~official of the amusement tax division, who left behind~~  
~~a note, the contents of which were such that an immediate~~  
~~investigation was ordered. The inquiry brought forth~~  
~~loads of ~~xxx~~ dynamite. The city government ordered an~~  
~~immediate shake-up of the police department and of the~~  
~~fire ~~xxxxxxx~~ marshall's office - there were charges~~  
~~that fire inspectors were accepting bribes. Republican~~  
~~Mayor Samuel asked for the resignation of the receiver~~  
~~of taxes and the ~~xxx~~ Director of Supplies and Purchases.~~  
~~This latter, Charles ~~xxxx~~ Grakelow, is in charge of the~~  
~~job of decorating the hall for the Republican National~~



~~Convention. He today declared that he was the victim of  
"loose charges."~~

So now a Grand Jury investigation has been ordered and in court today Judge Raymond MacNeill pointed to a convention angle. He said he was distressed by the thought that Delegates and visitors to the Presidential nominating sessions might, in the words of the Judge - "carry away a bad impression. Well, for one thing, they may carry away a dizzy impression of the complicated excitements in Philadelphia.

Another dispatch today gives a picture of harassed and bedeviled officials - who are in charge of passing out convention tickets. They're ~~being~~ being swamped, driven out of their wits, by the huge demand - especially for pasteboards to the Republican extravaganza. The Pennsylvania Republican Committee, for example, announces that, for every ticket it has at its disposal, there are one hundred requests. One official, Mrs. Marion Markley, said today: "I'm afraid to walk down the street in my home town, Allentown. People I don't even know

come up to me and ask for a dozen or so tickets."

One Pennsylvania State Senator is obfuscated so completely by the demand for tickets made on him that, in desperation, he has offered to rent the convention hall for one of the days when the Republicans are in session - just to accommodate his own guests.

Such is the news from what some slanderers have called - Sleepy Town.

## SUBSTITUTE FLOODS

Near Clatskanie, Oregon, today, a dyke burst and the Columbia River poured its muddy waters over a large area of rich farmland. This occurred, as Army troops and civilians were mobilized to strengthen the levees against the new flood crest surging down the Columbia -- crest number three. They have been having a heat wave in the Pacific northwest, which makes it worse for the flood - high temperatures melting the lofty mountain snows at a great rate and thereby feeding the streams that feed the Columbia.



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Grace, Idaho gives us the story of the bank examiner who went wrong. For ~~xxxxx~~ years, Rudolf De Pack, made the rounds of Idaho financial institutions, going over the books, checking the figures. His trouble? Gambling. Today he walked into the Grace National Bank disguised in an old marine corps fatigue suit and a handkerchief across his face. At the point of a gun, he locked up the ~~xxxxxxx~~ cashier in the vault of the bank he had examined so many times -- and got away with a bundle of cash.

He was caught quickly because his disguise failed him in one point - his voice -- he has a lisp. Imagine the surprise of the bank cashier when, hearing the commands of the hold-up man, he recognized the lisp of the highly respected bank examiner.

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In Portland, Oregon a cop and robber chase in row boats. **I**n the flood area two ~~xxx~~ burglars

tried to crack the safe of a plant way out in the deluge.

They went by rowboat, were <sup>working</sup> ~~making~~ on the safe - but were noticed by some flood-water-gondolier, who called ~~in~~ the police. The cops appeared in a fast patrol car, but that was of no use for navigating the ~~inundation~~ inundation. So they took a boat and rowed out. The robbers saw them coming, started on their getaway -- pulling at the oars. The cops chased them -- and it was a boat race. The crooks were better at the strong smooth stroke, and got to shore and away.

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## MATHEMATICS

The municipal judge at Los Angeles today passed a ruling on higher mathematics. He decreed, among other things, that you cannot square the ~~xxx~~ circle. That venerable problem of dusty antiquity was in court because a magazine offered a reward of a thousand dollars to anyone who could solve several problems of mathematics long considered impossible -- like that of the squaring of a circle and the tri-section of the angle.

