

L.T. SUNOCO AND P. & G. MONDAY, JUNE 9, 1947.

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Truman by train, left Washington at nine tonight on a three-day state visit to Canada; Ottawa.

With him Mrs. Truman, and Margaret.

Just a "good neighbor" visit; repaying visits Mackenzie King has made to Washington. And with no diplomatic affairs to be discussed.

## FLOODS

Record-breaking floods along the Mississippi tonight; with sixty thousand acres in Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois inundated twenty dead, -- some fifteen thousand already homeless. Property and crop damage running into the millions.

In Missouri, rising waters already have topped previous high levels. Engineers say more levees are likely to go out at any moment.

The United States Weather Bureau says that the Mississippi ~~will~~ crest will be up to twenty-four feet at Hannibal, Missouri, tonight, and that will be above the Nineteen, Forty-Four record of twenty-two-and-a-half feet. Also - in Northern Louisiana, tomorrow.

The Missouri River also is on a rampage, over great sections of Central Missouri. Five-and-a-half feet above flood stage at Boonville tonight; with trouble ahead all the way from Brunswick to Jefferson City within the next twenty-four hours. If a key levee between Glasgow and Boonville gives way under the tremendous pressure, this Missouri flood may be the worst in that River's history.

Hannibal, is having a bad time tonight. Home of

Mark Twain.

The Mark Twain and Windsor hotels are barricaded with sandbags up to their first floor windows. Guests arrived at both hotels by boat tonight.

## ARMOUR

The new Assistant Secretary of State to take the place of Spruille Braden, is Norman Armour -- an old hand at the game of diplomacy, who began his career in our embassy at Vienna, way back in Nineteen Twelve. For the next twenty years he served in Paris, Petrograd, Brussels, The Hague, Montevideo, Rome and Tokyo. Also, he served as Minister to Haiti and to Canada, and as our Ambassador in Chile, Argentina, and Spain.

Underground gossip in Washington reports that the appointment of Norman Armour is part of General Marshall's program to improve the operations of the State Department. And report has it that his responsibilities will be far greater than those of Spruille Braden. That he will have charge of Uncle Sam's foreign affairs not only in Latin America, but also in Europe, the Far East and Africa, in fact throughout all the troubled sections in the world. And that sounds like an appointment of two secretaries of State -- or almost that.

## INDIA

The Moslems of India already are talking in terms of a monarchy. When Mohammed Ali Jinnah, their leader, arrived at New Delhi today, a huge crowd of his followers cheered him. In fact, hailed him as "emperor of Pakistan!" Pakistan being the name the Mohammedan part of India will have. Jinnah thrust aside the crown for the time being, told the Moslems ~~he~~ he didn't want to be any emperor -- ~~he~~ just wants to be a soldier of Pakistan.

Jinnah came to New Delhi to open a conference of the Moslem League, to consider Viceroy Mounbatten's plan for the division of India when the British pull out, the plan which most of the leaders in India ~~had~~ have approved. But, there are many minor groups -- among ~~the~~ Moslems and Hindus, many who object to the partition plan. (Some of the Hindus are making the charge now that their own Congress ~~is~~ Party has betrayed India -- And they are threatening civil war ~~to~~ to bring Pakistan under Hindu rule -- to keep India unified. 7

(As for Gandhi, the aged Hindu leader whose entire life has been a protest against British rule, he is in despair. Years ago, Gandhi declared his intention of living for a hundred-and-twenty-five years, to help India solve her problems. Today he said he had given up any such idea, given up the idea of living a hundred-and-twenty-five years. If India is to be submerged in the deluge of violence now threatening, then Gandhi wants to die.) He said today: "I have to hang my head in shame."

The day ended at New Delhi with the Council of the Moslem League accepting the Viceroy's plan for an independent but divided India.

The events of the day created gloomy prospects for India's future, prospects of civil war, with the forebodings of Mahatma Gandhi seeming all too well founded.

## ITALY

Italy will have to have two hundred million dollars more or go to smash, two hundred million dollars before the end of the year. Premier de Gasperi told the Italian Constituent Assembly that this much help is absolutely essential if the country is to avoid immediate economic and financial ruin. There is little need to ask who is to provide those two hundred millions. Nobody is in a position to give it, but Uncle *Sam*.

