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Congress applauds! - that's the immediate reaction to the largest headline today. (Congress unites in praise of retiring Secretary of Defense George Marshall) though Republicans, while hailing his great reputation as a soldier, find flaws in his record as a statesman. Which applies chiefly to the Marshall Mission to China - urging the coalition between the Nationalists and the Communists. All respect is paid to his self sacrifice in taking the post of Secretary of Defense - in spite of long time ill health, at the age of seventy (He accepted during the Korean War crisis with the proviso that he would step out at the end of this June, but stayed on these extra months - under a sense of duty.)

Congress applauds, likewise, the new Secretary of Defense. (General Marshall is succeeded by Robert Lovett, who has been serving under him as Deputy Secretary.) Lovett, in fact, has been associated with Marshall for more than ten years. He was Assistant Secretary of War for Air in World War Two, when <sup>Marshall</sup> ~~the~~ General was Army Chief of Staff. When Marshall

became Secretary of State, Lovett took the post of Under-Secretary. He was <sup>a naval</sup> ~~an~~ aviator in the First World War, ~~and~~ since then a top figure in finance - and, all the time, a devotee of air power, a believer in long range bombing. *So,* We have a most air-minded Secretary of Defense.

## AMBASSADORS

Washington gives us a headline on the diplomatic front, a new Ambassador to India, and a new Ambassador to Iran.

President Truman sent to Congress today the nomination of Chester A. Bowles, former Federal Price Administrator, later Governor <sup>of</sup> Connecticut - now assigned to one of the most delicate of diplomatic posts. We all know the ambiguous ~~and~~ position of India, which nation refused to sign the Peace Treaty with Japan - Prime Minister Nehru trying to do a balancing act between East and West. Chester Bowles will have to deal with that - as Ambassador to India.

He takes the place of Loy Henderson, who has performed brilliant service at New Delhi. I, personally, can thank him for what he did to enable us to get into Tibet, on our trip to Lhasa two years ago. Loy Henderson is shifted from the tricky post in India to one even more complicated - named Ambassador to Iran. There, of course, the oil dispute is a problem,

Henry F. Grady,  
difficult and dangerous. <sup>^</sup> our present Ambassador to Teheran  
is retiring - and Loy Henderson ~~is~~ takes one of the toughest jobs on the diplomatic front.

IRAN

Premier Mohammed Mossadegh sent the Iranian ultimatum to Britain today - in spite of last minute intervention by the Shah. The Persian monarch, Reza Pahlevi, is known to be a moderate in the oil dispute - but he is helpless in the face of wild fanaticism. Today he warned the Premier against "hasty action." But Mossadegh went ahead and sent the ultimatum - demanding that Britain resume negotiations on Iranian terms within fifteen days, <sup>or</sup> Else - the British oil technicians remaining in Iran will be expelled.

YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia has protested to the United Nations against Albania - that small Soviet puppet, which is described as being in the grip of Red terror. The Government of Marshal Tito complains that Albanian soldiers have made attacks across the Yugoslav border, incited by Soviet Russia, - <sup>Tito</sup> and wants the U.N. to do something about the "aggressive acts."

## EISENHOWER SCHOOL

News from Paris tells of plans to set up an international war college - a school of military science, as part of General Eisenhower's West European Army. All along, notice has been taken of the difficulty of coordinating armed forces of so many different countries - each of which has its own military system and army traditions. These need to be harmonized, and that will be a major task of the new institution of warlike learning. ~~and the school will be a~~  
~~substantially new school of military science and warlike~~  
~~learning.~~ The students, we are told, will be mostly of the top ranks - major, colonel, brigadier general - the pick of the ablest officers in Western Europe.

Well, General Eisenhower retired from the Army to become President of Columbia University, and <sup>then</sup> took command over in Europe, <sup>once more</sup> and now - he's running a school, ~~again.~~

GERMANY - SMUGGLER

In Frankfurt, a Red smuggler was sentenced to prison today, and there was mention of William Oatis, Associated Press correspondent who is in a Communist prison in Czechoslovakia. At Frankfurt, a U.S. Military Court imposed a jail sentence of nearly seven years on a technical expert in the Czechoslovak Ministry of Trade - after he had been convicted of smuggling strategic war materials from West Germany into his own Communist country. After sentence was pronounced, he turned to American ~~new~~ newsmen and shouted: "The Czech Government will never release Oatis now."

## GERMANY - RELIGION

The Reds of Eastern Germany are reported to be planning - a Communist dominated Protestant Church. This follows a crackdown on East German Protestants - with the arrest of a pastor charged with being - an "American agent." Meaning, he failed to play ball with the Reds. More important is the creation of what is called - a "Marxist Christian Institute." Just how they can combine Marxism and Christianity is a mystery. But the attempt is interesting.

The Marxist Christian Institute is headed by Dr. Emil <sup>Fuchs</sup> Fuchs, father of Klaus Fuchs, the British atomic scientist sentenced to prison for being a Soviet spy. The elder Fuchs has been, all along, Professor of Theology at the University of Leipzig, which is dominated by the Reds. So now he figures prominently in what appears to be an attempt to set up a Red controlled Protestant Church in Eastern Germany.



POLAND

Red Poland's number one radio propagandist has been assassinated. This was revealed today in Warsaw - the killing having occurred on Sunday.