Then to the astonishment of the magazine up came a young mathematics instructor of the California Institute of Technology, Carl Savitt -- who ~~xxxx~~ claimed the cash, saying he could solve the problems, including the squaring of the circle. In court today, the Chief ~~xx~~ witness for the defense was Professor Donald Hyers, professor of mathematics of the University of Southern California. He brought complicated scientific evidence to show -- it cannot be done. Whereupon his honor the Judge ruled to that effect, saying among other things -- "you cannot square the ~~xxx~~ circle."



## FILIPINA

From the Philippines, a dark dramatic story, with a theme of age-old terror - leprosy. A Filipino woman suffering from that dread disease has been refused a visa to come to the United States for ~~xxxx~~ medical treatment. She's a ~~xxx~~ war heroine, decorated by the United States Government. It was, in fact, the nightmare malady called leprosy that turned her to heroism in the battle against the Japanese.

In Manila, Mrs. Josefina Guerrero, wife of a physician lived a plac<sup>id</sup> domestic life. The war came, and the Japanese overran the Philippines. In the ordinary course of things, the physicians wife, who had a small child, would have just made the best of it, running her household as best she could during enemy occupation. But then the terrifying disclosure came - she found she had leprosy, was afflicted with the disease that strikes fear more than any other.

Josefina Guerrero immediately left her husband and child x so as not to endanger them, and became a voluntary outcast, a wandering leper. Filipinos and

Americans were fighting Japs, and she dedicated her outcast existence to the patriotic cause. She scouted Japanese military positions, gun installations, arsenals, mine fields, and smuggled word to Filipino insurgents and American Intelligence Officers. Her work was such that the Americans gave her credit for saving thousands of American lives. When General MacArthur reconquered the Philippines. The government at Washington awarded to ~~Senora~~ <sup>Senora</sup> Guerrero the Medal of Freedom, and recently Cardinal Spellman of New York, visiting ~~a~~ Manila, bestowed on her a <sup>high</sup> Catholic <sup>honor.</sup> ~~honor~~ decoration.

So the woman with leprosy became a national hero<sup>ine</sup> of the Philippines, and her physician husband thought that perhaps she could be cured - if she went to the United States, to the medical center for the treatment of leprosy at Carville, Louisiana. A passport visa was sought for her, but today the United States Consul General at Manila, ~~r~~ Ernest Evans, stated that, most reluctantly, he was <sup>compelled</sup> ~~compelled~~ <sup>to</sup> refuse. Because U.S.

immigration laws forbid the entrance of a leper into the United States.

One wonders, cannot American medical science be brought somehow to the aid of the Filipino woman whom dread disease impelled to a hero-career in war?



## LATINS

In Canada, a challenge to a duel has been hurled - although Canadians don't usually go out with pistol or sword on the field of honor. But, Canada, in its capital city of Ottawa, has a diplomatic corps, which includes Latin-Americans, and they know the "code duell<sup>a</sup>."

The trouble is between Senor Julio Ricart, Consul General of the Dominican Republic, and Senor Juan Carllos Rodriquez, the Argentine Ambassador. Senor Ricart sent a defiance to Senor Rodriquez. But the Ambassador declines because a clash with deadly weapons is ~~contrary~~ contrary to the laws of Canada. In the Dominion, ~~dueling~~ dueling is a crime.

~~So~~ What's it all about? That, as Hamlet said, is the question. ~~Is~~ Is it about dogs? Or it it about fair ladies? ~~Very~~ Very different they are - dogs and fair ladies.

The trouble arose at a reception in the Argentine Embassay some days ago. The cause is explained by Senor Ricart in the following words: "I made some pleasantry about the dogs." Which would seem to be

innocent enough. But at the Argentine Embassy dogs are a delicate subject - because of recent charges made by the Ottawa Humane Society that dogs were mistreated at the Argentine Embassy. That caused something of a diplomatic hubbub, and you can see the point when the Dominican Diplomat - "made some pleasantries about the dogs.