It was a noisy meeting of the Assembly at Rome. The Leftists gave the Premier plenty of heckling; but the Center and Right drowned them out with cheers of encouragement for de Gasperi. However, the vote of confidence, for which he had asked, is not yet forthcoming. De Gasperi explained that his government was a cabinet of emergency, trying to avert the crash which would strike first at laborers and the middle class.

Meanwhile, the Italian Communists <sup>are</sup> carrying on

the usual Red campaign for rule or ruin; with vident riots  
in Crimona and other large centers.



## HUNGARY

In Hungary, a member of the proud and once all-powerful House of Hapsburg found guilty in a court of law! Guilty of collaborating with the Nazis during the war. A Peoples' Court brought in that verdict against the aged Archduke Joseph, one of the few living people entitled to wear the historic Golden Fleece.

The Archduke was not present at the proceedings, because he's a refugee from Hungary. They think he is hiding somewhere in the American Occupation Zone, in Austria. The Hungarian government wants to extradite him.

The Archduke was a member of the Upper House of the Hungarian Parliament when it was ruled by the Regent, Admiral Horthy. It was charged that he urged Horthy to continue the war against the Allies in October, Nineteen Forty-Four, -- that is at an hour when any man of sense could see that the Nazi cause was lost.

The Hapsburg Family has not for a long time been noted for its brains. The Archduke Joseph, however, was interested in science -- and was once President of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. Evidently, his scientific training had not given him enough of the sixth sense needed to see that the Nazi cause was no good. Although the Hungarians will probably never catch him, he has a lot of property, which they've already confiscated.

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As for the Communist coup in Budapest, neither Uncle Sam's diplomats nor the members of the American Military Mission to Hungary, believe the situation is as bad as at first reported. Principally, it is confused. But our people on the spot report that the Hungarians at large have really appreciated the substantial help they've had from the people of the U. S. A. What's more, that the Hungarians will not really forget that in the treaty negotiations, the

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Soviets demanded and got Two Hundred Million Dollars in reparations from Hungary -- all of which Uncle Sam opposed. And that the Russians helped Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia get another Hundred Million out of Hungary, which we opposed. So the people of Hungary have no warm feelings for the Soviets or for any of their works. Besides which Moscow has claimed another Two Hundred Million Dollars from Hungary, so-called German assets and debts that the former Hungarian government owed to Berlin.

## AUSTRIA

Tiny Austria, pressed on all sides by Communist - dominated states, is fighting tonight -- toward off Soviet attempts to move in on the Vienna Government.

Early reports today had the Communists moving in; taking over as they did in Hungary a few days ago: Chancellor Figl had an acrimonious session with Communist leader, Ernest Fischer, in which the latter arrogantly outlined Communist demands. To which Figl replied:--  
"No."

And no more Communists in my Cabinet, nor will I resign!"

BUCKLEY - L.T.

One of the top businessmen of America happens to be across the desk from me tonight -- James Buckley, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Philco Corporation. In simple words that means -- top man of Philco. But, he tells me he's not here tonight in his usual capacity, as a businessman. He came in to see me on matters that concern veterans and hospitals, for he spends a great deal of his time as one of the heads of the National Veterans Hospital program.

Will you tell us just a little about it, Mr. Buckley?

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MR. B.:- First of all, Mr. Thomas, this is something backed by all of the Protestant Churches of America -- the best possible entertainment, to Veterans Hospitals from coast to coast, bedside entertainment for the men.

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LT:- It sounds like a great idea. Who had the original inspiration? I'd\_o\_l\_i\_k\_e to salute him.

MR. B.:- Why, a young man downin Charleston, West Virginia -- Pat Withrow, Jr.

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LT: I know him -- know him well, and know his famous Dad even better. Pat Withrow, Senior, is one of the most interesting characters in America. I have visited that remarkable mission of his at Charleston, West Virginia.

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MR. B.:- I'm glad you happen to know the man who started it all. At any rate, entertainment units, mainly radio people, tour the hospitals of the country. And, as they go around, they also give programs in churches, and the revenues from those concerts go to the National Fund for the purchase of radios for our boys who are in the Veterans hospitals. Our headquarters, for those who want to help, is Sixteen Fifty Broadway, here in New York.

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LT: Do all the major networks help you with this fine work?