Stefan Martyka was <sup>Martika</sup> the star of what is called - "Wave Length Forty-nine." Which is a program that tries to give answer to the Voice of America, the British B.B.C., and other protagonists of liberty. He was shot by what Red newspapers call "secret Fascist brigands." Reports in Warsaw are that two men went to the house of the ace Communist propagandist, and rang the doorbell. When the star of "Wave Length Forty-nine" appeared, they shot him down, and escaped. His doom is said to have been ordered by an underground tribunal; - condemned by a hidden organization of anti-Communists.

## KOREA

In Korea today, the Marines advanced - but it was only a foot at a time. At the northeast of the Old Iron Triangle, they had to blast Red strong points with the guns of tanks, and then close in with ~~fix~~ flame throwers, grenades and bayonets. But they kept on pushing forward - ~~through~~ though slowly.

On the West Central Front American forces drove ahead today five miles, against no resistance -- ~~much~~ in contrast to the difficult time the Marines are having further East.

## RUBBER

An important report was made in Washington today - on rubber production in Central America. The U.S. Government has been experimenting with a project of transplanting rubber trees from Asia to the American tropics. ~~So how has it been working out?~~

*And,* <sup>↖</sup> With "great success" says a letter from the General Services Administrator, Jess Larson, to Congressman Lyndon Johnson of Texas. He says the trees transplanted are highly productive - yielding as much rubber in Central America as trees in southern Asia.

Hitherto a kind of blight has wrecked rubber production in the Western Hemisphere. But those trees in Central America have acquired a ~~substance~~ resistance to the blight.

[ "Great success" - and the program down there is being expanded. Which may have the largest possible meaning - rubber being so important for U.S. rearmament. ]

The nationwide manhunt for gambler Harry Gross ended in absurd anti-climax tonight - when the key witness in the Brooklyn police trial was found in Atlantic City. He was scheduled to testify against eighteen policemen and ex-policemen, telling all about a huge gambling syndicate. Harry Gross has stated that he paid out a million dollars a year to crooked cops.

He vanished in a blaze of headlines, and the sensational manhunt was on across the nation. He was found in Atlantic City, at a race track betting on the horses. Having slipped away, he says he was "fed up" with the whole thing, and merely wanted a bit of relaxation at a race track - always the gambler.

Here's a report just handed to me on the Robinson -  
Turpin fight.

Robinson wins by a technical knockout in the  
Tenth, battering Turpin into helplessness.

## FIGHT

There was a riot in Chicago tonight when a huge crowd stormed into a theater showing television pictures of the Robinson-Turpin prizefight. Fifteen hundred gathered to see the televised pictures of the bout. They got out of hand - and jammed through a line of police, smashing heavy glass doors, then scrambling and battling for seats.

Other cities showing the televised pictures report -- a sell-out.

## EMBEZZLER

A news dispatch tells us that Ludwig Schlekat, a banker at New Kensington, Pennsylvania, was released on bail today - a bond of nearly ninety thousand dollars. He confesses the embezzlement of six hundred thousand - and the story pictures a curious drama of ambition and finance.

For nearly twenty years, Schlekat was a clerk at the Paranasus National Bank. The name sounds odd, for an institution of money - Paranasus being a mountain dedicated to poetry, in a legend of ancient Greece. Anyway, the clerk in the bank had to wait a long time before he was able to climb the Paranasus of banking finance. He was ambitious. He was frugal. He saved his pennies and dimes, accumulating them in piggy banks. But, in all those long years, he was never able to rise above the position of - clerk. That is - until four years ago.

On the sly, he was appropriating funds of the bank - to a total of six hundred thousand. In secret, he was using the money to buy up stock in the bank - until, on the quiet, he had gained a controlling interest. Then, voting the stock under

fictitious names, he elected himself President of the Bank.

Seemed like a sudden dizzy promotion - from counting money and adding figures, to the majesty of town financier. It lasted for three years, Bank President in all his glory - until the shortages were discovered. The man who would be king, - the clerk who would be Bank President.



## NARCOTICS

From a courtroom in Detroit we have an echo of a theme famous in drama - the theme of one who tries to save a sinner, only to fall into sin, himself. The Judge gave another chance to Miss Michigan of Nineteen Forty-Seven. Convicted of using narcotics. She's the figure of dramatic irony.

Four years ago, she won the Michigan title for the most beautiful, and represented her state in a national beauty competition. This won her a job as a singer with a swing band. She fell in love with one of the musicians, the drummer, who pounded out the frenzied rhythms. Then she discovered he was a drug addict. So what did she do? "I tried," she says, "to get him off the stuff. But I got curious and started using it myself."

She was arrested, and was released to take a cure. Recently, the police caught her again - smoking a marijuana cigarette. Tonight she's free - on a suspended sentence. Another chance for Miss Michigan of Nineteen Forty-Seven - who tried to save a drug addict and became one herself.

BID

At Pittsburgh, Thomas Häley has had occasion - to think twice. You know, <sup>^</sup>that second thought.

He tried a gag, a joke - and it turned out more fabulously wonderful than he could ever have dreamed. Or so it seemed.

The township of Mount Lebanon advertised for bids on a piece of real estate, a lot seventy-eight by sixty, and Häley put in a bid for - two dollars. That was the gag, the joke. So imagine his astonishment when his bid was accepted. It was, in fact, the only one offered. His two bucks won the real estate - by default.

~~But~~ But that was a snare and a delusion. Today he finds that, because of zoning and building restrictions, it is virtually impossible to construct a building on the property. Moreover, the tax assessments come to eight hundred and twenty dollars.

A gag that Nelson.  
The joke is on him. ~~The gag~~ back-fired, <sup>^</sup> Out - two

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bucks.