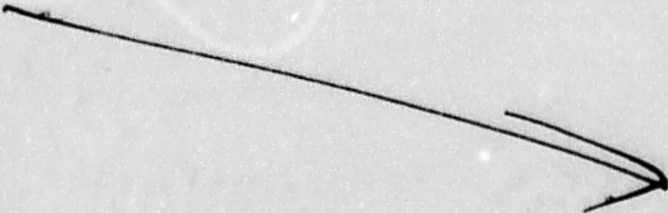
In reply to this today, the Argentine Ambassador says it wasn't a matter of canines at all. He claims that the Dominican Consul, instead of making some pleasantries about dogs, made some disrespectful remarks to some fair ladies.

Well, I don't know - but, in the gallant times of past romance, cavaliers usually fought duels about fair ladies, and not about dogs.

So, Nelson - let's turn to the ladies.

DRAFT

The Senate has amended the draft bill - putting in a provision to permit the enlistment of twenty-five thousand aliens in the Army. The amendment was offered by **Senator** Lodge of Massachusetts, who argued that many aliens, like displaced persons in ~~xxxx~~ Europe, would make excellent citizens - also excellent soldiers. Whereupon the Senate adopted the proviso - making it a part of the Draft -Bill, which is being rushed through Congress.





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The latest -- the Senate has just voted to limit the draft to two years, instead of five.

So the bill now ~~gxxx~~ calls for selective service for men between eighteen and twenty-five -- for a two year period.

## ATOMIC

Economy forces in Congress are out to cut the budget for the Atomic Energy Commission. The appropriations committee of the House of Representatives voted today to slash forty-eight million dollars from the money to be spent for atomic development, ~~bringing~~ bringing the original figure down to half a billion. ~~This was in spite of warnings from Chairman Lilienthal of the Atomic Energy Commission that a cut in cash for atomic research might gravely impede the advancement in this newest of all wonders.~~

The Committee, in making its economy slash, gave stern direction, however, that there should be no slow-up in the work on the atomic bomb. Nor should there be any slackening of labor in the biological phase of atomic study, nor in the medical phase. Any slow-down because of a reduction of funds must be in what the committee calls the - "non-weapon, non-biological and ~~non-medical~~ non-medical aspects."

It would seem as if they ~~want~~ want the

reduction of activity to be in the field of ~~pure~~ pure science. Knowledge for the sake of knowledge. But then, ~~these~~ vast practical ~~like~~ things like the bomb, come about usually as a result of pure science. The ~~pure~~ practical applications are, to a great extent, a by-product of knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Were the scientists, who began the research into the secrets of the atom, out to make an atomic bomb? That was the last thing they wanted.

I recall a party with a group of atomic physicists out at the University of California, ~~where~~ where Dr. Ernest ~~O.~~ Lawrence has his cyclotron. In the conversation, a newspaperman remarked - that the scientists, having invented the atomic bomb, would now like to find a way of de-inventing it. The assembled physicists agreed with that.



## EXPLOSION

The news this afternoon has been adding details to emphasize the ~~xxx~~ violence of the explosion that blew up the Hillcrest Country Club house at Los Angeles - a club famous as a haunt of Hollywood swank.

The golf pro out there is Olin Dutra, star of headline tournaments. He had a golf shop in the club house, and was approaching the building when the cataclysm occurred. "For the life of me," he said today, "I don't know what happened. The whole place just blew up in my face."

The force of the blast knocked him down, and sent him rolling for fifteen feet. The roof of the big clubhouse was raised right off, and debris went flying far and wide. Two lockers were blown out to the tenth tee of the fashionable golf course.

It is believed that the explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the locker room. Not many ~~people~~ were in the building at the time, so there were only a few casualties - one fatal, several injured ~~ed~~ <sup>ed</sup>.

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There was a previous fire six years ago,

when the Hillcrest Country Club went up in ~~xxxxx~~ flames and today it blew up.

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Here's more about it, just in: Beside <sup>*Blin*</sup> Dutra other golfers on the links were knocked down. In nearby studios, they say the detonation was like an earthquake. Says Dutra: "Steel lockers were blown three hundred feet into the air. It literally rained golf balls. I saw part of the clubhouse roof rise up and come to rest in some nearby trees."