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MR. B.:- Yes, and we have a radio committee that includes such people as your friend, Lanny Ross, Jane Froman, Don McNeil, Jimmy McClain, the original Doctor I.Q., and others. Incidentally, you yourself are one of the charter members of this National Radio Committee. That is just why I am here. I dropped in tonight to make a presentation -- this certificate in recognition of the help you have given in this work for the veterans.

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LT:- I have done far, far too little to be entitled to this, Mr. Buckley. But I am delighted to have this opportunity to salute you and all the others who have been working with you on your Veterans Hospital programs, with an extra salute to all veterans everywhere.

## BOMBERS

Uncle Sam's Eighth Air Force will soon be strengthened by some bombing planes, that will make the Superfortresses of the last war look like -- "practice models." So they say. With a ~~speed~~<sup>cruising</sup> speed of three hundred miles an hour, each to carry up to thirty-six tons of bombs. With a bomb-bay the size of four freight cars. A six-engine plane.

And, they say they may even carry their own fighter escorts -- carry smaller planes -- like those birds in Africa that ride on the rhinoceros!

Brigadier General Roger Ramey, in command of the Eighth, points out that this will do away with the necessity of advanced bases for fighter escort squadrons.

This new super-bomber is the B-36 -- B for Boeing. General Ramey also says they are intended for use by atomic bomb groups. What is more, they have such a range that they will not have to attack on a direct line. As the General put it, they'll force the



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enemy to set up an almost impossible warning net  
around his entire country.

CREAM

Two dairymen were arrested at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and brought before an alderman. The officers who arrested them were agents of the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission. They accused the dairymen of selling cream too rich!

The alderman judging the case found that the Pennsylvania law specifically forbids anybody to sell cream with a more than thirty-four percent butter-fat content!

One of the dairymen pleaded guilty and took a fine of twenty-five dollars -- for selling cream that was two percent too rich. The other man disputed the statement of the cream coppers, so the alderman sent the sample to a laboratory to be tested.

Frederick C. Othman reporting this for United Press, vows that all this is so. Altho it's hard to believe. Othman asked agricultural experts: How can you induce a cow to obey the Pennsylvania law?

1/4 Nelson, can you tell us?

AUSTRIA FOLLOW HUNGARY (comes out)

Not far away from Budapest, another political crisis is a-brewing, in Vienna. The leader of the Reds in the former Hapsburg capital, announced today that the Chancellor, Leopold Figl, is ready to resign, ~~he~~ <sup>finding</sup> it impossible to cope with the difficult economic <sup>Jam</sup> ~~situation~~ in which the Austrians find themselves.

~~Of course that statement comes from an enemy, a Communist,~~

~~and the normal people~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~In~~ <sup>the</sup> Vienna <sup>is</sup> report <sup>is</sup> that if the crisis

<sup>lol</sup> breaks, the blame will be ~~up~~ upon the Communists and ~~their~~ extravagant demands upon the government.

~~As we expected,~~ John Bull wants to know just what the Russian Bear is up to in Hungary, and why. A Cabinet Minister told the ~~British House of~~ Commons today that the Foreign Office had protested to the Kremlin. ~~It~~ had asked for documentary proof of ~~the~~ conspiracy in Budapest, the so-called conspiracy ~~which was~~ offered as the reason for turning out former Premier ~~Perens~~ Nagy.

The charges of conspiracy were brought by General Spiridov, Soviet Chairman of the Allied Control Commission, ~~who~~ had warned the Hungarian government that the former Secretary General of the Hungarian Small Holders Party had confessed to a conspiracy. That former Secretary General has been a prisoner of the Russians for months, so it will not be surprising to learn that such a confession really exists, a confession ~~extorted of course~~ by torture, after the Soviet fashion.

~~The Commons were informed that His Majesty's~~  
~~government intends to judge the new Hungarian government~~  
~~by its actions. They also learned that~~ <sup>TP</sup> ~~at~~ no stage did  
either the Soviet or the Hungarian authorities consult  
the British representative on the Allied Control ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
Commission, or, the British political representative in  
Budapest. As one of the three powers entrusted with the  
enforcement of the armistice with Hungary, the British  
~~government has~~ <sup>have</sup> the right to be consulted on <sup>all</sup> such matters.